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Council Meeting Order Paper

Thursday 30 July 2015, 1.00 pm

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His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

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Councillors Cath Ash, Richard Aslett, Nigel Belsham, Angus Gordon, Tim Harris,
Mike Jones, Rebecca McNeil, Soraya Peke-Mason,
Ruth Rainey, Lynne Sheridan

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1 Welcome

2 Public forum

3 Apologies/Leave of absence

4 Members' conflict of interest

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

5 Confirmation of order of business

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of minutes

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 June 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

7 Mayor's report

A report is attached

File ref: 3-EP-3-5

Recommendations

1. That the Mayor's report to Council's meeting on 30 July 2015 be received.
2. That, and comprise a hearing panel to hear the objection from Allison McArthur (under section 33B of the Dog Control Act 1996) to the classification of two dogs as menacing.

8 Report from Councillor Ruth Rainey – LGNZ Conference

A report will be tabled.

9 Administrative matters – July 2015

A report is attached.

File ref: 5-EX-4

Recommendations

1. That the report 'Administrative matters – July 2015' be received.
2. That regarding the Local Government Act (Greater Local Democracy) Amendment Bill, His Worship the Mayor informs the MP for Rangitikei, the MP for Napier and the Mayor of Napier City that the Rangitikei District Council

either

3. agrees with both proposals to make a poll mandatory for a final reorganisation proposal and to require that poll to succeed in each affected district or region

or

4. agrees with the proposal to make a poll mandatory for a final reorganisation proposal but considers that the poll should be taken over the whole of the affected area as is currently the case.

or

5. opposes both proposals and considers that the provisions in the current Act should remain.
6. That, having regard to section 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Rangitikei District Council confirms the exemption granted to the Manawatu Wanganui Regional Disaster Relief Fund Trust from being a council-controlled organisation for 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18; and that, in making this resolution, the Rangitikei District Council notes that the Trust is a small organisation, that the nature and scope of its activities is limited and does, in the main, take place only after significant adverse events; and that there would be significant additional costs if the Trust were to be required to meet all the obligations of a council-controlled organisation.
7. That the Rangitikei District Council, pursuant to Part VIII of the Public Works Act 1981, hereby consents to the Minister for Land Information declaring: the road described in the Schedule hereto to be stopped and amalgamated in the land contained in Computer Freehold Register WN38B/612 pursuant to sections 116, 117 and 120(3) Public Works Act 1981:

Schedule

Area m ²	Shown	Adjoining or passing through	SO Plan
4406 (1a 0r 14.2p)	Coloured Green on SO 21235	Part Section 20 Block X Ohinewairua SD	21235
1702 (0a 1r 27.3p)	Coloured Green on SO 21235	Part Section 20 Block X Ohinewairua SD	21235

8. That, in terms of section 327A of the Local Government Act 1974, the building line restriction imposed on 26 Marumaru Street (lot 2 DP 64725) on 26 September 1972 by the Marton Borough Council be cancelled and the notice of cancellation be sent to the District Land Registrar.
9. That with respect to the building consent fee of \$670 charged to the Ratana Communal Board of Trustees for the erection of a farm storage shed, Council EITHER waives% of the fee OR declines the request for waiver.
10. That with respect to the application from Jason Wing to run a charity "Blue Tie Ball" in Marton Memorial Hall on 5 September 2015 to raise funds for the Westpac rescue helicopter, Council EITHER waives% of the hireage fee OR declines the request for waiver.
11. That, having regard for damage to Tamati Potaka's land in Aldridge Terrace (Taihape) during the February 2004 storm event, Council notes, and agrees, that providing a remission of rates and penalties to Tamati Potaka meets the conditions and criteria of Council's rates remission policy for land affected by natural calamity, and provides final resolution to the matter.
12. That the Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2015/16 include a normal charge for supply of untreated water in Taihape for 2015/16 as \$1.40m³ except where there are historical agreements for a lesser sum.

10 Future Management of cleaning of Council properties

A report is attached. This addresses the requirements of section 17A of the Local Government Act 2002.

File ref: 6-CF-2

Recommendations

- 1.1 That the 'Future management of cleaning of council properties' report be received and noted as constituting a review of delivery of services under section 17A Local Government Act 2002.

1.2 EITHER

- 1.2.1 That the Council seek tenders for a new whole-of-District Cleaning of Properties contract, including Sir James Wilson Park, to start from 1 November 2015, and that the contract be for a period of two years.

OR

- 1.2.2 That the Council seek tenders for several geographically defined contracts allowing tenders to cover one, some or all of the contracts, with the new contracts to start from 1 November 2015, to include Sir James Wilson Park, and to be for a two year period.

OR

- 1.2.3 That from 1 November 2015 the Council provides property cleaning through a mixed delivery arrangement.

OR

- 1.2.4 That from 1 November 2015 the Council provides property cleaning through an in-house delivery arrangement.

AND if the Council determines that cleaning of council properties be carried out by means of contracting:

1.3 EITHER

- 1.3.1 That Cleaning and stock consumables be purchased by Council purchase order system.

OR

- 1.3.2 That the contract be inclusive of all cleaning and stock consumables.

11 Draft Submission - National Environmental Standard for plantation forestry

A report including a draft submission is attached.

File ref: 2-EA-2-1

Recommendations

1. That the memorandum 'Draft Submission - National Environmental Standard on plantation forestry' be received.
2. That the Council authorises the Mayor to sign the submission [as amended/without amendment] to the proposed National Environmental Standard on Plantation forestry.

12 Proposed extension to Council's rates remission policy – incentives for business expansion

A report is attached.

File ref: 3-PY-1-18

Recommendations

1. That the memorandum 'Proposed extension to Council's rates remission policy – incentives for business expansion' be received.
2. That the proposed extension to Council's rates remission policy – incentives for business expansion [as amended/without amended] as a draft for public consultation in terms of the associated engagement plan [as amended/without amendment]

13 Water mains investigation for Dixon Way/Mangaone Valley Road, Taihape

A report is attached.

File ref: 6-WS-3-10

Recommendations

1. That the report on Water Mains Options Investigation for Dixon Way/Mangaone Valley Road, Taihape be received.
2. That, if an upgrade to the water supply to Dixon Way/Mangaone Valley Road, Taihape were to made, this will be funded EITHER by connected properties OR on a district-wide basis OR....
3. That the Chief Executive arrange for consultation with connected (and potentially connected) properties in Dixon Way/Mangaone Valley Road over the options for the water supply to this area, taking into account Council's decision on the funding mechanism to be applied, with a report back by 30 November 2015.

14 Contracts for CBD Cleaning

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 6-CM-1

Recommendations

1. That the memorandum 'Contracts for CBD Cleaning' be received.
2. That Council awards Contract 994 – CBD Cleaning Taihape and Hunterville to O'Connor Contracting, at \$57,938 per annum and Contract 995 – CBS Cleaning

Marton/Turakina and Bulls to Andrew Morriss, \$106, 540 per annum, with both contracts being for a three-year term from 1 August 2015.

15 District Licensing Committee – Annual Report to the Alcohol and Regulatory Licensing Authority for the year ending 30 June 2015

File 3-CT-16-3

The report is attached.

Section 199 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 requires this annual report to be provided to the Authority by 30 September 2015. It must be available for inspection free of charge and on the Council's website for a minimum of five years.

Recommendation

That the report of the proceedings and operations of the District Licensing Authority for the year ending 30 June 2015 be approved and conveyed to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority.

16 Receipt of Committee Minutes and Resolutions to be confirmed

Recommendations

1 That the minutes of the following meetings be received:

- Hunterville Community Committee, 15 June 2015
- Finance/Performance Committee, 25 June 2015
- Marton Community Committee, 8 July 2015 *to be tabled*
- Bulls Community Committee, 14 July 2015 *to be tabled*
- Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 9 July 2015
- Policy/Planning Committee, 9 July 2015

~~1. That the following recommendation from the Policy/Planning Committee be confirmed:~~

~~15/PPL/067~~

~~That the proposed extension of Council's rates remission policy to acknowledge and encourage business expansion be recommended to Council for consultation in terms of the significance and engagement policy.~~

This is the subject of item 11.

17 Future items for the agenda

18 Public excluded

Recommendation

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

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Item 1: Kensington Road site

Item 2: Annual performance review of the Chief Executive

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to this matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of the matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing of this resolution
Item 1 Kensington Road site	Briefing contains information which if released would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it or who is the subject of the information and to enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) – <i>sections 7(2)(c) and (i)</i> .	Section 48(1)(a)(i)
Item 2 Annual performance review of the Chief Executive	Briefing contains information where the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons, and also to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of members, officers or employees of any local authority for improper pressure or harassment – <i>section 7(2)(a) and (f)</i> .	Section 48(1)(a)(i)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding or the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as specified above.

19 Next meeting

Thursday 27 August 2015, 1.00 pm

20 Meeting closed

Attachment 1

Rangitikei District Council

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- Present:**
- His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
 - Cr Dean McManaway
 - Cr Cath Ash
 - Cr Richard Aslett
 - Cr Nigel Belsham
 - Cr Angus Gordon
 - Cr Tim Harris
 - Cr Mike Jones
 - Cr Rebecca McNeil
 - Cr Ruth Rainey
 - Cr Lynne Sheridan
- In attendance:**
- Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive
 - Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
 - Mr George McIrvine, Finance & Business Support Group Manager
 - Mr Hamish Waugh, Infrastructure Group Manager
 - Ms Denise Servante, Senior Policy Analyst
 - Mr Reuben Pokiha, Roading Operations Manager
 - Mrs Priscilla Jeffrey, Governance Administrator
 - Ms Debbie Perera and Mr Chris Webby, Audit New Zealand
- Tabled documents:**
- Item 6** Mayor's Report to Council June 2015
 - Item 9**
 - (i) Independent Auditor's Report on Rangitikei District Council's 2015/25 Long-Term Plan
 - (ii) Report on Adoption of 2015/25 Long-Term Plan*
 - Item 18** Receipt of Committee Minutes and Resolutions to be confirmed:
 - Turakina Reserve Management Committee Meeting, 4 June 2015
 - Turakina Community Committee Meeting, 4 June 2015
 - Marton Community Committee, 10 June 2015

*Circulated electronically beforehand to Elected Members

1 Welcome

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies/Leave of absence

That the apologies for the absence from Councillor Peke-Mason be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon. Carried

3 Members' conflict of interest

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

4 Confirmation of order of business

His Worship the Mayor informed Council that there would be no change to the order of business from that set out in the agenda.

5 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number	15/RDC/181	File Ref
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That the Minutes and Public Excluded Minutes of the Council meeting held on 28 May 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Aslett / Cr McManaway. Carried

6 Mayor's report

His Worship the Mayor spoke to his tabled report. The Mayor reflected on the recent extreme weather event and thanked emergency services, volunteers and staff who had formed a self-help army to assist those in need during the flooding. He also thanked the Deputy Mayor, Cr McManaway, who organised a lot of the northern community's needs.

[Note: The item continued after clause 7.]

7 Public Forum

Ms Anne George, Chair of the Marton Community Committee, advised that it was the wish of the Committee to transfer any remaining funds from its annual grant to an appropriate fund to support the Marton community, and more specifically to affected schools and essential services, following the recent flooding in the Rangitikei area.

Representing the Rangitikei Boxing Club, Mr Bob Cakebread and Mr Todd Spring spoke to item 12. The Club requested the Council to waive the rental costs of the hall for twelve months in order that children who wished to could participate in the sport without having to pay the fee of \$5.00. During this time it was intended that the Club would be able to collect statistical and financial information to enable it to make application for funding to ensure the future of the Club. In the meantime there would be an expectation from the children to donate a gold coin when they could. The Club had no funding of its own and was subsidised by the organisers.

Representing Rangitikei.com¹, Ms Andrea Grace gave a presentation to the Council on the work that the organisation was undertaking in the promotion of the area. In order to meet its obligation under the Memorandum of Understanding it needed to upgrade its website including event finder compatibly, event calendar and portable device capabilities. It was requested that the Council's proposed funding for its 2015/16 Annual Works Plan for Rangitikei .com be increased from \$9,260 to \$16,000 to enable the organisation to achieve its goal.

6 Mayor's report [continued]

Mr Ross McNeil gave a presentation on the recent flooding in the Rangitikei area. In his presentation he advised that the sustained heavy rainfall primarily affected Manawatu/Wanganui region which encompassed the south east Taranaki region, southern half of Rangitikei and in particular, Whangaehu, Turakina and Tutaenui catchments.

Mr McNeil added that the Civil Defence and Emergency Services had been activated and it was identified that Marton, Hunterville, Whangaehu Village, Koitiata, Turakina/Whangaehu Valley areas would bear the brunt of the weather system. There were 27 registered evacuees and self-evacuations. Short term welfare centre opened in Hunterville and Marton's welfare centre was on standby however was not needed. There were widespread road impacts and closures. The water/waste water systems were stressed and the Marton cellphone/internet coverage was out. The initial focus for the response/recovery was on property protection and keeping roads open. This shifted to people safety as the scale of event escalated. Government agencies and support arrangements were set in place on the Monday and continues. The Council was now assessing buildings and homes; opening roads; ensuring water and waste water services were operating and providing clean up support through skips and free dumping.

In concluding Mr McNeil advised that flood support was being provided by the Red Cross National Appeal, Manawatu/Wanganui Regional Disaster Relief Fund, Rangitikei Mayoral Relief fund, MPI Adverse Event Funding – medium event and MSD/Work & Income via Enhanced Task Force Green.

Mr Pokiha advised that the extreme weather conditions that took place on Friday 19 June through Sunday 21 June had resulted in heavy flooding causing significant damage to the local road network, utility infrastructure as well as personal properties, buildings and farms.

¹ Otherwise known as Rangitikei Tourism.

The quick reaction from Council Roding staff and contractors saw an immediate response plan and recovery programme established to assess the network and determine how best to ensure the safety of residents. Almost all of the Rangitikei roading network had been affected, although the northern part of the District received less rain than the southern part. There were a number of problems across the network – some would be fixed relative quickly with other requiring a longer term approach.

He advised that two bridges had been lost, the Te Hou Hou and the Onepuhi. Work was currently underway to install a bailey bridge the Te Hou Hou. Priority had been given to this work since this bridge serviced a community with no other access in or out. Onepuhi had access from each direction so was considered as non-urgent at this stage. Many roads were closed from slips, washouts, flooding, dropouts and Council's roading contractor (Downer) had been working as quickly as possible to reopen these roads. Pohonui Road was a major problem. The damage to the road of such an extent that the recommendation was that it be closed for a long-term, perhaps until the summer, with an extensive investigation required to take place to determine an engineered design to address the numerous issues. There were a number of roads that had been opened with limited access but were in poor condition (unsafe for general use) but work was continuing to address the access and road safety.

Mr Pokiha further advised that action was also underway to ensure the signage and barriers were erected to ensure the safety of the respective sites. With signage at a premium signs being brought in from outside the District in with co-ordination with the incoming roading contractor (Higgins) starting 1 July 2015.

Resolved minute number	15/RDC/182	File Ref	3/EP/3-5
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That the Mayor's report to Council's meeting on 25 June 2015 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Harris. Carried

Resolved minute number	15/RDC/183	File Ref	3-EP-3-5
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That the Council donate \$50,000 to the Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Disaster Relief Fund Trust.

Cr McManaway / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number	15/RDC/184	File Ref	3-EP-3-5
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That the Rangitikei Mayoral Flood Relief Fund be re-established and that Council donates \$5,000 to this Fund.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

8 Matters for decision before adoption of the 2015/25 Long Term Plan

Mr McNeil spoke to the report.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/185** **File Ref** **1-LTP15-6-2**

That the memorandum 'Matters for decision before adoption of the 2015/25 Long Term Plan' be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/186** **File Ref** **1-LTP15-6-2**

That in terms of section 101A(1) of the Local Government Act, Council adopts the financial strategy as included in the 2015/25 Long Term Plan proposed for adoption.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/187** **File Ref** **1-LTP15-6-2**

That in terms of section 101B(1) of the Local Government Act, Council adopts the infrastructure strategy as included in the 2015/25 Long Term Plan proposed for adoption.

Cr Jones / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/REC/188** **File Ref** **1-LTP15-6-2**

That in terms of clause 10, Schedule 10 and section 102(1) of the Local Government Act 2002, Council adopts the revenue and financing policy as included in the 2015/25 Long Term Plan proposed for adoption.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/189** **File Ref** **1-LTP15-6-2**

That Council confirms its previous resolution (15/RDC/084), made when adopting the consultation document "What's the Plan Rangitikei...?", that for the Rangitikei 2015/25 Long Term Plan it is financially prudent to set projected operating expenses at a different level than that required by section 100(1) of the Local Government Act 2002 having had regard to the four factors specified in section 100(2) of that Act.

Cr Belsham / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/190** **File Ref** **1-LTP15-6-2**

That the unspent portion of the following special funds and external grants be carried forward to 2015/16:

- Road legalisation (New Zealand Transport Agency) \$50,802.00
- Creative New Zealand \$56.44
- Youth engagement MYD Youth Development Fund - \$5,200.00
- Community Facilities Fund \$84,010.91
- Swim-4-All \$23,375.80

Cr Jones / Cr McManaway. Carried

9 Adoption of 2015/25 Long-Term Plan

A memorandum was tabled, together with a report from the Council's auditor.

Ms Perera spoke briefly to the audit of the 2015/25 Long-Term Plan. She congratulated the Council on the work which had been done, the assistance given to the Audit New Zealand team, and the approach taken to highlight uncertainties following the recent storms.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/191** **File Ref** **1-LTP15-5-1**

That the memorandum on Adoption of the 2015/25 Long Term Plan be received.

Cr Jones / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/192** **File Ref** **1-LTP15-5-1**

That the 2015/25 Long Term Plan including the report from the Council's auditor be adopted in compliance with section 93 of the Local Government Act 2002;

AND

His Worship the Mayor and the Chief Executive sign the letter of representation for the audit of the 2015/25 Long Term Plan as requested by Audit New Zealand.

Cr Sheridan / Cr McManaway. Carried

10 Adoption of Stormwater Maps for Rating Purposes

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the memorandum, noting that this approach had been recommended by Simpson Grierson in commenting on the proposed rates resolution.

Resolved minute number	15/RDC/193	File Ref	5-RA-1-13
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That the memorandum 'Adoption of Stormwater Maps for rating purposes' be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Jones. Carried

Resolved minute number	15/RDC/194	File Ref	5-RA-1-13
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That the maps provided to Council's meeting of 25 June 2015 be the basis for rating for stormwater in 2015/16, and that the maps be made available on the Council's website.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Belsham. Carried

11 Rates Resolution 2015/16

Consideration was given to the proposed rates resolution which had been reviewed by Simpson Grierson for compliance with the requirements of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 and alignment with the revenue and financing policy and funding impact statement in the adopted 2015/25 Long Term Plan.

Resolved minute number	15/RDC/195	File Ref	5-RA-1-13
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That the Rangitikei District Council Rates Resolution for the year ending 30 June 2016 be adopted, and attached as an appendix to the minutes of Council's meeting of 25 June 2015, with this resolution included as a footer to the document.

Cr Sheridan / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

Adjourned for afternoon tea at 2.55pm/3.19pm

Cr Belsham left the meeting at 3.19pm/3.21pm

12 Administrative matters – June 2015

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to his report.

Resolved minute number	15/RDC/196	File Ref	5-EX-4
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That the report 'Administrative matters – June 2015' be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr McManaway. Carried

Resolved minute number	15/RDC/197	File Ref	5-EX-4
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That His Worship the Mayor sign the proposed submission without amendment to the Department of Internal Affairs on its discussion document 'Fire Service Review'.

Cr Harris / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number	15/RDC/198	File Ref	5-EX-4
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That His Worship the Mayor sign a submission to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment containing the three suggested key points without amendment in response to the consultation document for 'Building Act Emergency Proposals'.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Jones. Carried

Resolved minute number	15/RDC/199	File Ref	5-EX-4
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That the Council submit to the Preliminary view of 2018 Census content: For public engagement and consultation process being undertaken by Statistics New Zealand as outlined in Appendix 3 without amendment.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/200** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the current agreement with the Ratana Communal Board of Trustees for parks and town maintenance at Ratana Paa be rolled over for July 2015, with a new agreement to start on 1 August 2015 for the period 2015/16-2017/18 subject to:

- preparing a detailed agreement based on what was being used for the delivery of similar services elsewhere in the District, including detailed site plans and specifications for work and schedules of work required;
- using a monthly report template that would enable the Board to measure achievements and plan ahead (and to provide the basis of reports to Council staff); and
- making annual adjustments of Council's payment to reflect inflation (as used by Council in its budget management).

Cr Harris / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/201** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That His Worship the Mayor be authorised to be a signatory on behalf of the Council to the Memorandum of Understanding for the Taihape Memorial Park Multisport Development Project following confirmation that the identified groups in Taihape have committed to it.

Cr Harris / Cr Gordon. carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/202** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the matter "with respect to the building consent fee of \$670 charged to the Ratana Communal Board of Trustees for the erection of a farm storage shed, Council EITHER waives% of the fee OR declines the request for waiver" lie on the table until the next scheduled meeting of Council.

Cr Belsham / Cr Harris. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/203** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That with respect to the hireage fee of \$30 per session charged to the Rangitikei Boxing Club for the upper floor of Marton Memorial Hall, Council waives 100% for twelve months.

Cr McManaway / Cr Belsham. Carried

Council expressed a desire to consider the issue of fee waivers on a more holistic basis.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/204** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That Council endorses a proposed stage 2 application to the Ministry for Primary Industries for co-investment from the Irrigation Acceleration Fund for a feasibility study into establishing a separate Tutaenui Rural Supply Scheme and decentralising the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Scheme.

Cr Jones / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Cr Ash left the meeting at 3.30pm/3.35pm

13 Infrastructure Shared Services – Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) – investigation

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the report.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/205** **File Ref** **3-OR-5-3**

That the report 'Infrastructure Shared Services – Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) – investigation' be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/206** **File Ref** **3-OR-5-3**

That Council authorises the Chief Executive to investigate the establishment of a Council Controlled Organisation for the provision of Infrastructure Shared Services and report back to Council in February 2016, as had already been authorised by Manawatu District Council for its Chief Executive.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/207** **File Ref** **3-OR-5-3**

That a Governance Investigation Group be established and that the membership of the Governance Investigation Group be the same as the Infrastructure Shared Services Joint Working Group.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/208** **File Ref** **3-OR-5-3**

That the draft terms of reference for the Governance Investigation Group be adopted and the final terms of reference be confirmed by the co-chairs of the Governance Investigation Group prior to the first meeting.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

His Worship the Mayor left the meeting at 3.58pm

Cr Harris left the meeting at 3.58pm

The Deputy Mayor, Cr McManaway, chaired the remainder of the meeting

14 Annual Works Planned and Proposed Funding Allocations for Bulls and District Community Trust, Project Marton, Rangitikei.com and Taihape Community Development Trust in 2015/16

Cr McNeil declared an interest and withdrew from discussion and voting on the matter.

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the report.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/209** **File Ref** **3-GF-10**

That the report on "Annual work plans and proposed funding allocations for Bulls and District Community Trust, Project Marton, rangitikei.com and Taihape Community Development Trust in 2015/16" be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/210** **File Ref**

1. That Council approves the allocation of funding for 2015/16 (as amended) outlined in the report "Annual work plans for Bulls and District Community Trust, Project Marton, rangitikei.com and Taihape Community Development Trust 2015/16", that is:

• Bulls and District Community Trust	\$25,762
• Project Marton	\$31,224
• Rangitikei.com	\$16,500
• Taihape Community Development Trust	\$26,514

on the understanding that Rangitikei.com would deliver an up to date calendar of events coordinated across the MoU Agencies.

Cr Belsham / Cr Jones. Carried

15 Registration of interest for Ultra-Fast Broadband 2, Rural Broadband Initiative 2 and Mobile Black Spot Fund

Ms Servante spoke briefly to her report.

Resolved minute number	15/RDC/211	File Ref	1-CO-1
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That the report "Registration of interest for Ultra-Fast Broadband 2, Rural Broadband Initiative 2 and Mobile Black Spot Fund" be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr McManaway. Carried

Resolved minute number	15/RDC/212	File Ref	1-CO-1
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That the Council endorses a regional statement signed by the Mayors/Chairs of participating authorities confirming joint support for individual Registrations of Interest and a joint commitment to collaborate, recognising that working together to get the region fully connected would assist in bringing associated benefits to communities.

Cr Aslett / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number	15/RDC/213	File Ref	1-CO-1
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That the Council confirms its intention to submit a Registration of Interest for the District and to provide support for deployment of the Ultra-Fast Broadband 2, Rural Broadband Initiative 2 and Mobile Black Spot programmes to include (but not limited to):

- Waiving consenting costs that are incurred directly by Council e.g. consent processing fees
- Permitting shallow trenching (of 300 mm minimum depth)
- Approving town-wide corridor access request with a target construction period for each town of between 12-24 months
- Commit to using the national reinstatement standards contained in the National Code of Practice for Utility Operators' Access to Transport Corridors, issued by the NZ Utility Advisors Group for its footpaths, berms and roads (unless a higher level of service is currently offered by Council)
- Permitting the pro-bono use of Council-owned over-ground assets to deploy broadband (for example, to hang fibre from buildings), subject to a case-by-case options analysis to identify the best and most appropriate solution

And

- Developing a Digital Enablement Plan as a tool to support inward investment in broadband infrastructure
- Working with the successful UFB2/RBI2/MBS bidder contracted to deploy broadband to encourage take up of services.
- During its discussions on the extension of rates remission for economic

development, to include extension of broadband enabling infrastructure as a criteria for rates remission

And

- Making its forward works programme for roading rehabilitations and reseals and utility networks renewals available with a commitment to align as far as possible with underground deployment of broadband infrastructure
- Ensuring that any developments or redevelopments of its community and leisure assets enable wider economic and social benefits through providing for extended broadband infrastructure, particularly Council's intended investment in multi-purpose civic centres in the CBDs of Bulls, Marton and Taihape.

Cr Belsham / Cr Jones. Carried

Resolved minute number 15/RDC/214 **File Ref** 1-CO-1

That the Council sets aside \$75,000 for the costs identified in the report "Registration of interest for Ultra-Fast Broadband 2, Rural Broadband Initiative 2 and Mobile Black Spot Fund" to support deployment of the UFB2, RBI2 and MBS programmes.

Cr Jones / Cr Aslett. Carried

16 Future Funding for Youth Development in the Rangitikei

Ms Servante spoke briefly to her report.

Resolved minute number 15/RDC/215 **File Ref** 4-EN-12

That the report 'Future Funding for Youth Development in the Rangitikei' be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/216** **File Ref** **4-EN-12**

That Council:

- Agrees to the contract put forward by HYPE Academy to run youth services at the current level in Marton and Taihape until 31 January 2016 and requests that the young people aim to fundraise \$2,500 to contribute towards these services, and
- Confirms that HYPE Academy would deliver the outcomes in Taihape that were required to meet the Council's contractual commitments to the MYD Partnership Development Fund, and
- Supports the Bulls and District Community Trust to deliver a Youth Leadership Forum during 2015/16.

Cr Gordon / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/217** **File Ref** **4-EN-12**

That Council:

- works with MSD, HYPE Academy, other service providers and young people in Marton and the southern Rangitikei to undertake a full evaluation of the existing service and feasibility of the development of a youth one stop shop in Marton, and
- reviews the future of both youth clubs at its meeting on 26 November 2015 taking into account the results of the evaluation outlined above.

Cr Belsham / Cr Jones. Carried

Cr McNeil left the meeting at 4.50pm

17 Fostering Collaboration between Iwi and Council

Consideration was given to advice set out on the Agenda that Te Roopu Ahi Kaa had been discussing ways of fostering collaboration between Iwi and Council. One suggestion the Komiti was keen to progress was to have meetings between Ward Councillors and their local Iwi. The objective behind this suggestion was to increase mutual understanding and knowledge – which for Councillors had the potential to strengthen their representational role for tangata whenua concerns at the Council table.

His Worship the Mayor entered the meeting at 5.02pm

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/217** **File Ref**

That Ward Councillors have two meetings a year with their local Iwi, to be arranged through the Mayor's office.

Cr Ash / Cr Gordon. Carried

18 Receipt of Committee Minutes and Resolutions to be confirmed

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/218** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the following meetings be received:

- Finance/Performance Committee, 28 May 2015
- Taihape Community Board, 3 June 2015
- Turakina Community Committee, 4 June 2015 - tabled
- Turakina Reserve Management Committee, 4 June 2015 - tabled
- Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee, 8 June 2015
- Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti, 9 June 2015
- Bulls Community Committee, 9 June 2015
- Marton Community Committee, 10 June 2015 - tabled
- Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 11 June 2015
- Policy/Planning Committee, 11 June 2015

Note: Ratana Community Board, 16 June 2015 – meeting cancelled

Cr Gordon / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number**15/RDC/219****File Ref**

That the following recommendations from the Taihape Community Board dated 3 June 2015 be confirmed:

15/TCB/047

That the Taihape Community Board recommend that Rangitikei District Council obtains a licence to occupy or any other mutually suitable agreement for the NZTA land on the corner of Hautapu Street/Mataroa Road, Taihape, to enable a place making project to be undertaken by the community.

Cr Rainey / Cr Gordon. Carried

15/TCB/050

That the Rangitikei District Council website be updated to include the Taihape Community Board members' profiles with contact details, information about meeting frequency and a district map identifying the wards.

Cr Jones / Cr Aslett. Carried

15/TCB/052

That Rangitikei District Council engage an engineer to design a pulley system for a street banner for the main street in Taihape e.g. from the Taihape Town Hall balcony across the road to the garden outside Oosh.

Cr Jones / Cr Aslett. Carried

15/TCB/057

That the Taihape Community Board ask the Council investigate the possibility of a business notice board for local businesses to be erected at Te Moehau junction as a means of advertising what is available in Taihape to encourage travellers to divert into Taihape.

Cr Gordon / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Regarding 15/TCB/052, Mr McNeil noted that the first step was to undertake some investigation of the matter.

19 Future items for the agenda

Nil.

20 Public excluded

Mr McNeil advised that this item was no longer needed for the meeting.

21 Next meeting

Thursday 30 July, 1.00 pm

The Deputy Mayor acknowledged the Mayor for his exceptional contribution during the Civil Defence emergency and the work staff had put in during this time and in the subsequent recovery. The Chief Executive endorsed these views and noted the appointment of Mr Johan Cullis (Environmental & Regulatory Services Team Leader) as Recovery Manager. .

22 Meeting closed - 5.16pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____

Rangitikei District Council Rates Resolution

For the Financial Year 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016

1. That the Rangitikei District Council resolves under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 to set the following rates for the 2015/2016 financial year:

- (a) a uniform annual general charge under section 15(1)(b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rateable land of \$616.40 (inc GST) per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.
- (b) a general rate under sections 13(2)(a) and 22 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for all rateable land, as follows:

Land subject to rate	Rateable Value	Rate in the dollar of Rateable Value (inc GST)
All rating units (excluding Defence land)	Capital Value	\$0.000695
Defence land	Land Value	\$0.001064

- (c) Community services targeted rates under sections 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 per rateable rating unit as follows:

Land subject to rate	Basis for Liability	Charge (inc GST)
Taihape Community Board area	Per rating unit	\$21.13
Ratana Community Board area	Per rating unit	\$174.15

- (d) a solid waste targeted rate under section 16(3)(a) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rateable land of \$67.39 (inc GST) per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.

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- (e) a roading targeted rate under sections 16(3)(a), 16(4)(a) and 22 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rateable land, as follows:

Land subject to rate	Rateable Value	Rate in the dollar of Rateable Value (inc GST)
All rating units (excluding Defence land)	Capital Value	\$0.001959
Defence land	Land Value	\$0.003000

- (f) a wastewater (public good) targeted rate under section 16(3)(a) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rateable land of \$77.52 (inc GST) per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.
- (g) a wastewater (connection) targeted rate under sections 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rating units connected to a wastewater scheme within the district of \$441.40 (inc GST) per water closet or urinal connected.
- (h) a Ruru Road sewer extension loan repayment targeted rate under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$2,579.22 (inc GST) on rating units with the valuation reference numbers 1353005902, 1353006000, 1353005901, and 1353006501.
- (i) a water supply (public good) targeted rate under section 16(3)(a) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rateable land of \$121.28 (inc GST) per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.
- (j) a water supply (connected) targeted rate under sections 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(b) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all land connected to a water supply in the district set differentially for different categories of land, as follows:

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Differential Category	Basis for Liability	Charge (inc GST)
Marton, Taihape, Bulls, Mangaweka, Ratana, <i>Residential</i>	Per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit	\$593.63
Marton, Taihape, Bulls, Mangaweka, Ratana, <i>Non Residential</i>	Per rating unit	\$593.63

- (k) a water supply (by volume - Marton, Taihape, Ratana, Bulls and Mangaweka) targeted rate under section 19(2)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 set for all land connected to a water supply in Marton, Taihape, Ratana, Bulls and Mangaweka, and metered for extraordinary use in the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 of \$1.71 (inc GST) per m³ for consumption in excess of 250m³ per annum.
- (l) a water supply (by volume - Riverlands (Bulls)) targeted rate under section 19(2)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 set for all land connected to a water supply at Riverlands (Bulls) and metered for extraordinary use in the period 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 of \$1.19 (inc GST) per m³ for consumption in excess of 250m³ per annum.
- (m) a water supply (Huntermville urban connected) targeted rate under section 19(2)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 set for all land connected to the Huntermville Urban water supply scheme for water supplied in the period of 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 of \$3.33 (inc GST) per m³.
- (n) a water supply (rural supply – Huntermville) targeted rate for all land in the Huntermville rural area connected to the rural water supply scheme under section 19(2)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for water supplied in the period of 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 of \$229.57 (inc GST) per unit or part unit of 365m³.
- (o) a water supply (rural supply – Erehon) targeted rate for all land in the Erehon rural area connected to the rural water supply scheme under section 19(2)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for water supplied in the period of 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 of \$109.04 (inc GST) per unit or part unit of 365m³.
- (p) a water supply (rural supply – Omatane) targeted rate for all land in the Omatane rural area connected to the rural water supply scheme under section 19(2)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for water

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supplied in the period of 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 of \$148.34 (inc GST) per unit or part unit of 365m³.

- (q) a water supply (rural supply) targeted rate for all land in the Putorino rural area connected to the rural water supply scheme under section 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$0.000780 (inc GST) per dollar of land value.
- (r) a stormwater (public good) targeted rate under section 16(3)(a) and 16(4)(a) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all rateable land of \$27.71 (inc GST) per separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit.
- (s) a stormwater (urban) targeted rate under sections 16(3)(b) and 16(4)(a) and 18(2) of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 on all identified rateable land in the Marton, Bulls, Taihape, Mangaweka, Ratana and Hunterville urban areas of \$152.79 (inc GST) per rating unit.

Due dates for payment

2. That the Rangitikei District Council resolves that all rates be due in four instalments, as set out in the table below:

Instalments	Due Date
1	19 August 2015
2	18 November 2015
3	17 February 2016
4	18 May 2016

Penalties

3. That the Rangitikei District Council resolves to apply the following penalties on unpaid rates:

- (a) a charge of 10 per cent on so much of each instalment that has been assessed after 1 July 2015 and which is unpaid after the due date of each instalment, to be applied respectively on:
 - 20 August 2015
 - 19 November 2015
 - 18 February 2016
 - 19 May 2016
- (b) **an additional charge of 10 per cent on so much of any rates assessed before 1 July 2015 and which remain unpaid on the first working day of the financial year.**

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- (c) a further charge of 10 per cent on any rates assessed to which a penalty has been added under 3(b) above, if the rates remain unpaid 6 months after that penalty was added.

Unconfirmed

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Attachment 2

Mayor's report to Council, 30 July 2015

I would like to start my report with a quote from President Lawrence Yule LGNZ: "devastating financial and social effects caused by extreme weather are becoming more common". The effects of the recent events on our district will be felt for several years; rebuilding of farms, houses and our own infrastructure will take time. However, the loss of productive capacity and the nervousness to undertake debt and new initiatives will be the greatest challenge. The last month has seen the work around the flood events take total priority, which has been supported by central government and the community. Rather than detail again the financial possible position I will attach as a tabled document my report to Council as chair of Finance Committee for consideration.¹

We are looking to hold a function on 1 August which we hope may also be attended by the Minister of Civil Defence, Nikki Kaye. I would also like to give thanks to our staff: we have a small team and therefore do not have the ability to rotate staff around a number of key roles, and their ability to handle that difficulty was extraordinary.

Last week I attended the Local Government NZ conference held at Rotorua. I would like to bring to the attention of Council a number of issues discussed there.

1. There were four remits passed by delegates, all very strongly supported, and I have attached to my report a summary of these remits.² I seconded and spoke in regards to the Whanganui remit which was about charging central government full rates on Crown entity properties.
2. Local Government NZ released its marketing campaign which was based on spreading the message as to what LG provides. Examples are "we provide roads- we are LGNZ"; "we provide sports facilities- we are LGNZ". To Councillors and ratepayers in our district this sounds a little obvious, but the reality is that there is a large number of New Zealanders who do not understand that rates provide key services such as roads. We need to lift the profile of LGNZ and this looks to be a fabulous campaign that can be adapted for the provision of any service.
3. At the LG conference the manifesto for change was released. There are ten key proposals within this manifesto and again I have attached this as a tabled document.³
4. For me, one of the great benefits of the LG conference was in the area of networking. I was able to talk with people such as Raewyn Bleakley, Regional

¹ Appendix 2.

² Appendix 3

³ Appendix 4.

Manager of Roothing NZTA, over FAR rates; Gloria Campbell, Regional Commissioner Social Welfare, regarding long term housing for flood-affected properties and the Mayors' task force for jobs, and fellow Mayors and a number of other organisations and officials.

There were a number of fantastic speakers throughout the conference and I would like to specifically refer to several of the stand out presentations from my perspective.

1. Sir Gordon Tietjens, coach of the NZ Sevens rugby team. He spoke on building successful teams and communication. Fantastic dynamic speaker.
2. David Meates, CE Canterbury Health. The changes he has brought to that DHB are simply stunning; when his presentation becomes available I will forward it onto Councillors.
3. Kevin Roberts, Saatchi & Saatchi. His speech was on telling the story of LG and how we should get the message out there. He spoke about his analysis of the marketing campaign that LGNZ is putting in place, which was always going to be a positive because his company was involved in designing it. Kevin is a stunning speaker mixing humour and video with some very serious positions.
4. Penny Webster, Auckland Councillor. She spoke on the need for a new model for funding Councillors and the difficulties that a capital funding process brings when there are changing rates of capital values within a district. There were also a number of other funding models including retention for road user charges or the proceeds from oil and gas reserves which should be held within the District that generates them.
5. Dr William Rolleston (National President, Federated Farmers) and Kim Campbell (CE Employers and Manufacturers Federation) spoke on the RMA and the difficulties and costs that this Act brings to development.
6. President Lawrence Yule spoke principally around the need for the funding review of LG and the relationship between Central Government and LG. Lawrence's speech highlighted to me the ground that has been gained in the relationship between Central government and LG under his watch. He is an incredibly skilled operator and coupled with the new CE Malcolm Alexander local government is now for the first time truly listened to by Government.

The next speaker that I would like to highlight was the Minister of LG, the Hon. Paula Bennett. She started her speech by squashing talk of a two tiered economy, emphasising the importance of the rural sector and talking about sheep, wool, beef, horticulture and dairying. She said and I quote "for the most part regional NZ is doing well; however, there are small patches within that which need significant help, in both our rural and urban communities. Her comments on amalgamation were very interesting and she said (and I

quote) "...I will not legislate for large amalgamation, but it is in the best interests for everyone to look at how authorities to work together". In noting "the need for structure both legal and financial across boundaries" she referred specifically for the need for CCOs and went as far to say that she would consider legislation to get them. The Minister acknowledges the review work being done by LGNZ re-funding of LG and says the government will look closely at this body of work. She commented on the increasing wage rises within the LG sector and said they were ahead of the private sector with the clear message that LG needs to be careful about the salary component.

As always at LGNZ conference, there was a Saturday night function hosted by Rotorua-Lakes DC held in their new event centre. It was also the opportunity for announcing the LG Excellence Awards and I would like to congratulate Horowhenua DC for winning the award for their infrastructural project of the year, and Sir Bob Harvey, former Waitakere Mayor, for his award for outstanding contribution to LG.

The Roading contracts changed from Downers to Higgins as of the first of July and there was widespread concern with regard to that change. From my perspective the transition has been handled incredibly well, Downers are continuing to work on the network due to flooding event under a sub-contractual arrangement to Higgins. Higgins have been true to their commitment to establish permanent bases at Taihape and at Marton and most of the Downers staff have or are transferring to Higgins. Higgins is continuing to use local contractors wherever possible.

At the last Council meeting I signalled an intent to travel to China because of potential joint partnerships in the Rangitikei with Chinese companies. I would have been going with a party of fellow mayors on this trip organised by LGNZ. However, due to the flooding event I have not been able to progress the joint venture far enough at this time and so, coupled with a health issue, I have cancelled my part of this trip.

A number of people from Taihape including Councillors Ruth Rainey and Angus Gordon accompanied by Peter Shaw, travelled last week to Pahiatua and then onto Levin to look at the creative design of sports facilities. I was able to meet the group in Levin, hosted by the Mayor of Horowhenua Brendan Duffy, where we looked at the irrigation of sports fields and a couple of buildings catering for sports. This was an incredibly worthwhile trip.

I have been advised by officers that there is a requirement to establish a hearing committee to hear a dangerous dog complaint which I will formally recommend as part of this report. This may an opportunity for newer Councillors to be involved with this process. This hearing is not a hearing under the RMA; however, I believe it is important that we have at least one Councillor who would consider going through the process to become a Commissioner under

that Act. My understanding is Cr Ruth Rainey has indicated a desire to do this and I would recommend to Council that she be given that opportunity. If there are other Councillors who would entertain this training, this would be opportunity for them to express their interest.

Finally, I was pleased to receive advice from the Chair of Horizons Regional Council about decisions taken on Council's submission to their long-term plan process.⁴ This response confirms the high collaboration between the two councils.

⁴ Appendix 5.

Appendix 1

Mayors Meetings and Engagements

July 2015

Date	Event
Attended Civil Defence debriefs most days in early – mid July	
1	Based in Taihape all day
2	Attended Taoroa school celebrations and presented a young leader with Sir Peter Blake Trust award
3	Attended Regional Chiefs Meeting, with Chief Executive Took part in Teleconference with Minister of Civil Defence
7	Took part in Teleconference with Minister of Civil Defence
9	Attended Assets/Infrastructure and Policy/Planning Committee meetings
13	Met with local Marton business owner
14	Attended Marton Community Charter Board meeting Attended Bulls Community Committee meeting
15	Attended Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs Workshop – Wanganui Attended CD Debrief meeting with Koitiata Residents Committee Meet with Representative from Beef and Lamb NZ
16	Attended CD Debrief meeting with representatives from Ngati Apa
17	Met with Council's JV partners Attended part of bus trip looking at multi-sport complexes
19, 20, 21	Attended Local Government NZ Conference, with Chief Executive and Cr Rainey
22	CD Debrief, Mayoral Disaster Relief Committee meeting, Teleconference Minister Kaye and other Mayors of flood affected regions, Meeting with Ratepayer, Meeting with NZTA representative, Federated Farmers meeting, Rural Support & Federated Farmers Flood Shout
23	CD response meeting, Koitiata WW reference group meeting, Marton Public meeting CD debrief
24	CD debrief, Rural Support & Federated Farmers Rangitira Golf Club
27	CD debrief Papanui Junction School, Meeting at ratepayers house

Appendix 2

Having recently adopted the long term plan normally we would be looking to monitor cash flows and work programs rather than review our financial position.

However the effects of the recent floods are huge and they will have a significant impact on our council position. The damage to our infrastructure is fortunately largely confined to roading and has been estimated at nearly 20 million dollars. The roading team will work with NZTA to verify this estimate. Under current FAR rates (financial assistance rates) that could translate to a loss to Council of 4 million dollars. We would then be able to argue a case of hardship to NZTA to increase the level of the FAR rate. That argument of hardship would include consideration of the effect on the rate payer base, the ability of the District to pay (i.e. affordability) and the state of the agricultural sector locally and from a national perspective.

I am sure that the government will assist us, as in a worst scenario we could be looking at attributed to this event of between of 10% to 15 % rates increase over the next two years. However because the principal damage is to roading which is capital funded that burden would not fall evenly and will result in very heavy increases in the rural sector.

Even with increased governmental assistance there will be a rate payer consequence. We as a Council will need to look at options as to how that will be funded. Options could include;

1. Using reserve funds already set aside for flood relief
2. Increasing our debt position
3. Loan funding this event over perhaps five years
4. Striking a separate flood rate which could be funded in several different ways
5. Looking at approved capital work schedule particularly in roading but not limited to that area.
6. Or a combination of any of these

All of these come at a cost and associated risk. For example if you loan funded this over 5 years what happens if there is another event? Sitting alongside of this is the effect on the rural sector and future production. We could well be in the position of asking that sector to pay rate increases when their ability to fund it has been impacted not only by this event but by low commodity prices particularly for milk. There is also an existing opportunity on a “case by case” basis for rate remissions which if used will compound the effects on the rest of the rate payers.

It will take time to first assess the actual position and then to look at these options and other options I may not have considered

Andy Watson

Chair of Finance/Performance Committee

Appendix 3

19 July 2015

New Zealand's councils vote on four topics at LGNZ's AGM

Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) has today voted on four remits about topical matters for the sector and our communities at the 2015 LGNZ Annual General Meeting, held in Rotorua.

Smoking outside cafes, restaurants and bars

The first remit proposed by Palmerston North City Council asked that LGNZ requests that the Government develop and implements legislation to prohibit smoking outside cafes, restaurants and bars. Members strongly supported this remit.

Levy on plastic shopping bags

The second remit asked that LGNZ requests that the Government impose a compulsory levy on plastic shopping bags at point of sale. This remit was proposed by Palmerston North City Council. Members voted strongly in favour.

Members speaking to this remit said they supported the Government's recent announcement to invest \$1.2 million dollars in recycling stations at some major retail outlets but argued that more action is needed. Whilst recycling is important, the country must also focus on reduction in bag usage. Local government's view is imposing a compulsory levy at the point of sale will act as a deterrent, reducing the total number of single use plastic bags produced. The introduction of levies in countries like Denmark, Ireland and China have led to a dramatic reduction in plastic bag use.

Subsidy for water and wastewater schemes

The third remit was two-fold. First, that LGNZ urgently engages with Government to have the water and wastewater subsidy schemes re-introduced. Second, that the funding available be at least \$20 million per annum for water supply schemes and at least \$20 million per annum for wastewater schemes. It was proposed by the Far North District Council and members unanimously supported both parts of the remit.

LGNZ's view is this funding will support better water quality requirements under the Government's National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management.

"Most importantly, these subsidy schemes will provide important funding support for small communities who cannot afford to upgrade their water and waste water infrastructure. This effectively represents the reinstatement and top up of Government subsidy schemes established in 2002 and 2005," says LGNZ President Lawrence Yule.

It also emphasises the importance of appropriate funding for local government where costs are centrally imposed; a key topic in LGNZ's Local Government Funding Review manifesto being released on the morning of 21 July at LGNZ's conference.

Rating on Crown property

The fourth asked that LGNZ investigate the possibility, practicality and principle of local authorities charging rates against Crown owned properties. This remit was proposed by Wanganui District Council and the members voted overwhelmingly in favour, again a significant topic covered by LGNZ's Local Government Funding Review.

In concluding the Local Government New Zealand 2015 Annual General Meeting Mr Yule said these were important issues for our communities.

“Our communities have spoken. We now have a strong mandate from New Zealand’s local governments and the communities they represent to move forward and work with the Government to progress these matters,” says Mr Yule.

Ends

For more information, please contact LGNZ’s Director of Advocacy, Helen Mexted, on 029 924 1221.

About the 2015 LGNZ Conference

The 2015 LGNZ Conference takes place from 19 - 21 July in Rotorua, attended by nearly 600 local and central government delegates. The three day conference hears presentations from high profile speakers about significant issues and opportunities facing the sector and is a chance for the sector to learn best practice from one another.

The theme of the conference is: leading the charge for our communities.

More information can be found on the conference website [here](#).

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Appendix 4

Tuesday 21 July 2015

LGNZ launches 10-point plan to incentivise local economic growth

LGNZ's Local Government Funding Review 10-point plan: incentivising economic growth and strong local communities was launched today at the 2015 LGNZ conference in Rotorua.

The manifesto is the culmination of LGNZ's year-long review of local government funding and follows its discussion paper released in February 2015. It focuses on key actions and policy decisions needed to provide greater funding flexibility for councils and describes the next steps for local government and its sector partners.

The manifesto is led by four guiding principles:

- **an effective partnership between local and central government** around shared goals and strategies, pragmatic testing of new ideas, and strong incentives for both arms of government to perform;
- **recognition of the value of the private sector and community** by recalibrating relationships with those sectors to incentivise partnerships and the achievement of shared goals;
- **a local government which is open to innovation** in service delivery, funding and financing; (within a environment of strong fiscal discipline); and
- **a diverse set of funding tools for New Zealand communities** to respond to the different challenges they face, with property rates as a cornerstone supplemented by revenue sources that equip local communities to meet current and future opportunities.

The document is a principles-based manifesto designed to stimulate conversation and action about options for an effective local government funding regime.

LGNZ President Lawrence Yule says providing an environment that supports local government's ability to partner with others to efficiently achieve shared goals, and the incentives for all parties to encourage local economic growth, are vital parts of the conversation and a key aim of the 10-point plan.

"We are launching this plan because local government is facing unprecedented economic and demographic change and increasing community and government expectations," says Mr Yule.

"We need to put ourselves and our communities in the best possible position to manage significant issues such as regional economic development, demographic shifts, climate change and rapid technological advancement."

"We need to lead New Zealand's communities through this change, but we need strong collaboration with Government and private sector partners."

LGNZ reinforced that the review is not about increasing the tax burden nor is it about a quantum funding uplift.

"This is about leading a principled discussion with our key partners around more fit-for-purpose funding options," says Mr Yule.

Mr Yule emphasises property rates should remain a cornerstone but that local government needs a wider set of funding sources at its disposal.

This includes a strong incentives-based regime, to lead to better performance of both arms of government to meet the needs of communities.

“Incentives such as a share in value uplift arising from additional economic activity can improve outcomes for local communities. We see a strong opportunity to test these ideas through Special Economic Zones.”

“The right incentives can create greater innovation in service provision, and provide a more diverse range of available funding tools,” says Mr Yule.

LGNZ acknowledges that local government needs to play its role.

“It’s important local government should be open to innovation in service delivery, funding and financing, and we should operate to the highest standards of fiscal discipline. This is a core focus of LGNZ’s recently announced Performance Uplift Programme.”

“LGNZ anticipates a productive and constructive discussion between local and central government, business and communities, to address the proposals and to implement the solutions communities need,” says Mr Yule.

The 10 proposals are:

1. An agreed priority and action plan to advance “special zones” for growth to test new ideas and drive economic prosperity.
2. When new centrally imposed costs are considered (and particularly where national benefit applies) a cost benefit analysis and agreed cost sharing with central government should be mandatory.
3. Mandatory rating exemptions should be removed.
4. The application and administration process of the rates rebate scheme should be simplified to increase uptake.
5. Better guidance is needed to assist councils make decisions on trade-offs about whether to fund services from prices (user charges) or taxes.
6. Road user charges, targeted levies and fuel taxes should be allowed where it is economically efficient.
7. Councils should be able to retain a share of any value uplift arising from additional economic activity related to local intervention and investment.
8. Local authorities should receive a proportion of any mineral royalties attributed to local Activities.
9. Allow councils to levy specific charges and taxes on visitors where economically efficient.
10. Reconsider the decision to limit the range of community amenities funded through development contributions.

LGNZ’s full 10-point plan: incentivising economic growth and strong local communities is available [here](#).

Ends

For more information, please contact LGNZ’s Director of Advocacy, Helen Mexted, on 029 924 1221.

About the 2015 LGNZ Conference

The 2015 LGNZ Conference takes place from 19 - 21 July in Rotorua, attended by nearly 600 local and central government delegates. The three day conference hears presentations from high profile speakers about significant issues and opportunities facing the sector and is a chance for the sector to learn best practice from one another.

The theme of the conference is: leading the charge for our communities.

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Appendix 5

10 July 2015



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Dear Mayor Andy Watson

SUBMISSION TO 2015-25 LONG-TERM PLAN

Thank you for your submission to Horizons Regional Council's 2015-25 Long-Term Plan.

This year we received 187 submissions, all of which were carefully considered by Council. It is always a challenge to balance the diverse concerns and interests in our Region and the submission process is an important one for councillors to better understand the views of the people they represent.

Your submission to Council related to:

Transport (includes Bus Review & Road Safety)

Road Safety

On receiving 66 submissions on Council's proposal to exit the Road Safety Activity in Year 2, of which 57 were opposed to that proposal, Council resolved to reinstate the Road Safety Activity for Year 2 and onwards.

Palmerston North Bus Network Review

A total of 15 submissions were received, of which 12 submitters supported funding of the Enhanced Status Quo improvements for Palmerston North. Council considered the need for this service and whether at the same time investigations could be undertaken for other services that could feed into the main Palmerston North service. Council also considered the request for additional services to the Summerhill area and resolved to bring these forward to Year 2. Council also considered the request to install bike racks on buses and this has been approved for Year 2.

General Transport Issues

A number of other transport issues were raised in the submissions received, including improvements between Wanganui and Marton, funding the "Day out in Horowhenua" bus service, and bringing forward Feilding improvements to January 2016, as well as correcting an administrative error around Wanganui's Passenger Services. On considering these submissions, Council resolved that; staff investigate the inclusion of Marton when implementing the Wanganui to Palmerston North bus service; \$10,000 be added each year of the Plan starting in

Kairanga

Marton

Palmerston North

Taihape

Taumarunui

Wanganui

Woodville

Year 2, via targeted rates, to fund the “Day out in Horowhenua” bus service; \$20,000 be added in Year 1 (\$10,000 each to Palmerston North and Manawatu Passenger Services) to fund the Feilding to Palmerston North bus service enhancements via reserves; and that \$500,000 is added to Year 10 of the Wanganui passenger activity expenses.

Council also considered the request by Wanganui District Council to contribute \$250,000 in the 2017-18 financial year towards the construction of a Wanganui Public Transport Hub. Although there was no formal resolution made, this request was not supported.

Capital Connection

A number of submissions were made in support of retaining the Capital Connection in the face of its proposed termination by KiwiRail on 30 June 2015. Council resolved to contribute \$500,000 of funding for the retention of the service over the next three financial years subject to Greater Wellington Regional Council and Central Government funding.

Land Management (includes SLUI)

Contaminated Land

The Council will work with other councils through its shared service arrangement (MWLASS) to progress the idea of a shared arrangement for the identification of contaminated land sites around the Region.

SLUI

There was strong support for SLUI in general and also for the question posed to the community to accelerate this programme. However, at the time of its release, there were a number of assumptions taken in the proposed Long-term Plan relating to Government funding and the Hill Country Erosion Fund (HCEF). Subsequently, Horizons Regional Council has successfully contested \$4.8 million of funding from the HCEF in support of SLUI. This funding differs however from that proposed in the Long-term Plan and due to this reduced level of support, an approach consistent with that highlighted in the Long-term Plan has been agreed. The UAC for SLUI will increase over three years to \$40.54 consistent with that proposed in the Long-term Plan. The accelerated option where SLUI would increase to a UAC of \$46 by Year 3 has been discounted in favour of this more circumspect approach.

Water Quality & Quantity Management (includes Lake Horowhenua and Guiding Land Use Decisions – Water Quality & Quantity)

Weed Harvesting

There was strong support for the proposed weed harvesting on Lake Horowhenua. However, after considering the submissions made to the proposed Long-term Plan on this activity, Council resolved to make amendments to the funding of this project. Funding has been reduced by half (down to \$97,500) in the first year of the Long-term Plan, with funding increasing in Year 2 to the full amount articulated in the proposed Long-term Plan. These funding changes reflect Council’s latest view on the best timing for harvesting and when it can

realistically have all technical and consent conditions in place. It is proposed that after operating the harvester for a full season (in Year 2), operational efficiencies will allow funding to reduce by \$50,000 to \$145k in Year 3.

Water Quality and Quantity

There was strong support for Council to increase funding in the area of water quality and quantity monitoring, in support of Guiding Land Use Decisions. Council has therefore endorsed the proposal to increase funding in these areas by \$518,000 and \$414,000 in Year 1 and 2 of the Long-term Plan respectively.

River & Drainage – Schemes (includes 30 Year Infrastructure Strategy)

Your support for an increase in Rangitikei River Scheme rates, for the purpose of building reserves for the reinstatement of inevitable flood damage to scheme infrastructure is acknowledged. The scheme's Liaison Committee also strongly supported that initiative and as a consequence Council has resolved to include rates increases of 5% per year for the first three years of the Long-term Plan.

Biosecurity (includes Animal Health Board Funding)

Council signalled in its Long-term Plan its intention to cease funding of OSPRI / TB Free New Zealand (formerly AHB). At the time of writing the proposed Long-term Plan this decision was consistent with a sector view on AHB funding. However, following submissions from the community and OSPRI, Council resolved to increase funding for the TB Free / Vector control activity by \$175,000 for a further year. This funding will allow OSPRI to deliver 92% of the proposed programme for 2015-16.

Emergency Management (includes Guiding Land Use Decisions – Hazards Upgrade)

Council acknowledges the unanimous support for the Hazard Modelling Project. No changes were made to the Hazard Mapping Project except to include programmed work for updating the indicative hazard layer for Horowhenua in Year 2 of the Long-term Plan. The project commences in Year 1 with lidar (digital) mapping of a further 1000 km² of flood plain across various parts of the Region. Year 2 onwards is when site specific modelling commences. A draft program has been prepared and respective Territorial Authority staff will be updated when this is confirmed.

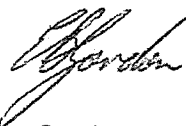
There was broad support for the Emergency Management activity. A river height recording site was requested for Nihoniho near Taumarunui, however Council resolved to reconsider this after consultation during the next Annual Plan process for the 2016-17 financial year once there is a clearer understanding of the benefits and level of community support.

One submitter queried the progress made in incorporating tsunami warning into local Civil Defence procedures at Foxton Beach. Work is continuing on the Foxton Beach Community Response Plan which is due for completion in July 2015 and will be further updated once revised tsunami evacuation zone information is received from GNS. In addition, funding has been received from the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management (MCDEM) for the installation of tsunami signage along the Region's coastline and for the

development of the public education package – due during the 2015-16 financial year.

The 2015-25 Long-Term Plan will soon be available via our website www.horizons.govt.nz. If you would like a hardcopy of the Plan, please contact our Customer Services Team on freephone 0508 800 800.

Yours faithfully



Bruce Gordon
CHAIRPERSON



Attachment 3



Rangitikei
UNDISCOVERED...

REPORT

SUBJECT: **Administrative matters - July 2015**

TO: Council

FROM: Ross McNeil, Chief Executive

DATE: 22 July 2015

FILE: 5-EX-4

1 Public meetings – flooding event

- 1.1 Council is holding a series of public meetings in the most affected areas of the District. They provide an opportunity for residents to share their experiences of the initial response and recovery phase, as well as helping the Council identify any ongoing issues that residents may need assistance with.
- 1.2 Meetings have been organised at Koitiata (15 July 2015), Marton (23 July 2015), Papanui (27 July 2015) and Hunterville (3 August 2015).

2 Claim for reimbursement of costs for Santoft fire, 5 February 2015

- 2.1 The National Rural Fire Authority has accepted the Council's claim for reimbursement of \$98,696 of fire-fighting costs. The Authority has yet to determine whether it will pursue any legal action against anyone deemed to have caused the fire.

3 Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Bill

- 3.1 This Bill was introduced into Parliament in December 2013 and had its first reading in March 2014, when it was referred to the Local Government and Environment Select Committee. Submissions on the Bill were invited. Council made a submission and His Worship the Mayor had an opportunity to speak with the Committee. The date for the Committee to report back to Parliament has been extended, and is now 3 September 2015.
- 3.2 However, on 23 June 2015, the Committee presented an interim report to Parliament, being a summary of the report provided to the Committee by officials at the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE). The substance of this report had been foreshadowed by Minister Nick Smith in a media release on 10 May 2015. The Committee has invited submissions on this

interim report, setting a deadline of 16 July 2015. This timing meant that it was not possible for the proposed submission to be considered by full Council.

- 3.3 At its meeting on 9 July 2015, the Policy/Planning Committee was briefed on the changes proposed by MBIE officials and considered a draft submission. By this time Local Government New Zealand had released its draft submission for comment, the Society of Local Government Managers hosted a webinar at which Kathryn Mclean from Simpson Grierson provided a detailed assessment of the proposed changes, and the Joint Southern Councils (i.e. those in Westland, Otago and Southland) circulated its proposed submission ahead of the deadline. These all provided useful insights in finalising Council's submission.
- 3.4 That submission signed by His Worship the Mayor is attached as Appendix 1. While the proposals from MBIE officials introduce a stronger risk-based approach, by dividing the country into three areas of relative seismic risk, it could be refined by having regard for density of population. In addition, despite the considerable time since the introduction of the Bill to Parliament, MBIE officials are leaving substantial details to be prescribed through regulation. These include the methodology by which territorial authorities will be required to use in assessing potentially earthquake-prone buildings and the circumstances under which a territorial authority may give an earthquake-prone building an exemption from strengthening.

4 Local Government Act 2002 (Greater Local Democracy) Amendment Bill

- 4.1 This Member's Bill (Stuart Nash, Napier) was drawn in the ballot on 25 June 2015 and introduced into Parliament. It has yet to have its first reading. The Mayor of Napier City has circulated the Bill to other mayors asking them to convey support for the Bill to local MPs.
- 4.2 The Bill is attached as Appendix 2 together with an extract from Schedule 3 of the current Act so that the effects of the proposed changes are clear and the letter from Stuart Nash. The Bill proposes two changes – (i) to make a poll on a final reorganisation proposal mandatory and (ii) to require the poll to succeed in each district or region of an affected area to enable a reorganisation proposal to proceed to implementation.
- 4.3 Making a poll mandatory reflects a view that it is likely to happen anyway (as is the case in Hawkes Bay) and that it will therefore not entail greater cost to the community covered by the reorganisation proposal. Requiring the poll to succeed in each district or region of the affected area means that the preference of a smaller district cannot be outvoted by the preference of a larger district or of the whole affected area. It may reduce the likelihood of a reorganisation proposal succeeding.
- 4.4 The current provisions in Schedule 3 were part of the 2012 amendments to the Local Government Act 2002. Prior to that a poll was required for a draft

reorganisation scheme in each district or region directly affected by the proposal and each poll had to succeed for the reorganisation scheme to proceed.¹ The changes in 2012 redefined the processes by which local authorities and individuals² could submit proposals to the Local Government Commission and the subsequent processes which the Commission would follow. Affected local authorities previously had a larger role.

- 4.5 The Government's intentions in making the changes to Schedule 3 were expressed by the Minister for Local Government during his speech to the First Reading of the 2012 Amendment Bill:

The fourth area of reform in the bill is the streamlining of local government reorganisation procedures for the union, abolition and constitution of districts and regions and the creation of unitary authorities. Currently such reorganisations can only proceed if they are supported by more than 50% of the votes cast in each affected district or region and reorganisation involves a long and complex process. This bill will make it easier for communities and local authorities to apply for a local government reorganisation and it will give the Local Government Commission more flexibility in considering applications. Reorganisation applications will need significant community support before the Commission can progress them.

- 4.6 When considering the proposed 2012 amendments during the last triennium, the former Council indicated a firm belief that a poll is essential before any reorganisation can take place. However, it had less concern over whether the poll should succeed in each affected area or over the entirety (the spectre of the "hostile takeover" of a small territorial authority by a big territorial authority is as potentially damaging as a small territorial authority having an effective veto over a larger territorial authority) but believes that the process to develop a reorganisation proposal must be robustly able to demonstrate the benefits to all affected areas.
- 4.7 A set of alternative recommendations is included.

5 Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Disaster Relief Fund Trust

- 5.1 After the Manawatu Wanganui Regional Disaster Relief Fund Trust was established in March 2004, each of the eight local authorities appointing trustees passed a resolution exempting the Trust for the status as a council-controlled organisation. Rangitikei District Council re-confirmed this at its

¹ Clause 49(1) and 51(1) of the repealed Schedule 3.

² Before 2012, a petition signed by at least 10% of the electors in each of the affected districts or regions would be the basis of a valid reorganisation proposal. This percentage requirement was dropped in 2012.

meeting on 26 October 2006: 06/RDC/273, on 29 October 2009: 09/RDC/354 and again on 30 August 2012: 12/RDC/146.

- 5.2 Although the Trust deed specifically provides for this exemption, section 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 prescribes the criteria and process for doing this.

Section 7 Exempted organisations

(3) A local authority may, after having taken account of the matters specified in subsection (5), exempt a small organisation that is not a council-controlled trading organisation, for the purposes of section 6(4)(i).

(4) An exemption must be granted by resolution of the local authority.

(5) The matters are—

(a) the nature and scope of the activities provided by the organisation; and

(b) the costs and benefits, if an exemption is granted, to the local authority, the council-controlled organisation, and the community.

(6) A local authority must review an exemption it has granted—

(a) within 3 years after it is granted; and

(b) after the first review, at intervals of not less than 3 years.

(7) A local authority may, at any time, revoke an exemption it has granted.

- 5.3 An exemption must be reviewed within three years after it has been granted. This has prompted the Trust's Chair to write to each of the local authorities appointing trustees asking for a resolution by 30 September 2015 confirming the Trust's exempt status. This letter is attached as Appendix 3.

- 5.4 The grounds for continuing the exemption remain valid. The Trust is a small organisation (and not a council-controlled trading organisation), the nature and scope of its activities is limited, and the Trust's activity is spasmodic – primarily after significant adverse events. There would be significant additional costs if the Trust were required to meet all the obligations of a council-controlled organisation – through the preparation of a statement of corporate intent, performance monitoring and six-monthly reporting to all eight local authorities. Accountability is adequately provided through the Trust deed, which includes a requirement for audited accounts to the Annual General Meeting and presentation to the eight local authorities appointing trustees.

- 5.5 A recommendation is included to continue the Trust's exemption from being a council-controlled organisation for the next three years.

6 Road legalisation – Spooners Hill Road anomaly

- 6.1 Council has been asked to address an administrative oversight dating back 70 years. In 1944, a road legalisation survey identified parts of Spooner's Hill Road which should be closed. However, they were not all formally stopped, and the adjoining owner has used those near the intersection with Paengaroa Road as if they were part of his property. With a subdivision being proposed, it is necessary to complete the formalities, and a Council resolution is required for this. The property owner has agreed to reimburse Council's costs.
- 6.2 Land Information New Zealand will want assurance that the stopping will not affect any conservation issues. The Partnership Ranger for the Manawatu-Wanganui Conservation District has confirmed that is the case. The proposed stopping does not prevent legal access to a legal road.
- 6.3 The required form of consent and a copy of survey plan SO 21235 9to which this consent refers) are attached as Appendix 4.

7 Removal of building line – 26 Marumaru Street, Marton

- 7.1 In 1972 the Marton Borough Council imposed a building line restriction on this property, foreshadowing the construction of a new road parallel to Waitere and Ngareta Streets to service subdivided lots. However, the limited subdivision in this area since then has been achieved by rights-of-way off the existing streets so there is no need for the building line restriction to remain on the title. Section 327A of the Local Government Act 1974 allows the Council to determine that a building line should be cancelled, with such a decision being notified to the District Land Registrar or the Registrar of Deeds, as appropriate. Legal costs for removing the restriction are borne by the property owner.
- 7.2 A copy of the survey plan is attached as Appendix 5. A recommendation to authorise the cancellation of the building-line restriction is included.

8 Improved Broadband and Mobile Coverage In the Rangitikei

- 8.1 Council has submitted its registration of interest to MBIE. It is available on the website. The Government will make this document available to service providers who may be wishing to tender for work in the Rangitikei using the Government's subsidies. Council is continuing to gather information to support the rollout of broadband in the District, and a survey form is available on the website (and in printed form at the libraries).
- 8.2 As part of this process, Council is also required to prepare together a Digital Enablement Plan. This will allow us to identify a few key projects that support business growth or "community enablement". A verbal update on the development of that plan will be provided to the meeting. That plan is due with MBIE by 18 September 2015.

9 Future management of parks and town maintenance

- 9.1 The new arrangements start from 1 August 2015. A final review is being arranged before then with Fulton Hogan, to confirm completion of that contract.
- 9.2 As noted elsewhere in this report, the full Parks and Reserves team will be in place from 27 July 2015: the initial focus is on familiarisation and training with the Team Leader, Athol Sanson. This will include consideration of the detailed work schedules, especially for mowing and playground maintenance. The team will be based at the end of the Assets Building.
- 9.3 Arrangements made for the supply of stock for spring plantings. Purchases of vehicles, mowers and other equipment have been finalised. A New Zealand certified course for playground inspections has been arranged for 5 August 2015; following that, auditing will be put in place for all playgrounds.
- 9.4 A three-year contract is being prepared with the Ratana Communal Board of Trustees for a range of mowing and maintenance duties in the settlement. Detailed specifications and maps have been prepared for final review. A three-year contract is also being prepared with Keith Gray for maintaining the upkeep of the recreation spaces at Koitiata and servicing the litter bins in the village.
- 9.5 In addition, there are three external contracts to start from 1 August 2015. Two contracts for CBD cleaning are being finalised with local contractors– one for Hunterville, Mangaweka and Taihape and one for Bulls and Marton. Sexton duties at the Council's cemeteries will be undertaken by Andrew Morriss (who had previously sub-contracted to Fulton Hogan for this work). A one-year contract for urban berm mowing is currently being negotiated. Longer-term, this is an activity which may be undertaken by the Council team.
- 9.6 Advice of these changes in delivering parks and town maintenance services will be provided to the August 2015 meetings of Community Boards and Community Committees.

10 Town centre plan update

Taihape

- 10.1 Peter Shore has confirmed that all targeted organisations have signed the Memorandum of Understanding, with the exception of Netball which is likely to come after its August Committee meeting. This provides a solid basis for considering and finding consensus on future development opportunities for Memorial Park.
- 10.2 The planned bus trip to view the multisports hubs at Pahiatua and Levin took place on 17 July. Representatives from the Taihape Rugby and Sports Club, Utiku Rugby Club, Northern Whanganui Rugby Sub Union, Dressage and Show-jumping, Clubs Taihape, Sport Whanganui, Taihape Community Development

Trust and Council were on board. Peter's commentary on these facilities is attached as Appendix 6.

- 10.3 David Engwicht (Creative Communities) has been confirmed to run a 7 day makeover and training session in Taihape from 30 November-6 December 2015. The overall management of the event will be the responsibility of the Taihape Community Board: closer to the time David will provide the relevant information on what process will need to be followed to organise this event.
- 10.4 The Youth Mural project for the Library fence is nearing completion and Council officers are meeting this week to organise the installation and unveiling of the mural which is expected to take place in Mid-August.

Hunternville

- 10.5 The Hunternville Town Centre Plan Steering Group remains committed to getting the work finished off at Queens Park. Progress has been hampered by weather. The Steering Group wants to repair the fencing around the park and into the playground area.

Marton

- 10.6 The Town Centre Plan Steering has made significant progress on the upgraded pathway at the rear of the St Stephens Church and Marton Park. Stage one has been completed with the shell rock section of the pathway being laid. Stage two will involve installing a culvert pipe through the existing drain area and connecting the shell rock pathway with a concrete path linking into the pathway through the church grounds.
- 10.7 A meeting between Marton Service clubs, Project Marton, Keep Marton Beautiful, Marton Community Committee and Marton TCP Steering Group will take place at the Marton Youth Club Wednesday 22 July. This is an important step towards creating an open dialogue between the individual clubs and committees working towards making Marton a better place.
- 10.8 David Engwicht has also confirmed he will run a 7 Day makeover for Marton from 18-23 January 2016. As with Taihape, David will provide the relevant information on what process will need to be followed to organise this event.

Bulls

- 10.9 A small group of youth is working on a public art project for the town, designing and painting a series of Creative Cubes that reflect the characteristics of the town and its surrounds. Progress has slowed, but it is anticipated the appointment of the new Community Development Manager (for the Bulls & Districts Community Trust) in Bulls will see this project to fruition.
- 10.10 Dates for a 7 day makeover for Bulls have yet to be confirmed.

11 Williamsons Line – safety improvements at intersection with SH-3

- 11.1 At Council's meeting on 28 May 2015, consideration was given to a request from Mr Vern McDonald to advocate to the New Zealand Transport Agency for the installation of a refuge right-turning land. Council resolved to do that³.
- 11.2 The New Zealand Transport Agency has agreed to do this work. A copy of the Agency's letter is attached as Appendix 7. A copy has been sent to Mr McDonald thanking him for his approach and advice to Council.

12 Proposed road closure

- 12.1 Club Targa has applied for partial road closures from 4.15 pm 29 October 2015 to 5.40 pm 30 October 2015 for five stages of the Targa Rally. Roads affected are:
- Mangahoe stage: Mangatipona, Turakina Valley, Mangahoe, Ongo, Aldsworth;
 - Taihape South stage: Wairanu, Torere, Pukeokahu;
 - Taihape North stage: Moawhango Valley, Pungatawa;
 - Gentle Annie West stage: Erewhon, Taihape-Napier;
 - Gentle Annie East stage: Taihape-Napier, Taihape.
- 12.2 The organisers are being informed that there are some dropouts on some sections of the route proposed to be used by the rally and there can be no guarantee that they will all be repaired by the time of the rally. Once the organiser has confirmed the route, Council's intention to allow these temporary road closures will be advertised. A copy of the current route is attached as Appendix 8 together with the application from Club Targa. Objections are due by noon on 28 August 2015. If any objections are received, it is suggested that they are considered and determined by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive.
- 12.3 Whatever the outcome of the objections process, a further public notice, in form B in Schedule 1 of the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, of the road closure must be made no later than 24 hours before the proposed period of closure.

13 Fee discounts and waivers to non-profit community organisations

Ratana Communal Board of Trustees

- 13.1 The Ratana Communal Board of Trustees has asked for a waiver of the building consent fee of \$670 for a three bay farm shed to provide safe and secured

³ 15/RDC/168.

storage for equipment and materials needed for ongoing maintenance work. The Board's letter is attached as Appendix 9. Council considered this matter at its meeting on 25 June 2015 and resolved to let it lie on the table until this meeting.⁴

- 13.2 Part of the work which the Board undertakes in the village is because of an agreement between the Board and the Council. The Board is a non-profit organisation registered with Charities Services.⁵

Blue Tie Ball

- 13.3 Jason Wing is organising a charity ball in the Marton Memorial Hall on 5 September 2015 to raise funds for the Westpac rescue helicopter. A Rangitikei resident, he was rescued last year after a serious quad bike mishap. He has asked for hireage fees (\$263.00) to be waived. His letter is attached as Appendix 10.
- 13.4 All users are normally required to pay a refundable bond (\$246.00), which has already been paid, and a refundable key deposit (\$50.00).
- 13.5 Recommendations for both applications are included.

14 Application of rates remission policy for land affected by natural calamity

- 14.1 Following the storm event in February 2004, Tamati Potaka made a claim against the Council that changes to the stormwater discharge in Goldfinch Street in 2003 caused significant damage to his land in the adjoining Aldridge Terrace. Reaching a resolution on the matter has been complex and slow, involving various engineers and judicial conferences.
- 14.2 It became apparent that a waiver/remission of rates could prove an acceptable basis for resolving the claim, thus offsetting the substantial costs associated with requested remediation works and associated legal costs. This approach is potentially within the scope of Council's rates remission policy for land affected by natural calamity because the issue arose as a result of the February 2004 storm event. However, the policy requires Council to set the criteria for remission with each event: for the February 2004 event this was limited to those residential properties subject to a no-habitation order during that time. A broader consideration was unnecessary because farms and businesses in the 'storm affected area' were allocated funds from the government. Confirmation from Council on applying the policy to this particular situation brings closure to the matter.

⁴ 15/RDC/201

⁵ Part of the Department of Internal Affairs. It was formerly the Charities Commission.

15 Charges for supply of untreated water in Taihape

- 15.1 At present there are 14 connections on properties which pay for untreated water before it reaches the Taihape reservoir. Last year, 10 paid \$1.40m³, while for four, on the Taihape Golf Club's property, were charged at \$0.41m³, in recognition of an easement for the pipeline. During 1923/24, when the pipeline was laid from the Hautapu River at Ngarekehu to the reservoir, the Taihape Borough Council granted easements over 12 properties which provided an entitlement to free water, but not for "wool-washing, irrigation of land and other similar operations involving any undue consumption of water nor for conversion into power, energy or light". One of these properties is land now owned by the Taihape Golf Club.
- 15.2 A recommendation is included to approve retaining the current charge of \$1.40m³ except where there are historical agreements for a lesser sum and to note this in the Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2015/16.

16 Staffing

- 16.1 Athol Sanson started on 13 July 2015 as Team Leader, Parks and Town Maintenance. The remaining team members start on 27 July 2015. They are: Andrew Astley, Ben Woolston, Doug Morris, Lesley Hardwidge and Peter Howard.
- 16.2 Alyssa Takimoana's contract as Office Assistant has been extended to 31 October 2015. Within the Infrastructure Services Shared Services staff David Miller (Asset Engineer – Utilities) finished on 30 June 2015 and Simon Leary (Project Engineer – Utilities) will finish on 24 July 2015.

17 Recommendations

- 17.1 That the report 'Administrative matters – July 2015' be received.
- 17.2 That regarding the Local Government Act (Greater Local Democracy) Amendment Bill, His Worship the Mayor informs the MP for Rangitikei, the MP for Napier and the Mayor of Napier City that the Rangitikei District Council

either
- 17.3 agrees with both proposals to make a poll mandatory for a final reorganisation proposal and to require that poll to succeed in each affected district or region

or
- 17.4 agrees with the proposal to make a poll mandatory for a final reorganisation proposal but considers that the poll should be taken over the whole of the affected area as is currently the case.

or

- 17.5 opposes both proposals and considers that the provisions in the current Act should remain.
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- 17.8 That, in terms of section 327A of the Local Government Act 1974, the building line restriction imposed on 26 Marumaru Street (lot 2 DP 64725) on 26 September 1972 by the Marton Borough Council be cancelled and the notice of cancellation be sent to the District Land Registrar.
- 17.9 That with respect to the building consent fee of \$670 charged to the Ratana Communal Board of Trustees for the erection of a farm storage shed, Council EITHER waives% of the fee OR declines the request for waiver.
- 17.10 That with respect to the application from Jason Wing to run a charity "Blue Tie Ball" in Marton Memorial Hall on 5 September 2015 to raise funds for the Westpac rescue helicopter, Council EITHER waives% of the hireage fee OR declines the request for waiver.
- 17.11 That, having regard for damage to Tamati Potaka's land in Aldridge Terrace (Taihape) during the February 2004 storm event, Council notes, and agrees, that providing a remission of rates and penalties to Tamati Potaka meets the conditions and criteria of Council's rates remission policy for land affected by natural calamity, and provides final resolution to the matter.

17.12 That the Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2015/16 include a normal charge for supply of untreated water in Taihape for 2015/16 as \$1.40m³ except where there are historical agreements for a lesser sum.

Ross McNeil
Chief Executive

Appendix 1



15 July 2015

File No: 3-OR-3-5

Scott Simpson
Chair
Local Government and Environment Committee
Parliament Buildings
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By email: select.committees@parliament.govt.nz

Dear Scott

Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Bill

The Rangitikei District Council thanks the Committee for the opportunity to comment on its interim report to Parliament, in particular the advice received from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) which attempts to find a better balance between personal safety and obligations (and costs) on building owners. Our comments follow the key issues contained in the Summary of the report from MBIE officials.

Commencement – Prescribed methodology – new sections 133AZ, 133AZA and 133AZB

- 1 The Council disagrees with MBIE's view that the content of regulations and methodology will not be detailed in the Bill. Given that MBIE officials recommend that the Bill be amended to provide that the methodology for the identification of earthquake-prone buildings must be made no later than one month after the Act comes into force, it would be a comparatively short delay to get this embedded (and therefore considered) within the Bill. Council's concern expressed in its initial submission to the Committee on this Bill remains unaddressed:

.....clause 23 proposes a new section 133AG [now 133AZ], which requires the Chief Executive [of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Enterprise] to set a methodology for territorial authorities to use for the purpose of carrying out the seismic capacity assessments. Section 133AH [now 133AZA] requires the Chief Executive "to do everything reasonably practical" to consult with territorial authorities and others likely to be substantially affected by setting of the methodology, the decision is for the Chief Executive to make, although Parliament could resolve to set the methodology aside: Section 133AI [now 133AZB] provides that this methodology is a disallowable instrument for the purposes of the Legislation Act 2012 and must be presented to Parliament under

section 41 of that Act. There is a clue to what will be required for the initial seismic assessments in the Guidance issued by MBIE in November 2013. This is very specific in requiring such assessments to be undertaken “by an experienced structural engineer who is competent in assessing the performance of a building during a seismic event”. If that remains the case, Council’s building inspectors won’t be permitted to do the work. That is a hugely significant matter in terms of giving effect to the Bill...

- 2 Since MBIE officials are already working on this methodology, there seems no reason why it cannot be included in the Bill itself. The argument that there is some uncertainty over the regulatory framework seems rather weak; it is more important that there is certainty for territorial authorities and building owners over what is to be prescribed, and that it cannot be quickly modified.

Definition of earthquake-prone building – new sections 133AA and AB

- 3 Council is pleased to see that the principle of “one-third as strong...” in the proposed repealed section 122 has been retained, although it is now more obscure: the new sections 133AB and 133AD need to be read in conjunction with the definition of “moderate earthquake” proposed by clause 43 in the Building (Specified Systems, Change the Use, and Earthquake-prone Buildings) Regulations 2005. However, clarification is needed regarding the potential risk of criminal prosecution under the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992. The Rangitikei District Council supports the view of the Joint Southern Councils that when a building is or has been remediated to 34%NBS, the Bill should provide for an indemnity for directors or owners of such buildings from actions by people who were harmed in some future event where such a building collapsed
- 4 Council agrees with the more targeted and risk-based approach proposed by MBIE in new section 133AA and the recommended exclusion of farm buildings, retaining walls, fences, monuments that cannot be entered, wharves, bridges, tunnels and storage tanks and the recommended inclusion of accommodation facilities like hostels and boarding houses where a number of people are likely to be in close proximity. However, to avoid uncertainty, it is suggested that this provision (new section 133AA(2)(a)) is made more specific so that it is limited to premises with two or more storeys and offering accommodation to more than (say) ten people.

Meaning of low, medium and high seismic risk – new sections 133ABB and 133AF(4)

- 5 Council supports the strong risk-based approach proposed by MBIE officials in adopting the Seismic Hazard Model (Appendix 2) to define areas of risk into high, medium and low. However, we consider that it is insufficient: regard needs to be had for the *density* of population in considering the *consequence* of building failure – where population is low, the risk of large number of people being killed also reduces.
- 6 Council suggests an overlay of urban areas with less than (say) 10,000 people would be an appropriate way to address this – i.e. a town of 7,000 people in a high risk area would be deemed, for the purpose of the Act, a medium risk area. Typically these will be the smaller territorial authorities: introducing this overlay provides more time for those territorial authorities to undertake the initial investigations, more time for building

owners to complete their remediation, and eases reporting requirements to MBIE – but without altering the perceived seismic risk assessment. Such a change (if agreed to) would be reflected in how new section 133AF(2) was given effect.

Earthquake-prone building assessments, outcome notices, the Earthquake-prone building register and seismic work notices – new sections 133AF to 133AI

- 7 The Council agrees with MBIE's view that seismic capacity (i.e. earthquake-prone building) assessments should not be made on all existing buildings within their districts. It is a better use of resources for territorial authorities to identify *potentially* earthquake-prone buildings (new section 133AF).
- 8 However, providing territorial authorities with discretion whether or not to apply using MBIE's methodology in the interests of considering buildings not identified through using the methodology (new section 133AF(1)(b)) is questionable. This has the risk of introducing inconsistency between territorial authorities or even within a particular council area. As noted above, we consider that the methodology should form part of the Bill. Its use should be mandatory and definitive. The discretion proposed for the identification does not appear to apply to the engineering assessments commissioned by building owners or to the subsequent determination by territorial authorities on that assessment.
- 9 Council considers that requiring building owners to provide engineering assessments is appropriate but the twelve months (new section 133AG(2)(g)) is unrealistic, and likely to prove costly. New sections 133AG(2)(h) and 133AI acknowledges this by allowing territorial authorities to grant one extension only of up to twelve more months. This is simply a reflection of the availability of people with the credentials to provide such assessments. Council appreciates why MBIE sees urgency in completing these assessments and suggests that new section 133AG(2)(g) is amended to require the assessments to be done within two years, leave new sections 133AG(2)(h) and 133AI as proposed and amend new section 133AJ(2) so that "by the due date" is "within two years of asking for the assessment".
- 10 Given the approach being recommended over those potentially earthquake-prone buildings for which owners decline to undertake engineering assessments, Council questions to need to give territorial authorities to have a discretionary power to undertake such assessments at the owner's expense (new section 133AH(3)(c)). There will be instances when the owner is satisfied that the building is earthquake-prone and that it will not be financially viable to strengthen it to the prescribed level. If this discretionary power is retained, Council considers that the building owner should not be charged if the engineering assessment undertaken by the Council confirms that the building is not earthquake-prone.
- 11 Council accepts the importance of regular reporting to MBIE (new section 133AF(2)), bearing in mind the point made above about easing these requirements as part of allowing an overlay for small urban centres, and supports the public availability of the EPB register. However, we are concerned that the proposed new section 275B allows – again by regulation (new section 401C(d)) – the Chief Executive of MBIE to restrict access without any criteria why this might happen. To clarify that this does not override the Official Information Act is not in itself a guarantee that all the information on the

register will be available. Council suggests that MBIE officials are asked to justify this proposal, particularly given that the information in the register is provided by territorial authorities.

Remediation timeframes – new sections 133AK, 133AL and 133AT

- 12 Council agrees with the proposal in new section 133AL to set timeframes aligned to the defined areas of risk (reiterating the previous point of a layer distinguishing urban centres with fewer than 10,000 people). The defining of priority buildings as ‘hospital buildings’, ‘school buildings’ and corridor buildings correctly targets those buildings which present the highest risk to public safety. We agree that remediation timeframes for such buildings should be shorter. However, Council questions the logic in new section 133AT for allowing territorial authorities discretion to allow longer remediation timeframes for heritage buildings, particularly those identified as priority buildings.

Exemptions from remediation requirements – new section 133AS

- 13 The recommendation to allow building owners to apply to territorial authorities for an exemption from remediation requirements is appropriate. MBIE officials recommend a purpose statement for the criteria to include location, age, construction type, building use and occupancy. However, Council believes that the criteria should be specified in the Bill and not in regulations. This provision is likely to be invoked in the country’s smaller rural towns – a purpose statement in the Bill is insufficient for such an important matter.
- 14 Council supports the proposed requirement for exempted buildings to display a certificate to this effect. However, we believe it is essential that territorial authorities and the owners of such buildings are indemnified from actions taken by people who were harmed in some future event where such a building collapsed.

Upgrades – new section 133AX

- 15 MBIE officials’ recommendation to allow waiver of upgrades for fire egress and/or accessibility represents a reasonable balance in the earthquake strengthening remediation work. However, there may be a need to provide guidance on the circumstances when such a waiver is reasonable, to ensure there is consistent application by territorial authorities.

Enforcement and offences – intended amendments to the Building (Infringement Offences, Fees and Forms) Regulations 2007 before the Bill commences

- 16 Council is pleased to see that infringement notices will apply to this legislation.

In summary, the Rangitikei District Council:

1. thanks the Committee for the opportunity to comment on the report from officials at the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and their recommendations;
2. asks the Committee to reject officials’ recommendations on commencement and instead recommend to Parliament that the Bill contains more detail on the content of

regulations and methodology (new sections 133AZ, 133AZA and 133AZB), including the characteristics for exemptions from remediation requirements (new section 133AS(3));

3. asks the Committee to consider an overlay across the Z-factor seismic hazard mapping (new section 133ABB) so that urban centres with fewer than 10,000 inhabitants and assessed as high or medium seismic risk are considered (respectively) as medium or low seismic risk in terms of the time requirements for identification of potentially earthquake-prone buildings (new section 133AF(4)) and of reporting to MBIE (new section 133AF(2));
4. asks the Committee not to include a discretion for territorial authorities to undertake an engineering assessment when the building owner has declined to do so (new section 133AH(3)(c));
5. asks the Committee to request justification from officials why a discretion (under regulations) is needed for the Chief Executive of MBIE to withhold access to information placed by territorial authorities on the Earthquake Prone Buildings Register (new section 275B and new section 401C(d));
6. asks the Committee to include in the Bill provisions which indemnify (i) directors and owners of property which is at or has been remediated to 34%NBS and (ii) territorial authorities when exercising the exemption provisions in new section 133AS;
7. supports officials' recommendations -
 - i. on the definition of earthquake-prone buildings (and the exclusion of farm buildings etc.) (new section 133AA) *but asks* the Committee to specify "2 or more storeys" and a minimum number of ten people accommodated in the new section 133AA(2)(a),
 - ii. to retain 34%NBS as the remediation level at which a building is deemed not earthquake-prone (new sections 133AB and AD and clause 43),
 - iii. that territorial authorities conduct preliminary investigations of 'potentially earthquake-prone' buildings rather than all buildings *but asks* the Committee to gain further clarification from MBIE officials why potentially earthquake-prone buildings would not be identified using the prescribed methodology (new section 133AF(1)(b)),
 - iv. that building owners are responsible for carrying out engineering assessments of buildings identified as earthquake-prone (new sections 133AF and 133AG) *but asks* the Committee to provide for the assessments to be provided within two years rather than one year (new section 133AG(2)(g)) and retain the possibility of a further one year extension approved by the territorial authority (new section 133AI),
 - v. that where building owners do not undertake an engineering assessment, such buildings are categorised at the lowest level of performance (new section 133AK(4)),

- vi. on remediation timeframes (new section 133AL), but questions the proposed discretion to allow longer remediation timeframes for class 1 heritage buildings (new section 133AT),
- vii. to give territorial authorities discretion to allow exemptions from remediation requirements (new section 133AS) *but* (as noted above) asks the Committee to recommend to Parliament that the criteria/characteristics for these exemptions are detailed in the Bill and not in regulations,
- viii. to allow dispensation from code fire egress and accessibility for upgrades to earthquake-prone buildings (new section 133AX), and
- ix. to clarify that an infringement regime will apply to the legislation (intended amendments to the Building (Infringement Offences, Fees and Forms) Regulations 2007.

I would appreciate the opportunity to talk with the Committee, if time allows.

Yours sincerely

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Andy Watson
Mayor of the Rangitikei District

Appendix 2

Local Government Act 2002 (Greater Local Democracy) Amendment Bill

Member's Bill

Explanatory note

General policy statement

The National Government repealed the need for referendums to be held prior to the amalgamation of local government bodies in 2012. This bill reinstates the requirement for a poll of affected electors in each district or region to ensure support for changes to the organisation of local authorities and restore the democratic right of constituents to participate in changes affecting them.

Clause by clause analysis

Clause 1 is the Title clause.

Clause 2 is the commencement clause and provides that the bill will come into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.

Clause 3 states that the bill amends the Local Government Act 2002.

Clause 4 amends Schedule 3 of the Act, which relates to the reorganisation of local authorities. Clause 24 is repealed, so that a petition is no longer required for holding a poll about a final proposal that provides for any of the following matters:

- the union of districts or regions:
- the constitution of a new district or region, including the constitution of a new local authority for that district or region:
- the abolition of a district or region, including the dissolution or abolition of the local authority for that district or region:
- the assumption by a territorial authority of the powers of a regional council.

Clause 25(1) is replaced with a subclause requiring a poll to be held in each district or region of the affected area. Clause 28(1) is amended so that a final proposal must not

proceed unless the majority of votes in each district or region of the affected area are in favour of the proposal.

Stuart Nash

Local Government Act 2002 (Greater Local Democracy) Amendment Bill

Member's Bill

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The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:

1 Title

This Act is the Local Government Act 2002 (Greater Local Democracy) Amendment Act **2015**.

2 Commencement

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This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent.

3 Principal Act

This Act amends the Local Government Act 2002 (the **principal Act**).

4 Schedule 3 amended

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(1) In Schedule 3, repeal clause 24.

(2) In Schedule 3, replace clause 25(1) with:

(1) If a final proposal has been issued under clause 21(1)(a) or (b), a poll of electors must be held in each district or region in the affected area to determine

whether or not the final proposal is to proceed and become a reorganisation scheme.

- (3) In Schedule 3, clause 28(1), after “poll”, insert “in each district or region of the affected area”.

Strikethroughs show section of the Bill proposed to be repealed

Underlines show sections proposed to be added.

24 ~~Petition to require poll~~

- ~~(1) If a final proposal has been issued under clause 21(1)(a) or (b), affected electors may demand a poll to determine whether or not the final proposal is to proceed and become a reorganisation scheme.~~
- ~~(2) A poll may be demanded under subclause (1) by a petition of 10% or more of affected electors enrolled in the district of a territorial authority.~~
- ~~(3) A petition must be in the prescribed form (if any).~~
- ~~(4) The Commission must, in the public notice of a final proposal under clause 22(1)(a), advise electors of—~~
 - ~~(a) the opportunity to demand a poll under this clause; and~~
 - ~~(b) the requirements relating to the submission of a petition under this clause; and~~
 - ~~(c) the date by which a petition must be received by the Commission, being the close of the 60th working day after the first publication of the notice under clause 22(1)(a); and~~
 - ~~(d) the affected area.~~
- ~~(5) Each person who signs a petition must state, against his or her signature, the person's name and address in sufficient detail to enable the person to be identified as an elector.~~
- ~~(6) The chief executive officer of the Commission must send a copy of the petition to the electoral officer of each affected territorial authority, and the electoral officers must advise the Commission, within the time frame required by the Commission, of—~~
 - ~~(a) the number of affected electors enrolled as eligible to vote in the district of the territorial authority; and~~
 - ~~(b) the number of those electors who have signed the petition; and~~
 - ~~(c) whether the number of those electors who signed the petition constitute 10% or more of the affected electors enrolled in the district of the territorial authority.~~
- ~~(7) To avoid doubt, a petition may not be started before a final proposal is issued.~~
- ~~(8) For the purposes of this subpart, **petition** means 1 or more petitions submitted to the Commission that relate to the same final proposal.~~

25 Poll to be held

- (1) If a final proposal has been issued under clause 21(1)(a) or (b), a poll of electors must be held in each district or region in the affected area to determine whether or not the final proposal is to proceed and become a reorganisation scheme. A poll of electors must be held in the affected area if the Commission is satisfied that the petition—
 - (a) is made in accordance with clause 24; and
 - (b) relates to the final proposal.
- (2) Except as otherwise provided in this Part, a poll under this clause must be held under the Local Electoral Act 2001 and the provisions of that Act apply, with any necessary modifications, to the conduct of the poll.
- (3) The Commission must ensure that 1 electoral officer is designated to conduct the poll and to declare the official result of the poll under clause 27.
- (4) The costs of the poll are to be apportioned among the affected local authorities on the basis of the number of affected electors on the electoral rolls of the affected local authorities.

26 Timing of poll

27 Official result of poll

28 Fate of proposal after poll

- (1) If more than 50% of the valid votes cast in the poll in each district or region are for a final proposal then clause 41 applies.
- (2) In every other case, the final proposal must not proceed.



27 July 2015

Mayor Andy Watson
Rangitikei District Council
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Marton 4741

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13 JUL 2015

To: **AWccMH**
File: **3-EP-3-8**
Doc: **15 0485**

Dear Mayor Andy Watson

My name is Stuart Nash and I am the Member of Parliament for Napier. I am writing to you in my capacity as the sponsor of a Private Members Bill that was drawn from the parliamentary ballot on the 25th June, and to seek your support for this proposed piece of legislation.

The Bill is the 'Local Government Act 2002 (Greater Local Democracy) Amendment Bill'. Please find a copy attached.

The substance of the Bill is that if the Local Government Commission releases a local council amalgamation/reorganisation plan, in order for it to proceed, there must be a majority vote for the proposal in each jurisdiction named in the plan.

The reason I am championing this legislative change is to prevent large councils forcing their will on smaller communities; and because this is, in my view, how local democracy should work.

In fact, the Bill just returns the Local Government Act back to how it was before the Government's 2012 amendments changed the conditions from a majority in each jurisdiction to a majority across the whole region.

A real life example is Hawke's Bay. As you are, no doubt, aware, the Local Government Commission released a reorganisation plan for the region, which will trigger a full governance amalgamation if there is a majority vote across the Wairoa, Napier, Hastings and Central Hawke's Bay council areas. My view (and those of three of the four mayors of the region) is that this is undemocratic. If, however, there was a majority vote for amalgamation in all four local council jurisdictions, then that is democracy in action and I would support the outcome.

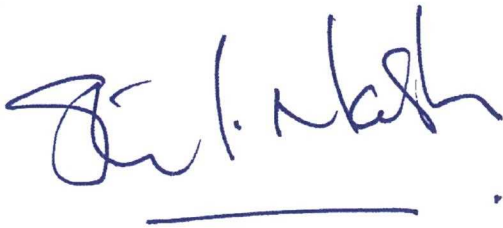
Opponents of this Bill say that this could mean a small community like Wairoa or CHB has the ability to scuttle a plan that is good for the whole region. My answer to that is if the people of Wairoa or CHB do not see merit in such a proposal (i.e. those proposing amalgamation have not presented a compelling business case and robust argument) then it shouldn't go ahead anyway.

As mentioned, I am seeking your support for this legislation. What I will do if you chose to offer your support, is use this information in order to convince minor parties that it would be good for them to vote with me on this Bill. For example, if 75% of New Zealand's mayors support these changes, that is a very compelling argument.

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I can be contacted at stuart.nash@parliament.govt.nz. If you are prepared to support this but do not want your name or jurisdiction mentioned, please let me know and I will promise to only use your support when compiling statistics that can never identify either you or your council area.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Nash', with a horizontal line underneath.

Stuart Nash
MP for Napier
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Att

Appendix 3

THE MANAWATU WANGANUI REGIONAL DISASTER RELIEF FUND TRUST

c/- Palmerston North City Council
Private Bag 11 034
PALMERSTON NORTH

8 July 2015

Andy Watson
Rangitikei District Council
Private Bag 1102
MARTON 4741

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10 JUL 2015

To: *RMccAN*
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Dear Andy

COUNCIL RESOLUTION TO EXEMPT TRUST FROM CCO STATUS

The Manawatu Wanganui Regional Disaster Relief Fund Trust (the Trust) asks your Council to pass a resolution to exempt the Trust from status as a council-controlled organisation by September 2015.

When the Trust was established in 2004, it was exempted from status as a council-controlled organisation because each of the local authorities appointing trustees passed a resolution to that effect.

Under the Local Government Act 2002, any exemption granted must be reviewed within three years of the date of the original grant, and after the first review, at intervals of not less than three years.

In September 2012, each of the local authorities who appointed trustees to the Trust passed the necessary resolution to continue the Trust's exempted status as a council-controlled organisation.

The Trust now asks your Council to pass another resolution, before the end of the calendar year, which should be as follows, or to similar effect:

That the exemption granted to the Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Disaster Relief Fund Trust from being a council-controlled organisation be confirmed, the Council noting that the Trust is a small organisation, that the nature and scope of its activities is limited and does, in the main, take place only after significant adverse events, and that there would be significant additional costs if the Trust were to be required to meet all the obligations of a council-controlled organisation.

Under the Local Government Act, councils have the power to grant such an exemption (and continue an exemption on review) for a small organisation, having regard to:

- (a) The nature and scope of the activities provided by the organisation; and
- (b) The cost and benefits, if an exemption is granted, to the local authority, the organisation, and the community.

The model recommendation above includes reasons for continuing an exemption, these being to reduce the administrative costs and thereby maximise the fund that may be paid or granted as relief to local authorities and other organisations, which in turn would then make payments or grants to individuals through their own relief fund.

For the reasons set out I therefore request that your Council passes the required resolution before the end of the September 2015. Please note that this must be passed at a Council meeting. A decision by a committee or chief executive will not suffice.

With thanks,
Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Linklater', written in a cursive style.

Eric Linklater
CHAIRPERSON

CC Ross McNeil

Appendix 4

IN THE MATTER of Part VIII of the
Public Works Act 1981

To: The Minister for Land Information

THE RANGITIKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL pursuant to Part VIII of the Public Works Act 1981 HEREBY CONSENTS to the Minister for Land Information declaring:

The road described in the Schedule hereto to be stopped and amalgamated in the land contained in Computer Freehold Register WN38B/612 pursuant to sections 116, 117 and 120(3) Public Works Act 1981.

Dated at MARTON this day of 2015

SIGNED on behalf of

Rangitikei District Council

By: _____

(Ross McNeil)

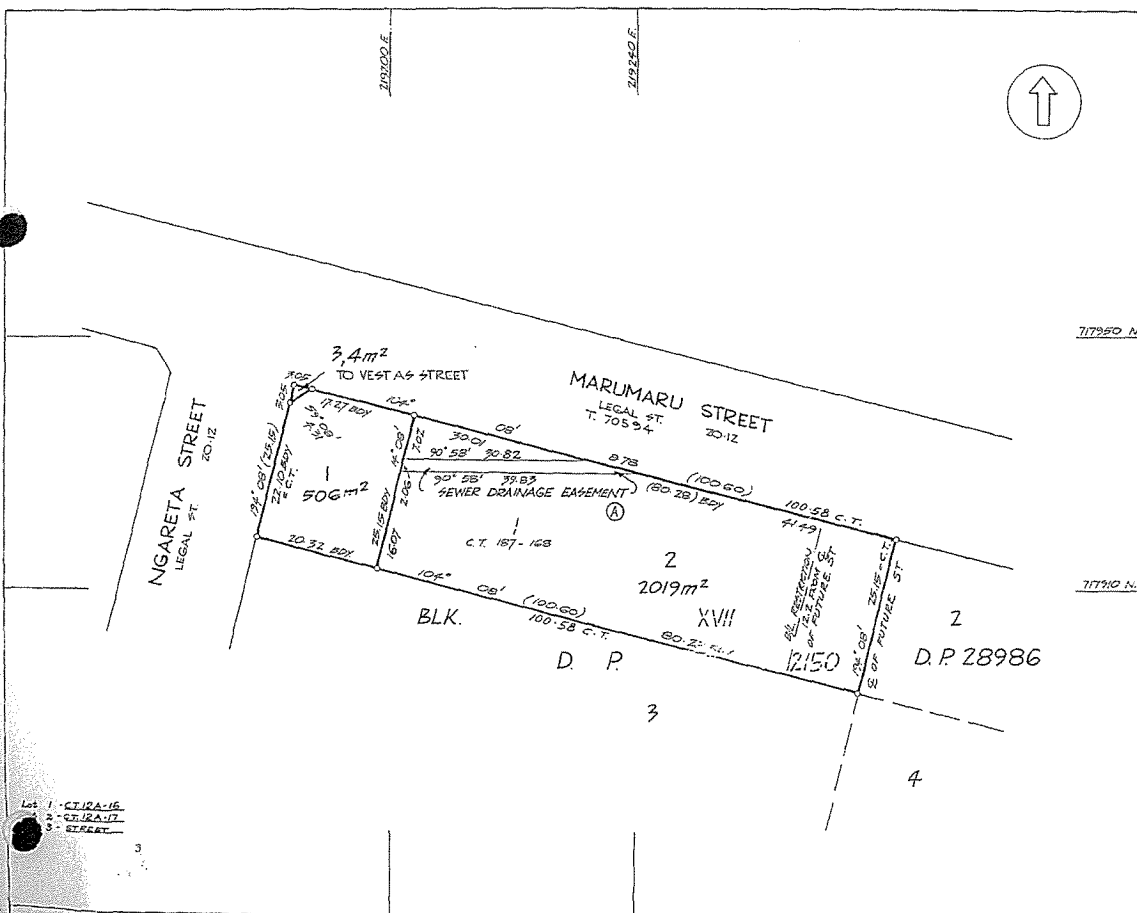
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Appendix 5



APPROVED

F. Carlson
REGISTERED OWNER

For want of resolution passed on 20-9-73
Mayor, councillors, citizens Borough of
subject to the creation of the Building
line Plan, subject to the granting of
reserving of the Easement shown with N.O.E.
Mayor, councillors, citizens
Borough of Marton Marton
Borough Council

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MEMORANDUM OF EASEMENTS

LOT	ESTER	SERVIENT TENEMENT	DOMINANT TENEMENT
1	2	A	LOT 2 (P1)
2	1	A	LOT 1

2529 m²

(compulsory in C.T. 187-188 ALL)

I, STANLEY RICH of MARTON
Registered Surveyor and holder of an annual practicing certificate
hereby certify that the plan has been made from Surveys executed
by me or under my direction, that both plan and Survey are correct
and have been made in accordance with the regulations under the
Surveyors Act 1958

Dated at MARTON this 5TH day of MARCH 1973 Signed *[Signature]*

Field Book 3919 p 49-50 Traverse Book 307 p 247
Reference Plans D.P. 2150, 20965, 31672,
209986

Examined *[Signature]* Corroborated *[Signature]* 24-2-73

Approved as to Survey *[Signature]*
24-2-73 Chief Surveyor

Deposited this *[Signature]* day of *[Signature]* 24-2-73
District Land Registrar

File Received Instructions

40305

LAND DISTRICT WELLINGTON
SURVEY BLK. & DIST. III RANGITOTO
NZMS 177 SHEET NO. N. 14-3

LOTS 1-3 BEING SUBDIVISION OF LOT 1
BLK. XVII D.P. 2150.

LOCAL AUTHORITY MARTON BOROUGH
Surveyed by WALL, BOGLE, PAYNE & RICH
Scale 1:400 Date FEB 1973

Appendix 6

Population of Taihape and Pahiatua		
Location	Taihape	Pahiatua
Total population 2013 census	1509 declined since 2006	2000 declined since 2006
% aged over 65	15.6	21%
% aged under 15	20.8	22

The idea of the trip is to provide examples of two different but equally impressive Multisport Parks (Hubs). The Pahiatua model could be considered the big picture long term vision whereas the Levin (Playford Park/Taitoko) model is a functioning hub that may (or may not) eventually take the form of the Bush Hub. The Levin model does offer us the opportunity to look at the multiuse amenity/change room complex as well as a functioning in ground irrigation system operating over several sports fields.

We were met in Pahiatua by the past Chairman (current Board member) of the Bush Multisport Trust Clinton Gunn who gave an honest account of the positive and challenging issues faced by the Trust in developing and administering the site.

In Levin the group was met by the Mayor (Brendan Duffy), Councils Parks Officer and the Councils Turf contractor.

Bush Multisport Park in Pahiatua:

The Bush Multisport Park opened in April 2004, becoming the major hub for sporting activities and events in the Tararua District. It is comprised of two sections of land the first and biggest 7.5 ha comprise sports fields and a range of Club buildings as well as the main event centre. The second section across the road from the main area is about 0.75 ha and comprises artificial field/courts for hockey netball and tennis.

We saw firsthand a working example of a fully developed and functioning Sports hub. This example could be considered the ultimate vision in terms of Sports hubs, and given the demographics of Pahiatua it is conceivable that this model could one day function in similar way in Taihape.

Stadium Pahiatua and Park	Turf and Pavilion	Clubs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Athletic Track (during summer) · Artificial Cricket Wicket · Basketball Courts x2 · Changing Rooms x6 · Conference Room · Exercise Room · Grass Roots Pre-School Gym · Gym · Indoor Netball Courts x2 · Modern Lounge, Bar and Kitchen · Outdoor Fitness Track (1km Circuit) · Rugby/ Rugby League Fields x3 · Squash Courts x2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Conference Room · Exercise Room · Full Size Hockey Turf · Modern Kitchen · Soccer Field · Tennis & Netball Courts x6 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bush Athletics 2. Pahiatua Badminton 3. Pahiatua Basketball 4. Bush Cricket 5. Pahiatua Twilight Cricket 6. Pahiatua Junior Football 7. Bush Harriers 8. Bush Senior Indoor Hockey 9. Bush Primary Indoor Hockey 10. Bush Primary Outdoor Hockey 11. Bush Women's Hockey 12. Bush Junior Netball 13. Bush Senior Netball 14. Bush Social Netball 15. Bush Junior Rugby 16. Bush Senior Rugby 17. Tararua Squash Club 18. Pahiatua Tennis Club 19. Pahiatua Junior Touch

¹ This background information was provided for the bus tour participants reference.

The Second Sports hub visited was the Taitoko Sports Hub based at Playford Park, in Levin.

While the demographics for Levin don't compare to either Taihape or Pahiatua, the reason for this visit was a good example of a different form of sports hub that doesn't offer a dedicated main function centre sports complex but has been developed around the concept of shared use of existing facilities including those of the (Waiopahu) College across the road from Playford Park.

Background to the Playford Park (Taitoko) Sports Hub

The Horowhenua District Council and representatives of the Playford Park user community had been discussing options and possible plans for improvements at Playford Park for a number of years. The broad focus of these discussions had been on implementing a range of facility developments. Associated with these developments is an intention to enhance the value of Playford Park as a regional sports hub by developing a mutually beneficial working relationship between Council, formal sports users, the wider community and Waiopahu College.

Some of the broad outcomes sought from this enhanced relationship included:

- Optimized use of indoor and outdoor facilities at Playford Park and Waiopahu College for competition games, training and development.
- Use of Playford Park and Waiopahu College for larger scale events.
- Closer links between Council, clubs and the College.
- Better use of sports facilities within Playford Park and the wider precinct (including the College).

This project (to date) has resulted in Playford Park being transformed into a sports hub with shared facilities across the Park and within Waiopahu College.

The Horowhenua District Council contributed \$1.2M towards this project and community fundraising raised a total of \$325,000, of which \$45,000 was from donated goods and services in kind.

The combination of the Playford Park and Waiopahu College assets created a multisport complex that boasts the following facilities:

- 7 Senior sports fields;
- 6 Junior sports fields;
- 8 Unisex changing rooms;
- Onsite and Roadside parking;
- New floodlights designed for Sports training;
- International Standard Softball Diamond;
- 2 artificial Cricket wickets;
- A synthetic Court training surface;
- Upgrading and extending the field irrigation.
- Joint use access to existing Clubrooms
- Access (by request) to the Colleges building assets including the Hall, Gymnasium, Cafeteria, courts, Change rooms etc.

The benefits of the partnership/collaboration between the various user Groups, Council and the College has also led to other tangible results. These have included substantial savings for Council and the College when it has come to capital development work. Both the Council and the College have saved tens of thousands of dollars as a direct result of firstly the MoU signed by both parties followed by a more specific "shared use" agreement signed by Council and the MoE shortly after.

Appendix 7

10 July 2015

RECEIVED

Palmerston North Office
Private Bag 11777
Palmerston North 4442
New Zealand
www.nzta.govt.nz

Ross McNeil
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Private Bay 1102
Marton 4741

16 JUL 2015
To: R Mc
File: 6-RT-6-4
Doc: 15 0489

Dear Ross

Williamsons Line Safety Improvements

Thank you for passing on the Council request to improve safety at the intersection between Williamsons Line and State Highway 3 and forwarding Mr McDonalds suggestion of a right turn lane at this spot.

A short time after the crash, the engineers from our network contractor (Higgins) reviewed the crash site to see what the road conditions were at the time of the crash. We undertake a review of all fatal state highway crash sites. The review noted that improvements to the Williamsons Line intersection and Santoff Road are included in the 2015-16 minor safety programme. The improvements scheduled include a right turn bay, street lighting review and removing hazards from the roadside.

The minor safety programme has been confirmed for the 2015-16 year and includes \$164,000 worth of improvements to this intersection.

If you wish to discuss this further feel free to contact Dan Tate the Senior Safety Engineer for the region. He can be reached on 06 953 6070 or dan.tate@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



David McGonigal
Highway Manager

Appendix 8



INTENTION TO CLOSE ROAD TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

PURSUANT to Section 342 (b) and the Tenth Schedule of the Local Government Act 1974, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, the Rangitikei District Council intends to consider closing the roads as listed below for the purpose of permitting Targa New Zealand to conduct the Targa Rally between 29 – 30 October 2015

Roads to be closed:

Stage Name – Mangahoe 29 Oct 15 4.15pm – 8.15pm

Mangatipona Road - at intersection with Okirae & Kauangaroa Roads

Turakina Valley Road – from Mangatipona Rd to Mangahoe Rd

Mangahoe Road – from Turakina Valley Rd to Ongo Rd

Ongo Road – from Turakina Valley Rd to Aldsworth Road

Aldsworth Road - from Ongo Rd to intersection with Silverhope Bush Rd

Stage Name – Taihape South 30 Oct 15 10.40am – 2.40pm

Wairanu Road – at intersection with Gorge Rd

Torere Road – from Wairanu Rd to Pukeokahu Rd

Pukeokau Road – to intersection with Moawhango Valley Rd

Stage Name – Taihape North 30 Oct 15 11.05am – 3.05pm

Moawhango Valley Road – from intersection with Hiwera Rd to Pungatawa Rd

Pungatawa Road – from Moawhango Valley Rd to Spooners Hill Rd

Stage Name - Gentle Annie West 30 Oct 15 12.40pm – 4.40pm

Erewhon Road – from Wherehere Rd to Taihape-Napier Rd

Taihape-Napier Road – to intersection with Mangaohane Rd

Stage Name – Gentle Annie East 30 Oct 15 1.40pm – 5.40pm

Taihape-Napier Road - at intersection with Mangaohane Rd

Taihape Road – from Taihape-Napier Rd to River Rd/Glenross Rd intersection

Any person objecting to the proposals is called upon to lodge notice of his/her objection and grounds thereof in writing, before 4.00 pm, Friday 28 August 2015, at the office of the Rangitikei District Council, Private Bag 1102, Marton 4741.

Should the Rangitikei District Council decide to close the said roads, a public notice shall be given.

Ross McNeil
Chief Executive

July 16, 2015

Rangitikei District Council
46 High St,
Marton 4710

Dear Rangitikei District Council



PO Box 72 502
Papakura, Auckland
Tel: 09 298 8322
Mb: 021 242 9095
Fax: 09 298 8266
E-mail: eventmanager@targa.co.nz

REF: Application for Road Closure(s), for the Targa New Zealand 2015 Event.

Club Targa Incorporated proposes the attached closures under the Tenth Schedule, Paragraph 11(e) of the Local Government Act 1974 066

Although Council may close roads under the Tenth Schedule without calling for objections, we would like the opportunity for public comment to remain in place. This system has worked well over many years and we feel that the good relationship Club Targa has established with the residents of the district could suffer if that right was withdrawn.

Club Targa's initial consultation will inform residents of the proposed time and date of the road closure application. We prefer to start this as soon as possible.

Club Targa wishes to be advised of any comments regarding the closure that Council may receive from residents or businesses, in order to re-consult with them to achieve a mutually satisfactory agreement.

Upon Council approving the Closure Applications, Road Closure Signage will be erected on the proposed roads no sooner than 21 days prior to the event date to advise users of the impending closure. Any new comments will be handled by Club Targa Inc, with Council being advised of the outcome.

A reminder letter will be dropped to residents on the affected roads reminding them of the closure 7 - 21 days before the Targa event. This final letter will detail Emergency Procedures should an emergency situation arise. **An emergency 0800 number** will be published enabling residents to contact the organisers during the road closure in the event of an emergency. The competition can then be stopped so that appropriate procedures can take place. Medical staff are located at the start of each 'stage' on the closed road and are there to render assistance if required. The letter will also advise of Club Targa's commitment to repairing any property damage that may occur.

In addition, written correspondence will be made to all transport operators, dairy companies, rural delivery, utilities, schools, bus operators and associated organization's that could be affected by the closure, including Police, Fire Service and St John. Every effort is made to enable local schools / community groups to benefit from our event by initiating them to hold fundraising activities.

With this in mind could we suggest the following timetable:

- ❖ Club Targa visits residents as soon as possible.
- ❖ "Proposal Public Notice" to be published no later than 60 days before event.
- ❖ Comments to be received within 14 days.
- ❖ Council decision finalised no later than 44 days before the event.
- ❖ Advise Club Targa of the decisions no later than 30 days before the event.
- ❖ The "Road Closure" public notice" is published no less than 14 days before the event.
- ❖ Club Targa to carry out resident mail drop advice and erect "Notice of Event" signs 7-21 days before event.

The Targa New Zealand Motoring Event takes the form of a timed trial event, with cars leaving at 30 second and one minute intervals, (slowest car first). Each car is timed from start to finish. The closed roads will be under the control of experienced officials at the start and finish venues. All side roads will be taped and marshaled to ensure all vehicles and or spectators remain off the closed stage. Only Tarmac roads are used with all competing vehicles road legal (ie: rally tyres are not permitted).

The following safety measures for the event include:

- ❖ All area emergency services and their communication centres are informed of the Event.
- ❖ Full radio communications between start and finish points including medics, police and Targa Base.
- ❖ MotorSport New Zealand Public Liability Insurance cover of \$10,000,000.00.
- ❖ A St John Ambulance Officer and/or a MIV type vehicle will be located at the start of each 'stage' along with additional MIV vehicles in a roaming capacity.
- ❖ All closed roads will be cleared for safety purposes by official vehicles equipped with flashing lights and/or a siren before the 'stage' can commence.
- ❖ Closed roads re-open behind the official stage Safety Clearance Vehicle "SWEEP" vehicle who immediately follow the last competing vehicle.

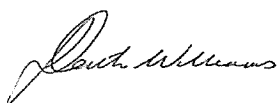
Advertising Criteria:

- ❖ **Only local papers** are to be used. We have found that on rural roads these papers have the best coverage.
- ❖ If the cost of advertising exceeds \$500 collectively written confirmation must be sort from Club Targa Inc.
- ❖ We ask that each advertisement be kept to the minimum size possible (200mm by 2 columns) by the elimination of repetition, and use of abbreviation. This size we have found to be adequate for communicating up to 6 Road Stage Closure Applications. Smaller Closure Applications generally only require 1 column width.
- ❖ Club Targa can supply examples of past event advertisements if required.

Please confirm receipt of this application.

Thank you for your assistance and we look forward to your reply.

Kind Regards,



Keith Williams
Event Manager
Targa NZ
Tel: 09 298 8322
Mb: 021 242 9095

Appendix 9

*Kororia, Honore, Hareruia kia Ihoa o nga Mano, Arepa, Omeka,
Piriwiritua, Hamuera ko te Mangai kei roto aia nei, ake nei . . . Ae!*

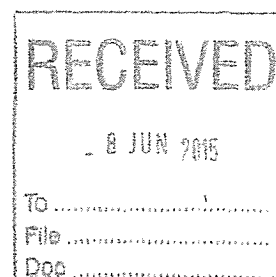
RATANA COMMUNAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PO BOX 4
RATANA PAA

Ref 631

2nd June 2015

Rangitikei District Council
Private Bag 1102
MARTON

Tena Koutou



RE : BUILDING CENSENT FARM SHED

With reference to the above we convey the following.

The Board is establishing a fenced depo located at 4 Te Taihauauru Street, behind the old Post Office building. The area measures approximately 28 x 19 metres with a 1.8 metre high fence.

We are purchasing a three bay Farm Shed for the site from Versatile and seek a waiver for the building permit fee. Versatile are supplying and installing the Farm Shed. The fee would be helpful towards further works required in the site and or maintenance in other areas of the community.

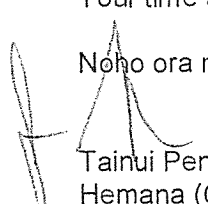
In consideration we convey the following :

1. Ratana Communal Board is non profit organisation registered with Charities Commission with a nil tax exemption.
2. The purpose of the board is to maintain assets of the church within the community this consists of Temple, Manuao (Marae building), Historic House, Private Cemetery, including all green space areas.
3. The work of the board is undertaken with donations either in kind or financially from ratepayers and followers of the Church.
4. The board receives an annual grant to maintain areas under specification and jurisdiction of RDC.
5. All monies gained by the board are invested back into developing the community and purchasing capital expense items such as replacing mowers etc.

The functionality of this depo will provide a safe and secured area for storing equipment and stock piling materials for ongoing maintenance work.

Your time and consideration of this is appreciated.

Noho ora mai


Tainui Pene
Hemana (Chairman).

.....no reira ko te Mangai hei tautoko mai aiane ai akenei ae!

Appendix 10

Jason Wing
74 Virginia Road
Wanganui
Email: martonbluetieball@gmail.com

Ph. 027 453 9466

"Let's keep the Rescue Helicopter flying..."

Dear Ross,

I am Jason Wing and last year the Rescue Helicopter saved my life.

Last year I was involved in a serious quad bike accident on our family farm near Marton, breaking both my legs, spiral fracturing my left femur and snapping my right at the hip, requiring immediate assistance from the Rescue Helicopter.

I am organising a charity ball to raise funds for this much needed service and I need your help.

I am asking for the generosity of local businesses to donate a product or a service to be included in a live auction at the "Marton Blue Tie Ball". We have hired the Marton Memorial Hall from the 4th to the 6th September 2015 as the venue for this event.

The ball will be held on 5th September 2015, with 100% of all funds raised going directly to the Rescue Helicopter. There will be catered food and live band "Greenfloor" from Wanganui playing, along with the auction to ensure an evening of entertainment and fun all in aid of a worthy cause.

As this is a charity event we are hoping the Rangitikei Council will subsidise the use of the hall for these dates.

Feel free to contact me on the above phone number or email address.

Yours Sincerely

Jason Wing

You can read more about my story here at rescue.org.nz

Attachment 4

REPORT

SUBJECT: **Future management of cleaning of Council properties**

TO: Council

FROM: Gaylene Prince, Community & Leisure Services Team Leader

DATE: 21 July 2015

FILE: 5-CM-1-911

1 Current situation

- 1.1 With the exception of one part-time, fixed term employment position (para. 1.8), the cleaning of Council properties is presently outsourced as one district-wide contract:
- 1.2 This is Contract 911 – \$161,728.00, plus GST, per annum. For the past three years, it is estimated that the purchase of materials (para 1.5 and 1.6) and extra cleans have averaged an additional \$39,930 per annum, taking the total contract payment to just over \$200,000 per annum.
- 1.3 This contract commenced 1 November 2010 and expires at 31 October 2015. There is no right of renewal.
- 1.4 Broadly, the cleaning specifications include cleaning of the entire interior (plus exterior portions as described), inclusive of public toilet facilities. The specifications will be reviewed (and will take into consideration the requirement for ‘extra cleans’) to ensure any improvements and/or savings are captured.
- 1.5 The contractor presently supplies all plant, labour and required materials e.g. soap, disinfectants, and cleaning agents; however, toilet paper, paper towels and paint (to cover graffiti) are then invoiced to the Council.
- 1.6 The current contract price schedule does not separate costs for the supplied cleaning consumables and labour; so, while a comparable cost for the consumables has not been obtained, Council has received a value proposition package from a current council supplier. This suggests the invoiced materials (e.g. toilet paper, hand towels) could be obtained directly from the supplier with a saving of approximately 40% per stock item. These invoiced materials presently add approximately 8% to the value of the contract.
- 1.7 Current site locations are:
- Marton:**
1. Council Administration building, High St
 2. Library, High St
 3. Plunket building Restrooms, High St
 4. Public Toilets, Lower High St
 5. Memorial Hall, Wellington Rd

Bulls:

6. Public Toilets, Bulls Domain
7. Public Toilets, Wallace Development
8. Bulls Information Centre and Public Toilets, Bridge St
9. Bulls Library, High St
10. Bulls Town Hall, High St

Huntermville

11. Public Toilets, High St

Taihape

12. Town Hall building (including hall, public toilets, library, information centre, offices etc.)
13. Public Toilets, Tui St
14. Public Toilets, Memorial Park.

Mangaweka Town Hall is also cleaned on an 'as required' basis.

- 1.8 In September 2014, it was agreed that the Sir James Wilson Park toilet block would be opened. This was on a trial basis, and a local person was employed in a temporary, part-time position with the expiry date in line with the expiry of the district-wide cleaning contract.

2 Background

- 2.1 Up until 1999, the cleaning was done by various local people who were employed on individual contracts.
- 2.2 From 1999 until 2004, contracts were awarded on a two yearly basis for three geographically defined areas. In 2004, it was determined that the contract term be extended to three years, and at that time, although the geographical split was still offered, the three contracts were awarded to the same company.
- 2.3 In 2007 and 2010, the contracts were awarded on a districtwide basis. In 2010, Council invited Requests for Information, and as part of that process, identified that it was open to considering registrations of interest on a town by town basis from suitably qualified operators. Six submissions were received, and all expressed interest in a district-wide contract only.

3 Section 17A Local Government Act 2002

- 3.1 Section 17A(1) of the Local Government Act 2002 requires a local authority to review the cost-effectiveness of current arrangements for meeting the needs of communities within its district or region for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions. The first round of reviews must be completed by 8 August 2017.
- 3.2 The prescribed frequency is at least every six years (but within two years before expiry of any contract). It allows for an opt-out if potential benefits do not justify the cost of undertaking the review. It does not seem appropriate to rely on that provision in considering the most cost-effective arrangement for undertaking maintenance of parks, reserves and town centres.
- 3.3 The review is required to consider (at least) the following options:

- a. The local authority exercising responsibility over governance, funding and delivery
 - b. The local authority exercising responsibility over governance and funding with responsibility for delivery being delegated to a council controlled organisation, and other local authority, or another person or agency.
- 3.4 For the second option, delegating delivery to another local authority is currently not feasible, since our two neighbours currently contract out this activity. The scale of business does not warrant the formation of a Rangitikei-specific council controlled organisation, although potentially it could be one servicing a number of councils. So the practical element of this option is one or more contracts for service.
- 3.5 This report addresses both options.

4 Options

- 4.1 Seek tenders for a new whole-of-District contract (including Sir James Wilson Park). This option is more likely to be secured by a national contractor rather than a local one due to their capacity to undertake the work and ability to offer a competitive price. Local residents have been employed by the current, and past, national contractors. Three tenders were received in 2010 in the price range of \$137,000 - \$238,000 per annum. The market appears competitive with expressions of interest having already been expressed.

It is suggested that a shorter term (two years) provides better value in terms of reviewing specifications for improvements and savings.

The purchase of consumables could be via the Council purchase order system. An order would be issued by the Council to a preferred supplier for a set value, with the consumables sent directly to the contractor. This would allow the Council the benefits of a value proposition package, as well as being able to determine the quality of the consumables, and would provide an indication of the stock usage, and hence the usage of the public toilet facilities in particular.

A second option is that the contract be inclusive of all materials. As Council does not have 'the bigger picture' with regard to the quantity of materials used, it is possible that this may not offer the best value proposition for Council.

- 4.2 Seek tenders for several geographically defined contracts. Since 2004 district-wide contracts have been preferred by the contractors, however Requests for Information could seek feedback for interest on this option.
- 4.3 In-house delivery - Council would employ personnel and purchase equipment/plant. This would require a greater supervisory role from Council. It would result in an initial capital expenditure for equipment, and necessitate an adequate team to cover absences – particularly for public toilets that are cleaned twice daily. The present Contractor has a team of five, plus other staff available to provide cover as required.

It is estimated, based on likely staffing, that margins on staff are very small: in the range of between 5.15% (\$8,328) and 14.63% (\$23,668) per annum. With the payment of days in lieu, and time and a half for statutory days, these amounts are likely to be less.

It is also suggested that with the implementation of the new mixed delivery method for Parks and Reserves, that present staffing resources would be stretched to implement a second in-house delivery method at this time.

4.4 Mixed delivery – a combination of contracting out and in-house. A suggested model could be:

- To contract out (as one contract, or separately):

1. All properties aside from the three toilet blocks located on parks

- Bring in-house:

1. Bulls Domain Public Toilets
2. Wilson Park Public Toilets
3. Memorial Park Public Toilets

The job description of the parks team would allow for them to undertake this duty, however as this would be commencing only three months after commencement of the mixed Parks and Town maintenance delivery method, it is suggested this option may be better considered at a future time. The in-house Parks team's initial focus will be on maintaining and then developing parks and gardens etc.

4.5 Both contracting out and in-house options have their advantages and disadvantages, as charted in [Appendix 1](#) to this report, but it is acknowledged that:

Contracting out works better when:

- Definition is clear as to what is required – physically, and the effect.
- The result is measurable.
- True competition exists in the market – 3+ tenders
- Significant changes in the level of service or volume of work need to take place from time to time.

In house works better when:

- Small changes to the scope of work need to take place
- Flexibility and control are important.
- Activity knowledge and sense of ownership/pride is important.

5 Conclusion

5.1 At this time, it is suggested that the most cost effective and productive means of supplying the cleaning for all council properties would be by contractors. While national contractors typically employ local people, allowing potential contractors to specify one or all locations would increase the scope for local ownership.

5.2 To enable the Council to obtain a better picture of the quantity of product consumed, the purchase of consumables directly by Council purchase order system would appear to be the best way to gain this and to also obtain a value proposition.

6 Recommendations

6.1 That the 'Future management of cleaning of council properties' report be received and noted as constituting a review of delivery of services under section 17A Local Government Act 2002.

6.2 EITHER

6.2.1 That the Council seek tenders for a new whole-of-District Cleaning of Properties contract, including Sir James Wilson Park, to start from 1 November 2015, and that the contract be for a period of two years.

OR

6.2.2 That the Council seek tenders for several geographically defined contracts allowing tenders to cover one, some or all of the contracts, with the new contracts to start from 1 November 2015, to include Sir James Wilson Park, and to be for a two year period.

OR

6.2.3 That from 1 November 2015 the Council provides property cleaning through a mixed delivery arrangement.

OR

6.2.4 That from 1 November 2015 the Council provides property cleaning through an in-house delivery arrangement.

AND if the Council determines that cleaning of council properties be carried out by means of contracting:

6.3 EITHER

6.3.1 That Cleaning and stock consumables be purchased by Council purchase order system.

OR

6.3.2 That the contract be inclusive of all cleaning and stock consumables.

Gaylene Prince
Community & Leisure Services Team Leader

The case for contracting out vs internal delivery

1 Contracting out

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. One stop shop – contractor is expected to handle all relevant issues2. Guaranteed level of service (with penalties applied if non-performing).3. Certainty of normal costs over contract period4. Staff overhead confined to administration5. Availability of additional staffing support/Specialised back up support6.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Lack of flexibility – if not in the contract it won't be done.2. Not readily associated with Council (even though managing Council facilities).3. Staff loyalty/commitment is to contractor.4. Likely to be national contractor rather than local

2 Internal delivery

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ownership –vested interest, including in security of building and equipment2. Pride3. Stability for staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Vulnerable to recruitment market and staffing changes2. Limited control of staffing levels3. Need to contract in in specialist expertise (e.g. high window/ceiling cleaning, carpet cleaning, deep cleaning of toilets)

Attachment 5

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council

FROM: Katrina Gray

DATE: 23 July 2015

SUBJECT: **Draft Submission - National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry**

FILE: 2-EA-2-1

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is consulting on a proposed National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry (NES-PF). The purpose of the NES Forestry is to increase consistency of forestry regulation throughout New Zealand and remove “*unwarranted variation*”, increasing certainty and consistency, while decreasing unnecessary costs for forestry owners and operators.
- 1.2 Discussions about the NES-PF were held with the Policy/Planning Committee in June. The outcomes of this discussion have been incorporated into the draft submission attached as Appendix 1.

2 Context

- 2.1 The concept of a NES-PF has been present for a number of years. The Ministry for the Environment (MfE) led a consultation processes in 2010-11. There were a large number of concerns raised through this process by both the forestry industry and local authorities, including, but not limited to:

- appropriateness for small foresters,
- appropriateness for the farm forestry section,
- the quality of the environmental assessment tools, and
- concern over increased stringency.

As a result, the proposed NES-PF was not progressed further.

- 2.2 The current proposal has been developed by MPI in consultation with MfE, forestry companies, regional and district councils and environmental organisations.

3 How does it work?

- 3.1 The proposed NES-PF provides a single set of rules under which plantation forestry would be managed throughout New Zealand. It covers the following forestry activities: afforestation, pruning and thinning-to-waste, earthworks, river crossings, forestry quarrying, harvesting, mechanical land preparation and replanting.

- 3.2 The NES-PF seeks to regulate forestry activities based on the level of risk they pose to the environment. Activities which are likely to have a low or moderate risk to the environment are permitted (with conditions), while activities which have a high risk to the environment will require resource consent. The draft proposal has the vast majority of activities as permitted.
- 3.3 There are a number of identified circumstances where local authorities would be able to apply more stringent rules. The circumstances which are applicable for Rangitikei District Council are:
- Places and areas of significant cultural or heritage value.
 - Outstanding natural features or landscapes.

4 The process

- 4.1 The current consultation process is focused on a proposed idea; the draft rules provided in the consultation document are yet to be formally drafted (so could look different in the final NES-PF).
- 4.2 Following the consultation process MPI will prepare a summary of the submissions, which will contribute to a report containing recommendations to the Minister for the Environment. An evaluation report will then be prepared under section 32 of the Resource Management Act 1991. This is expected to be provided to the Minister by late 2015.
- 4.3 If the Minister decides to proceed with the NES-PF, the necessary regulations will be formally drafted and the Minister will recommend to the Governor-General that the NES be made by Order in Council. In that case, the regulations would be notified in the New Zealand Gazette early next year and come into force during the following 6-12 months (i.e. before the end of 2016 or early 2017).

5 Who is responsible?

- 5.1 MPI will be the responsible agency for the development, implementation and ongoing monitoring of the NES PF.
- 5.2 However, it will be the responsibility of the territorial authorities and regional councils to enforce and monitor the rules. If implemented, the provisions would replace the existing rules in the existing Rangitikei District Plan 2013 (and the Horizons One Plan). A plan change process would need to be completed as soon as practical to reflect these changes.
- 5.3 Rangitikei District Council will also need to monitor permitted activity standards and may be required to report back to MPI.

6 Comment

- 6.1 The current proposal appears to have broad support from both the forestry industry and local authorities. The Farm Forestry Association generally supports the proposal

and supports increasing best practice and good stewardship of the environment. The NES-PF means that local authorities are not regulating the forestry industry.

- 6.2 However concerns have been raised that the NES-PF favours overseas forestry interests. In addition, Council's own forestry consultants have concerns regarding whether such central government control is helpful. They believe that the current provisions under the One Plan and the Rangitikei District Plan are working well, and the NES-PF will increase compliance costs.
- 6.3 A weakness in the proposed NES-PF is allowing existing use rights to apply to harvested forest areas which are replanted within five years. The conditions on the risks from wilding, setback and erosion for afforestation are not duplicated for replanting.
- 6.4 The damage caused by forestry vehicles to the roading network has been specifically excluded from consideration within the NES-PF. It was considered as an issue best managed at the local level.
- 6.5 Overall, the proposed provisions will be largely implemented by the regional council; however, the provisions which relate to the district are more stringent than the existing district plan provisions, will require more staff time to monitor.

7 Recommendation

- 7.1 That the memorandum 'Draft Submission - National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry' be received.
- 7.2 That Council authorises the Mayor to sign the submission [as amended/without amendment] to the proposed National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry.

Katrina Gray
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Appendix 1



30 July 2015

File No: 2-EA-2-1

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Dear Stuart

Submission - Proposed National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry

Rangitikei District Council would like to thank the Ministry for Primary Industries for the opportunity to contribute to the discussion on the proposed National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry (NES-PF). This submission addresses the questions provided in the consultation material.

1. Do you think section 2.1 and 2.2 of the consultation document accurately describe the problem facing plantation forestry?

Rangitikei District Council considers the problems identified are a fair representation of the problem facing plantation forestry, particularly for larger forestry companies. However, many smaller forestry companies do not experience the same issues when they are located wholly within one district. Nevertheless, the proposed NES-PF will remove the uncertainty associated with plan reviews – a plan could be reviewed up to three times during the life of a forest.

2. Do you consider that the conditions for permitted activities will manage the adverse effects of plantation forestry?

Rangitikei District Council generally supports the proposed permitted activity approach. This approach aligns with the Rangitikei District Plan, which seeks to enable activities so long as they meet permitted activity conditions - unless the activity is likely to create adverse environmental effects.

It is important that there is ongoing monitoring of the effectiveness of the permitted activity approach to ensure adverse effects are being adequately mitigated. The proposed permitted activity conditions are slightly more stringent than the existing provisions in the Rangitikei District Plan: the Council's view is, therefore, that the proposed conditions will work well within our district in managing the adverse effects they are intended to manage.

3. Are the conditions for permitted activities clear and enforceable? Can you suggest ways of making the rules clearer and more enforceable?

Neighbour approval

The proposed permitted activity conditions for afforestation, forestry quarrying and noise allow neighbouring properties to give their approval as a permitted activity condition. This concept seeks to retain as many activities as possible as permitted. Rangitikei District Council would like to highlight our experiences with these types of provisions¹.

Issues result when the person who provided their approval subsequently changes their mind or when the ownership of adjoining properties changes. Such situations create complex discussions over the validity and legality of the neighbour approval. These issues can create uncertainty for both the forestry company as well as, the neighbouring land owner. Requiring resource consent gives the forestry operator and adjoining neighbour certainty. In reality, if the neighbour is willing to provide their approval, it should be a very simple, straight-forward, low-cost consenting process.

There are also issues tracking the affected party approvals when they are not part of a consent process. In the Rangitikei District the filing systems for resource consents are much easier to manage than for general property files.

Recommendation (a): That the permitted activity conditions allowing neighbour approval for afforestation, forestry quarrying setbacks and noise are removed from the final NES-PF.

Notice of commencement

The proposed notice of commencement of harvesting, earthworks and forestry quarrying activities is a permitted activity condition supported by Council. It will be a helpful tool to ensure that monitoring can be planned and the relevant contact details of the forestry operators are available if any issues arise.

Recommendation (b): That the final NES-PF retains the proposed notice of commencement for harvesting, earthworks and forestry quarrying activities.

4. Are the matters where local authorities can retain local decision-making appropriate?

The matters where local authorities are able to increase stringency are supported, particularly for outstanding natural features or landscapes and for heritage areas. It is considered that these areas are often unique to local circumstances, therefore, are best managed at this level.

Increased clarity is sought surrounding the process of implementing these provisions. The Rangitikei District Plan currently has identified outstanding natural features and landscapes, as well as heritage areas identified. Would a plan change process be required to retain these areas as more stringent than the NES-PF, or would they automatically be accepted?

Recommendation (c): That the final NES-PF retains the matters where local authorities are able to increase stringency.

¹ The first generation Rangitikei District Plan had a number of these provisions.

Recommendation (d): That clarity is provided regarding whether existing district plan provisions for outstanding natural features and landscapes and heritage sites will be required to go through a plan change process.

5. Will the environmental risk assessment tools appropriately manage environmental effects as intended?

It is important that there are consistent methods for assessing risk and that they are regularly updated to reflect improving information or best practice.

Recommendation (e): That the risk management tools are monitored for effectiveness and updated regularly to reflect better information for best practice.

6. Do you have any comments about any particular activity or draft rule?

Definition

The proposed definition of plantation forestry under the proposed NES-PF incorporates forestry areas over 1 hectare. This is smaller than the 2 hectare requirement in the Emissions Trading Scheme, as well as the Rangitikei District Plan. The smaller area is likely to capture owners of small woodlots who may find themselves considerably more regulated than at present. The potential impacts from such small areas of forestry will be low. It is recommended that the definition of plantation forestry is consistent with other existing legislation.

Recommendation (f): The definition of plantation forestry is consistent with existing legislation - and that a minimum area of 2 ha applies.

Jurisdiction issues

The draft rules provide a guideline of which rules are under the jurisdiction of the district versus the regional council. It is unclear whether these guidelines are intended to remain or are identified in the draft proposal only to provide guidance. It is suggested that, at a minimum, these guidelines remain. The Rangitikei District Council considers it would be preferable for the specific jurisdictions to be determined by each regional council in consultation with the relevant territorial authorities. For example, there are a number of areas that Rangitikei District Council considers are better managed by Horizons Regional Council. These issues are as follows:

- Vegetation clearance and disturbance – Horizons have already taken the lead for managing indigenous biodiversity through the One Plan.
- Nesting times – Horizons have specialist staff.
- Significant natural areas – addressed through the One Plan.
- Wilding tree risk assessment – Horizons have specialist staff.

Recommendation (g): That areas of jurisdiction are retained in the final NES-PF; however, consideration is given to the jurisdiction for vegetation clearance, nesting times, significant natural areas and wilding tree risk and allowing specific jurisdictions to be determined by each region.

Consistency between afforestation and replanting provisions

The afforestation permitted activity conditions have district council setback requirements and wilding tree requirements which are absent from the replanting provisions. At the public meeting held in Palmerston North it was identified that issues with consistency were attributed to existing use rights issues. If this is the situation, it is highly desirable that the areas where existing use rights apply or do not apply are made explicit in the guidance documentation.

In addition, with no boundary setback rules in the replanting provisions, forestry operators could replant their crops closer to boundaries. Therefore, it is recommended that setback provisions are added to the replanting section.

In addition, we suggest that further consideration is given to the definition of replanting. The draft rules state that an activity is considered replanting if the crop is replanted on a site where plantation forestry has occurred in the last five years. We are uncertain whether this definition is consistent with existing use rights.

Recommendation (h): That the district council setbacks from the afforestation section are included in the replanting section.

Recommendation (i): That increased guidance and clarity is given around the issue of existing use rights for replanting activities and whether existing use rights should be deemed as having expired on harvesting.

Harvesting

The rationale section for the notice of commencement refers only to regional councils. We consider that this rationale section should be amended to refer to 'relevant councils' (to remain consistent with the provisions of notice of commencement for forestry quarrying activities).

Recommendation (j): That the rationale section under harvesting activities and the notice of commencement are amended to refer to relevant councils.

The harvesting rules require that slash and debris is managed so that it does not accumulate to levels that could cause it to collapse at skid sites. The focus of this rule is to reduce the risk of slash entering waterways, which is certainly appropriate. However, Rangitikei District Council has experience with the potential adverse effects of skid sites, where slash and debris has fallen onto the roading network. So we think this rule needs to recognise a wider risk.

Recommendation (k): That the rule for slash and debris management under the harvesting activities provisions is amended to provide for specific reference to avoiding slash and debris collapse onto the roading network.

Replanting adjacent to significant natural areas

The rule requires replanting to occur no closer than the stump line of previous crops. It is assumed this rule has been drafted in this manner to provide for existing use rights considerations. It is recommended, as mentioned above, that consideration is given to the consistency between existing use rights and the replanting definition/timeframes.

Recommendation (l): The existing use rights requirements are made explicit in the guidance documentation (if not deemed to have expired on harvesting).

General Conditions

It is important that vegetation clearance and disturbance activities do not destroy the habitat of indigenous fauna and that all fauna, rather than only bird species, are considered with regard to nesting sites.

Recommendation (m): That the permitted activity condition for vegetation clearance and disturbance includes a provision which states 'is not the habitat to indigenous fauna'.

Recommendation (n): That the reference to bird species under the 'Nesting Times' rule, refers to all indigenous fauna, rather than just bird species.

7. Is the NES-PF the best option to meet the assessment criteria (Box 13)?

A National Environmental Standard provides for national consistency. This is potentially positive for forestry operators, as they will have increased certainty of rules throughout all areas of New Zealand. However, ongoing training and guidance documents will be required to ensure the rules are applied consistently throughout New Zealand.

Recommendation (o): That ongoing training and guidance to forestry operators and local authorities is provided to ensure consistent implementation of the NES-PF.

8. Have the expected costs and benefits of the NES-PF been adequately identified?

The consultation document and support documents comprehensively consider the potential costs and benefits of the NES-PF. The impact of the costs and benefits which affect Rangitikei District Council are outlined below. As a very small district council, resources are limited, thus any increases will have a more significant effect.

(i) District Plan Change

In the short term, the NES-PF will create increased costs, due to the requirement to undertake a plan change to reflect the standard.

(ii) District Plan Review

Rangitikei District Council is currently operating under the second generation district plan, which became fully operational in October 2013. Thus, a review is due by 2023. At this stage Council has no plans to undertake a sectional review. There are potential savings for this future plan review as plantation forestry will not need to be dealt with (outside of the issues where Council can be more stringent). These potential savings are considered to be minor.

(iii) Monitoring of permitted activity conditions

The NZIER economic analysis notes that there is a variable approach for compliance monitoring throughout New Zealand. This variation extends from reactive monitoring based on an identified breach or complaint, through to proactive monitoring where regular liaison between forestry operators and council staff occurs. The variation between these two approaches

creates significantly different cost requirements. It is suggested that MPI provides guidance on which approach they expect to be taken, or whether local authorities will have responsibility.

If a proactive approach is required, it would be helpful to give consideration to the implications for smaller territorial authorities. In a larger council, increased monitoring requirements might be absorbed within the planning team, but in the Rangitikei District Council the increased monitoring requirements will fall on one part-time planner. One potential means of easing this is enabling local authorities to recover the costs of monitoring permitted activity conditions. While monitoring of resource consent conditions can be recovered from the consent holder, at present the cost of monitoring of permitted activity conditions is borne by the ratepayer.

Recommendation (p): That consideration is given to the increased costs of the proposed NES PF from required district plan changes and monitoring requirements, particularly small territorial authorities, and whether local authorities will be empowered to recover the costs of monitoring compliance with the NES-PF.

9. Are there any issues which might affect successful implementation of the NES-PF?

There are a number of issues which might affect the successful implementation of the NES-PF. These include a lack of training/understanding of the requirements by local authorities and foresters and lack of consistency in the implementation of the NES-PF. The purpose of the NES-PF is to make the regulatory environment surrounding plantation forestry more consistent. If staff in local authorities have different interpretations, monitoring regimes or consenting requirements, then the consistency strived for will be reduced. These issues will best be addressed by initial and ongoing training and workshops with local authorities and MPI staff. This reinforces our earlier recommendation for such opportunities.

10. Please describe any risks or opportunities that you consider have not been identified or addressed in the proposal.

Council does not see other risks and opportunities, other than the impact on roads from harvesting operations.

11. Will the proposed NES-PF support regional councils to implement the NES-FM (6.1).

This is not applicable to the Rangitikei District.

12. What resources or other implementation activities would help you to prepare for and comply with the proposed NES-PF? How should these activities been delivered?

Training and the provision of guidance documents will be essential for the successful implementation of the NES-PF. It will be important that all local authorities are correctly and consistently applying the rules of the NES-PF, existing use rights and have a consistent approach for processing similar resource consent applications.

The most helpful implementation activities will be:

- Local workshops.
- Guidance material – particularly guidance on how to apply existing use rights.
- Trained staff at MPI available and actively engaged to address ongoing questions.

- Trained staff available to attend regional planning events.
- Templates provided where appropriate – e.g. if there will be reporting requirements.
- Further guidance and information on bird nesting sites. There are permitted activity standards for setbacks, but it is unclear where information may be sourced for identification of these sites.

13. Are there any other issues you would like to raise?

No

Conclusion

In summary, Rangitikei District Council has the following recommendations:

- a. That the permitted activity conditions allowing neighbour approval for afforestation, forestry quarrying setbacks and noise are removed from the final NES-PF.
- b. That the final NES-PF retains the matters where local authorities are able to increase stringency.
- c. That the final NES-PF retains the matters where local authorities are able to increase stringency
- d. That clarity is provided regarding whether existing district plan provisions for outstanding natural features and landscapes and heritage sites will be required to go through a plan change process.
- e. That the risk management tools are monitored for effectiveness and updated regularly to reflect better information for best practice.
- f. That the definition of plantation forestry is consistent with existing legislation - and that a minimum area of 2 ha applies.
- g. That areas of jurisdiction are retained in the final NES-PF, however, consideration is given to the jurisdiction for vegetation clearance, nesting times, significant natural areas and wilding tree risk and allowing specific jurisdictions to be determined by each region.
- h. That the district council setbacks from the afforestation section are included in the replanting section.
- i. That increased guidance and clarity is given around the issue of existing use rights for replanting activities and whether existing use rights should be deemed as having expired on harvesting.
- j. That the rationale section under harvesting activities and the notice of commencement are amended to refer to relevant councils.
- k. That the rule for slash and debris management under the harvesting activities provisions is amended to provide for specific reference to avoiding slash and debris collapse onto the roading network.

- l. The existing use rights requirements are made explicit in the guidance documentation (if not deemed to have expired on harvesting).
- m. That the permitted activity condition for vegetation clearance and disturbance includes a provision which states 'is not the habitat to indigenous fauna'.
- n. Recommendation: That the reference to bird species under the 'Nesting Times' rule, refers to all indigenous fauna, rather than just bird species.
- o. That ongoing training and guidance is provided to ensure consistent implementation of the NES-PF.
- p. That consideration is given to the increased costs of the proposed NES PF from required district plan changes and monitoring requirements, particularly small territorial authorities, and whether local authorities will be empowered to recover the costs of monitoring compliance with the NES-PF.

Yours sincerely

Andy Watson
Mayor of the Rangitikei District

Attachment 6

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council

FROM: Michael Hodder

DATE: 23 July 2015

SUBJECT: **Proposed extension to Council's rates remission policy – incentives for business expansion**

FILE: 3-PY-1-18

- 1 At its meeting on 9 April 2015, the Policy/Planning Committee considered a report which reviewed the scope of Council's rates remission policy. Section 85 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 allows the Council to remit all or part of the rates on a rating unit (including penalties for unpaid rates) if it has adopted a rates remission policy under section 109 of the Local Government Act 2002 and is satisfied that the conditions and criteria of the policy have been met. It is not obligatory on Council to grant a remission.
- 2 Using rates remissions to promote new business investment (as Rangitikei does) is not widespread. No other territorial authority in the Horizons region has this. Otorohanga has a similar (but less flexible) approach to Rangitikei: this policy specifies \$500,000 as the minimum amount of new investment involved (or a probable increase of at least \$250,000 rateable value which would come from the investment). Remissions approved under this policy are generally for three years.
- 3 Even fewer local authorities use rates remissions to recognise expansion of an *existing* business enterprise. One approach is that adopted in October 2014 by the Invercargill City Council. This policy notes that council's commitment to supporting and promoting a profitable business sector and sees rates relief as "tangible evidence of this commitment". The policy sets the minimum investment threshold of \$100,000 for specified industries (downstream industries, industries largely unaffected by freight costs and tourism activities) but allows Council discretion to consider applications under \$100,000 for these industries. There is a higher threshold (\$250,000) for all other activities. Job creation, provision of public amenities, utilisation of the city's infrastructural assets, and promotional potential are all factors for Council to consider.
- 4 Hutt City has a comparable approach, requiring a minimum of 50% increase in full-time jobs or at least 50 new full-time positions, whichever is the lesser. However, in addition, Hutt City requires a minimum investment of \$2.5 million unless the business development uses advanced science or advanced technology which has strategic importance for the city's future economic development and has a realistic future

potential to create at least 50 new full-time equivalent jobs and at least \$2.5 million future capital investment within three years.

- 5 The Committee discussed how remission of rates as an incentive for business expansion might be effected, and considered that setting thresholds (such as is done in Invercargill and Hutt City) was overly prescriptive. The Committee considered that a weighted attribute approach as was taken with the Disposal of Surplus land and buildings policy would prove a more satisfactory basis for considering applications.
- 6 Such an approach was considered at the Committee's meeting on 11 June 2015 and accepted, and a draft policy was prepared for the subsequent meeting on 9 July 2015. The Committee resolved that this draft policy be recommended to Council for consultation in terms of the significance of engagement policy. That policy requires an engagement plan to be prepared. This is based on a view of the significance of the proposal. It has only minor effect on Council's ability to act in accordance with the statutory principles or to deliver statutory core services. However, it is of particular interest to businesses within the District and the wider community in terms of Council's commitment to supporting economic growth. The financial costs to Council are likely to be very low and short-term.
- 7 The draft policy is attached as Appendix 1; the suggested engagement plan is attached as Appendix 2.

Recommendations

1. That the memorandum 'Proposed extension to Council's rates remission policy – incentives for business expansion' be received.
2. That the proposed extension to Council's rates remission policy - incentives for business expansion [as amended/without amended] as a draft for public consultation in terms of the associated engagement plan [as amended/without amendment]

Michael Hodder
Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager

Appendix 1

Amendment to Council's rates remission policy

Incentives for business expansion

Introduction

1. Council recognises the value that the District's businesses provide in terms of local employment and services. Some businesses play an important part in attracting non-residents to visit and spend money in the District; others have a significant regional or national presence and (particularly farming businesses) may be significant exporters. Some businesses have been operating within the District for many years, and that plays a part in building the community's cohesiveness and resilience.
2. Continuity for many businesses requires growth and expansion. Council has some ability to encourage this, not only by ensuring that the appropriate infrastructure (roading, water, wastewater and stormwater services) are available, but also through reducing rates for a while and the user-pays component of building and resource consent fees.
3. This policy applies to all businesses in the District which are
 - a. extending their buildings;
 - b. increasing their permanent staff count; and/or
 - c. investing in technology or equipment to increase their efficiency and/or market reach.
4. This policy does not distinguish between types of business enterprise – expansion of a farming enterprise is potentially as eligible for consideration as expansion of clothing retailer.
5. Local ownership and management is not a pre-requisite for eligibility (but it is an attribute taken into account when Council considers an application for remission).

Scope of remission

6. A full or part remission of rates over the property where the expansion is occurring may be granted for up to five years.

7. Remission may be calculated on the difference between the new and previous valuation of the property following completion of the building expansion.
8. Remission may be for the full extent of rates or over a specified portion (e.g. over the general rate but still requiring payment of the uniform annual general charge and any targeted rates).
9. Any remission granted is to the ratepayer of the property. It is transferable to a successive owner of the property provided the extent of the business is not reduced.
10. Any remission granted will take effect from the next rates instalment but will always end at the end of Council's financial year (i.e. 30 June).

Consideration of applications

11. Applications for a remission of rates may be made at any time to the Council's Chief Executive.
12. Council will consider the application having regard for the six attributes in the table below. Each attribute will be scored on a five point scale (1 being the lowest and 5 the highest) and weighted according to the specified significance.
13. No rates remission will be granted to an application which scores fewer than 5 unweighted points for the two attributes of high significance.
14. The score evaluation will be conducted in open meeting. However, as section 38(1)(e) of the Local Government (Rating) Act prohibits public disclosure of remissions, the determination of the basis for a remission and setting of the actual amount and term of the remission will be determined by Council in a public excluded session.

Administration

15. During March of each year, Council will review whether the basis of granting the remission remains valid. The ratepayer of the property will be required to provide evidence of this to Council's Chief Executive. If the evidence is not sufficiently conclusive, Council will be informed and, having considered the matter, may vary or terminate the remission.

Considerations in remission of rates as an incentive for business expansion

ATTRIBUTE	EXPLANATION	SIGNIFICANCE
Employment opportunities	Regard will be given to the number of new jobs created by the expansion, their characteristics (seasonal/skill etc.) and the likelihood that they will be filled by people who live locally	High (25%)
Previous impact of the business on the local economy	Regard will be given for the significance of the business in the local (or district) economy, and how the business has complemented, supported or developed other enterprises	High (25%)
Previous impact of the business on the local community	Regard will be had for how the business has engaged with the community, e.g. by way of sponsorship, involvement with volunteer groups etc.	Medium (15%)
Stability of investment	Regard will be had for likelihood of the expansion being sustained over the longer term	Medium (15%)
Technological leadership	Regard will be had for the extent to which the business applies/develops technology to improve the quality of its product, extend market reach etc.	Low/Medium (10%)
Ownership structure	Regard will be had for the extent to which the business is owned and managed locally	Low/Medium (10%)

Appendix 2

Engagement Plan: Extension to Rates Remission Policy – incentives for business expansion

Project description and background

In line with a renewed emphasis on economic development, the Council reviewed the scope of its rates remission policy as it related to business development. The policy currently permits rates remission for new, non-competing businesses in the District but Council wished to offer support for the retention of local businesses. It has therefore proposed to extend rates remission to businesses that are growing - their asset base, their employee numbers or the technological advances needed to drive productivity.

Section 85 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 allows Council to remit all or part of the rates on a rating unit provided it has a rates remission policy under section 109 of the Local Government Act. Such a policy may be amended at any time after consulting on the proposed amendments in a manner that gives effect to the requirements of section 82. Section 82 requires Council to take into account the significance of the decision when it considers how it should consult with the community and affected parties.

Council's significance and engagement policy requires the following thresholds to be used to determine significance:

- the potential effect on Council's ability to act in accordance with the statutory principles relating to local government,
- the potential effect on the delivery of the statutory core services,
- the likely level of community interest in the issue (which may be a particular location in the District, a particular group in the community, or the entire District), and
- the possible financial and non-financial costs (risks) of the decision (or of reversing the decision) with regard to the Council's capacity to perform its role.

The only threshold which is considered to be of more than minor significance is the potential level of community interest. Therefore, this proposal does not represent overall, a significant decision. However it is important that the community is made aware of Council's proposals, they understand their intent, and their feedback is sought. This engagement plan therefore operates between the levels of Inform and Consult on the IAP2 spectrum of public participation¹.

Engagement objectives

The purpose of the engagement is to:

- inform the public about the proposal to extend rates remission to businesses that are expanding and the relevant criteria that Council will consider, and
- seek a view from the public about whether they agree that Council should remit rates for business expansion and whether the criteria developed are appropriate and complete.

¹ International Association of Public Participation

The period of community engagement will be a minimum of two months, followed by analysis and reporting back to Council, subsequent amendment (if required) and final adoption.

Key project stages	Completion date
Draft policy approved for community engagement	30 July 2015
Community engagement (written submissions)	30 September 2015
Oral and written submissions considered by the Policy/Planning Committee, final amendments made, policy recommended to Council	15 October 2015
Policy adopted by Council	29 October 2015

Communities to be engaged with

- the entire Rangitikei District community
- Community Boards and Community Committees
- Te Roopu Ahi Kaa
- Buoyant Economy Theme Group

Engagement tools and techniques to be used

Engagement Spectrum position desired: *Inform/Consult/Involve/Collaborate/Empower*

Community group or stakeholder	How this group will be engaged
Rangitikei District community	Website Rangitikei Line Printed media
Community Committees and Community Boards	Briefings Officer report
Te Roopu Ahi Kaa	Briefings Officer report
Buoyant Economy Theme Group	Meeting and briefing

Resources needed to complete the engagement

Resources beyond staff time required for this engagement are:

- notification in the local print media, and
- the production of printed materials.

Communication planning

Key messages

Council currently provides limited rates remission to new, non-competing businesses in the District. It is intending to extend this to existing businesses to support business retention and growth

Deciding whether to give a remission and, if so, how large and for how long, will depend on consideration of the following criteria

- the number of new jobs created,
- the previous impact of the business on the local economy,
- the previous impact of the business on the local community,
- the stability of the new investment,
- technological leadership, and
- local ownership/management.

Reputation risks

- The rules are not and will not be applied fairly across the District
- There will be winners (businesses that obtain remission) and losers (other businesses which need to pay more to cover the remission)

To address this risk, the key message that the remission will apply to new growth and existing rates will not be affected.

Basis of assessment and feedback to the communities involved

After analysing community input, Council officers will prepare a report outlining the communities' views, and any resulting changes to the draft policy. This will then be referred to the Policy/Planning Committee for consideration prior to making a recommendation to Council about final adoption. The feedback to the communities will come after Council has decided whether or not to adopt the policy.

The reports will be made available through the Council Order Paper and as printed copies from Council facilities. A response will be sent to each person who makes a submission.

Project team roles and responsibilities

Team member	Role and responsibilities
Michael Hodder	Project sponsor

Team member	Role and responsibilities
Michael Hodder	Project leader
Priscilla Jeffrey	Print media
Carol Downs	External messaging, communications
Anna Dellow	IT needs

Attachment 7



Rangitikei
Respect...

REPORT

SUBJECT: **Water Mains Options Investigation for Dixon Way/Mangaone Valley Road, Taihape**

TO: Council

DATE: 30 July 2015

FILE: 6-WS-3-10

1 Background

- 1.1 Water mains along Otaihape Valley Road, Dixon Way, Mangaone Valley road and Rauma Road service approximately 30 residential properties, a primary school and what was the former high school (still being used for educational and community purposes). Currently this area experiences low water main service pressures due to the small bore pipelines that service them. The properties supplied are metered – they do not pay the connected charge which applies to the rest of Taihape.
- 1.2 The existing mains are in poor condition and have required several repairs in recent times.
- 1.3 Most properties rely on rainwater tanks to supplement the supply due to its low pressure and inadequate flow capacity. Several of the residents in Dixon Way have complained about the poor water service.
- 1.4 The matter was last considered in 2002, when the Works & Services Committee resolved to maintain the current level of service and install one additional tank for the area to provide fire-fighting supplies in 2003/04.¹ However, Council decided to refer the matter to the Taihape Community Board,² with the result that there was further consultation with residents in the area. In November 2002 a public meeting was called to reconsider the matter. No further action is evident after that.
- 1.5 In August 2014, Council commissioned GHD Consultants to investigate options for upgrading the water supply system in this area to improve residential service pressures and provision of firefighting flows. This report summarises their conclusions, options considered and recommendations.

¹ Works & Services Committee, 2 May 2002: 02/WOR/016

² Council, 30 May 2002:02/RDC/095.

2 Residential Zoning and Fire Fighting

- 2.1 Of the 30 properties served by the watermain, 16 are zoned as residential (grey) under the district plan and the remainder are zoned as rural living (light green). All properties are within the Taihape Fire District.
- 2.2 Maps showing the District Plan zoning, the extent of Taihape Fire District and the proposed watermain are attached to this report as appendices.
- 2.3 Currently, under SNZ PAS 4509:2008, the area under review could be classified as a Rural Water Supply area in that reticulated water is available but limited and without firefighting capability.³
- 2.4 However, section 647 of the Local Government Act 1974 states the following:

"In every part of the district in which there is a water supply provided under section 130 of the Local Government Act 2002, the council shall fix fire hydrants in the main pipes, other than trunk mains, of the waterworks at the most convenient places for extinguishing any fire as the council determines, or, in any part of the district that is included in a fire district under section 26 of the Fire Service Act 1975, as the New Zealand Fire Service Commission approves, and shall keep those fire hydrants in effective working order."

- 2.5 By being included within the Urban Fire District Plan it is generally expected that some sort of dedicated infrastructure and/or fire planning is provided for properties within the district. This need not be in the form of reticulated water but ultimately needs to address the fire risks expected within the area.

3 Options Considered

- 3.1 Various alternative solutions were considered but all require the replacement of the watermain from the end of the existing 100mm pipe north of Otaihape Valley Road to the end of Dixon Way.
- 3.2 The options in order of the level of service provided are:
 - 3.2.1 Option 1 - Trickle feed to individual property tanks and install individual pumps from the tanks to address pressure issues (this is a similar level of service to members of rural schemes and severely limits the volume of water that they can use).
 - 3.2.2 Option 2 - Upsize reticulation to address low pressure issues without allowance for fire flows (this supplies the residents of Dixon Way with water at adequate

³ Standards New Zealand Publicly Available Specification 4509: 2008 – New Zealand Fire Service Firefighting Water Supplies Code of Practice

pressure and flow for domestic purposes but does not provide adequate flows for fire hydrants).

- 3.2.3 Option 3 - Trickle Fed reservoir on high ground and Local Falling Main to address Pressure Issues and provide Fire Flows (the existing watermain is too small to be used for this purpose so would need to be increased in size to act as an inlet/outlet main with the reservoir filling when there is limited demand).
- 3.2.4 Option 4 - Upsize reticulation to address low pressure issues and provide strategically placed tanks for fire flows. This enables the use of smaller diameter mains throughout but requires several fire-fighting water tanks to be installed to meet the requirements of the fire-fighting code.
- 3.2.5 Option 5 - Upsize reticulation to address low pressure issues and provide fire flows. This requires the new mains to be a combination of 100mm and 150mm in size to enable full fire-fighting capability at hydrants.

Table 3 Summary of Option Cost Estimates

Option	Description	Cost Estimate
	Design, specification, contract documentation, supervision and administration	\$65,000.00
Otaihape Valley Road/Dixon Way Options - Stage 1		
1	Trickle feed to individual property tanks and install individual pumps from the tanks to address pressure issues	\$ 119,725.00
2	Upsize reticulation to address low pressure issues without allowance for fire flows	\$ 148,820.00
3	Trickle Fed reservoir on high ground and Local Falling Main to address Pressure Issues and provide Fire Flows	\$ 249,600.00
4	Upsize reticulation to address low pressure issues and provide strategically placed tanks for fire flows	\$ 220,820.00
5	Upsize reticulation to address low pressure issues and provide fire flows	\$ 196,100.00
Mangaone Valley Road Options – Stage 2		
A	Extend 50mm ID Water Main and connect to Mangaone Valley Road Main	\$ 34,450.00
B	Extend DN100 Water Main and connect to Mangaone Valley Road Main	\$ 54,550.00
C	In-Ground Water Tanks for Fire Flows and Extend 50mm ID Water Main and connect to Mangaone Valley Road Main	\$ 70,450.00

- 3.3 There are no savings by installing tanks for fire-fighting and therefore the main options are 1, 2 and 5 with Options A or B.

4 Budget Discussion

- 4.1 The 2015-25 Long Term Plan budget for Taihape water supply upgrades includes \$100,000 in Year 1 and \$100,000 in Year 2 for improvements to water pressures in Dixon Way Taihape.
- 4.2 The current budget is just adequate to provide trickle feed to all lots, as in Option 1, with reinstatement of the connection between Dixon Way and Mangaone Valley Road to provide a measure of security of supply. However, this is a scant improvement on the existing level of service and therefore is not considered to be cost effective.
- 4.3 Stage 1 Option 2 in combination with Stage 2 Option A would provide adequate serviceability to all lots at an overall budget of \$248,270. However, there would be no capacity for fire-fighting and has no option to install hydrants at a future date as the pipes are too small.
- 4.4 The overall estimate to provide fire-fighting capability and adequate flows and pressures to Dixon Way as first stage would be \$264,100. This would not provide any improvement in pressures or flows to Mangaone Valley Road residents but could be designed so that this option could be included at a later date. The overall estimate to provide fire-fighting flows and adequate capacity to Dixon Way and Mangaone Valley Road residents is \$315,650.
- 4.5 The area is designated as within the Taihape Fire District although it is noted that this area has never received this level of service.
- 4.6 A further consideration is Council's revenue and financing policy. There are two relevant points. The first is that the funding mechanism for new capital expenditure on water and wastewater is to be determined by Council on a case-by-case basis following consultation with affected areas. The second is that Council has confirmed the principle that non-replacement capital expenditure for infrastructure and/or capital expenditure may be funded from the properties connected to or communities that directly benefit via a capital contribution or a targeted rate on a case-by case basis. That was the basis by which some properties in Ruru Road connected to the Taihape wastewater system.
- 4.7 This means that the next steps are for Council, should it wish to progress the matter, are to determine the funding mechanism to apply to any upgrade and a process to engage with affected residents.

5 Recommendation

- 5.1 That the report on Water Mains Options Investigation for Dixon Way/Mangaone Valley Road, Taihape be received.

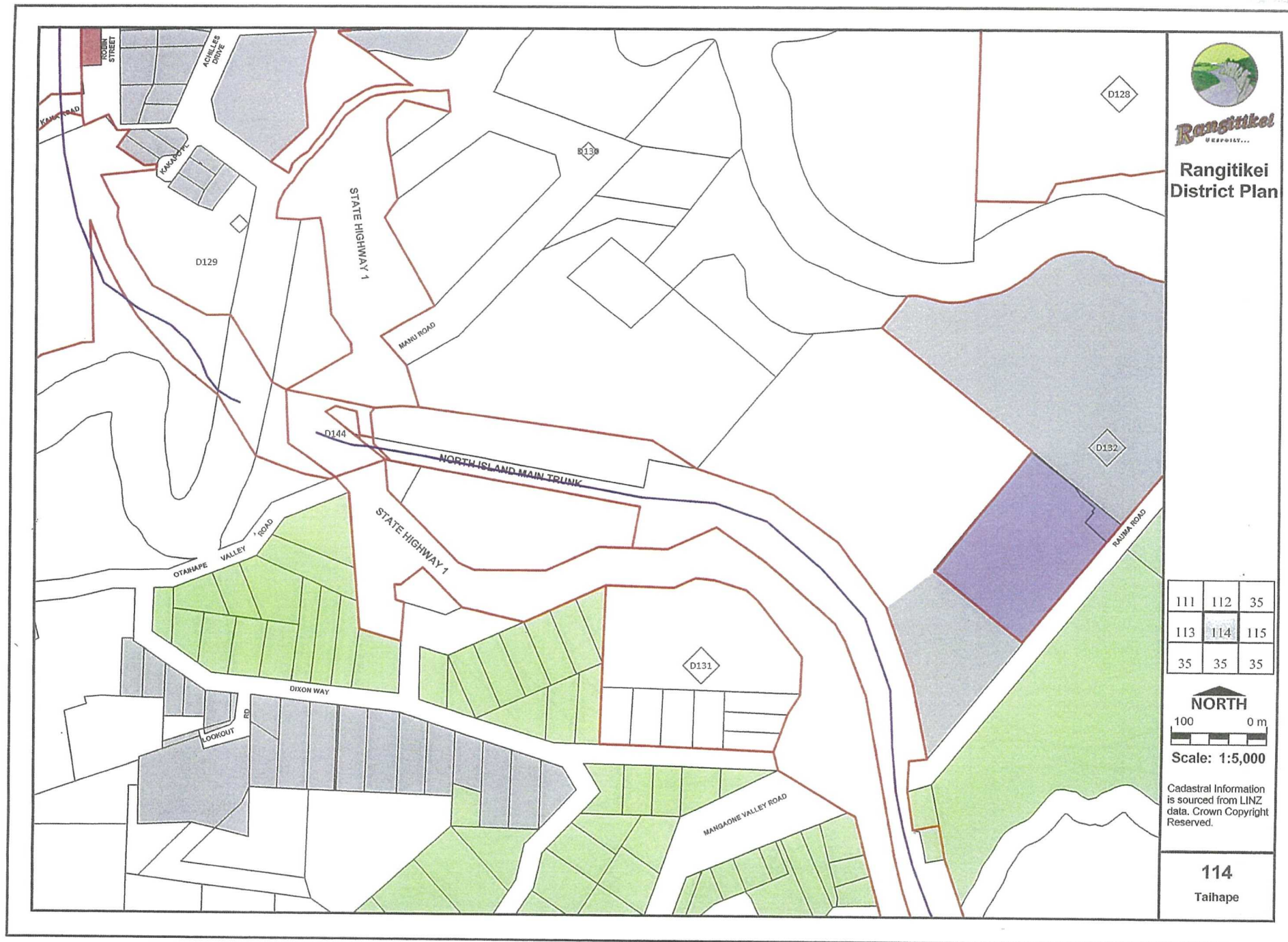
- 5.2 That, if an upgrade to the water supply to Dixon Way/Mangaone Valley Road, Taihape were to made, this will be funded EITHER by connected properties OR on a district-wide basis OR....
- 5.3 That the Chief Executive arrange for consultation with connected (and potentially connected) properties in Dixon Way/Mangaone Valley Road over the options for the water supply to this area, taking into account Council's decision on the funding mechanism to be applied, with a report back by 30 November 2015.

Joanna Saywell
Asset Manager - Utilities

Appendices

1. Rangitikei District Plan Map 114
2. Southern Extent of Taihape Fire District
3. Plan 1B from GHD's Report showing Proposed Watermain Up-grade.

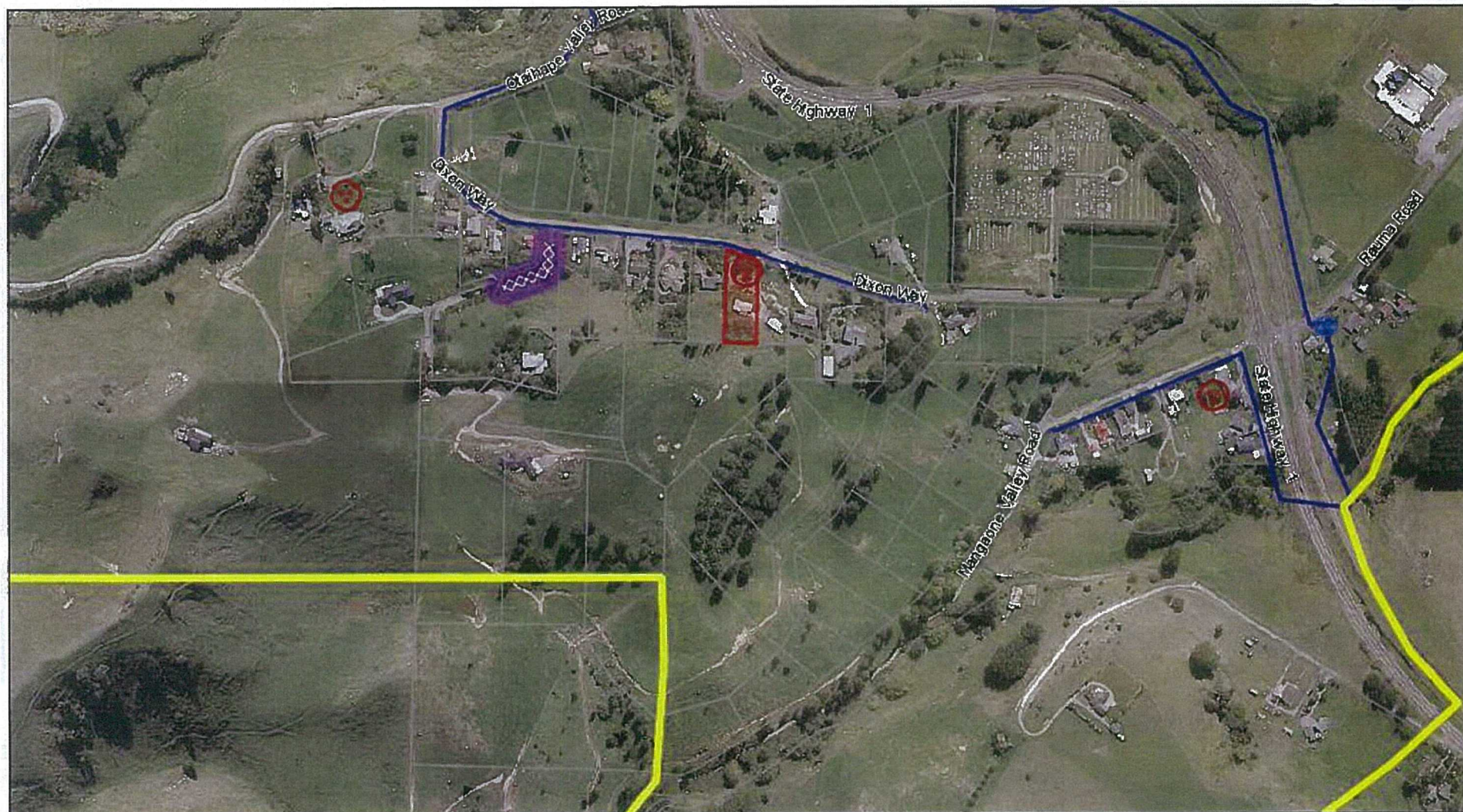
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Appendix 2

Southern Extent of Taihape Fire District

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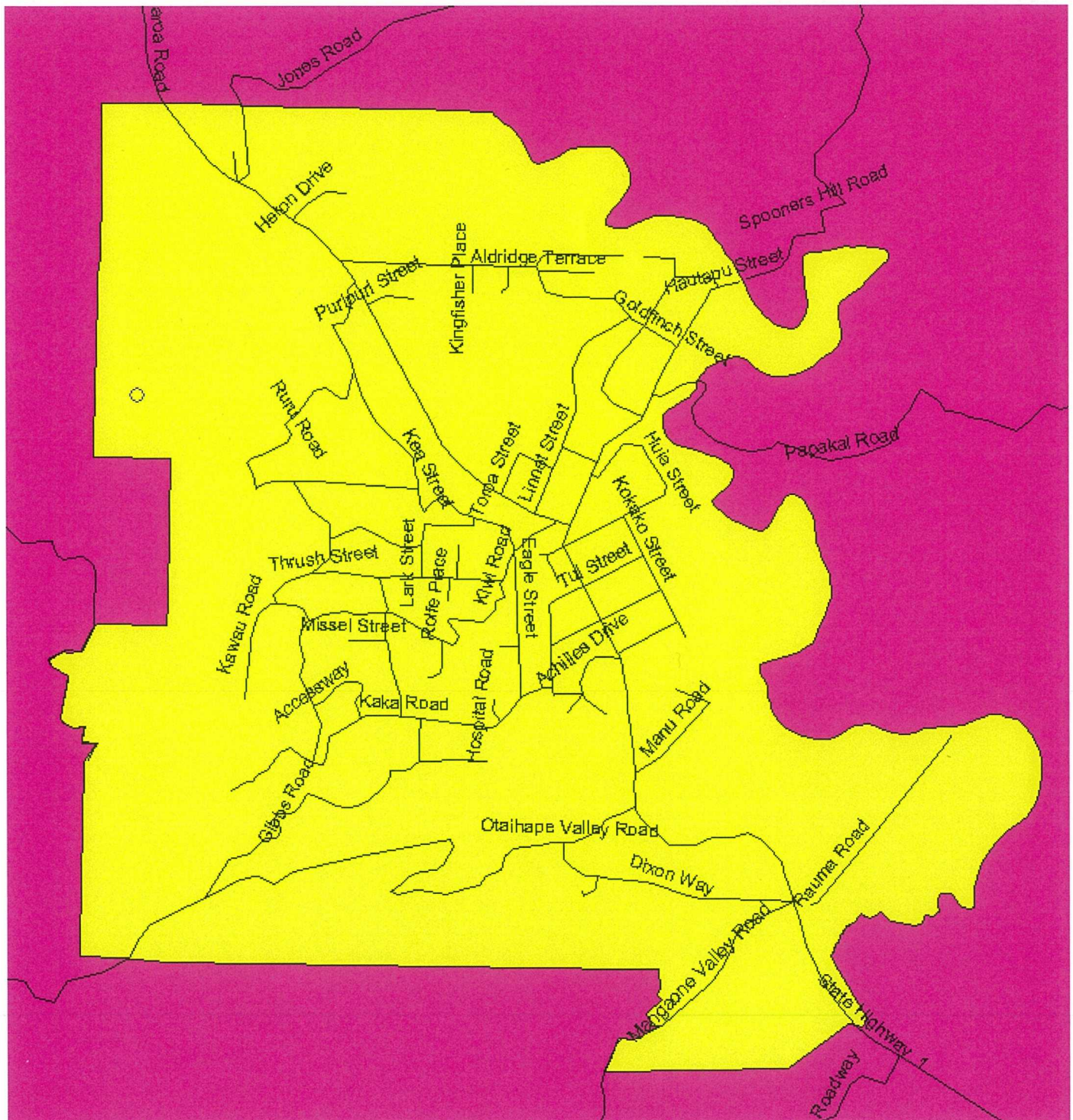
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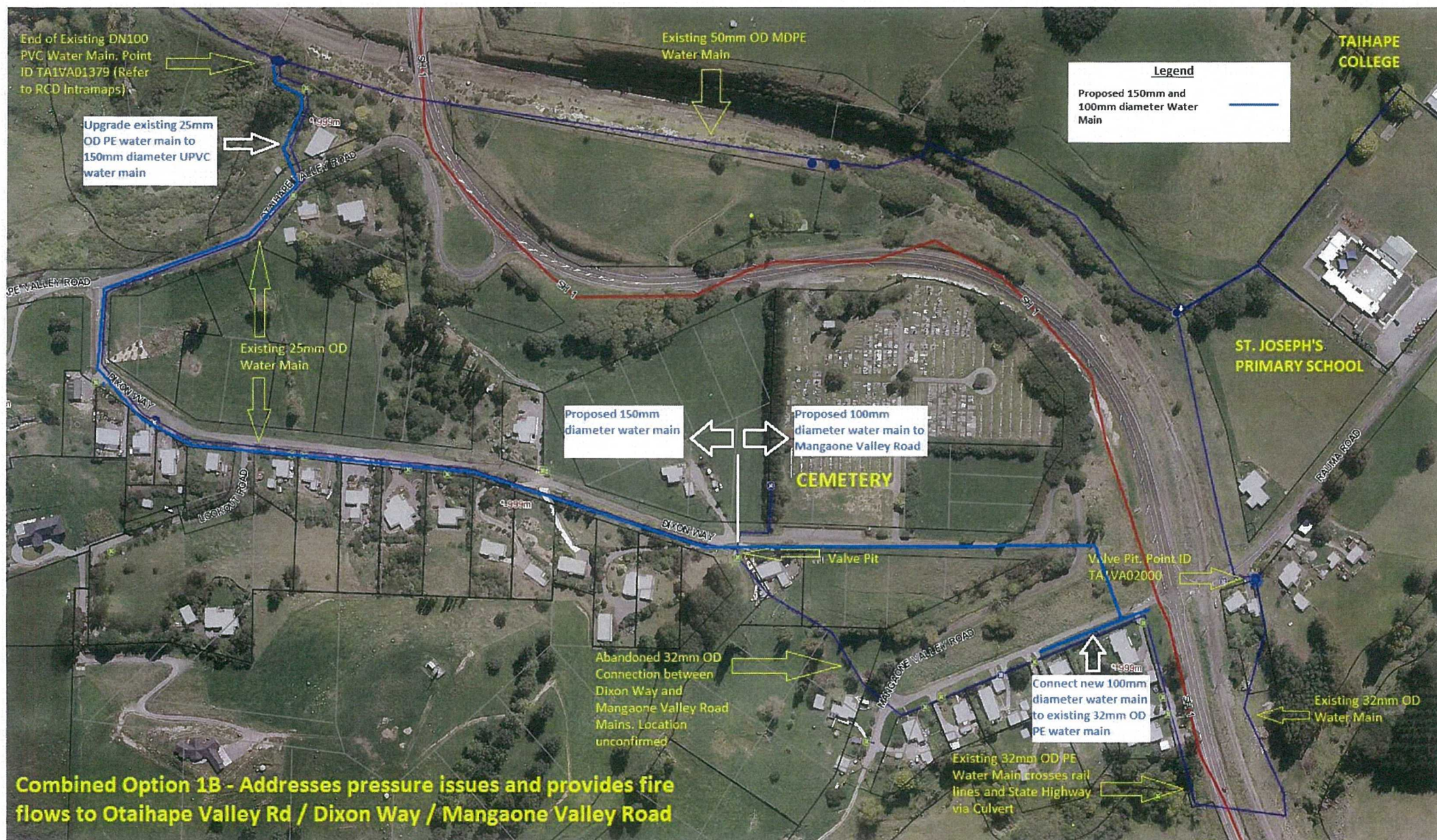
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From: Anthony Woodside
Sent: Friday, 24 July 2015 3:58 p.m.
To: Ross McNeil; Michael Hodder
Subject: Taihape Urban Fire area/district

Which corresponds to the yellow line on the Map supplied earlier this week.



Appendix 3



Attachment 8

MEMORANDUM

TO: Council

FROM: Gaylene Prince

DATE: 23 July 2015

SUBJECT: **Contracts for CBD cleaning**

FILE: 6-CM-1

One of the services currently provided through Contract 907 Parks and Town Maintenance is the cleaning of the District's CBD areas. This is not within the scope of the internal Parks and Reserves team so a specific contract or contracts needed to be negotiated. Tenders were invited (via Tenderlink) from a local panel of six businesses or individuals for the CBD Cleaning in Taihape, Hunterville, Marton (& Turakina – emptying of rubbish bins only), and Bulls over a three-year term.

Three tenders were received, two for district-wide, and one for Taihape and Hunterville.

Tenderers had been advised that non-price attributes would make up 50% of the final score. The three tenders' non price attributes were very evenly scored.

The range in schedule of prices (per annum) was:

Taihape	\$39,789.00	\$49,080.00
Hunterville	\$15,423.00	\$28,984.80
Marton & Turakina	\$41,779.20	\$57,780.00
Bulls	\$29,880.00	\$34,146.00

Tenders were also required to show separately the contractor administration cost. This varied according to the extent of the work sought.

The five-member staff panel determined that the best value option was to accept two contracts, one from Trevor O'Connor (O'Connor Contracting) for Hunterville and Taihape (at \$57,938 per annum) on the basis that Andrew Morriss would undertake Marton/Turakina and Bulls, which he agreed to do (at \$106,540.per annum). This is a total annual cost of \$164,478. This can be funded from the existing budget.

The Fulton Hogan value for this portion of the contract was approximately \$148,000 (2010 value). Applying 2% inflation to this figure over five years (10% ignoring compounding) this

totals \$162,800 to which needs to be added contract administration which was approximately \$29,394, annually, for the whole contract.

Recommendations

1. That the memorandum 'Contracts for CBD cleaning' be received.
2. That Council awards Contract 994 – CBD Cleaning Taihape and Hunterville to O'Connor Contracting, at \$57,938 per annum and Contract 995 – CBD Cleaning Marton/Turakina and Bulls to Andrew Morriss, \$106,540 per annum, with both contracts being for a three-year term from 1 August 2015.

Gaylene Prince
Community & Leisure Services Team Leader

Attachment 9



Rangitikei District Council

District Licensing Committee

Annual Report to the Alcohol and Regulatory Licensing Authority for the year ending 30 June 2015

10 July 2015

Approved by Council, 30 July 2015

Section 199 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 requires an annual report to be submitted from the District Licensing Committee to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority

The Committee comprises:

Commissioner:	Chalky Leary
Deputy Chair	Andy Watson, Mayor of the Rangitikei District
Members:	Steve Fouhy
	Stuart Hylton
	Judy Klue
	Graeme Platt

The Committee met twice during the year:

27 August 2014	Temporary Authority Shoebridge Supermarket	Approved
2 February 2015	New Off Licence Taylors (1998) Limited	Approved

The Committee is supported as follows:

Secretary	Ross McNeil , Chief Executive
Chief Inspector	Steve Costelloe (until 9 October 2014) Johan Cullis (from 16 November 2014)
Inspector	Vicki Hodds
Administrator	Rochelle Baird

Staff training

No further staff training on the Act's requirements was undertaken during the year.

DLC Initiatives

No new initiatives have been adopted or trialled by the Committee

Local Alcohol Policy

The Rangitikei District Council has not adopted such a policy. Accordingly the default provisions of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 apply

Current legislation

The Committee has no comment on the requirements of the Act.

Statistical information

The following pages outline the applications received during the year and the current listing of licensed premises

The report also lists the District's current licensed premises.

Licence Application 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015

Application Type	Number Received in Fee Category Very Low	Number Received in Fee Category Low	Number Received in Fee Category Medium	Number Received in Fee Category High	Number Received in Fee Category Very High
On Licence New			2		
On Licence Renew	1	3		2	
On Licence Variation					
Off Licence New			3		
Off licence Renew			5		
Off Licence Variation					
Club Licence New					
Club Licence Renew	7	3			
Club Licence Variation					
Total Number	8	6	10	2	
ARLA Fee	17.25	34.50	51.75	86.25	
Total Fee paid to ARLA	\$138.00	\$207.00	\$517.50	\$172.50	

Annual Fees for Existing licences received:

Licence Type	Number received In fee category very low	Number received in fee category low	Number received in fee category medium	Number received in fee category High	Number received in fee category very high
On-Licence	1	3	2	2	
Off-Licence			8		
Club Licence	8	3			
Total Number	9	6	10	2	
Total fee paid to ARLA (GST Incl.)	\$155.25	\$207.00	\$517.50	\$172.50	

Managers Certificates Received

	Number Received
Managers Certificate New	28
Managers Certificate Renewal	41
TOTAL	69
ARLA FEE	28.75
Total fee paid to ARLA	\$1983.75

Specials Licences Received

	Number
Class 1	47
Class 2	9
Class 3	1
Total	57

Temporary Authority applications

1 Shoebridge Supermarket Ltd

Licensee	Type of Licence	Premises Name	Add 2	Town	Postal Code
Taihape Golf Club	Club	Taihape Golf Club	PO Box 85		Taihape
Rangiwaea Social Club	Club	Rangiwaea Social Club	C/- Titoko Point,	RD 1	Taihape
		Taihape Workingmens Club			
Taihape Workingmens Club	Club	Club	34 Kuku Street		Taihape
Utiku Old Boys Rugby Club	Club	Utiku Old Boys Rugby Club	PO Box 197		Taihape
		Taihape Squash Rackets Club			
Taihape Squash Rackets Club	Club	Club	PO Box 89		Taihape
Huntermville Rugby Club	Club	Huntermville Rugby Club	PO Box 13		Huntermville
Huntermville Squash Club	Club	Huntermville Squash Club	C/- B Manunui	RD 5	Huntermville
Rangatira Golf Club	Club	Rangatira Golf Club	PO Box 41		Huntermville
Rangitikei Squash Club	Club	Rangitikei Squash Club	PO Box 104		Marton
Marton Rugby Club	Club	Marton Rugby Club	PO Box 134		Marton
Marton Golf Club	Club	Marton Golf Club	PO Box 76		Marton
Hawkestone Golf Club	Club	Hawkestone Golf Club	PO Box 177		Marton
Marton Bowling Club	Club	Marton Bowling Club	PO Box 152		Marton
Bulls RSA	Club	Bulls RSA	55 High Street		Bulls
Rangitikei Golf Club	Club	Rangitikei Golf Club	PO Box 21		Bulls
Bulls Rugby Club	Club	Bulls Rugby Club	PO Box 78		Bulls
			18 Criterion Street		
Bulls Bowling Club	Club	Bulls Bowling Club			Bulls
Stephen Howl	Liquor Store	Taihape Liquorland	PO Box 22		Taihape
Alex Wong Ltd	Grocery Off-licence	Alex Wong Ltd	PO Box 298		Taihape
Rees Foods Ltd	Supermarket	Taihape New World	112-114 Hautapu Street		Taihape
Norman Theobald	Off lic in a tavern	Gretna Hotel	117 Hautapu Street		Taihape
Wildfern Group Ltd	Off lic in a tavern	Ohingaiti Hotel	2 Onslow Street West		Huntermville
Lynette Watson	Off lic in a tavern	Mangaweka Hotel	PO Box 47		Mangaweka
SE Holdings Ltd	Off lic in a tavern	Station Hotel	22 High Street		Huntermville
Taylors (1998) Ltd	Grocery Off-licence	Taylors (1998) Ltd	PO Box 12		Huntermville
			188 Broadway Street		
Vijay Kumar	Liquor Store	Wholesale Liquor	6 Hammond Street		Marton
Vijay Kumar	Liquor Store	Marton Wholesale Liquor	Street		Marton
General Distributors Ltd	Supermarket	Countdown	C/- Duncan Cotterill Barrister		Auckland
N & R Developments Ltd	Supermarket	New World	427 Wellington Road		Marton

David Matenga & Rirena Te Huna	off lic in a tavern	Ben Nevis Tavern	37 State Highway 3	Wanganui
B & T Holdings Limited	Supermarket	Bulls Foursquare	383 No 1 Line	Palmerston North
Bulls RSA	Club Off	Bulls RSA	55 High Street	Bulls
Mark Cording	Off lic in a tavern	Rangitikei Tavern	PO Box 75	Bulls
Awarua A & J	Tavern	Gretna Hotel	117 Hautapu Street	Taihape
Teresa Murray and Sharon Pedersen	Restaurant	Soul Café (2013) Ltd	69A Hautapu Street	Taihape
Brian Megaw	Restaurant	River Valley Ventures	114B Mangahoata Road	Taihape
Fran Robertson	Restaurant	Café Le Telephonique	15 Ruru Road, Taihape 26 Mataroa 26	Taihape
Pietro and Elsie Valle	Restaurant	Al Centros	Road	Taihape
Mokai Gravity Canyon	Restaurant	Mokai Gravity Canyon	PO Box 84, Taihape	Taihape
Brian Howl	Restaurant	Gumboot Manor	159 Hautapu Street	Taihape
Wildfern Group Ltd	Tavern	Ohingaiti Hotel	2 Onslow Street West	Hunterville
Lynette Watson	Tavern	Mangaweka Hotel	PO Box 47	Mangaweka
B & P Hospitality	Restaurant	Flat Hills	5733 State Highway 1	Kimbolton
SE Holdings Limited	Tavern	Station Hotel	22 High Street	Hunterville
Ian Cross	Tavern	Argyle Hotel	1 Bruce Street	Hunterville
Marton Hotel	Tavern	Marton Hotel	255 Broadway	Marton
Captain Cooks Bar & Café Limited	Tavern	Captain Cooks Bar	PO Box 69	Marton
SE Holdings Limited	Tavern	The Club Hotel	C/- The Station Hotel	Hunterville
Janice Hatrick	Restaurant	Sugar Plum	1813 State Highway	Marton
Gus and Sarah Lourie	Function Centre	Orlando Country	892 Mt Curl	Marton
Bryce Tasker	Function Centre	Mad Toms	PO Box 281	Marton
David Matenga & Rirena Te Huna	Tavern	Ben Nevis Tavern	37 State Highway 3	Wanganui
Goslings Holding Limited	Restaurant	Mothered Goose	119 Bridge Street	Bulls
Mark Cording	Tavern	Rangitikei Tavern	PO Box 75	Bulls
Tracey Walker	Restaurant	Jabies Doner Kebabs	114 Bridge Street	Bulls
Bricklane T/A Mint	Restaurant	Mint	92 Bridge Street	Bulls

Attachment 10

Rangitikei District Council

Hunterville Community Committee Meeting

Minutes – Monday 15 June 2015 – 6:30 p.m.

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Present:

Ms Jane Watson (Chair)
 Ms Maureen Fenton
 Ms Karen Kennedy
 Ms Jean Signal
 Ms Erina True

 Cr Dean McManaway

Note: Ms Jane Watson was nominated to the chair.

Ms Fenton / Ms Kennedy. Carried

1 Welcome

Ms Watson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from His Worship the Mayor.

3 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number	15/HCC/001	File Ref
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That the Minutes of the Hunterville Community Committee meeting held on 20 October 2014 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Ms True / Ms Signal. Carried

4 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

The Committee noted that recommendation **15/HCC/003** was confirmed by Council at its meeting on 28 May 2015.

5 Small Projects Grant Scheme

The Committee noted the balance of the Small Projects Grant Scheme for the Hunterville Ward. It was also noted that Mr Jonathan Monks would be contacted to clean signs around the town and clean the window in the Library including moss killing on pavers around the town. It was also suggested that vegetation around the town sign at Bruce Park could be cut back.

6 General business

Picnic table and seats by Centennial Hall

The Picnic table outside the Centennial Hall was to be replaced, this was still in progress.

Town Gardens and Lawns

It was noted that the contract with Fulton Hogan in respect of town gardens and lawns maintenance had been terminated and that this service would now be provided by the Council. The Committee was happy with the job Fulton Hogan carried out and hoped the change in provider would not lessen the level of service.

7 Date of next meeting

Monday 17 August 2015, 6.30 pm

8 Meeting closed – 7.15 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____

Unconfirmed

Rangitikei District Council

Finance/Performance Committee Meeting

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Present: Cr Nigel Belsham (Deputy Chair¹)
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Ruth Rainey
Cr Dean McManaway
Cr Lynne Sheridan

In attendance: Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive
Mr George McIrvine, Finance & Business Support Group Manager
Mrs Priscilla Jeffrey, Governance Administrator

¹ Before the meeting His Worship the Mayor, anticipating that he would be away for some, if not all of the meeting to address issues from the recent flood event, asked the Deputy Chair to chair the meeting throughout.

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Council prayer

Councillor Rainey read the Council prayer.

3 Apologies/leave of absence

Nil

4 Confirmation of order of business

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

5 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number	15/FPE/027	File Ref
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That the Minutes of the Finance/Performance Committee meeting held on 28 May 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Rainey. Carried

6 Chair's report

The Deputy Chair gave a brief verbal report on the recent flooding event and advised that this would have a significant financial impact on the Council. However, there needed to be a full budget of costings and claims brought to Council for discussion to enable that impact to be fully assessed.

Resolved minute number	15/FPE/028	File Ref
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That the Deputy Chair's verbal report be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

7 Financial Highlights and Commentary to 31 May 2015

His Worship the Mayor left the meeting at 9.54am/10.00am

Mr McIrvine spoke to the report, giving a brief overview of the commentary to the report and the budget variances.

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/029** **File Ref** **5-FR-4-1**

That the report 'Financial Highlights and Commentary to 31 May 2015' be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr McManaway. Carried

8 Queries from Previous Meeting

Mr McIrvine advised that the requested breakdown of the roading budgets – i.e. analysis of subsidised and unsubsidised programmes would be reported back to the next scheduled meeting of the Committee.

His Worship the Mayor left at 10.18am/10.25am

The meeting adjourned at 10.18am

The meeting resumed at 10.21am

9 Application forms for the Community initiatives Fund and Event Sponsorship scheme 2015/16

Consideration was given to the advice note on the Order Paper and the proposed application forms for the two funding schemes. It was suggested that the Community Initiatives Fund and the Events Sponsorship Scheme were managed in parallel and that a second funding opportunity be available for both funding schemes, as follows:

Name of fund	Round 1 open:	Decision made:	Round 2 open:	Decision made:
Community Initiatives Fund	29 June 2015 – 24 July 2015	27 August 2015	28 September 2015 – 30 October 2015	26 November 2015
Events Sponsorship Scheme	29 June 2015 – 24 July 2015	27 August 2015	28 September 2015 – 30 October 2015	26 November 2015

Council also considered the allocation of funds between the two rounds. It was suggested that up to two-thirds of the available funding may be distributed in round 1 with the balance being distributed in round 2. This means the Committee may allocate up to \$20,000 from the CIF and up to \$18,000 from the Events Sponsorship Scheme in round 1.

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/030** **File Ref**

That the draft application form for the Community Initiatives Fund be adopted without amendment for 2015/16.

Cr Rainey / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/FPE/031** **File Ref**

That the allocations for the Community Initiatives Fund and the Events Sponsorship Scheme are distributed over two funding rounds with decisions made by the Finance/Performance Committee at its meetings in August and November 2015.

Cr Sheridan / Cr McManaway. Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10.25am

The meeting resumed again at 10.38am

10 Local Government Funding Agency (LGFA)

Mr Andrew Michl, LGFA's Manager, Credit & Client Relations, gave a presentation about credit management. In his presentation he gave an update on the objective of the Agency; its borrowing programme; recent developments and upcoming initiatives.

The primary objective of LGFA is to optimise the debt funding terms and conditions for participating local authorities including savings in interest costs, availability of longer term borrowing and enhanced certainty of access to debt markets.

Recent developments in LGFA included two new members – Porirua and Opotiki; issuance of 2027 maturity – a twelve year bond and the longest debt instrument in \$NZ after the Transpower 2028 bond. There was flexibility around bespoke lending to councils with maturity date of borrowing and time of loan drawdown. Tender dates were being published one year in advance and offshore investors now hold at least 2% of our debt. The Fitch credit rating agency watch had placed LGFA as positive. LGFA had a close working relationship with the Office of the Auditor-General, the Department of Internal Affairs, and Local Government New Zealand. It had 65% market share in 2014.

Mr Michl advised that the reason for bespoke lending was for a more flexible borrowing option for councils and not being restricted to borrowing to LGFA. Bond maturity dates of 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2023. Bespoke pricing fundamentals included base margin from tender levels or prevailing secondary market levels; standard margins (interpolated if required) on-lending margin and any additional credit margin; and two basis point intra tender margin if not priced at time of a LGFA tender.

Cr McManaway left 10.55am/10.58am

Currently 22 councils had credit ratings from either Standard & Poor's (S&P), Fitch or Moody's. Ratings ranged over three notches between AA and A+. Western Bay of Plenty District Council and Taupo District Council had been upgraded. LGFA ratings had been affirmed by S&P and Fitch at AA+, the same as the New Zealand Government. Debt levels were below forecast while the revenue was in line with forecast over 2014.

Mr Michl advised that Japan was the biggest investor. Its retail sector had a lot of money to buy our bonds. They were buying and holding for long term. There was no currency risk and if there was the risk would be theirs.

11 Review of Investment Policy

Mr McIlrvine advised that once an investment policy was adopted, there was no prescribed time for a review. Council may amend the policy at any time by resolution. It was intended to undertake a review once decisions had been taken about future borrowing (including using the Local Government Funding Agency).

Cr McNeil entered the meeting at 11.25am

12 Late items

Nil

13 Future items for the agenda

- Financial requirements for Roading
- Flood funding requirements

14 Next meeting

Thursday 30 July 2015, 9.30 am

15 Meeting closed - 11.32am

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date:

Rangitikei District Council

Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

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Present: Cr Mike Jones
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Soraya Peke-Mason
Cr Ruth Rainey
Cr Lynne Sheridan
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

Also Present: Councillor Cath Ash

Apologies: Cr Angus Gordon (for lateness)
Cr Tim Harris (for lateness)
Cr Dean McManaway

In attendance: Mr Hamish Waugh, Infrastructure Group Manager
Mr Michael Hodder, Community Services Group Manager
Mr Reuben Pokiha, Roading Operations Manager
Mr Jim Mestyanek, Senior Project Engineer, Roading
Ms Joanna Saywell, Utilities Assets Manager
Mr Andrew van Bussel, Utilities Operations Manager
Mr Glenn Young, Utilities Project Manager
Ms Priscilla Jeffrey, Governance Administrator

Tabled Items: **Item 8:** Activity Management Templates*
Item 9: Report 'Consent Compliance – Jul 2014 to June 2015'

*circulated electronically to Elected Members before the meeting

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Council prayer

The Chair, Councillor Jones, read the Council prayer.

3 Apologies/Leave of absence

That the apologies from Councillor Harris and Gordon for lateness and Councillor McManaway for absence be received.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Sheridan. Carried

4 Confirmation of order of business

The Chair advised that item 10 would be considered in conjunction with item 8.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number	15/AIN/043	File Ref
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That the Minutes of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 11 June 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham / Cr Rainey. Carried

6 Chair's report

The Chair advised that he did not have anything to report this month.

7 Marton Swim Centre – 2014/15 Season Update

Councillor Gordon entered the meeting at 9.33am

Representing Nicholls Swim Academy, Mr Trevor Nicholls gave an update on the 2014/15 season. Patronage from out of town was up 30% and the Academy was already fielding enquiries for January 2016.

Cr Harris entered the meeting at 9.42am

The main points covered in the update and subsequent questions were:

- The dive well had deteriorated, had major leaks and had been fenced off.

- The loss of funding from Water Safety New Zealand (through Sport Whanganui) had led to schools choosing to undertake coaching themselves, booking lanes at the Pool to do this. This was not an ideal outcome as teachers were not trained to coach and (because of regulations) were not able to be in the pool with the students. Council's decision to waive entry fees for children having lessons would help rectify this.
- Future development for the Aquatic Centre included
 - creating a development squad (sponsored by the Academy) – the Academy would approach primary schools to enlist representative swimmers and transport those swimmers to the Marton Pool once a week to further their training.
 - triathlete training, which was open to all ages, and to continue with the special needs learn to swim. Last year the Academy received good feedback on the special needs learn to swim programme.
 - a 10 week swimming programme for 40 pre-schoolers (funded by an external sponsor). Expression of interest would be sought throughout the district and the first 40 would be selected for the lessons.
 - installation of a splash pad in the grassed area where the dive well existed (funded from the community). A splash pad was an area of water which did not need pool attendance and would be monitored by parents. Drawings of the new facility would be made available to Elected Members in due course.

Resolved minute number**15/AIN/044****File Ref****6-RF-2-2**

That the report 'Marton Swim Centre – 2014/15 Season Update' and the operational report from Nicholls Swim Academy be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried

8 Activity management templates

Mr Waugh, Mr Pokiha, Ms Saywell, Mr Young, Mr van Bussel and Ms Prince spoke to the tabled non-financial reporting templates for June 2015, covering the following groups of activities (and including Request for Service details):

- Rooding & Footpaths
- Water Supply
- Sewerage & the Treatment and Disposal of Sewage
- Stormwater Drainage
- Community & Leisure Assets
- Rubbish & Recycling

Cr Harris left the meeting at 10.10am/10.11am

Mr Pokiha informed the Committee about the work being undertaken to address the impacts of 19-21 June 2015 rain event on the District's roading network. Staff and contractors worked from dawn to dusk from Saturday through to Monday to clear roads.

The change of contractors from 1 July 2015 overall worked smoothly: twelve employees had transferred from Downers to Higgins, six or seven were sub-contracted and others were looking to transfer to Downers operations in Wanganui, Central Hawkes Bay or Taumarunui.

There were nine areas on the network that had been affected by slips, blocked culverts and fallen trees. This was an ongoing challenge to clear. Two roads had been closed being Mount Curl and the Te Houhou Bridge.

The New Zealand Transport Agency had approved an initial grant of \$500,000 in recognition there were substantial costs in the remedial work on the network. Mr Pokiha estimated that the emergency works Funding Assistance Rate (FAR) for 2014/15 would be around 82%. Different rules for the FAR applied from 1 July 2015.

Mr Mestyanek, who is responsible for bridges in Rangitikei and Manawatu, noted that structural damage to Te Houhou Bridge was the first urgent issue: a Bailey bridge had been installed as a temporary solution – it could cope with full class 1 loading which was required for milk tankers.

Cr Peke-Mason left the meeting at 10.32am/10.34am

Cr Harris left the meeting at 10.44am/10.49am

Resolved minute number	15/AIN/045	File Ref	5-EX-4
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That the activity management templates for Roothing and footpaths, Water, Sewage and the treatment and disposal of sewerage, Stormwater drainage, Community and leisure assets, and Rubbish and recycling for June 2015 be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Gordon. Carried

9 Resource consent compliance – update

Ms Saywell spoke briefly to the tabled report.

Resolved minute number	15/AIN/046	File Ref	3-CT-13-4
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That the report 'Resource consent compliance – update' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 9 July 2015 be received.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Harris. Carried

10 Update on work to address impacts of 20-21 June 2015 on the District's roading network

This was covered in item 8.

11 Additional roading proposals

At its meeting on 11 June 2015, the Committee resolved that staff present options/projects to the Committee's July meeting for consideration in terms of utilising the savings to be realised through the new road maintenance contract. The impact of the heavy rain during 20-21 June 2015 on the District's roading network meant that this analysis had been postponed. It was intended that it be presented to the Committee's September meeting.

12 Giving effect to decisions in the adopted 2015/25 Long Term Plan for community housing

Ms Prince spoke briefly to the report. His Worship the Mayor wondered whether surplus buildings at Taihape Hospital might be suitable for community housing in Taihape. Clarification was given to Committee members that the recommendations were for investigations: any proposed financial commitments would be come through a report to the Committee.

Resolved minute number 15/AIN/047 **File Ref** 6-CF-1-14

That the report 'Giving effect to decisions in the adopted 2015/25 Long Term Plan for community housing' is received.

Cr Harris / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number 15/AIN/048 **File Ref** 6-CF-1-14

That the initial focus for maintenance, refurbishment and upgrades for Council's community housing is on the Huia Street (Taihape) and Wellington Road (Marton) complexes.

Cr Gordon / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number 15/AIN/049 **File Ref** 6-CF-1-14

That expressions of interest are sought for the ownership/management of Council's community housing, allowing for both a whole-of-District approach as well as individual towns.

Cr Rainey / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/AIN/050** **File Ref** **6-CF-1-14**

That Council officers engage with the Whanganui District Health Board to see if there is any opportunity to discuss using the Board's surplus facilities for community housing.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Harris. Carried

An undertaking was given to inform all residents in Council's community housing about these decisions.

13 Parks Upgrades Partnership Fund

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the report. His Worship the Mayor noted that this form of funding did not preclude direct funding by Council.

Resolved minute number **15/AIN/051** **File Ref** **1-AS-1-1**

That the report on "Scheme for community-led park upgrades" be received.

HWTM / Cr Harris. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/AIN/052** **File Ref** **1-AS-1-1**

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee approves the process for allocating funding for small-scale, community-led capital projects as outlined in the report "Scheme for community-led park upgrades".

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried

Undertaking	Subject	Allocating funding for small-scale, community-led capital projects
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An undertaking was given to contact those individuals/groups who had made submissions to "What's the Plan Rangitikei..." so that they knew about the process, and also to advise the Community Committees and Community Boards at their next scheduled meetings.

14 Frae-Ona Park – stormwater discharge

Committee members were uncertain that the issue had been completely understood – i.e. that the pond waters were refreshed during the drier months rather than having storm water being discharged directly into the Tutaenui Stream

Resolved minute number **15/AIN/053** **File Ref** **6-RF-1-7**

That the report on "Scheme for community-led park upgrades" be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Harris. Carried

Mr van Bussel undertook to investigate the matter with a view to finding a low-cost solution.

15 Water Mains Options Investigation for Dixon Way/Mangaone Valley Road, Taihape

Ms Saywell spoke to the report.

The Committee sought clarification why Council was considering upsizing the reticulation in Otaihape Road, Dixon Way and Mangaone Valley Road, how the affected sections were zoned in the District Plan, and legal requirements over fire-fighting capacity. Mr Waugh noted that the current feeder pipe was near the end of its useful life and there was the opportunity to bring these areas within the Taihape urban reticulation scheme. The budget for this had been included within the projections summarised in the Long Term Plan.

Since a decision to design and construct an upsized reticulation would require a Council resolution, deferring the matter to that meeting would enable further information to be obtained.

Resolved minute number **15/AIN/054** **File Ref** **6-WS-3-6**

That the report on Water Mains Options Investigation for Dixon Way/Mangaone Valley Road, Taihape be received.

Cr Jones / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/AIN/055** **File Ref** **6-WS-3-6**

That the following recommendations be deferred to the next scheduled Council meeting:

- (i) That the Council approves the project to design and construction to upsize the reticulation in Otaihape Valley Road, Dixon Way and Mangaone Valley Road to address low pressure and flow issues, with an allowance for fire flows, for an estimated overall sum of \$315,650 + GST.
- (ii) That \$100,000 be brought forward from Year 2 of the 2015-25 Long Term Plan into Year 1 and that the water renewals budget in Year 1 of the Long Term Plan (2015/16) be increased by \$120,000 to allow the works to be completed in the 2015/16 financial year.

Cr Jones / Cr Gordon. Carried

16 Late items

Nil

17 Future items for the agenda

Nil

18 Next meeting

Thursday 13 August 2015, 9.30 am

19 Meeting closed -12.06pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date:

Rangitikei District Council

Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

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Present: Cr Lynne Sheridan (Chair)
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Angus Gordon
Cr Soraya Peke-Mason
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

Apologies: Cr Richard Aslett
Cr Rebecca McNeil

In attendance Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mr Johan Cullis, Environmental and Regulatory Services Group Manager
Ms Katrina Gray, Policy Analyst
Ms Carol Downs, Executive Officer
Mrs Priscilla Jeffrey, Governance Administrator

Tabled Item: Item 14 : Update on Communications Strategy

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies/leave of absence

That the apologies for absence from Cr Aslett and Cr McNeil be received.

Cr Gordon / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

3 Confirmation of Order of Business

The Chair informed the Committee that there would be no changes to the order of business from that set out in the agenda.

4 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number 15/PPL/051 File Ref

That, subject to the deletion of Cr Nigel Belsham's name in the preamble, the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 11 June 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Gordon / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

5 Chair's Report

The Chair spoke briefly to her report.

Resolved minute number 15/PPL/052 File Ref 3-CT-15-1

That the Chair's report to the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting of 9 July 2015 be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Ash. Carried

6 Feedback – Rural Zone and Discussion – Liquefaction/Ground Shaking

Ms Gray spoke to her report and advised that the discussion with Council's roading team around setback for trees on boundary lines had been delayed because of the recent flooding event.

Speaking to her discussion paper, Ms Gray advised that there was a huge area in the District assessed to have a risk from liquefaction. Anyone wishing to build in that identified area needed to have a geotechnical survey carried out prior to getting building consent. The maps used in the District Plan were not necessarily accurate for a specific site.

Five options were outlined in the discussion paper. The Committee supported keeping the liquefaction/ground shaking hazard overlays in the District Plan, but to provide them as advisory only.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/053** **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Feedback – Rural Zone and Discussion – Liquefaction/Ground Shaking' be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/054** **File Ref** **1-PL-2-4**

That the Policy/Planning Committee endorses the proposed rule changes for the District Plan as outlined in the Section 32 report presented to the meeting on 9 July 2015 and attached to the minutes of the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Ash. Carried

7 Activity Management:

The Committee considered the non-financial reporting templates for June 2015, covering the following groups of activities:

- Community Leadership
- Environmental Services
- Community Well-Being

Mr Cullis noted the additional information on building consents. The Committee considered that the Community Well-being template should contain more detail on the emergency response to the 19-21 June storms and subsequent recovery efforts.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/055** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the activity management templates for Community Well-Being, Community Leadership and Environmental & Regulatory Services for June 2015 be received.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Gordon. Carried

8 Legislation and Governance Issues

Mr Hodder spoke to his report, highlighting the interim report from the Local Government and Environment Committee on the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Bill. That report contained a summary of recommendations from officials at the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE). These addressed a concern expressed by the Council in its earlier submission that the Government was looking at the issue of earthquake prone buildings as one size fits all. Other councils had done the same. MBIE was proposing that the country be divided into three seismic risk zones – high, medium and low. The Rangitikei District was in the high risk area; this meant a shorter timeframe for the Council to undertake the initial investigations to identify earthquake prone buildings and more stringent reporting to MBIE. He suggested that a mapping overlay could differentiate urban centres with fewer than 10,000 residents, with the idea that these would be considered as being in the lower risk area for identification and reporting. A major earthquake in a less dense urban area would lead to fewer deaths.

His Worship the Mayor left the meeting at 2.24pm/2.53pm.

The meeting adjourned at 2.25pm/2.53pm because of a fire alarm.

Resolved minute number

15/PPL/056

File Ref

That the report 'Update on legislation and governance issues' to the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting of 9 July 2015 be received.

Cr Ash / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

Resolved minute number

15/PPL/057

File Ref

3-OR-3-5

That the proposed outline of a submission to the interim report of the Local Government and Environment Committee on the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Bill be further developed for signoff by the Mayor and Chief Executive to meet the submission deadline of 16 July 2015.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried

9 Proposed National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry

Cr Gordon declare an interest

Ms Gray made a presentation on the proposed National Environment Standard for Plantation Forestry (NES Forestry). Its objective was to increase consistency across local authorities by removing unwarranted variations. The NES Forestry would replace existing rules in the Rangitikei District Plan 2013, necessitating a Plan Change.

Ms Gray advised that proposed NES Forestry would give Council the discretion to apply more stringent rules around places and areas of significant cultural or heritage value and areas of outstanding natural features or landscapes. In general, the proposed NES Forestry was more restrictive than the rules in Council 2013 District Plan, and possibly more restrictive than the One Plan. Council's forestry consultants had questioned the merits and potential compliance costs of having an NES.

Ms Gray suggested that the submission could provide in-principle support for the proposed NES Forestry and perhaps provide comment on rule drafting in areas such as erosion susceptibility; affected party approvals; notice of commencement and definition.

The Committee asked that there be further liaison with Horizons. One particular area of concern was skid sites, from which a considerable amount of debris (including log off-cuts) had fallen onto local roads during the 19-21 June 2015 storms.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/058** **File Ref** **2-EA-2-1**

That the report 'Proposed National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry' be received.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Gordon. Carried

10 Achieving the Bulls Multi-Purpose Community Centre

Mr Hodder spoke to the report advising that its purpose was to develop the process approved in the recently adopted Long Term Plan and confirm the timeline for the project including the preparation of applications to external funding sources.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/059** **File Ref** **1-CP-7-2**

That the report, 'Achieving the Bulls Multi-Purpose Community Centre', be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/060** **File Ref** **1-CP-7-2**

That the Policy/Planning Committee agrees to funding applications being prepared and submitted to appropriate philanthropic trust funds for any costs associated with the development of the Bulls Multi-Purpose Community Centre.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/061** **File Ref** **1-CP-7-2**

That the Policy/Planning Committee receives monthly updates on progress with the fundraising plan for the Bulls Multi-Purpose Community Centre.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/062** **File Ref** **1-CP-7-2**

That a further report outlining the overall project management for the achieving Bulls Multi-Purpose Community Centre be provided to a future meeting of the Policy/Planning Committee.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Gordon. Carried

11 Management of Place-Making Initiatives in Taihape, Hunterville, Marton and Bulls

Mr Hodder spoke to the report and drew the Committee's attention to the opportunity for community engagement through the support of place-making in the District's smaller villages such as Mangaweka, Turakina and Ratana. He also explained the intended approach and transition process and the proposal that the guidelines for the delegation of funds for community boards and community committees also include place-making initiatives as an example of how the allocations was to be used.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/063** **File Ref** **1-CP-7-5**

That the report 'Management of Place-Making Initiatives in Taihape, Hunterville, Marton and Bulls' be received.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/064** **File Ref** **1-CP-7-5**

That the Policy/Planning Committee confirms the intended approach and transition process outlined in the report for the community-led processes to implement the place-making aspects of the Town Centre Plans in Taihape, Hunterville, Marton and Bulls and to provide place-making opportunities in Mangaweka, Turakina and Ratana.

Cr Gordon / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/065** **File Ref** **1-CP-7-5**

That the Guidelines for delegation to Community Boards for the \$5,000 annual allocation and to Community Committees in committing the \$1.00 per rateable property for 'defined' small local works be amended to include place-making initiatives as one of the examples of how the allocations is to be used.

Cr Sheridan / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

12 Proposed extension to Council's rates remission policy

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the memorandum.

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/066** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-18**

That the memorandum 'Proposed extension to Council's rates remission policy' be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/067** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-18**

That the proposed extension of Council's rates remission policy to acknowledge and encourage business expansion be recommended to Council for consultation in terms of the significance and engagement policy.

Cr Ash / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

13 Update on Heritage Strategy

Ms Gray spoke to the revised draft Heritage Strategy. It was noted that the Strategy would be considered by Te Roopu Ahi Kaa's next meeting on 11 August 2015.

Cr Peke-Mason left the meeting at 4.22pm

Resolved minute number **15/PPL/068** **File Ref**

That the revised draft Heritage Strategy provided to the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting on 9 July 2015 be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Ash. Carried

14 Update on Communications Strategy

Ms Downs spoke briefly to her tabled report.

Resolved minute number 15/PPL/069 **File Ref** 3-CTY-15-1

That the update on the Communications Strategy to the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting on 9 July 2015 be received.

Cr Gordon / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

15 Update on the Path to Well-being Initiative and other community development programmes – June 2015

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the report.

Resolved minute number 15/PPL/070 **File Ref** 1-CO-4

That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being Initiative and other Community Development Programmes – June 2015' be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried

16 Late Items

Nil

17 Future Items for the Agenda

Nil

18 Next Meeting

Thursday, 13 August 2015, 1.00pm

19 Meeting Closed – 4.43pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date:

Section 32 Evaluation Report

Rural Zone Part 2

DWELLING SEPARATION

1 Background to the Issue

Rule	Current Wording
Dwelling Separation	New dwellings must not be located closer than 100 metres from any existing dwelling.

- 1.1 The intent of the current rule is to preserve the open space nature and amenity in the rural areas and to prevent the clustering of dwellings. The provision remains largely effective between Rural Zone to Rural Zone properties. The rule ensures that rural amenity values are retained, and where breaches are required, potentially affected parties are involved with the process.
- 1.2 However, issues arise with rural properties on the urban fringe, particularly adjoining the residential zone, especially where dwellings are required to connect to existing reticulated systems. In these situations there may be small sized rural lots or a large number of residential zoned dwellings that may be within the 100 metre separation distance.

2 Options considered

- a) **Status quo** – Retain the 100 metre separation distance with all existing dwellings. This would ensure that any new proposed rural dwellings are separated by 100 meters from any existing dwelling to be a permitted activity.
- b) **Restrict the separation to apply only between Rural Zone dwellings** – This would mean that Rural Zoned properties still need to be separated by 100 metres, but for other zones, new rural dwellings would just need to meet the dwelling setback requirement – 20 metres.
- c) **Reduce the separation distance** – Reduce the separation distance from 100 metres to 60 metres between new rural dwellings and existing dwellings in other zones. This would provide a gradual change in separation requirements.

3 Preferred option

Restrict the separation to apply only between Rural Zone dwellings

- 3.1 It is considered that restricting the dwelling separation rule to apply to only Rural Zoned dwellings is the most appropriate rule for the Rangitikei District. The proposed change would still ensure rural amenity is retained and the open space nature of the area will be protected. However, will provide increased flexibility for rural properties on the urban fringe.
- 3.2 Amenity values will still be retained for dwellings in other zones as the rural dwelling will still need to meet the 20 metre boundary setback requirement. In addition, dwelling development is usually more intense on the urban fringe and is often bordered by the Rural Living Zone, where dwelling separation distances are not required.
- 3.3 It is considered that the intent of the objectives and policies would be retained, ensuring that amenity is retained for all parties, while enabling more flexible development of rural properties.

3.4 Proposed rule

"New dwellings must not be located closer than 100 metres from any existing dwelling in the Rural Zone"

Benefits	<p>Environmental Helps to provide for staged development intensity, from intense in the residential area, getting less intense in the rural area.</p> <p>Economic Allows primary production activities to occur with limited controls.</p> <p>Enables rural properties on the urban fringe to be connected to reticulated services without prohibitive costs.</p> <p>Social Enables rural dwellings on the urban fringe to be more connected to the adjoining community.</p> <p>Cultural N/A</p>
Costs	<p>Environmental N/A</p> <p>Economic Residential properties on the urban fringe may lose some of their rural outlook.</p>

	<p>Social Reducing the setback for buildings could result in rural activities occurring closer to adjoining properties, potentially increasing conflicts.</p> <p>Cultural N/A</p>
Effectiveness	This rule clearly articulates the expected outcome, therefore, should be easily implemented and effectively provide for rural activities, which ensuring amenity is retained.
Efficiency	Amending the Permitted Activity Standards ensures the efficient implementation of the Act, ensuring that development can occur without undue restriction, while ensuring that amenity values are retained.
Appropriateness	The rule allows for the development of rural dwellings, providing setbacks between urban and rural dwellings, while minimising regulatory requirements of separation distances.