



Submission Hearing on:
“Unfolding the plan...Rangitikei 2018-28” Long term and simultaneous consultation submissions.
Thursday 17 May 2018

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Her Worship the Mayor, Helen Worboys and Richard Templar	Manawatu District Council	Council, 17 May 2018. 9.34 – 9:50 am	Unfolding the plan...Rangitikei 2018-28	<p>Mayor: Is the Manawatū kerb side recycling only in Feilding? Answer: Yes.</p> <p>Mayor: Have you got plans to take kerbside recycling wider in the district?: Answer: We use mobile recycling in each village, by way of a modified shipping container which takes glass, plastic and aluminium. Our Waste Management Plan consultation looked at extending the kerb side service, the response was residents preferred the current mobile service and were not prepared to pay extra charges.</p> <p>Mayor: Is it a contracted service? Answer: Yes</p> <p>Rainey: Is there rubbish collection in Rangiwahia ? Answer: Yes</p> <p>Rainey: So there is rural rubbish collection for farms? Answer: Part of our Waste Management Plan we looked how to do that, using models of education and facilitation in the rural space, the challenge is no one size fits all with rural waste. We are working with farmers and farmer advocacy groups. We work with farmers to get in touch with businesses that supply skips and services, doesn't stack up for Council to provide the service itself.</p> <p>Rainey: Do you collect rubbish all through district? Answer: Yes with an element of user pays – general rate goes towards it along with the of purchase blue bags, it stacks up well financially.</p>

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				<p>Sheridan: Regarding farm rubbish at waste transfer station, do you provide a facility to recycle baleage wrap? Answer: At recycling centres - yes. That is because there is now schemes in place that collect baleage where the business will take them and turn them into more baleage wrap. It is part of a national scheme.</p> <p>McManaway: Your waste water treatment plant, if you could rewind the clock what was the biggest stumbling block we can avoid in our upcoming consent process? Answer: The technical side of the project went well; just one part of plant we would have changed. The technical learnings are straight forward and we are happy to share that information. The big learnings around resource consent process – the process took the best part of 10 years and the last 3-4 was intense and cost \$3.2 million. That money could have been better spent doing upgrades or something else, that is the benefit of hindsight. We were naive going in and underestimated the sheer number of third parties input from across the country against water discharge. The outcome from oral hearings and Environment Court, with hindsight, meant we probably wouldn't have gone to Environment Court. We achieved a 35 year consent for discharge to land and a 10 year consent to discharge to water but it comes with 30 -40 pages of conditions.</p> <p>Belsham: The upgrade to your recycling centre, is it reliant on volume and are you waiting on our decisions? Answer: No the driver is that the current facility is too small for our current need and is situated on expensive lease land, we plan to move the operation to land we own.</p> <p>Mayor: Does your Council have view on the Mangaweka bridge and the status of the old bridge? Answer: Mayor Helen – the feedback from our</p>

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				community is that we retain it for heritage value, cycling, walking, horses but who pays and maintains remains to be discussed.
Jo Rangooni		Council, 17 May 2018. 9.51 – 9:58 am		<p>Peke-Mason: The targeted rate for underfloor, did you understand that it is targeted for individual take up, and why did you oppose it? Answer: I didn't understand the question, but I do support underfloor heating and supports affordable options for financially struggling residents.</p> <p>Peke-Mason: Insulation is an issue across the country, so you support an option for an individual to take the offer? Answer: Sound a good idea</p> <p>Answer: Rubbish and recycling you do not support it. Is that because of the additional cost? Answer: We personally manage and recycle – but I perhaps I am out of line answering for other people.</p> <p>Sheridan: Your interesting comments about transportation for elderly hasn't come up before; do you have suggestions on how we might deal with it? Answer: Work with stakeholders, acknowledging what people already do in the space, converse with agencies and volunteers, look at how other communities do other things.</p>
Tracey Gibbs		Council, 17 May 2018.		Did not appear for oral hearings.
Heather Thorby		Council, 17 May 2018. 9:58 – 10:21 am		Platt: What are the traffic problems from the centre? Answer: People in town can't get to the toilets and are being diverted to library, which the staff aren't happy with. The Medical centre is being increasingly used, there is a need for toilets in the main town. It is too far to walk to the centre. The main road is getting busier and we need to plan to meet need now and in the future. The big trucks are very dangerous in Dalzell street, with many close calls. The traffic is an issue.

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				<p>Sheridan: You mentioned statistics on students at school being 540 students? Answer: That was taken in 2016 when I contacted schools personally.</p> <p>Sheridan: You mentioned the Community Committee meeting and not knowing how to be involved, do you think Council needs to insure that communities know how to be involved in Community Committees?</p> <p>Answer: That is not the problem. Bulls is not a problem, we have lots of volunteers but if any member of public wants to have a say they have to wade through an agenda. If there is a subject that needs input have a working group or public forum first.</p> <p>Wilson: The plan is district wide, you focused on sewerage but do you agree we need to do something with town centres within the plans?</p> <p>Answer: Not if you don't have the money, concentrate on needs not wants.</p> <p>Wilson: What is your thought on town centre plans? Answer: A lot of water needs to go under the bridge first but I am not against a new building.</p>
Jean McKinstry		Council, 17 May 2018. 10.13 – 10.21 am		<p>The Mayor explained the recycling and rubbish options, and offered for staff to discuss the options further post meeting. It was further noted that the waste transfer stations will stay available as rural residents won't be offered the curb side collection option. Some people would save money on this option, some would not.</p> <p>Ash: Would you see the \$165 option 2 beneficial to the wider district at reducing fly tipping and rubbish to land fill? Answer: My friends I've spoken to don't use many bags per year, maybe beneficial overall for people who aren't diligent.</p>

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				<p>Rainey: Your \$2 red bag, do you put one out every 5 weeks? Answer: Yes, I have a friend that says the new system won't suit as they have a long drive and only needs to recycle one glass item per month.</p>
Gretta Mills		Council, 17 May 2018. 10.21 – 10:34 am		<p>Belsham: The recycling option: you chose recycling only, how much would you spend on rubbish disposal annually? Answer: I use a \$2 bag that I put out once every 2 weeks. We pay for green waste disposal at about \$100 for trailer load a year.</p> <p>Belsham: You are aware that the plan suggests adding another \$65 annually to include rubbish disposal? Answer: There is more cost in having to self-recycle such as time, effort and petrol.</p> <p>Wilson: I note you are against the volunteer rate for underfloor heating? Answer: That question was tricky, I agree for others to use but wouldn't use myself. The question was poorly written.</p> <p>Ash: With regard to the recycling option would you see an advantage to entire district in taking on recycling and rubbish, would that reduce fly tipping and be cheaper for some families? Answer: People won't buy bags, they will fill there bin with green waste, wheelie bins are a problem.</p> <p>Ash: If we go to a wheelie bin option is there a way of educating people to use best practice? Answer: If a wheelie bin is only for recyclables.</p> <p>Mayor: In terms of economic develop you say don't use rate payer money for incentives, if it could be demonstrated that the capital gain would offset any rate dispensation would you be in agreeance? Answer: No, I run a business if you cannot bring a business to Marton without being bribed do we want them? You are using rate payers' hard earned money.</p>

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				<p>Mayor: if it could be demonstrated that it could be a net gain over time? Answer: No. Mayor: Should we have a policy to hire women over men if all other qualities are equal? Answer: That's a fish hook, perhaps you need to look at who hires and where you advertise.</p>
Richard Morrison, Tim Mathews	Federated Farmers of New Zealand	Council, 17 May 2018. 10.35 – 10:50 am		<p>Aslett: Regarding the Mangaweka bridge replacement, what else do you suggest we do to speed up the project? Answer: Economic analysis has been done by bridge engineers; they are not the best ones to do it. The community will be a better resource.</p> <p>Mayor Are you aware that is a NZTA [New Zealand Transport Agency] requirement? Answer: It's the information going to NZTA that I refer to.</p> <p>Rainey: We had three workshops with community as part of the collation of that information. Your comments on forestry that they should be paying 2.5 times, have you done analysis on that, some farmers have forestry also? Answer: Other councils are leading on this, looking at the effect on the rate payer base. It's the volume of trees coming out and when they are coming out. Damage is done to infrastructure during winter. Lower tar weighted roads at danger of damage. Another point is that farms are rated on capital value, trees are not included as capital. You are rating off a smaller rateable value on forestry blocks. Look at Whanganui District Council's Long Term Plan this year. Reasonable proxy gives foresters a chance to look at their rates over a long period. The large tree planting programme plans of Government have drawn awareness to the consequences on small communities like ours. When trees come out they wreck infrastructure.</p> <p>Wilson: Federated Farmers represent many people in New Zealand, does</p>

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				<p>Federated Farmers as an organisation have a suggestion with regards to buildings being that Council are driven by earthquake legislation? Do you have a position for all your members? Answer: We do not a national stance, but from local community we think the Government looks at one size fits all, it would be best to look at affordable cost with regard to nice to have and need to have, it comes down to practicality. Central Government needs to look at how to support local government.</p> <p>Platt: I note comments on community assets and further your members pay high rates, have you done a survey on who uses these town facilities will they use what is planned? Answer: A survey is something the whole community should do, for us it depends on the facility, it goes back to the philosophy of what is communal benefit should be spread fairly and equally across the community.</p> <p>Mayor: We try and engage with you as a separate interest group when we can.</p> <p>Peke-Mason: Is there something else you wanted to say? Answer: We would like to be involved with Council workshops, it would be advantageous for Council to talk with all interest groups like grey power at the start of the LTP process.</p>
Charlie Mete	Rātana Community Board	Council, 17 May 2018. 10:51 – 11:01 am		<p>Rainey: Can you fill me in on the fire station building: is the gym a commercial operation? Answer: It is open to community to use, with a koha system to contribute to maintenance. It has got to a state where that koha is not covering maintenance of equipment; an unofficial committee of Ratana sports club runs the facility.</p> <p>McManaway: The fire station needs to be upsized, have you looked at</p>

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				<p>approaching charitable trusts? Answer: We just became aware Council owns the building; we thought the church owned it. I have met with Gaylene Prince [Community & Leisure Assets team Leader] who suggested approaching Council through this LTP process.</p> <p>Belsham: The rugby ground needs to get to the required playing standard, is its current state due to the lack of annual maintenance and whose responsibility is that? Answer: The church owns the land and the Communal Board is in charge of mowing; it has been damaged to the point where the rugby union won't allow any sports to be played on it. Our team is currently playing in Marton.</p> <p>Belsham: So it is not under a maintenance contract with Council? Answer: No</p> <p>Ash: Have you got an idea on what residents pay for rubbish removal? Answer: Around only 30 have recycling bins, the concern was that the cost would be on every house hold, if we opted in.</p> <p>Ash: How many houses are in Ratana? Answer: 130, with most using the recycling facility at transfer station.</p> <p>Mayor: We have a process of managing parks and reserves that we own; are you asking that we look to assist the Communal Board with the process, having a conversation on the park and further the fire station and playground? Answer: We would like to have a conversation around all of them.</p> <p>McManaway: The installation of speed humps in Ratana, is this regarding new placement rather than the ones currently in town? Answer: There are three in place, the two in town are temporary and damaged, and we would like them replaced with permanent ones.</p>

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				<p>Wilson: Regarding the rugby ground, has anyone done cost an analysis of bringing the ground up to standard, and if the upgrade was done by Council would the club or community be able to maintain? Answer: We would like Council to continue to maintain the ground</p>
<p>Adjourned at 11:02 am and reconvened at 11:17 am</p>				
Belinda Howard		Council, 17 May 2018. 11.17 – 11:30 am		<p>Wilson: What is the name of the organisation you represent? Answer: I submitted of on my own account.</p> <p>Aslett: What is the name of the business that wants to move from Wellington to Marton? Answer: It is still in the process, so I can't name them but they are a significant art business, there is one 'The Bead Warehouse' that has recently moved from Auckland to Marton.</p> <p>Sheridan: In the Consultation Document we mention an economic development role, is the Art Community Facilitator role you talk about able to add to the economic development role or would that stand alone? Answer: I think a stand-alone position; it has an aspect of economic development but the arts flow into the community wellbeing area, dealing with volunteer groups and the like.</p> <p>Peke-Mason: Is there a will in the District for artists to form a collective that could be a group we could engage with if council saw fit? Answer: I can't answer that, some artist work quietly and alone but some may be interested in that sort of forum; it would be worth investigating</p> <p>Peke-Mason: What percentage of artists reside in District? Answer: That depends on your definition of artist- its difficult question. For some people art is full time, others are hobby artists.</p>

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				<p>Mayor: How does Council engage with artists, it's a two way street? If there is a group that wants to talk to us, we are happy to engage but how do we start the conversation? Answer: If someone can be focused on finding the artist, like a co-ordinator they could start with an established group like the Marton Arts Centre.</p> <p>Belsham: In regards to an art champion – you stated in your submission concerns that an art company had issues setting up in district, can you expand? Answer: I would rather not do so on their behalf but I will put them in contact with a Councillor.</p>
Andrew Shand Pania Hemopo	Marton Skate Park Committee	Council, 17 May 2018. 11.31 – 11:44 am		<p>Mayor: Are you asking for Council to pay the repair of the existing facility \$ 24,000 approximately, and a further cash contribution of how \$50,000? Answer: We would like Council to consider paying for the repair to the current skate park and further contribute to the new build.</p> <p>Sheridan: Are the costs going to be peer reviewed? Answer: Rich landscapes are doing skate-parks for other councils; Athol Sanson [Parks & Reserves team Leader] is in contact with them for peer reviewing.</p> <p>McManaway: Have you approached every possible charitable trust? And have you looked at another person/company to build? Answer: We have \$50,000 from Dudding Trust, \$25,000 from Lions Foundation, \$50,000 from Lotteries. There are other funders we haven't contact as we thought we had what we needed. We are at the stage we need to find more funding. We have not had another skatepark builder specifically come to Marton, in the initial stages we engaged the only two other companies - Tom Smithers was double the price and the other company laughed at our request.</p>

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				<p>Sheridan: Of the \$270,000 for the current estimate, \$180,000 is already secured, how much of balance can be done local? Answer: We have just received the schedule list and haven't had time to discuss as it as a committee. But looking at it, the site preparation comes in at \$10,000 we plan to hit up local contractors to reduce that cost, the \$10,000 for seating can be taken out, as seating has been offered by Lions Club.</p> <p>The Committee will come back with costings prior to deliberations.</p>
Jim Howard (Chair)	St Andrews Church Committee	Council, 17 May 2018. 11.44 – 11:56 am		<p>Ash: Rundown regional development - is it all about money, is this the only consideration or should we consider the desire of growth and how that impacts the balance of a rich future? Answer: Everything seems to come back to money; the country as a whole has economies based on continuous growth; it's a big problem suggesting the unbalanced economy is due to rural growth decreasing. If that can be turned around the rural economy can do the job leading the country's growth, included in that the productive secondary industries, of which not many are left now adding to the lack of employment. It's driven by the imbalance of the economy geared to encouraging consumption.</p> <p>McManaway: Do you believe the District Council's core business is to look into this, is it our role to lead this when there are rural organisations that are good at it? Answer: I am glad you think there are some other organisations that are good. I have been trying to work with organisations and government without success. I thought success could be had by a new approach of working with all councils, getting everyone to work together. District councils combining on a regional level, building alliance with regional councils.</p>

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				<p>Mayor: The model that you are looking at is fairly regulated with exchange rates, if I spoke to Mr Robinson, Minister of Finance, at Central Government the first thing he would say is "Is there another country that has successfully adopted this model", is there another country that has a working economy that you would like to mirror? Answer: Not one specifically, the summary of recommendation by Bryan Gould on page 98 of the submissions book, notes the ways in which the economy can be managed without the need of reliance on an exchange rate.</p>
Carolyn Bates		Council, 17 May 2018. 11.56 am – 12.06 pm		<p>Mayor: For clarification, the \$118 out of waste minimisation was estimated prior to the work done for the Consultation Document, and was a general aim of where Council want so to be. Answer: Yes but they were put out for consultation at the same time.</p> <p>Belsham: Recycling of green waste - are you asking Council to look at this as an option? Answer: It should be considered; if green waste is not separated out it will go in with general rubbish.</p> <p>Belsham: There is a green waste facility at transfer stations do you think the cost is a deterrent? Answer: Yes.</p>
George Vickers	Hunterville Rugby Club	Council, 17 May 2018. 12.07 – 12.14 pm		<p>McManaway: The new lights on the park would probably be LED's. I would have thought they would be no greater power usage required than the lights there now. Answer: They are LED's and will be put down the road side to face the rugby park so as not to shine on houses.</p> <p>McManaway: Have you got funding for the lighting? Answer: It is in process and investigation, we have a quote.</p> <p>Wilson: Is this for night time rugby to be played? Answer: Yes, it is picking up traction around country.</p> <p>Rainey: If the bore doesn't go ahead will you still do flood lighting and</p>

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				<p>will you need a transformer? Answer: yes we will still do lighting but I am not sure if we need a transformer. If there was no bore and it need a transformer we would have to invest more.</p> <p>Peke-Mason: How many times a year would it be used and would other clubs be able to use it too? Answer: Yes they will be available to be used by other groups. We are looking at playing as many games as possible. We hire lights for current games.</p>
Wiremu Abraham		Council, 17 May 2018. 12.14 – 12:35 pm		<p>Mayor: The key assumption in our Long Term Plan is that a kerb side service would be based on a town being all in or all out. Is it possible for those that selected option 1 or 2 could be serviced and those that elected to remain status quo could do so? Answer: I have seen both options in different parts of country and both have worked. One thing we have noticed with regards to option 1 and 2 is the consideration to providing a couple more collection container options, it could help consolidate the waste volume and still deliver a high recyclable outcome. One elderly lady we service can't push her 240 litre bin, so we move it for her. It is human nature to fill up an empty bin.</p> <p>Wilson: How many bins do you manage? Answer: 2000+ in the district. The big operator putting their prices up 100% resulted in us now picking up other 1500 bags.</p> <p>Wilson: So 1500 bags, 2000 bins and cardboard? Answer: The Rat Hole was putting cardboard in the bin, we discussed with them using a commercial operator and separating the cardboard; that saves them money and the environment.</p> <p>McManaway: Are we on the right direction getting rid of plastic bags? Answer: It seems the bags break down; I don't think we get rid of bags</p>

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				<p>altogether – rural folks still need to use them.</p> <p>Sheridan: With green waste being used to fill up wheelie bin, have you considered a solution to the green waste issue in Rangitikei, like another business? Answer: A one-off collection every month, dependant on cost structure, could get volumes down. You could encourage a business or Council do a one-off collection to reduce waste. That would have two gains – the landfill allocation lasting longer and the outcome of government requirements of 25% reduction in waste.</p> <p>Peke-Mason: With regards to recycling bags, would you be prepared to research environment friendly bags? Answer: The ones we use have a breakdown component in them, but further improvements are coming.</p> <p>Rainey: If we were to go with just recycling would it reduce rubbish? Answer: Yes, anything we provide will reduce waste, it's about motivating the people, in another 15 years that generation will do all this automatically.</p> <p>Peke-Mason: With regard to cardboard there is a negative perception that it ends up in landfill? Answer: I don't do cardboard. It has failed in this district in last 15 years with different companies. China is no longer taking recycling; it's a problem for many countries. The cardboard collection method needs a bailer to compact space and a substantial holding area.</p>

Hearings Closed – 12:35 pm