

Rangitīkei District Council

Council Meeting

Agenda – Thursday 31 January 2019 – 9:30 AM

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The quorum for the Council is 6.

Council’s Standing Orders (adopted 3 November 2016) 10.2 provide: The quorum for Council committees and sub-committees is as for Council, ie half the number of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even or a majority if the number of members is odd.

1 Welcome

2 Council Prayer

3 Public Forum

4 Minute's silence for Peter Richardson

Member of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa for Ngāti Parewahawaha, 2005-2016

5 Apologies/Leave of Absence

6 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.

7 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.

8 Confirmation of minutes

The minutes from the Council meeting held 13 December 2018 are attached.

Recommendation:

That the minutes and public excluded minutes of the Council meeting 13 December be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

9 Mayor's Report

The Mayor's report and schedule are attached.

File ref: 3-EP-3-5

Recommendation:

That the Mayor's report and schedule to Council's meeting on 31 January 2019 be received.

10 Funding request from the Taihape Playcentre

Kristy Harris from the Taihape Playcentre will provide a brief presentation.

The Taihape Playcentre applied for funding of \$4,990.00 from the Community Initiatives Fund Round 1 2018/2019. Due to the nature of the request under the previous criteria, this application was deferred. This application would now be eligible under the new criteria. The current balance of the fund is, \$17,868 (from a total budget of \$30,000); however there is still one more round for the 2018/19 financial year.

Recommendation:

That That Council approves the request for funding from the Taihape Playcentre from the Community initiatives Fund for the amount of \$.....

11 Administrative matters

A report is attached.

Recommendations:

- 1 That the report 'Administrative matters – January 2019' to Council's meeting on 31 January 2019 be received.
- 2 That issuing the Expression of Interest for the provision of a fortnightly kerbside recycling and weekly rubbish collection service in Bulls, Marton, Hunterville, Mangaweka and Taihape be deferred until there is sufficient national policy certainty from the Government about recycling processing.
- 3 That, in response to the questions posed by the Remuneration Authority regarding remuneration for community boards, the Rangitikei District Council prefers that:
 - a. the governance pool which the Authority sets for councillors does not include remuneration for community boards, and that the Authority determine the size of the pool for each community board; and
 - b. remuneration for elected members of each community board should reflect the number of residents represented by the whole board.
- 4 That Council approve [without amendment/as amended] the development agreement for the proposed construction of new premises/development of the site at 346-360 Wellington Road, Marton by McVerry Crawford'
- 5 That Council approach the joint venture partners for the new Bulls Community Centre to see whether they would add a dump station facility to their new motel complex.

12 Top 10 Projects report

A memorandum is attached.

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Top Ten Projects – status, January 2019' to the 31 January 2019 Council meeting be received.

13 Health and Safety quarterly report

A report is attached.

Recommendation:

That the report 'Health & Safety Quarterly Update (October-December 2018)' for the period ending 31 December 2018 be received.

14 Deliberation on submissions to Animal Control Bylaw

A report is attached.

File ref: 1-DB-1-9

Recommendations:

- 1 That the report 'Deliberations on submissions to Animal Control Bylaw 2018' to the 31 January 2019 Council Committee meeting be received.
- 2 That the Animal Control Bylaw be adopted [without amendment/as amended] to come into force on 11 February 2019.
- 3 That a \$5,000 provision be included in the 2019/20 Annual Plan for a voluntary programme for the de-sexing of cats and, if included, a report be provided to the Policy/Planning Committee on the mechanics of the programme.

15 Deliberation on submissions to the Rates remission policy on incentivising residential development

A report is attached.

File ref: 3-PY-1-29

Recommendations:

- 1 That the report 'Deliberations on the Rates remission policy for incentivising residential development' to the 31 January 2019 Council meeting be received.
- 2 That the Rates remission policy for incentivising residential development be adopted [without amendment/as amended] with immediate effect.
- 3 That the Chief Executive review the 'Taking care of business support manager role' so that it aligns, as far as practicable, with providing effective liaison between developers and the Council and it is well publicised.

16 Review of speed limits bylaw

To be tabled.

17 Submission to Aotearoa - New Zealand Tourism Strategy

On 31 October 2018, the Government published its draft Aotearoa New Zealand Government Tourism Strategy, requesting feedback by 4 February 2019. The strategy can be found at:

<https://www.mbie.govt.nz/have-your-say/tourism-strategy-consultation/>

Key questions identified are as follows:

- What do you think about the Government's proposal to take a more active and deliberate role in the tourism system?
- What are the areas you think should be a particular focus?
- Are there areas where the Government's role should be limited?
- The draft strategy proposes five tourism outcomes for government¹. Do you support these outcomes and are these the right outcomes to focus on?
- The strategy identifies an ambitious work programme for government. What are the highest priority actions from your perspective?
- What are the areas in this draft strategy that you think could be strengthened?

In establishing regional priorities, the strategy classifies New Zealand into three broad groupings in terms of their development as destinations – established, emerging and embryonic. No regions are named, but Rangitīkei would be 'embryonic'.

A draft submission is attached.

File ref: 3-OR-3-5

Recommendations:

1. That the draft submission to the draft Aotearoa New Zealand Government Tourism Strategy be received.
2. That His Worship the Mayor be authorised to sign (on behalf of the Council) the draft submission [without amendment/as amended] to the draft Aotearoa New Zealand Government Tourism Strategy.

¹ (1) New Zealand benefits from more productive tourism growth; (2) Exceptional visitor experiences ensure the sector's future success; (3) Tourism protects and enhances New Zealand's natural, cultural and historic heritage, and promotes New Zealand's culture; (4) New Zealanders' lives are improved by tourism; (5) Regions and communities benefit from tourism.

18 Submission to Productivity Commission's Inquiry into local government funding and financing

On 6 November 2018, the Productivity Commission published its issues paper on local government funding and financing. It can be found at:

<https://www.productivity.govt.nz/news/local-government-funding-and-financing-public-views-sought>

Comment was requested by 15 February 2019. A draft report will be published in June 2019 with submissions due in August 2019. The Commission's final report is due with the Government on 30 November 2019,

The issues paper poses 49 questions which the Commission sees as important to consider further. The Society of Local Government Managers and Local Government New Zealand have both prepared detailed submissions.

A suggested response from the Council is attached. Should the Council consider there are matters which require further investigation before approving the response, this could be prepared for the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting on 14 February 2019.

In addition, Rangitikei has offered to be included in the sample of councils which the Commission will study in greater detail to give it a better appreciation of the range of circumstances within local government. There will be a regional meeting with the Commission in Palmerston North on 2 April 2019 which the Mayor and the Chief Executive plan to attend.

File ref: 3-OR-3-5

Recommendations:

1. That the draft response to the questions posed in the Productivity Commission's issues paper on local government funding and financing be received.

EITHER

2. That His Worship the Mayor be authorised to sign (on behalf of the Council) the draft response [without amendment/as amended] to the questions posed in the Productivity Commission's issues paper on local government funding and financing

OR

3. That the Policy/Planning Committee be authorised to approve the draft response to the questions posed in the Productivity Commission's issues paper on local government funding and financing incorporating changes and comments made at Council's meeting on 31 January 2019, particularly.....

19 Receipt of Committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed

The minutes are attached.

Recommendations:

- 1 That the following minutes be received.
 - Santoft Domain Management Committee, 5 December 2018
 - Ratana Community Board, 11 December 2018
 - Taihape Community Board, 12 December 2018
 - Marton Community Committee, 12 December 2018.

- 2 That the following recommendation from the Rātana Community Board meeting held on 11 December 2018:

~~18/RCB/029~~

~~That the Rātana Community Board does not support Rangitikei District Council's proposed idea to change from 5 wards to 3. The Board believes that the current 5 ward structure best represents our area and mainly the community of Rātana. We support the position of the Turakina Community Committee.~~

Conveyed to the Local Government Commission as an appeal against Council's final proposal for the representation arrangement for the 2019 elections.

20 Late items

As agreed at item 5

21 Future Items for the Agenda

22 Next Meeting

28 February 2019 at 1.00 pm

23 Meeting Closed