

# Council

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28 March 2019

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Tēnā koutou ngā honore mema o te Kaunihera o Rangitikei,

*I raro i te maru o Ihoa o Ngā Mano, Matua, Tama, Wairua Tapu, me ngā Anahera Pono me te Māngai, Arepa, Omeka, Piriwiritua, Hamuera ko te Māngai kei roto ake, ake, tonu atu. Kei te mihi ki ngā mate kei runga i a tātou, a te hunga o te Haahi o Islam kei Ōtautahi i hinga, me ngā mate katoa huri noa o te motu, kia mihia, kia tangihia i roto i tēnei rā.*

*Tēnā anō tātou me te āhuatanga ki ngā whānau e noho pani ana, e noho pōuri ana ki Ōtautahi, ā, huri noa atu i te ao. Tēnei tātou ngā mōrehu tāngata e tū tautoko ana i roto i te aroha me te whakaaro nui ki a rātou i ngā rangi tata nei. Mā te aroha tātou e ora ai.*

In the first instance I pay respect to those whose lives were sadly and tragically taken under horrendous circumstances on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March in Christchurch .....haere, haere atu raa moe mai raa.

#### **Mokai Patea Waitangi Claims**

For the benefit of those unaware this grouping consists of four iwi located at the Southern End of District, Ngāi Te Ohuake, Ngāti Hauti, Ngāti Tamakōpiri, Ngāti Whitikaupeka.

Week 9 Hearings started on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at Rongomaraeroa-o-nga-hau e Wha Marae, Waiouru. There were representatives from Ngāti Rangi (Mana Whenua), Ngāti Tuwharetoa including Paramount Chief Tumu Te Huehue, Department of Conservation, Nga Whenua Rahui, Genesis and respective legal teams and representatives from NZ Defence Force.

The Defence Force occupies some 63000 hectares that were previously Iwi whenua/land. A highlight for many tangata whenua was an escorted site visit over the Waiouru Army base to wahi tapu (sacred sites). Waiu Pa, Auahitotara Pa and the Moawhango Dam, a first for many as access is restricted due to these wahi tapu sites of significance being on defence lands<sup>1</sup>.

NZ Defence concede they have not done a good job at understanding who the Mōkai Pātea Iwi are and working with them in the past. That systems and policy have not included or considered Iwi. They are committed to changing this.

On day 3 Tribunal Panel member Dr Monty Soutar noted that the naming of areas on the camp and basic training that excludes knowledge of the history of whose land trainees are on, it seems the naming of various areas within the camp eg. "Argo Valley, Royces Hill" have "wiped out the mana whenua history of the area." It was also noted by Judge Harvey that until the Tribunal hearing started like most had assumed this area came under the mantle of Tuwharetoa. E tu Nga Iwi Nui Tonu o Mōkai Pātea.

<sup>1</sup> Mokai Patea Waitangi Claims Facebook page

**Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa – Old Rubbish Dump Uncovered**

The tribe is keeping their members up to date regarding this matter and confirm they are working with RDC and Horizon's. Any queries are being managed by Chris Shenton.

**Ngati Rangi – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

On 14<sup>th</sup> March Ngati Rangi and a small contingent travelled to Parliament to hear their 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. There were speeches from all corners of the house supporting Ngāti Rangi settlement, their 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading is scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> July where an invitation will be extended to all tribal members.

**NOTE:**

A gentle reminder Iwi are not a stakeholder, not another ethnic group, not a minority, they are a 'PARTNER' due to a formal Treaty document signed by Crown.

## Portfolio Update Heritage and Tourism - Cr Richard Aslett – March 2019.

### 1) Update on the Rangitikei Heritage Group Recent Activity –

Next Planned Meeting of RH Group – Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> April (TBC) Will discuss further ideas for the annual Rangitikei Heritage Weekend, Date set as Saturday and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> May, when all the districts Museums will be open from 10am to 3pm. This years' theme will be Rangitikei 'Sports Clubs and Personalities' of the Past. Museums are supplying photographs and a short write up for promotional purposes (*draft banner below*).



This will be expanded upon for full displays for the actual weekend. Gold coin donation for adults free for kids. There will be the usual draw to win a canvas. **Heritage Trail** (revamp) & **New Heritage Signage**, *Will refocus after Rangitikei Weekend*. **Historic Mangaweka Bridge**, Mangaweka Heritage looking at of setting up a specific Trust for admin and fund raising etc.

### 2) Update on Tourism :

New meeting with Gioia Damosso (RDC Tourism/Economic Dev) arranged for **Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> of April** to include updates on **promotional tourism video** (which is underway), designs for a digital solution to accessing information on where to go and what to do in the Rangitikei, and plans for putting a focus group together for this as details are worked out. Still seeing **many visitors to the District/Region** as we head into Autumn. **Big events coming up this weekend; Artists Open Studios**, Sat & Sun (see <https://openstudios.co.nz> ) and of course the fab **Marton Harvest Festival**, Sun 10-4 (see <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2019/marton-harvest-fair/marton>)

### Rangitikei.com Website :

**Website Stats :** Quick view; the number of **hits for February 2019 was 99,068**, slightly down on January's **103,807**, yet up on December's **86,481**, seeing a summer average working out around a healthy 90K hits rate. That said 'Hits' are only part of the story, so happy to forward full stats etc via e-mail to anyone if interested. Just ask at e-mail below.

**Thanks,** Cr Richard Aslett - e-mail : [mangawekagallery@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mangawekagallery@xtra.co.nz)

Tabled at Council

on 28 March 2019

## Proposed carry-forwards to 2019/20

(included in the Consultation Document for the 2019/20 Annual Plan and the full draft of that document)

### Water Supply

Project	Budget 2018/19	Proposed carry-forward 2019/20	2020/21	Reason
<b>Renewals</b>				
Bulls / Trickers Reservoir replacement	\$1,375,682	\$1,325,000	-	Bulls Water Strategy being completed in 2018/19 which will inform the appropriate capital spend.
Water Treatment Plant critical asset component replacement	\$135,000	\$70,000	-	Phased replacement of turbidity meters.
Erewhon Rural – Water Treatment	\$120,000	\$120,000	-	Scale of the Mangaohane network replacement resulted in a multi-year project
<b>Level of Service</b>				
Hunterville Urban - Water Treatment New Bore	\$908,511	\$400,000	-	Bore development and treatment plant design will be completed in the 2019/20 year.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,539,193</b>	<b>\$1,915,000</b>	<b>-</b>	

### Sewerage and the Treatment and Disposal of Sewerage

Project	Budget 2018/19	Proposed carry-forward 2019/20	2020/21	Reason
<b>Renewals</b>				
Wastewater Treatment renewals	\$3,919,000	-	\$2,600,000	Upgrade to Marton /Bulls / Ratana subject to consent requirements and land purchase.

Pipeline Marton to Bulls	\$1,565,890	\$1,500,000	-	Timing of detailed design. Design will be completed by 30 June 2020
Wastewater Treatment - Renewals	\$1,300,000	\$200,000	\$1,000,000	New Ratana wastewater treatment plant design contingent on land purchase being completed.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,784,890</b>	<b>\$1,700,000</b>	<b>\$3,600,000</b>	

#### Stormwater Drainage

Project	Budget 2018/19	Proposed carry-forward		Reason
Renewals		2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Stormwater Reticulation – New works	\$750,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$350,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>

#### Community and Leisure

Project	Budget 2018/19	Proposed carry-forward		Reason
		2019/20	2020/21	
Taihapa Memorial Park Amenities Building	\$600,000	\$600,000	-	Final design still to be signed off.
Bulls Community Centre	\$2,595,000	\$97,767	-	Cash flow updated post signing of construction contract
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,195,000</b>	<b>\$697,767</b>	<b>-</b>	

#### Rubbish and Recycling

Project	Budget 2018/19	Proposed carry-forward		Reason
		2019/20	2020/21	

Kerbside Rubbish and Recycling	\$567,630	-	\$567,630	Awaiting Government Policy and direction on recycling.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$567,630</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$567,630</b>	

Miscellaneous

Project	Budget 2018/19	Proposed carry-forward 2019/20	2020/21	Reason
Fleet Management	\$415,640	\$20,000	-	Timing of procurement
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$415,640</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>-</b>	

# MEMORANDUM

## TABLED DOCUMENT

TO: Council

FROM: Ross McNeil

DATE: 27 March 2019

SUBJECT: Adoption of "Unfolding 2020", the Consultation Document for the draft 2019/20 Annual Plan

FILE: 1-AP-1-6

Tabled at Council  
on 28/3/19

### 1 Background

- 1.1 Every local authority must prepare and adopt an annual plan for each financial year.<sup>1</sup>
- 1.2 The amendments made in November 2014 to the Local Government Act 2002 changed the consultation requirements for the annual plan. Up until then, it was mandatory to use the Act's special consultative procedure before adopting an Annual Plan, irrespective of the significance of the changes for the year from those projected in the long term plan.
- 1.3 Now local authorities have the option to adopt an annual plan by resolution, if the proposed annual plan does not include significant or material differences from the content of the long-term plan for the financial year to which the proposed annual plan relates.<sup>2</sup>
- 1.4 However, if there are significant or material differences (but not sufficient to require an amendment to the long-term plan), the annual plan may only be adopted after a consultation document has been issued and submissions on it considered.

### 2 Comment

- 2.1 Section 82A(3) of the Local Government Act 2002 requires that consultation on the annual plan must take the form of a consultation document that complies with section 95A of the Act. The consultation document is intended to provide a basis for effective public participation in decision-making processes relating to the activities to be undertaken by the local authority in the coming year. The emphasis is to be on differences between the proposed annual plan and the content of the long-term plan for the financial year to which the annual plan relates.

<sup>1</sup> Local Government Act 2002, s.95(1)

<sup>2</sup> s. 95(2A).

- 2.2 The consultation document is required to explain these differences in a way that can be readily understood by interested or affected people in order to enable informed discussions between the local authority and its communities about these changes.
- 2.3 The consultation document must be presented in as concise and simple a manner as possible within the provisions of the s95A of the Act. It must be a standalone document that does not require the full annual plan or any other document to be attached to it in order to enable the informed discussion to take place between Council and its communities.
- 2.4 However, it must state where members of the public may obtain this supporting information, including by providing links or references to the relevant information on an Internet site maintained by or on behalf of the local authority.
- 2.5 The consultation document for an annual plan is not subject to review by the Council's auditors, unlike the Consultation Document for a long-term plan.
- 2.6 Finally, the local authority must adopt the supporting information (including the draft annual plan) before it adopts the consultation document.

### **3 Next Steps**

- 3.1 Rangitikei's Consultation Document for the 2019/20 Annual Plan is titled 'Unfolding 2020'. It comprises a preface from His Worship the Mayor, a chart with major projects, a section on 'Key issues', summary financial information, a submission form, details on how to make a submission, intended public meetings, and a list of the supporting information.
- 3.2 Council needs to be satisfied that the draft consultation document meets the requirements of section 95A of the Local Government Act 2002, subject to any amendments required by its previous consideration of the supporting information.

### **4 Recommendations**

- 4.1 That the memorandum 'Adoption of 'Unfolding 2020', the Consultation Document for the draft 2019/20 Annual Plan' be received.
- 4.2 That Council resolves to adopt "Unfolding 2020" as the consultation document for the 2019/20 Annual Plan in terms of sections 95A of the Local Government Act 2002 (subject to minor editorial and formatting changes), and to give effect to the timetable for receiving and hearing submissions.

Ross McNeil  
Chief Executive



# Rangitikei District Council

**TABLED DOCUMENT**  
**RANGITIKEI**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held at Council

Minutes – Thursday 21 March 2019 – 9:30 a.m. on 28/3/19.

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**Present:**

Cr Ruth Rainey  
Cr Cath Ash  
Cr Nigel Belsham  
Cr Jane Dunn  
Cr Angus Gordon  
Cr Lynne Sheridan  
Cr David Wilson  
Ms Coral Raukawa-Manuel (Te Roopu Ahi Kaa representative)  
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

**In attendance:**

Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive  
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager  
Mr Reuben Pokiha, Roading Advisor  
Mr Arno Benadie, Principal Advisor - Infrastructure  
Mr Graeme Pointon, Strategic Property Advisor  
Ms Selenia Anderson, Governance Administrator

**Tabled documents:**

None

## 1 Welcome

The meeting started at 9.33am. The Deputy Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2 Council Prayer

Cr Rainey read the Council Prayer.

## 3 Public Forum

Nil

## 4 Apologies/leave of Absence

That the apology for the absence of Cr Aslett, Cr McManaway and for the lateness of Cr Dunn be received

Cr Sheridan / Cr Wilson. Carried

## 5 Members' conflict of interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

## 6 Confirmation of order of business

The order of business was confirmed.

There were no late items.

## 7 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number

19/AIN/010

File Ref

That the Minutes of the 'Assets/Infrastructure Committee' meeting held on 14 February 2019 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham / Cr Wilson. Carried

## 8 Chair's Report

The Chair did not have a report

## 9 Progress with Strategic Issues

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

## 10 Infrastructure Protection Update – February 2019

Mr Pointon took his report as read.

Points noted from his report were:

- Rātana new bore – There is an agreement in place with the vendor which needs immediate attention.
- Bulls – A question was posed about the negotiations over the Trickers reservoir. It had been made clear to him that further work there would not proceed. A meeting had been arranged with him in the following week.

**Resolved minute number**

**19/AIN/011**

**File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Infrastructure Protection Update – February 2019' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 21 March 2019 be received.

Cr Dunn / HWTM. Carried

## 11 Proposed remit to LGNZ AGM on legal easements or other mechanisms for Council Infrastructure

The Committee discussed the purpose of the remit. They asked that it presented the story more clearly (including anticipating the question why sufficient protection wasn't arranged at the time) and noted that this was not just a Rangitikei problem but potentially a nationwide issue.

**Undertaking**

**3-OR-2-4**

Council staff to liaise with other councils to ascertain whether they were experienced a similar problem and would support the proposed remit.

**Resolved minute number**

**19/AIN/012**

**File Ref**

That the proposed remit to Local Government New Zealand's Annual General meeting on legal easements of other mechanisms for Council Infrastructure (as amended) be approved for submission to the Local Government New Zealand Zone 3 meeting on 4-5 April 2019.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon. Carried

## 12 Marton Development Group – Playground Extension

The Chief Executive spoke to the report. The Committee discussed the Playground extension noting that there would still be sufficient car parking in the area.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/AIN/013**                      **File Ref**

That the report 'Marton Development Group – Playground Extension' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 21 March 2019 be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Sheridan

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/AIN/014**                      **File Ref**

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee recommend to Council that the request from the Marton Development Group to extend the playground into the Marton Memorial Hall carpark be approved.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/AIN/015**                      **File Ref**

That a sum of \$37,700 to develop the gravel area behind Memorial Hall into a sealed carpark be funded in full from the 2019/20 Parks Upgrade Partnership budget as Council's contribution to the project Marton Memorial Hall playground extension.

Cr Belsham / Cr Ash. Carried

The Committee considered the need for a policy to guide the allocation of funds in the Parks Upgrade Partnership scheme but concluded that the allocation was a decision for Elected Members to make, having regard for the criteria.

## 13 Investigation of placement of dump stations in Bulls and Hunterville

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

## 14 Infrastructure Group and Activity report

The report was taken as read. Points highlighted were:

- Roading  
Maintenance – Budget wise is tracking along well.  
Rail crossing on Pukepapa Road, Marton, needs attention. KiwiRail to be approached.

Need to be ready for proposed large subdivision off Bredins Line, Marton (in terms of upgrading the entrance intersection) – potentially part of a development agreement with the Council.

- Three Waters

The Hunterville bore – good signs of water between 300 and 350 metres. The next steps after extraction would be to test water quality.

Rātana Water supply – there was an issue with a crack in the bore and the resin was escaping through it. It was also noted that there was an odour and specks in the water this is from the old water pipes descaling, staff continue to monitor this. The system is currently being flushed twice weekly. The Committee asked that they be told when there are issues.

The non-compliance for Hunterville wastewater is not yet resolved, even though it is essentially a technical issue. Horizons is considering how to proceed given that there were objections raised when the consent was sought.

Stormwater work in Mill Street, Marton was queried. Mr Benadie would investigate.

**Resolved minute number**

**19/AIN/016**

**File Ref**

That the 'Infrastructure Group and Activity report' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 21 March 2019 be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Ash. Carried

Cr Wilson left 10.29am

## 15 Community & Leisure Services project and activity report

The report was taken as read.

Points raised from the report were:

- Taihape Swim Centre

Is running well although there has been some negative feedback, most users were happy with the swim centre and its staff.

**Resolved minute number**

**19/AIN/017**

**File Ref**

That the 'Community & Leisure project and activity report' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 21 March 2019 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Dunn. Carried

## 16 Progress with Improvement actions identified from the 2018 Annual Residents and Stakeholders surveys

### Undertaking

6-RF-4

Mr Hodder to ask the Parks and Reserves Team Leader about the use of old Council playground equipment for rural halls.

### Resolved minute number

19/AIN/018

### File Ref

That the 'Progress with Improvement actions identified from the 2018 Annual Residents and Stakeholders surveys report' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 21 March 2019 be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Gordon. Carried

## 17 Update on Follett Street toilets

Awaiting resource consent before work will be undertaken.

### Resolved minute number

19/AIN/019

### File Ref

That the 'Update on Follett Street toilets' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 21 March 2019 be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Belsham. Carried

## 18 Questions put at previous meeting for Council advice or action

None

## 19 Late items

None

## 20 Future items for agenda

None requested

## **21 Next meeting**

11 April 2019 at 9.30pm.

## **22 Meeting closed**

11.09 am

Confirmed/Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

Unconfirmed



# Rangitikei District Council

RANGITIKEI  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

**TABLED DOCUMENT**

Minutes – Thursday 21 March 2019 – 1:00 p.m.

Tabled at Council

on 28/4/19

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**Present:** Cr Angus Gordon (Chair)  
Cr Richard Aslett  
Cr Nigel Belsham  
Cr Jane Dunn  
Cr Graeme Platt  
Cr Lynne Sheridan  
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

**In attendance:** Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager  
Mr Blair Jamieson, Strategy and Community Planning Manager  
Ms Carol Gordon, Customer Services and Communications Team Leader  
Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor  
Mr Johan Cullis, Environmental Services Team Leader  
Ms Ellen Webb-Moore, Planner  
Ms Nardia Gower, Youth Development Officer  
Mr Arno Benadie, Principal Advisor – Infrastructure  
Tony Thomas, Consultant Planner  
Ms Selena Anderson, Governance Administrator

**Tabled Documents**

<b>Item 6</b>	Chair's Report
<b>Item 16</b>	Draft submission to Horizons Regional Council's 2019/20 Annual Plan

## 1 Welcome

The meeting started at 1.03pm. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2 Public Forum

Nil

## 3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for the absence of Cr Ash, Ms Hiroa and for lateness for Cr Aslett be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Dunn. Carried

## 4 Members' conflict of interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

## 5 Confirmation of order of business

The order of business was confirmed.

There were no late items.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number	19/PPL/014	File Ref
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That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 14 February 2019 [as amended/without amendments] be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

## 7 Chair's Report

The Chair took his tabled report as read.

The Chair sent his condolences to those affected by the Christchurch attacks. He acknowledged those who have been supporting the Taihape Mosque.

Cr Aslett arrived 1.12pm

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/PPL/015**                      **File Ref**

That the 'Chair's Report' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 21 March 2019 be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Dunn. Carried

## **8 Progress with strategic issues – Update**

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

## **9 Update on Communication Strategy**

Ms Gordon spoke to her report.

She noted that the Bulls newsletters are ready to go out to residents also that she organising a billboard to acknowledge those who have helped with the Walton St House.

The Committee asked that any newsletters that are sent out that they be kept up to date also that ratepayers are made aware of things like the free water initiative for rural properties that have run out of water.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/PPL/016**                      **File Ref**

That the 'Communications Strategy Update' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 21 March 2019 be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Dunn. Carried

## **10 State of the Environment Report**

Mr Thomas supported by Mr Hodder spoke to the report.

They highlighted that this is a mandated process and that work on it has not been completed for over ten years. Mr Thomas went on to mention that this is about the monitoring the efficiency and effectiveness of the District Plan. As there is very little statutory guidance the focus will be on the eight key indicators listed in the report.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/PPL/017**                      **File Ref**

That the State of the Environment Report for the Rangitikei District, monitoring the efficiency and effectiveness of the District Plan, address the proposed key indicators without amendment.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Aslett. Carried

## **11 Legislation and Governance Update, February 2019**

Mr Hodder noted that the Local Government (Regulatory Systems) Amendment Bill had received royal assent and was now in effect.

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That the 'Legislation and Governance Update, February 2019' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 21 March 2019 be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Dunn. Carried

## **12 Policies, strategies and bylaws for the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 periods.**

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

## **13 Progress with improvement actions identified from the 2018 Annual Residents and Stakeholders surveys**

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>19/PPL/019</b>	<b>File Ref</b>
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That the 'Progress with improvement actions identified from the 2018 Annual Residents and Stakeholders surveys' report to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 21 March 2019 be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Sheridan. Carried

## **14 Review of the provision of services in Taihape from MoU organisations**

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

## **15 Options for dealing with unwanted cats**

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

## **16 Draft submission to Horizons Regional Council's 2019/20 Annual Plan**

Mr Hodder spoke to the tabled document.

**Undertaking****Subject**

Mr Hodder to reword the letter to Horizons reflecting the Committee's discussion and then email back to the Committee members.

**Resolved minute number****19/PPL/020****File Ref**

That the 'Draft submission to Horizons Regional Council's 2019/20 Annual Plan' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 21 March 2019 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon. Carried

**Resolved minute number****19/PPL/021****File Ref**

That His Worship the Mayor be authorised to sign, on behalf of the Council, the submission as amended to Horizons Regional Council's draft 2019/20 Annual Plan, and that a copy be included in Council's Order Paper for its meeting on 28 March 2019.

Cr Gordon / Cr Sheridan. Carried

## **17 Questions put at previous meeting for Council advice or action**

None

## **18 Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report**

Mr Jamieson spoke to the report.

Points noted from the report were:

- Bulls signage – Conversations are still ongoing with iwi.
- Youth Development

Ms Gower updated the Committee about the Youth Council. They have had a change to their terms of reference to allow students aged 13-18 to be on the Council if they are associated with Rangitikei District.

The Youth Council held their first meeting on 17 March at River Valley Lodge, Taihape supported by His Worship the Mayor and Cr Ash. They elected their Chair and Deputy Chair.

His Worship the Mayor acknowledged the work that Ms Gower has put into the Youth Council.

In regards to the breakfast club, Friday 22 March will be the last day that this will run out of The Lobby due to insufficient numbers being able to get to and from the Lobby and school, it will now be held at Rangitikei College.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/PPL/022**                      **File Ref**

That the report 'Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report - February' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 21 March 2019 be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Belsham. Carried

Adjourned 3.10 – 3.24pm

## **19 Activity Management**

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/PPL/023**                      **File Ref**

That the report 'Activity Management' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 21 March 2019 be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Platt. Carried

## **20 Late items**

None

## **21 Future items for the agenda**

Jurisdiction Collaboration Team

Policy options around poor state of unoccupied CBD properties'

## **22 Next meeting**

Thursday 11 April 2019, 1.00 pm.

## **23 Meeting closed**

3.47 pm

**Confirmed/Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:**

File Ref: 3-OR-3-5

5 April 2019

Hon Chris Hipkins  
Minister of Education  
Parliament Buildings  
Wellington

**TABLED DOCUMENT**

Tabled at Council  
on 28/3/19

By email: [vocationaleducation.reform@education.govt.nz](mailto:vocationaleducation.reform@education.govt.nz)

Dear Chris

### **Proposed Reform of Vocational Education**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Reform of Vocational Education. The Council's thoughts follow:

Council agrees that the county's vocational system must not only be responsive to current needs but be able to anticipate (and meet) future needs. We agree with the proposition that the system must be agile, flexible, collaborative and sensitive to the variety of learners' needs. However, the proposals do not appear to build on strengths of existing institutions and agencies. We would have preferred to see the Government give close attention to where there has been ongoing successful delivering of learning programmes and use that as the basis for developing institutions and arrangements which give greater equity of access throughout the country. The proposed reform has the appearance of starting afresh without regard for what has worked well. This is likely to be a costly and disruptive approach.

We are pleased to note the attention in the consultation document to delivering for the regions. However, we are doubtful that the proposed regional and local campuses will deliver the outcomes needed. The focus, perhaps unintentional, appears to be on polytechnics whereas there are more students in programmes delivered by the industry training organisations.

First, it seems to us that there is insufficient attention to the unique nature of training requirements in the primary sector. Workplace training is critical, e.g. on farms, orchards and parks where the practical nature of primary industries means it is better organised and delivered at a local level: having a centralised institute responsible for planning and delivering will certainly add considerable cost and is unlikely to achieve the characteristics which are supposed to drive the reform – agility, flexibility and collaboration. In the supplementary technical discussion document, Industry Skill Bodies are to replace the current ITOs. The aim is to give industry and employers a stronger voice. Yet it is explicit that vocational education providers would be required to adhere to relevant skills standards. It is unclear to use how this approach will foster innovation and sensitivity to local and regional needs.

Second, we question whether there is a sufficient understanding of the key drivers for local and regional economies. In rural districts such as Rangitikei, economic growth depends on businesses having ready access to skilled employees (and potentially providing training). A centralised approach will inevitably pull workers away from smaller centres and local businesses are more likely to relocate or cease trading.

Third, we stress the importance of local educational delivery as helping to build local community resilience and cohesiveness in rural districts like ours– not only through those learning but also those teaching. Such people are more likely to get involved and provide leadership in their communities.

We hope these comments are helpful

Yours sincerely

Andy Watson  
**Mayor of the Rangitikei**

Draft for Council consideration, 28 March 2019

File Ref: 3-OR-3-12

25 March 2019

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**RANGITIKEI**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## **TABLED DOCUMENT**

Tabled at Council

on 28/3/19

By email: [haveyoursay@horizons.govt.nz](mailto:haveyoursay@horizons.govt.nz)

Dear Bruce

### **Annual Plan for 2019/20**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your draft 2018/19 Annual Plan and for the specific consultations you have undertaken with subscribers in the Makirikiri and Haunui Schemes. At a broader level we support the continuing work which you plan in freshwater improvements and your involvement in regional transport initiatives. We also appreciate the positive engagement of your staff over the consents we need for water takes and waste water disposal, with emergency management and, more recently, with our standing Iwi Advisory Committee, Te Roopu Ahi Kaa.

There are two matters which we wish to raise

#### **Control of Old Man's Beard and other weeds**

We support the proposed increase in 2019/20 of \$70,000 to manage the spread of Old Man's Beard. However, we are wondering how this will impact on the Rangitikei District.

Recently we received a request (attached) to help fund spraying of Old Man's Beard in the Otuaieiawa and Kokopunui Streams. Up until now, the costs have been met on a one-third basis by the ten properties that border the streams, the Department of Conservation and Horizons Regional Council. However, the Environmental application scheme at Horizons is no longer available to the Group, being focused on fencing freshwater, tree-planting and erosion control. We decided against making a grant and, instead, put the matter to you.

We do not know the reasons for the change of focus in your Environmental Grants Scheme. Nor do we know the extent of other local initiatives in the Rangitikei to control Old Man's Beard apart from the work being done by the Rangitikei Environmental Group, which both our councils support. It seems to us that there should be a further increase in funding by Horizons for Old Man's Beard so that work done on the Otuaieiawa and Kokopunui Streams is supported (\$6,600) and perhaps more to promote local programmes elsewhere within the region.

There is a wider issue arising from fencing stock out of waterways. While this measure has the desired impact on improved water quality it also means that there is increasing weed, like blackberry, because there are no stock to eat it. We suggest closer attention to this issue as it has the potential to detract significantly from the quality of the region's waterways. A potential

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compromise is erecting fencing which keeps cattle out but allows sheep in: the latter control weed growth and have minor impact on water quality.

### **Climate change**

We acknowledge and support the considerable achievement in reducing soil erosion in the region through the Sustainable Land Use Initiative. We would like to suggest a complementary dimension to this important programme. Roads are as critical infrastructure for the region as rivers and stream.

In our submission last year to the draft 2018-28 Long Term Plan, we noted that we would be keen to work with your staff to encourage greater information sharing for the management of our roading assets, in particular the knowledge your staff have about geology and erosion of land, to ensure the most cost-effective maintenance of the roads. We think this is increasingly important with the greater frequency of extreme weather events arising from climate change.

We suggest that you think of roads in the same way as rivers – it is essential that debris from land is contained on the land. We are making greater budget provision to improve culverts and drainage on local roads, but suggest that investing in greater awareness of where landslides could occur (and taking appropriate measures) would be likely to reduce the incidents of blockage, delays for vehicles and costs to repair roads. Protective planting in these types of areas is as crucial for safeguarding roads as it is for rivers and streams. As this issue is not unique to Rangitikei – it applies to other districts in the region as well – we suggest that Horizons takes a lead in convening a working party to develop an approach. Since it has the potential to reduce expenditure on roading, it may be worthwhile to include the New Zealand Transport Agency in these discussions. .

I would like the opportunity to talk to the Council about these issues. Please arrange the time with Alyssa Takimoana, Executive Officer – [alyssa.takimoana@rangitikei.govt.nz](mailto:alyssa.takimoana@rangitikei.govt.nz) – phone (06) 327-0099.

Yours sincerely



Andy Watson  
**Mayor of the Rangitikei District**

**TABLED DOCUMENT**

X March 2019

Reform of Vocational Education  
Tertiary Education Commission  
PO Box 27048  
Wellington 6141  
New Zealand

Tabled at

on

Emu  
28 March 2019

To Whom It May Concern

**RE: Vocational Education Reform- Whanganui**

**Insert organisation** write in support of the submission being proposed by Whanganui District Council for the future of vocational education in Whanganui.

Our key messages of support in this submission are to reinforce the following points:

- Education and training is a critical component in the economic development and growth of Whanganui. It is therefore essential that we have the ability to actually deliver education and training in Whanganui based on the needs of our district and through a model that successfully reflects industry needs as well.
- Whanganui accepts the need to be complementary other education and training institutions and hubs in our wider region, but the need for local capability and capacity to deliver on education and training needs is critical, in particular to ensure continuous economic growth.
- The Whanganui community has large projects in progress & on the horizons that will require a skilled and trained workforce for example The Sarjeant re development & the Port re development. There are also needs for a skilled workforce in areas such as construction and manufacturing.
- The government has recently announced that our region is one of six "surge" regions and indicated an additional \$60 million dollars that will be put into education and employment pathway projects in these surge regions. This commitment to grow our economy must be of high priority to government.
- Whanganui has been announced as refugee centre. We will need local opportunity for training and education for a new community of migrants.
- Whanganui's unique strength is that we can focus on being excellent at delivering vocational education. Our strengths include creative arts and aviation along with the sector specific needs for example in health services, manufacturing and construction. These all require quality education and training with a large component vocational training.
- Whanganui has a great asset in the UCOL physical campus, Whanganui is committed to best utilising this asset to deliver and grow training & education now and in the future.
- Whanganui is committed to seeing training and education available for all students (not just school leavers). This gives our economy the chance to retrain and maintain the skilled workforce they need.

YOUR LETTER HEAD

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

YOUR NAME  
ORGANISATION