

# COUNCIL MEETING

# ORDER PAPER

**THURSDAY, 25 JULY 2019, 1PM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, RANGITĪKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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**Deputy Chair** - Councillor Nigel Belsham

**Membership**

Councillors Cath Ash, Richard Aslett, Jane Dunn, Angus Gordon,  
Dean McManaway, Soraya Peke-Mason, Graeme Platt, Ruth Rainey,  
Lynne Sheridan, and Dave Wilson.

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# Rangitikei District Council

## Council Meeting

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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, i.e. half the number of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even or a majority if the number of members is odd.

Public Excluded minutes are provided separately to Elected Members only.

## **1 Welcome**

## **2 Public Forum**

Greg Carlyon – Tutaenui Stream Society

## **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 late items at this meeting.

## **6 Confirmation of minutes**

The minutes from the Council meeting held 27 June 2019 are attached.

### **Recommendation:**

That the minutes of the Council meeting on 27 June 2019 [as amended/without amendment] be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

## **7 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 the 25 July 2019 Council meeting be received.

## **8 Portfolio Updates**

Ohakea

Criterion Site

Shared Services

Southern Sport

Samoan Community, Youth Development and Environment

Marton Building (Civic Centre)

Iwi Interests

Cr Platt

Cr Dunn

Cr Belsham/Cr McManaway

Cr Sheridan

Cr Ash

Cr Wilson

Cr Peke-Mason

Heritage and Tourism  
Northern Sport and Taihape Building

Cr Aslett  
Cr Gordon / Cr Rainey

**Recommendation:**

That the 'Portfolio Updates' to the 25 July 2019 Council meeting be received.

## **9 Administrative Matters – July 2019**

A report is attached.

File ref: 5-EX-4

**Recommendations:**

- 1** That the report 'Administrative matters – July 2019' to Council's meeting on 25 July 2019 be received.
- 2** That Council approves His Worship the Mayor signing (on behalf of the Council) the Manatu Whakaaetanga – Memorandum of Understanding between Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki – Ngāti Apa and the Council "as a basis for an ongoing collaborative, respectful and dynamic relationship for the benefit of both organisations and the people they serve", and
- 3** That Council's representative on Te Roopu Ahi Kaa formally represent the Council at the monthly meetings noted in Whakaaetanga – Points of Agreement together with relevant Council staff.
- 4** That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee be authorised to approve a submission to the Ministry of Transport on the road safety strategy 'Road to Zero', with the submission as sent being included in the Council Order Paper for 29 August 2019.
- 5** That Council endorse the submission made by His Worship the Mayor (under delegation given to the Policy/Planning Committee) on the Parliamentary Environment Committee on the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill.
- 6** That Council approves in principle allowing the new Hunterville Ambulance Station to be located on the Scout Hall site on the Hunterville Domain, with a report back to Council's meeting on 29 August 2019 on consultation with the Hunterville Community Committee and the formal arrangements proposed in terms of a lease and the current Scouts Hall.
- 7** That, acknowledging the lack of engagement by Solarcity in Council's negotiations, Council rescinds resolution 18/RDC/484 which authorised that engagement.
- 8** That objections to the proposed road closures for the Shemozzle on 2 November 2019 be considered and determined by His Worship the Mayor, the Chair of Assets/Infrastructure Committee and the Chief Executive, with the outcome reported back to the next available meeting of Council.
- 9** That Council approves a waiver of ....% of the \$250 Exempt Building Work fees due from the Hunterville Huntaway festival for the Shemozzle Event.



## **10 Top 10 projects report – status, July 2019**

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 5-EX-4

### **Recommendation:**

That the memorandum 'Top Ten Projects – status, July 2019' to the 25 July 2019 Council meeting be received.

## **11 Annual Report of the District Licensing Committee for the year ending 30 June 2019**

The report is attached.

File: 3-CT-16-3

Section 199 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 requires this annual report to be provided to the Authority by 30 September 2019. 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 2019 be approved and conveyed to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority.

## **12 State of the Environment Report**

A memo is attached together with the completed report.

File: 1-PL-1-2

### **Recommendations:**

1. That the State of the Environment report (June 2019), monitoring the effectiveness and efficiency of the District Plan, be received and made publicly available.
2. That Council approves the recommendation from the Policy/Planning Committee (19/PPL/061) that the following recommendations in the State of the Environment Report (June 2019) are progressed through the current District Plan Change:
  - a) amend the objectives and policies to provide scope for a wider range of subdivisions in the rural zone where the site does not have highly versatile soils or has a mix of highly versatile with other soil types;
  - b) amend the rule on dwelling density in the rural zone to allow for more than two dwellings on rural properties in defined circumstances;

- c) remove indicative flood areas leaving modelled flood areas as being the sole reference for such matters; and
    - d) align papakainga housing provisions to more closely resemble those adopted by the Hastings District Council.
  - 3. That Council approve the recommendation from the Policy/Planning Committee (19/PPL/062) that the following recommendations in the State of the Environment Report (June 2019) are progressed through the next review of the District Plan:
    - a) adopt a procedures manual which would
      - (i) confirm the location and nature of additional material referred to at both territorial authority and regional council level,
      - (ii) guidelines on how to apply the definitions of Natural Hazard Areas 1 and 2;
    - b) review rules on dwelling proximity to allow more discretion to Council;
    - c) review rules for subdivision in the residential zone;
    - d) prohibit successive extensions over time to habitable dwellings in the Taihape West Slip Zone (so that the cumulative area does not exceed 40m<sup>2</sup>); and
    - e) implement a specific noise standard for bird scaring devices and wind machines.
- together with the review of district lighting standards with respect to light pollution.

### **13 District Plan Change Update**

A report will be tabled at the meeting.

### **14 Marton Memorial Hall Playground Further Extension**

A report is attached.

#### **Recommendations:**

- 1 That the report 'Marton Memorial Hall Playground Further Extension' to the 25 July 2019 Council meeting be received.
- 2 That Council [agrees/does not agree] to the final footprint for the Marton Memorial Hall Playground as depicted in Appendix 1 of the report 'Marton Memorial Hall Playground Further Extension' to the 25 July 2019 Council meeting.

### **15 Minutes and recommendations from Committees**

The minutes are attached.

**Recommendations:**

1 That the following minutes be received:

- Rangitikei Youth Council Committee, 28 May 2019
- Rātana Community Board, 11 June 2019
- Santoft Domain Management Committee, 12 June 2019
- Audit Risk Committee, 27 June 2019
- Finance/Performance Committee, 27 June 2019
- Santoft Domain Management Committee, 10 July 2019
- Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 11 July 2019
- Policy/Planning Committee, 11 July 2019

2 That the following recommendation from the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 11 July 2019:

**19/AIN/035**

That staff, investigate the potential availability of appropriate equipment required to progress small assets projects.

3 That the following recommendation from the Policy and Planning Committee meeting held on 11 July 2019:

**19/PPL/061**

~~That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that the following recommendations in the State of the Environment Report (June 2019) are progressed through the current District Plan Change:~~

- ~~e) amend the objectives and policies to provide scope for a wider range of subdivisions in the rural zone where the site does not have highly versatile soils or has a mix of highly versatile with other soil types;~~
- ~~f) amend the rule on dwelling density in the rural zone to allow for more than two dwellings on rural properties in defined circumstances;~~
- ~~g) remove indicative flood areas leaving modelled flood areas as being the sole reference for such matters; and~~
- ~~h) align papakainga housing provisions to more closely resemble those adopted by the Hastings District Council.~~

This was dealt with in item 13.

**19/PPL/062**

~~That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that the following recommendations in the State of the Environment Report (June 2019) are progressed through the next review of the District Plan:~~

- ~~a) adopt a procedures manual which would~~
    - ~~(i) confirm the location and nature of additional material referred to at both territorial authority and regional council level,~~
    - ~~(ii) guidelines on how to apply the definitions of Natural Hazard Areas 1 and 2;~~
  - ~~b) review rules on dwelling proximity to allow more discretion to Council;~~
  - ~~c) review rules for subdivision in the residential zone;~~
  - ~~d) prohibit successive extensions over time to habitable dwellings in the Taihape West Slip Zone (so that the cumulative area does not exceed 40m<sup>2</sup>); and~~
  - ~~e) review a specific noise standard for bird scaring devices and wind machines;~~
- ~~together with the review of district lighting standards with respect to light pollution.~~

This was dealt with in item 13.

## 16 Late items

As agreed at Item 5.

## 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:

1. Property matters

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 Property matters	To enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) – <i>section 7(2)(i)</i> .	Section 48(1)(a)(i)
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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 29 August 2019, 1.00 pm

## 20 Meeting Closed

# Attachment 1



# Rangitikei District Council

## Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 27 June 2019 – 1:00 p.m.

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**Present:** His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson  
 Cr Nigel Belsham  
 Cr Cath Ash  
 Cr Richard Aslett  
 Cr Jane Dunn  
 Cr Angus Gordon  
 Cr Dean McManaway  
 Cr Soraya Peke-Mason  
 Cr Graeme Platt  
 Cr Ruth Rainey  
 Cr Lynne Sheridan  
 Cr David Wilson

**In attendance:** Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive  
 Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager  
 Ms Jo Devine, Group Manager – Finance Business Support  
 Mr Arno Benadie, Principal Advisor - Infrastructure  
 Mr Blair Jamieson, Strategy and Community Planning Manager  
 Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor  
 Ms Gaylene Prince, Community & Leisure Assets Team Leader  
 Mrs Carol Gordon, Customer Services and Communications Team Leader  
 Ms Nardia Gower, Strategic Advisor – Youth  
 Ms Jo Priestley, Communications/Website Officer  
 Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator

<b>Tabled Documents</b>	Item 8	Portfolio Updates – Samoan Community, Youth Development and Environment; Tourism.
	Item 13	Proposed final carry-forwards from 2018/19 to 2019/20.
	Item 15	2019/20 rates resolution.
	Item 16	Draft Plan Change Report for rezoning at 1165 State Highway 1, Marton.



## 1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting started at 1.03 pm.

## 2 Public Forum

Nil

## 3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

His Worship The Mayor introduced the Youth Council's Chair, Erika Elers, and the Youth Council's newest member, Anaru Hawira (Board of Trustees student representative),

That the apology for lateness from Cr Aslett, Cr Gordon and McManaway be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

## 9 Taihape 125th Anniversary Year – Request for Funding - Deputation

Cr Aslett arrived 1.05 am

Ms Gill Duncan and Ms Michelle Marks of the Taihape Community Development Trust (TCDT) spoke to the attachment and requested further funding from Council for the upcoming Taihape 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year.

His Worship the Mayor clarified that he had not promised funds to the Taihape Community Development Trust.

Council agreed to discuss the request further in the agenda and thanked Ms Duncan and Ms Marks for their presentation.

Cr McManaway arrived 1.08 pm  
Cr Gordon arrived 1.12 pm

## 4 Members' conflict of interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

## 5 Confirmation of order of business

The order of business was confirmed apart from moving Item 9 to follow Item 3, and item 8 before item 7.

The meeting agreed with the suggestions from His Worship the Mayor 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, **a decision on further funding for Taihape 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year** be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

## 6 Confirmation of minutes

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/RDC/ 164**                      **File Ref**

That the minutes of the Council meeting on 30 May 2019 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Dunn / Cr Rainey. Carried

## 8 Portfolio Updates

### Southern Sport (Cr Sheridan)

The Marton Memorial Hall playground group are to receive a draft design / layout of the new playground on Friday. There will be a public planting day at Tutaenui Stream, 9 am Saturday 29 June.

### Samoa Community, Youth Development and Environment (Cr Ash - tabled)

Meet the candidates will be hosted by the Youth Council in October. Funding will be required for the Skatepark for any additional needs.

### Iwi Interests (Cr Peke-Mason)

Mokai Patea are on their mandating journey. Ngati Rangi Claims Settlement Bill will have its 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading on 25 July. Apologies from Cr Peke-Mason for Council meeting 25 July as she will be attending the Ngati Rangi reading.

### Criterion Site (Cr Dunn)

Positive feedback from members of the community on how the Bulls Community Centre is progressing. The new roof has been put on the Walton Street community house, there is approximately another month's work to finish the inside of the house.

### Heritage and Tourism (Cr Aslett - tabled)

Met with Economic Development Officer on 21 June to discuss ideas, one being the potential revamped Heritage Trail. Rangitikei.com has had 109,347 hits in May to the website, slightly increased from April's 102,976 total.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/RDC/165**                      **File Ref**

That the 'Portfolio Updates' to the 27 June 2019 Council meeting be received.

Cr McManaway / Cr Sheridan. Carried

## 7 Mayor's Report

His Worship the Mayor took his report and schedule as read. He updated Elected Members about his attendance to the Bonny Glen Community Trust meeting, advising the trust requires new community trustee representatives.

In response to a question about whether the Mayor's Engagement - Beers and Burgers with Brian FM was for business or pleasure, His Worship the Mayor advised it was for business. He explained that Brian FM originated from the USA and has stations around New Zealand, including Whanganui and Taihape. They visit once a year to thank communities for coming on board and supporting them. Brian FM stations do not have advertising.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/RDC/166**                      **File Ref**                      **3-EP-3-5**

That the 'Mayor's report and schedule' to the 27 June 2019 Council meeting be received.

His Worship The Mayor / Cr Gordon. Carried

## 10 Remits to Local Government New Zealand 2019 Annual General Meeting

At its meeting on 13 June 2019, the Policy/Planning Committee made the following recommendations to Council:

Number	Topic	Support (Y/N)	Comment
1	Climate Change – local government representation	Yes	
2	Ban on the sale of fireworks to the general public	No	
3	Traffic offences – red light running	Yes	
4	Prohibit parking on grass berms	No	
5	Short-term guest accommodation	No	

6	Nitrate in drinking water	Yes	
7	Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (1987)	Yes	
8	Weed control	Yes	
9	Building defects claims	Yes	
10	Social housing	Yes	
11	Procurement	Yes	
12	Single use polystyrene	Yes	
13	Local Governments Act 2002	Yes	
14	Campground regulations	Yes	
15	Living Wage	Yes	
16	Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act	Yes	
17	Greenhouse gases	Yes	

18	Climate Change – funding policy framework	Yes	
19	Road safety	Yes	
20	Mobility scooter safety	Yes	
21	Museums and galleries	Yes	
22	Resource Management Act	<del>No</del> Yes	
23	Mayor decision to appoint Deputy Mayor	No	
24	Beauty industry	Yes	

**Resolved minute number****19/RDC/168****File Ref****F3-OR-2-1**

That Council adopt (as amended) as guidance to its voting delegates the recommendations from the Policy/Planning Committee on the 24 remits to be considered at the Local Government New Zealand 2019 Annual General Meeting.

Cr Aslett / Cr Rainey. Carried

## **11 Administrative Matters – June 2019**

The Chief Executive, Mr McNeil, took the report as read.

Mr McNeil noted there will be two presentations on 8 August – one in Taihape, one in Marton – for those candidates wishing to stand in the upcoming election. He clarified that the two venues are not ward inclusive; adding a third venue now was difficult given the necessary involvement of the Electoral Officer, Warwick Lampp and the Deputy Electoral Officer, Blair Jamieson.

**Motion**

That the Chief Executive investigates the opportunity to have a candidate information presentation in Bulls.

Cr Peke- Mason / Cr Dunn. Lost

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/RDC/169**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-4**

That the report 'Administrative Matters – June 2019' to Council's meeting on 27 June 2019 be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Sheridan. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/RDC/170**                      **File Ref**

That His Worship the Mayor be authorised, on behalf of the Council, to sign the submission (without amendment) to the Parliamentary Environment Committee on the Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities Bill.

His Worship The Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

Cr Gordon indicated a desire to extend the proposed submission on the Walking Access Act. The meeting agreed to delay sending the submission to allow Cr Gordon to provide written comment and that His Worship the Mayor would approve the final submission.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/RDC/171**                      **File Ref**

That His Worship the Mayor be authorised, on behalf of the Council, to sign the submission (as amended) to the Ministry for Primary Industries on the review of the Walking Access Act 2008.

Cr Ash / Cr Rainey. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/RDC/172**                      **File Ref**

That the Policy/Planning Committee be authorised to approve a submission to the Parliamentary Environment Committee on the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill.

Cr Ash / Cr Sheridan. Carried

## 12 Top 10 projects report – status, June 2019

Mr McNeil spoke to the memorandum, with the following highlights:

- Upgrade of the Bulls wastewater treatment plant – An in-principle agreement had been reached with Ngā Wairiki-Ngāti Apa in regards to land south of Bulls; the details are to be worked through and the Council will be updated on progress with negotiations.
- Upgrade of the Ratana wastewater treatment plant - Discussions are ongoing; there is not a lot of land in Ratana available to receive wastewater discharge. All options are being considered.

The meeting discussed the new amenities proposed for Taihape Memorial Park and the basis for a Memorandum of Understanding with Clubs Taihape.

Meeting adjourned 2.55 pm – 3.13 pm.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>19/RDC/173</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>5-EX-4</b>
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That the memorandum 'Top Ten Projects – status, June 2019' to the 27 June 2019 Council meeting be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Aslett. Carried

### Motion

That, regarding the proposed new community amenities block on Taihape Memorial Park, Council adopt Strategy 3 as outlined by Copeland Associates Architects, with verification from Clubs Taihape in regards to funding.

Cr Aslett / Cr McManaway. Lost

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>19/RDC/174</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>5-EX-4</b>
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That, regarding the proposed new community amenities block on Taihape Memorial Park, Council adopt Strategy 4 as outlined by Copeland Associates Architects.

Cr Gordon / Cr Rainey. Carried

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>19/RDC/175</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>5-EX-4</b>
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That, Council requests the Chief Executive to negotiate by 20 August 2019 a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Clubs Taihape (to be ratified by Council resolution) on progressing the development of a joint facility on Memorial Park in accordance with resolution 19/RDC/174; and the MoU to include:

- the respective commitments, roles and responsibilities of the parties, including the provision/securing of funding;
- the needs/requirements of Council, Clubs Taihape and the Taihape community;
- the timing of the project, including when Council expects to make a decision on proceeding to construction; and,
- the preferred model for ongoing management and operation of the facility, once completed.

Cr Gordon / Cr Aslett. Carried

### 13 Proposed carry-forwards from 2018/19 to 2019/20

The tabled schedule was taken as read.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>19/RDC/176</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>1-AP-2-1</b>
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That the proposed carry-forwards from 2018/29 to 2019/20 (without amendment) be adopted for inclusion into the 2019/20 Annual Plan, and included as an appendix to the minutes of the Council meeting on 27 June 2019.

Cr Belsham / Cr McManaway. Carried

### 14 Adoption of the 2019/20 Annual Plan

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>19/RDC/177</b>	<b>File Ref</b>
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That the report 'Adoption of Annual Plan 2019/20' be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr McManaway. Carried

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>19/RDC/178</b>	<b>File Ref</b>
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That pursuant to section 95 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Annual Plan 2019/20 without amendment (apart from typographical or minor corrections) be adopted, and that staff be thanked for their work on the document and supporting processes.

Cr McManaway / Cr Wilson. Carried



## 15 Adoption of 2019/20 rates resolution

The tabled rates resolution was taken as read.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>19/RDC/179</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>5-RA-1-13</b>
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That the rates resolution for the financial year 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, including the additional final section on discounts for early full payment, be adopted and included as an appendix to the minutes of Council's meeting of 27 June 2019.

His Worship The Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

## 16 Review of the District Plan

The Chief Executive outlined the context for the tabled document.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>19/RDC/180</b>	<b>File Ref</b>
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That the 'Draft Plan Change Report for rezoning at 1165 State Highway 1, Marton' to the 27 June 2019 Council meeting be received.

His Worship The Mayor / Cr Gordon. Carried

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>19/RDC/181</b>	<b>File Ref</b>
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That Council approves the Draft Plan Change report for rezoning (rural to industrial) at 1165 State Highway 1, Marton and its release for public feedback during the period 1 -21 July 2019, with that feedback considered at the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting on 8 August and incorporated into the final Plan Change documentation for consideration at Council's meeting on 29 August 2019.

His Worship The Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

## 17 Minutes and recommendations from Committees

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>19/RDC/182</b>	<b>File Ref</b>
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That the following minutes be received:

- Rangitikei Youth Council Committee, 30 April 2019
- Hunterville Rural Water Supply, 27 May 2019
- Rangitikei Youth Council Committee, 28 May 2019
- Finance/Performance Committee, 30 May 2019
- Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti, 11 June 2019
- Bulls Community Committee, 11 June 2019

- Rātana Community Board, 11 June 2019 - *not available*
- Taihape Community Board, 12 June 2019
- Marton Community Committee, 12 June 2019
- Santoft Domain Management Committee, 12 June 2019 – *not available*
- Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 13 June 2019
- Policy/Planning Committee, 13 June 2019
- Turakina Reserve Management Committee, 13 June 2019
- Turakina Community Committee, 13 June 2019
- Hunterville Community Committee, 17 June 2019

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Sheridan. Carried

That the following recommendation from the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 11 June 2019:

**19/BCC/015**

~~That the Bulls Community Committee recommends to Council that the unspent balance of the Small Projects Grant Scheme (\$1254) be carried forward to the 2019/20 financial year.~~

This was dealt with in item 13.

That the following recommendation from the Taihape Committee Board meeting held on 12 June 2019:

**19/TCB/032**

~~That the Taihape Community Board recommends to Council that the unspent balance of the Small Projects Grant Scheme (\$5000) be carried forward to the 2019/20 Financial year.~~

This was dealt with in item 13.

That the following recommendations from the Marton Community Committee meeting held on 12 June 2019:

**19/MCC/025**

~~That the Marton Community Committee recommends to Council that the unspent balance of the Small Projects Grant Scheme (\$797) be carried forward to the 2019/20 financial year.~~

This was dealt with in item 13.

**19/MCC/027**

That Council provide information on what streams/drains Council are responsible for and which ones Horizons are responsible for.

### **Undertaking**

Council to confirm that this will be followed up as part of the work in developing the new Water-related Services Bylaw

**Resolved minute number 19/RDC/183 File Ref**

That the following recommendations from the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 13 June 2019:

#### **19/AIN/029**

That the Council supports the consultation process over the decision and possible retention of the Mangaweka Bridge in conjunction with Manawatu District Council, along with public consultation.

Cr Gordon / Cr Rainey. Carried

**Resolved minute number 19/RDC/184 File Ref**

#### **19/AIN/030**

That the Council supports the retention of the Mangaweka Bridge for a walk and cycleway.

Cr Gordon / Cr Rainey. Carried

That the following recommendation from the Policy Planning Committee meeting held on 13 June 2019:

#### **19/PPL/052**

~~That the Policy/Planning Committee makes the following recommendations to Council on the 24 remits to be considered at the Local Government New Zealand 2019 Annual General Meeting.~~

This was dealt with in item 10.

That the following recommendation from the Turakina Community Committee meeting held on 13 June 2019:

#### **19/TCC/014**

~~The Turakina Community Committee recommends to Council that the unspent balance of the Small Projects Grants Scheme (\$710) be carried over to the 2019/20 financial year.~~

This was dealt with in item 13.

That the following recommendation from the Hunterville Community Committee meeting held on 17 June 2019:

**19/HCC/013**

~~That the Hunterville Community Committee recommends to Council that the unspent balance of the Small Projects Grant Scheme (\$816) be carried forward to the 2019/20 Financial year.~~

This was dealt with in item 13.

## 18 Late items

As agreed at Item 5.

**Resolved minute number**

**19/RDC/185**

**File Ref**

That, Council grant a further \$1,500 to the Committee Taihape 125 Anniversary Celebration.

Cr Rainey / Cr Sheridan. Carried

## 19 Future Items for the Agenda

None

## 20 Next Meeting

Thursday 25 July 2019, 1.00 pm

## 21 Meeting Closed

4.02 pm

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

**Date:**

# Attachment 2

## Report to Council July 2019

I start my report with an apology for non- attendance at this meeting. I will be attending the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of the Ngati Rangi Settlement with the Crown at Parliament. This is a huge occasion for them and it is appropriate that I am there to represent the district.

Earlier this month I was invited to attend the formal dinner at the Winiata Marae to celebrate Matariki hosted by Mokai Patea, Ngati Hinemanu and Ngati Paki. The evening was a fantastic event and it also serves to illustrate the relationship that I, and our Council now have with Iwi. On the 19<sup>th</sup> of July I was also officially welcomed by Ngati Hauiti to the Rata Marae where Council formally handed over Marae development plans drawn up by Boon Associates. These plans were developed in consultation with Lequan and Blair as staff members and now allow a funding conversation between potential governmental funders and Ngati Hauiti.

The big news of the month was around the Local Government conference, held this year in Wellington. This would be the best conference that I have attended as Mayor. Some of the standout presentations for me were:

1. Alex Walker, the Mayor for Central Hawkes Bay spoke on “Giving the Community a Voice”. At the last election only two councilors were retained as the community was disenfranchised, if that is the right term with the council. The new Council lead by Alex set about an engagement plan, making sure that everyone had their say and that say was recorded. The focus was finding out what the community wanted the Council to provide and mapping a way forward. The result has been that the Council now works alongside the community on all major decisions.
2. Phil O'Reilly, from Iron Duke Partners gave his view on how local government should engage with the business community. In brief, his view was that the business sector expects local government to do the basics well, such as provision of roading, water etc., that council should be easy to do business with, including consenting and being approachable, have a logical balance sheet (meaning that you don't have to own everything) and provide value for money. All of these things I expected but he went on to say that, councils need to provide a place where talent wants to live by providing for social areas, housing and education, in essence backing the four well beings of government. He acknowledged that local government gets blamed for things outside our control, such as roading (NZTA), planning processes (RMA), and compliance with new government regulations e.g. earthquake legislation etc., and the increasing costs of infrastructure. It was a very well-considered and balanced view.
3. There were several references to climate change throughout the conference made by Ministers and others, all highlighting the need for action. However, the presentation made by James Palmer CE of the Hawkes Bay Regional Council along with two student voices Sophie Handford and Raven Maeder was particularly interesting. James said the role of local government included a reduction in emissions, increased plantings and

soil conservation and managing water quantity and quality. Sophie and Raven spoke well on their experiences of heading the student strike for climate change, which can be summarized by the line that “if we can’t act as adults on climate change then they will”.

4. The Minister of Local Government Mania Mahuta challenged local government on its performance on climate change and the three waters. But did say you are not facing this alone and cited several examples where government is working with local government to find solutions. The Minister acknowledged that those solutions come at a cost local government will have difficulty funding and pointed to the work that the productivity commission is doing on investigating further funding principals for local government. I wait with baited breath! The Minister as expected sought congratulations for the re-establishment of the Four Wellbeing’s.
5. Geoff Simmons, a former Chief Executive of the My River Program and currently the leader of the Opportunities Party gave an interesting address on water allocation. He compared the need to allocate water in the same way as the revised fisheries model works. The principal is that you assign a percentage of the water access available at the time rather than an absolute value and make it tradeable. I can understand that thinking, but I would firstly buy into the government principals of the priority being given to the sustainability and enjoyment of the water, or mana of the river and then provision for people, such as drinking water and make industry and agriculture in the tradeable sector.
6. The standout presentation for me from the conference was from Natalie Palmer, who is currently employed by the Hamilton Council but her address was for award winning engagement plans she did for the Waipa Council for a project relating to cultural and Iwi recognition of site around the Waipa region titled Out of the Shadows. Natalie gave sharp distinction between the differences between consultation and engagement. Engagement being identifying the issues with the community to get their voice on options and consultation being here are the options and the business case. Her ten principals of engagement are:
  - Be adventurous on the engagement. People are concerned about why we are doing things not how - Expose the community to the issues (Maybe here is a lesson for us, we need to open up our buildings for the public to see).
  - Think big. Have a clear vision of the entire project and how it relates to others.
  - Be bold. Be creative and imaginative, don’t just rely on paper use technology.
  - Go to the people. Seek engagement at public events hit the streets.
  - Be genuine. Listen and record other options to alternative views.
  - Where possible let the community have a role in the decision process. It may be uncomfortable but they will surprise you with buy in.
  - Tie the bow. Report back often on the progress

- Be inclusive. Use plain English and avoid jargon.
- Keep the conversation going through the process. No big time gaps.
- Be brave.

A brilliant address leaving me with the feeling that at Bulls we did the engagement well but had short comings with the business case and we are doing the business case well for Marton but our engagement principals could be better.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of July I travelled to Hastings City Council with John Jones our roading manager to meet with the mayors of Napier and Hastings, mayors Sandra Hazelhurst and Faye White, to discuss the Taihape Napier road. We have been granted a chance to have a formal conversation with NZTA on inclusion of the road as a state highway. If we could achieve this the level of service would be upgraded and we would also save millions of dollars over a LTP period. Both Hawkes Bay Councils are supportive and will work with their engineers to progress a business case. The next stage will be a workshop that will be held in Hawkes Bay, combining user groups, authorities and NZTA. It is early days but I think that we are making progress.

On Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> of July Cr Cath Ash and I attended a community planting day at the B and C dams. The planting was done in conjunction with RSA members and the community giving recognition to the Matariki Tu Rakau funding provided by Government. We managed to plant and protect about 1000 native plants in a couple of hours. Thankfully Ben had found some easy digging for us which we appreciated. I would note that quite rightly the vision for this restoration of the dams goes to Athol but it is certainly Ben that is making it happen with his team. There have been other opportunities for the public to help plant especially on Wednesday mornings and our thanks go to those people, staff and sponsors Mitre 10 and New World for the help on the day and at the other plantings.

Minister Jenny Salesa met with the local mayors on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July to announce changes to the Earthquake legislation. These changes affect the trigger levels for total compliance when doing minor capital work, previously if the work was equivalent to 25% of the capital work the entire building had to be brought up to code, now a level of \$150k has been put in place. What it does indicate is that the lobbying our Council has done along with Manawatu and Whanganui has been listened to.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of July the final steps will be put in place for the community trust at Bonny Glen, which will be able to start an annual grant program as set out by the hearing panel.

That's all for now, again my apologies for not being there.

Andy Watson Mayor.



## Mayor's Engagement

July 2019

1	Attended the Duffy Assembly at Marton Junction School Attended the U.S. National Day as a VIP guest - Wellington
2	Attended a meeting with the Architectures for the Bulls Community Centre - Bulls
3	Assisted with Planting at the Dams - Marton Met with Bulls residents re a potential business owner
4	Met with various Bulls and Marton residents Met with various Marton business owners
7	Attended the Marton Rotary Changeover Attended Day 1 of the Annual LGNZ Conference - Wellington
8	Attended Day 2 of the Annual LGNZ Conference - Wellington
9	Attended Day 3 of the Annual LGNZ Conference – Wellington Attended the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs AGM
10	Met with a Hunterville resident Was based in Taihape all day – met with residents Attended meeting re recruitment of the new CEO
11	Attended the Asses/Infrastructure Committee meeting Attended the Policy Planning committee meeting Attended meeting for the Bulls Community House
12	Met with Hunterville business owner  Met with Acting Mayor Faye (NCC) and Mayor Sandra (HDC) - to discuss the Taihape Napier road and the opportunity granted by NZTA to look at its inclusion into the State Highway network - Hastings
14	Attended the announcement of changes to Substantial Alterations provision for Earthquake-Prone Buildings Hon Jenny Salesa
15	Attended a meeting with RNZAF Ohakea – re Bulls Community Centre Assisted at the Bulls Community House Attended the Monthly Marton Health Networking meeting Met with various Marton residents
16	Met with a local reporter Attended the Fortnightly meeting re Bulls Community Centre
17	Met with a Rata resident Met with a Massey University student - research of project within the district
18	Attended a Council Workshop Attended the shortlisting meeting for the recruitment of the new CEO

	Attended the Ministry of Social Development Partners Function – Palmerston North
19	Attended the Accelrate25 Lead Team meeting – Whanganui Attended the Handover of Marae Feasibility Plans – Rata
20	To host the Commemoration Planting "Matariki Tu Rākau" Open Day at Marton Dams To attend the Bulls Volunteer Fire Brigade - Annual Honours Evening
22	To attended various meetings with a potential business owner
23	To attend the Rangitikei Youth Council Meeting
24	To meet with a Taihape resident To attend the Four Regions Trust AGM – Taihape To meet with Midwest Disposal To attend the Marton Development Group Meeting
25	To attend the beginning of the Finance/Performance meeting To attend the third official reading of the Ngāti Rangi settlement – Wellington
26	To attend the Tuwharetoa Relationship Hui – Halcombe To attend the Official Opening of Sky Waka Gondola – Whakapapa
27	To attend the Attend Festival for the Future with the Youth Council
29	To attend catch-up meeting with the Base Commander at Ohakea To attend the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting
30	To attend the Fortnightly meeting re Bulls Community Centre To attend the Centennial park Development Meeting

# Attachment 3

# REPORT

SUBJECT: **Administrative matters – July 2019**

TO: Council

FROM: Ross McNeil, Chief Executive

DATE: 17 July 2019

FILE: 5-EX-4

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## **1 Manatu Whakaaetanga – Memorandum of Understanding between Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki – Ngāti Apa and Rangitikei District Council**

- 1.1 Following discussions with His Worship the Mayor a draft Memorandum of Understanding was provided regarding the development of education, training and employment programmes at Te Poho o Tuariki. There has been discussion between staff of both organisations and consideration at Council workshop. It is now presented formally for Council to ratify, to allow formal signing by representatives of the Rūnanga and the Council.
- 1.2 The draft Manatu Whakaaetanga – Memorandum of Understanding is attached as Appendix 1.

## **2 Result of remit consideration at the Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting**

- 2.1 Council's own remit was supported. With two exceptions, Council's view on all the other remits prevailed: they were the ban on sale of fireworks to the general public (which Council opposed) and having a centralised system for resource management commissioners (which Council supported).

## **3 Consultation on the draft report from the Productivity Commission: Local government funding and financing**

- 3.1 The Productivity Commission released its draft report on 4 July 2019, calling for submissions by 29 August 2019:  
[https://www.productivity.govt.nz/sites/default/files/ProdCom\\_Draft%20report\\_Local%20government%20funding%20and%20financing.pdf](https://www.productivity.govt.nz/sites/default/files/ProdCom_Draft%20report_Local%20government%20funding%20and%20financing.pdf)
- 3.2 The Commission believes new funding tools are needed to ensure there is sufficient infrastructure to support rapid urban growth, to enable councils to adapt to climate change, to meeting tourism growth and to recognise the

responsibilities shifted by central government to local government. Otherwise, the Commission considers that the current funding and financing framework is broadly sound and that there is scope for councils to make better use of existing tools.

- 3.3 A draft submission will be provided to the Committee's meeting on 8 August 2019. It is intended that this is a topic for the next workshop (22 August) so that a final submission was considered at Council at its meeting on 29 August 2019, the due date.

#### **4 Road safety strategy consultation**

- 4.1 On 17 July 2019, the Ministry of Transport released its new road safety strategy 'Road to Zero', inviting submissions by 14 August 2019: [www.transport.govt.nz/zero](http://www.transport.govt.nz/zero)
- 4.2 This timing allows for consideration of a submission at the next meeting of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting. A recommendation to delegate authority to that Committee to approve a submission is included below.

#### **5 Submission to Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill**

- 5.1 The Bill's purpose is to establish a framework which will enable New Zealand to develop clear, stable climate change policies in accord with the Paris Agreement - which limits the global average temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. The Bill proposes to set greenhouse gas reduction targets into law and to bind future governments to continue these efforts.
- 5.2 Council delegated approving a submission to the Policy/Planning Committee at its meeting on 11 July 2019. A draft submission was considered at that meeting and changes made as a result. The final submission was sent to the Environment Committee Secretariat on 16 July 2019. His Worship the Mayor has asked to speak to the submission. It is intended that Cr Ash and Cr Gordon accompany him.
- 5.3 A copy of the submission is attached as Appendix 2.

#### **6 Hunterville Ambulance Station**

- 6.1 The St Johns Central Region Property Manager has asked whether Council would consider allowing the new Ambulance Station proposed for Hunterville to be on the old Scout Hall site on the Hunterville Domain rather than the former fire station site immediately beside the Hunterville Town Hall. They consider this would be a better location for their activities.
- 6.2 That location would not intrude on other uses of the Domain and, while a recreation reserve, Council will be able to lease the site to St Johns. The Scout

Hall building has been formally relinquished back to Council. If Council approves the proposal in principle, the next step would be work through the lease details and options for the Scout Hall building, and consult with the Hunterville Community Committee at its next meeting, on 12 August 2019. The matter would be brought back to Council's meeting on 29 August 2019 for further consideration and potentially approval.

## **7 Solarcity**

7.1 At Council's meeting on 13 December 2018, the following resolution was made:

18/RDC/484      That Council engages with Solarcity for the provision of solar power and access to the wholesale energy market for the tenants at Wellington Road and Cobber Kain Avenue community housing complexes.

7.2 Whilst the due diligence from staff and Council's lawyers was completed, Solarcity® did not return the necessary formal agreement. During its 29 April 2019 programme, Fair Go (TVNZ) raised a number of issues being experienced with Solarcity. This led to discussion at Council on 2 May 2019 and an acceptance to end the negotiations. It would be appropriate to rescind the resolution made on 18 December 2019, and a recommendation for that is included.

7.3 Tenants have been advised in writing.

## **8 Applications for road closures**

8.1 There have been two new applications for road closures:

8.2 Makuhou Road, Saturday 21 September 2019, 6.00 am to 4.00 pm, restricted to one-way traffic, to permit The Mudder 2019 Event to take place. A copy of the advertisement is attached as [Appendix 3](#).

8.3 Bruce Street (from State Highway 1 to Hunterville School) and Paraekaretu Street (portion from Hunterville Domain to Bruce Street), Saturday 2 November 2019, 6.00 am to 6.00 pm, to permit the Hunterville Huntaway Festival to hold the Shemozzle. A copy of the advertisement is attached as [Appendix 4](#).

8.4 A written objection to the closure of Makuhou Road was lodged because of the disruptive effect on farming operations on the road. Subsequent conversation with staff resulted the withdrawal of that objection on the basis that the traffic management contractor, Traffic Safe NZ, will ensure workers will have access through Makuhou Road to their farms and homes on 21 September 2019 while The Mudder event is on.

8.5 Since objections to the proposed road closure for the Shemozzle close on 26 July 2019, it is suggested that any objections received are considered and determined by His Worship the Mayor, the Chair of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee and the Chief Executive, with the outcome reported back to Council.

## **9 Requests for fee waivers exceeding the Chief Executive's delegation**

- 9.1 There has been one new request, from the Hunterville Huntaway Festival who request a fee waiver for their application for Exempt Building Work (with the marquee used for the Shemozzle event); this would be for \$250.00. A recommendation is included.

## **10 Service request reporting**

- 10.1 The summary reports for first response and feedback and for resolution (requests received in May 2019) are attached as [Appendix 5](#).

## **11 Pre-election report**

- 11.1 The Chief Executive is preparing the Pre-election Report as required by section 99A of the Local Government Act 2002. It contains the information prescribed in Schedule 10, part 4 of the Act and will be provided prior to the meeting (as a separate document) for information at the same time it is uploaded to the Council website
- 11.2 The statutory date for its availability is by 2 August 2019.

## **12 MW LASS update**

- 12.1 Collaborative work continues among member councils over health and safety to progress the assessments done in December 2018 by Work Wise.
- 12.2 The latest newsletter for 2019 from Archives Central is attached as [Appendix 6](#).

## **13 Staffing**

- 13.1 Herb Verstegen has submitted his resignation as Animal Control Officer, having secured a leadership role in another council. The vacancy will be advertised.
- 13.2 The first round of interviews have been held for the Team Leader, Parks & Reserves and two applicants have been selected for further assessment.
- 13.3 Peter Howard (Senior Parks Assistant) will retire on 19 July 2019. That vacancy has also been advertised. Interviews have yet to be arranged.
- 13.4 A first round of interviews were held for an additional Building Control Officer. A further round of interviews is being arranged.
- 13.5 Kelly Ross has been appointed to the cleaner vacancy in Bulls, commencing 18 July 2019.

#### **14 Recommendations:**

- 14.1 That the report 'Administrative matters – July 2019' to Council's meeting on 25 July 2019 be received.
- 14.2 That Council approves His Worship the Mayor signing (on behalf of the Council) the Manatu Whakaaetanga – Memorandum of Understanding between Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki – Ngāti Apa and the Council "as a basis for an ongoing collaborative, respectful and dynamic relationship for the benefit of both organisations and the people they serve", and
- That Council's representative on Te Roopu Ahi Kaa formally represent the Council at the monthly meetings noted in Whakaaetanga – Points of Agreement together with relevant Council staff.
- 14.3 That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee be authorised to approve a submission to the Ministry of Transport on the road safety strategy 'Road to Zero', with the submission as sent being included in the Council Order Paper for 29 August 2019.
- 14.4 That Council endorse the submission made by His Worship the Mayor (under delegation given to the Policy/Planning Committee) on the Parliamentary Environment Committee on the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill.
- 14.5 That Council approves in principle allowing the new Hunterville Ambulance Station to be located on the Scout Hall site on the Hunterville Domain, with a report back to Council's meeting on 29 August 2019 on consultation with the Hunterville Community Committee and the formal arrangements proposed in terms of a lease and the current Scouts Hall.
- 14.6 That, acknowledging the lack of engagement by Solarcity in Council's negotiations, Council rescinds resolution 18/RDC/484 which authorised that engagement.
- 14.7 That objections to the proposed road closures for the Shemozzle on 2 November 2019 be considered and determined by His Worship the Mayor, the Chair of Assets/Infrastructure Committee and the Chief Executive, with the outcome reported back to the next available meeting of Council.
- 14.8 That Council approves a waiver of ....% of the \$250 Exempt Building Work fees due from the Hunterville Huntaway festival for the Shemozzle Event.

Ross McNeil  
Chief Executive



# *Appendix 1*

**Manatu Whakaaetanga**  
**Memorandum of Understanding**

Between

Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki – Ngāti Apa

And

Rangitīkei District Council

Date:

**Ka tiehutia te wai, ko Whangaehu  
Ka hinga te rakau, ko Turakina  
Ka tikeitia te waewae, ko Rangitīkei  
Ko ngā awa nei ka tauherengia i ona ake piringa  
E ngā mana, e ngā reo o ngā piringa ka tauherengia nei  
Ka whakapuputia te kakaho kia kore e whati  
Ko te whakaaro pai tēnei o ngā tupuna, ko te whakaaro whakatupu mo ngā Iwi  
Ko ngā whakaaro ēnei ka whakakotahi tātou  
Kāore taku toa takitahi, taku toa takitini  
Tihei Mauri Ora!**

Behold the misty waters, this is Whangaehu  
A tree is felled, this is Turakina  
Through long strides the journey is made to Rangitīkei  
These are the rivers that bind us as otherwise diverse people and communities  
Let us unite as the leaders of these people, let us bring our people together  
To collaborate on a foundation of strength  
On which basis we will act in good will and in the interest of advancement for all  
So that our successes may be shared  
Tis the breath of life!

## **Timatanga -Introduction**

Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki – Ngāti Apa and the Rangitīkei District Council wish to establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) as a basis for an ongoing collaborative, respectful and dynamic relationship for the benefit of both organisations and the people they serve.

## **Ngā Rōpū – The Parties**

The Parties to this agreement are:

### **Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki – Ngāti Apa**

Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki – Ngāti Apa (The Rūnanga, Rūnanga) is the Iwi development organisation for the Ngā Wairiki and Ngāti Apa people whose combined rohe extends across the entirety of the Southern Rangitīkei District, and covering parts of the Whanganui and Manawātū districts. The Iwi groups represented by the Rūnanga have occupied this area for around 1,000 years, being the descendants of Polynesian voyagers who traversed Te Moananui a Kiwa (Pacific Ocean) and made Aotearoa their home.

The role of the Rūnanga is to manage collectively held assets which include in excess of 6,500 hectares of land, predominantly under forestry license. Eight years on from receipt of Treaty settlement assets, interests now include farming, forestry, fisheries, businesses and property. The Rūnanga has a values based approach to business and a strategic framework that focuses on achieving a range of whānau ora outcomes. As a long term presence, past and future, the Rūnanga sees itself as a natural partner for groups and organisations who share a similar interest in intergenerational growth and development in Southern Rangitīkei.

### **The Rangitīkei District Council**

Rangitīkei District Council (The Council, Council) is the local government body that provides services to the Rangitīkei District. The Council is a key regional partner in local economic development, and future employment opportunities in the local community.

The Council is committed to sharing knowledge and building collaborative relationships that support business, training, environmental and educational initiatives in support of sustainable economic development within the region. The Council acknowledges;

- the Local Government Act 2002 emphasizing the importance of Councils' relationship with Iwi. The Act requires Councils to be more active in facilitating Iwi involvement in local authority decision-making.
- Since 1991, the Resource Management Act has been central to Council/Iwi relations. The Act recognizes the special status of Mana Whenua as separate and distinct from other interest groups and requires that Councils take into account Iwi concerns.

## **Background**

In 2018 Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki – Ngāti Apa purchased the 5.16 hectare former Turakina Māori Girls College property, located at 85 Hendersons Line, Marton. The Rūnanga relocated its administration headquarters and Te Kotuku Hauora, their health service unit to this site. This site is now named Te Poho o Tuariki. The purchase of the property has presented the Rūnanga with a unique opportunity to work with its strategic partners to establish a base for regional economic, education/training, social, cultural and environmental development initiatives.

The Rūnanga has identified the Council as a strategic partner, as both organisations are focused on initiatives and objectives that benefit people and communities within the Rangitikei District. There is an established and trusted relationship between the two organisations and this MoU describes the terms and dimensions of this relationship moving forward.

### **Ko te Take – Purpose**

The purpose of this MOU is to describe how the parties shall work in partnership to establish collaborative initiatives including training, education and/or employment services and programmes at Te Poho o Tuariki.

### **Tikanga – Guiding Principles**

The Parties agree that the relationship shall be built on a foundation of mana, tikanga me whakaaro pai. These terms encapsulate principles including good faith, honesty and integrity, open communication, and a genuine spirit of friendship and co-operation. Within this, the Parties share;

- the responsibility to influence and effect positive change towards an equitable and sustainable future for all people in our region.
- an active approach to facilitating and creating new growth and development opportunities across educational, economic, cultural, social and environmental domains within the Rangitikei District.
- an understanding that the values, beliefs and practices of both Parties be considered and respected when working together.

### **Whakaaetanga – Points of Agreement**

- The Parties will work together with a view to leading, planning and establishing collaborative initiatives including training and employment related programmes and services delivered from Te Poho o Tuariki.
- The Parties will work together on this initiative in a partnership that may include other interested parties or partners who can add needed support and input.
- The Rūnanga intends for programmes and services delivered from Te Poho o Tuariki to be integrated with one another and to align with the Rūnanga value base called Paiaka Matua.
- Programmes and Services will be designed in response to identified needs, with a view to providing opportunities for people living in southern Rangitikei for self improvement and development leading to employment, knowledge, self-determination and greater access to economic opportunities.
- The Council will consider ways and means of influencing central government, local employers and other stakeholders to support efforts, and will otherwise directly support the process for developing education, training and/or employment programmes and services delivered from Te Poho o Tuariki.
- Both Parties will dedicate a Councillor or Manager to attend monthly meetings to guide the delivery of the aims embodied in the MoU.
- Beyond establishment, Parties will review this MOU on an annual basis, from the date of signing.
- Consideration will be given to the longer term governance opportunities to keep both Parties engaged in the delivery of the programmes and services that are established.

- Should it become apparent at any time that the partnership confirmed within this MOU is no longer active or working, then one or the other party may terminate this MOU by writing to the other party.

We, who have signed below on behalf of the parties to this Memorandum of Understanding, will support and develop the MoU according to agreed principles, for the benefit of current and future generations of the Rangitikei District.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

For Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki - Ngāti Apa

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

For Rangitikei District Council

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_

# *Appendix 2*



**RANGITIKEI**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

FROM THE  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

16 July 2019

Deborah Russell, MP  
Chair  
Environment Committee  
Parliament Buildings  
Wellington

File: 3-OR-3-5

*By email: zerocarbon@parliament.govt.nz*

Dear Deborah,

**Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill.**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill.

The Rangitikei District Council understands that the purpose of this Bill is to provide a framework by which New Zealand can develop and implement clear and stable climate change policies that align with the Paris Agreement, noting that the framework would establish a new independent Crown entity, the Climate Change Commission.

Council supports the establishment of such an entity, to assess the risks, provide politically independent expert advice, and prepare national climate change risk assessments for the current and future effects of climate change. In undertaking the latter, Council notes that the framework and remedial actions will need to be co-ordinated at a local level in response to those risks – as a framework alone will be inadequate in addressing the considerable adaptation challenges that New Zealand faces. For Council, the scope of the advice and adaptation plans from such a Commission must, as a matter of urgency, provide advice and support to local government and their communities. Spending resources on advice and the development of supporting systems individually is a costly proposition to ratepayers and risks inconsistency.

The Productivity Commission's draft report on local government funding and financing also highlights the needs and effects that climate change places on councils: we require new tools to help deal with climate change specific issues, such as:

- clarification on the apportioning of risk between central government, local government and communities;
- having central government support in taking adaptive action, and reducing liability risks; and
- addressing issues related to funding and financing of the costs of climate change adaptation.



The Rangitikei District has an area of 4,479 km<sup>2</sup>, made up of 7,971 rateable properties, located primarily in the Manawatū-Whanganui Region. The district follows the catchment area of the Rangitikei River and stretches from the South Taranaki Bight toward the North Island Volcanic Plateau. The primary townships in the district are Taihape, Mangaweka, Hunterville, Marton, Bulls and Ratana, as well as the coastal-low lying settlements of Whangaehu, Koitiata and Scott's Ferry. Due to the diverse geography and location of our district, the risks and damage seen from climate change is both diverse and significant, as well as potentially very costly in nature. Council, as well as our communities, recognise that 10, 50, and even 100-year flooding events are no longer true to their name, and are becoming all too familiar of an occurrence.

The Rangitikei District Council, in-line with the above considerations, makes the following comments on provisions contained within the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill:

### **Climate Change Commission (CCC)**

It is critical that the CCC's membership comprises a sufficient number of members with skills, expertise and experience that are needed to ensure that the Commission effectively monitors and reviews the Government's progress towards its goals. The Bill notes the proposed range of knowledge, experience and skills for members of the Commission, which Council supports. While the formulation of a committee to determine the membership of the Commission may appear to create an additional layer of unnecessary bureaucracy, it provides assurance that the membership collectively meets the requirements of section 5H and the recommendations to the Minister is politically neutral. As a separate concern, the Bill lists a significant number of functions that the proposed commission will undertake – rather than being specialised. If the Commission is to have teeth and a focus in direction for all these functions, it must be resourced sufficiently. The outcome of inadequate resourcing would lead the Commission to become merely diagnostic in nature.

Rangitikei District Council therefore supports the proposed range of knowledge, experience and skills for members of the Commission, and recommends:

that the Climate Change Commission is tasked and adequately resourced to undertake such works as the NCCRA, as well as the provision of advice and support for local government.

### **National Climate Change Risk Assessment**

The Bill generally references local government as an implementing stakeholder rather than a partner in the completion and outcomes of the NCCRA, meaning Council would be an agency that would undertake works based on what the Commission decides. However, section 5ZN (preparation of national climate risk assessment) makes no mention of local government. Council has a genuine concern that stems from the continued accumulation of responsibilities placed on it, and in-turn the ratepayer, by central government. An NCCRA will have implications for all ratepayers (i.e. impacts on property prices) and may present additional risks for local government when certain risks are identified and communicated to communities. Although section 5ZV notes local government as a stakeholder in local risk assessments, the Bill is unclear as to what resourcing would be expected from, or contributed to local government for this to occur. Council requests that this be clarified.

Rangitikei District Council therefore recommends:

that the Bill more explicitly state the role/resourcing that local government is expected to contribute (or if local government is a partner rather than simply act as an implementing agency) in the NCCRA and/or local and regional level risk assessments.

#### **Adaptation provisions**

Council has been concerned that for a number of years how central government will address climate change issues and support local government in the development of new, climate change resilient fit-for-purpose infrastructure. While Council understands that the focus of the Bill is limited to the framework for the CCC, and agrees that it is a critical foundation, this framework alone will not be sufficient for addressing the considerable adaptation challenges that New Zealand faces. As noted earlier, considerable work still needs to be done to support local government to undertake adaptive action at the local level.

In addition to the submission on the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill, the Rangitikei District Council wishes to take this opportunity to formally acknowledge climate change, the effects it is having on our infrastructure, and our obligation to action change on behalf of our communities. In addition to this, Council wishes to state its support of the nationwide student movement on the matter; including the recent strikes. It is encouraging for Council to see the younger generations exercise leadership on this issue, noting that many preceding governments, not just the previous one, have in our opinion failed to take significant steps in addressing this issue.

Council also wishes to also raise the following issues and concerns that the Government, or indeed the pending Commission, must consider in relation to climate change, and the effects on rural communities; these being:

#### **Rating issues caused by increasing forestry**

Council is concerned that the demands placed on ratepayers will inevitably increase, if a significant portion of productive land becomes converted to unproductive forestry (for the purposes of carbon credits). Put simply, a shift towards unproductive forestry will mean a decrease in the rates for those areas, which would need to be made up from other ratepayers. Noting the geography, soil types and price of land within the Rangitikei, it is very likely that carbon credit land/forestry 'banking' will only continue to increase.

#### **Stranded assets caused by increasing forestry**

Council is concerned that a number of supplementary issues, such as the stranding of assets, will be created if a significant portion of the district's productive land is converted into unproductive forestry (for the purposes of carbon credits). This concern stems from the significant roading network within the Rangitikei District, which could essentially become roads to nowhere; all of which would still need to be serviced by Council and in-turn the ratepayer. This issue, coupled with the decrease in rate-ability above, will require Government intervention.

#### **Economic impact of rural areas converted for 'Carbon Credits'**

In alignment with the above two issues, Council is concerned of what the overall economic impact of shifting to unproductive forestry will be for the district.

### **The morality of 'Carbon Credits'**

Council has been concerned that, whilst the principles of 'carbon credits' in theory is a sensible approach, it does give organisations/industrial scale emitters a 'property right' to emit at a level consistent with their allocation. Put simply, the practice that allows emitters to buy land, convert it to unproductive forestry (or even in some cases purchase existing forestry) in order to justify their outputs. It is Council's opinion that this is immoral and only pushes back the date till when genuine remedial practices will have to occur.

Noting both the commentary on the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill, and the issues raised above, the Rangitikei District Council looks forward to a considerably greater focus by the Government on climate change adaptation. Nevertheless, more work still needs to be done to allocate roles and responsibilities for climate change adaptation, as well as the apportioning of risk, and identifying options for funding and financing local government; as supported by the Productivity Commission's draft report on local government funding and financing.

Council welcomes the introduction of the Bill as an important step in the right direction, and looks forward to working with the Government, on the areas noted in the commentary above.

On behalf of the Rangitikei District Council, and with the support of two of our Councillors, I would appreciate the opportunity to speak to this submission. Please contact Alyssa Takimoana (Executive Assistant) phone (06)327-0099 or email [alyssa.takimoana@rangitikei.govt.nz](mailto:alyssa.takimoana@rangitikei.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely



Andy Watson  
**Mayor of Rangitikei**

# *Appendix 3*



### **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 The Mudder 2019 Event to take place.

Roads to be closed: **Makuhou Road** will be closed to the general public and will be operating as a one way road with entry to **Makuhou Road** for event participants from Tutaenui Road and exiting via Turakina Valley Road.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 6.00am till 4.00pm** one way traffic will be in operation.

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 19<sup>th</sup> July, at the office of the Rangitikei District Council, Private Bag 1102, Marton 4741.

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

Ross McNeil  
**Chief Executive**

# *Appendix 4*



### **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 Hunterville Huntaway Festival to hold The Shemozzle on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> of November 2019.

Roads to be closed:

Time 6.00am till 6.00pm

**Roads: Bruce Street-** portion of from State Highway 1 to Hunterville School  
**Paraekaretu Street-** portion of from the Hunterville Domain to Bruce Street

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 on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019, 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**

# *Appendix 5*



## Service Request Breakdown for May 2019 - First Response

Service Requests Department	Compliance overdue	responded in time	responded late	Grand Total
<b>Animal Control</b>		52	5	57
Animal welfare concern		4		4
Barking dog		9	1	10
Dog attack		1		1
Dog property inspection (for Good Owner status)		10	2	12
Found dog		4		4
General enquiry		3		3
Lost animal		3		3
Microchip dog		1		1
Roaming dog		10	2	12
Rushing dog		1		1
Wandering stock		6		6
<b>Building Control</b>			1	1
Property inspection			1	1
<b>Bylaws</b>	1			1
Traffic and Parking	1			1
<b>Cemeteries</b>		3		3
Cemetery - Headstones		2		2
Cemetery maintenance		1		1
<b>Council Housing/Property</b>		22	4	26
Council housing maintenance		21	4	25
Council property maintenance		1		1
<b>Environmental Health</b>	12	12	3	27
Abandoned vehicle		4		4
Dead animal			1	1
Dumped rubbish - outside town boundary (road corridor only)		3	1	4
Dumped rubbish - within town boundary		2	1	3
Food premises health issue		1		1
Noise	12	2		14
<b>Footpaths</b>	1			1
General enquiry	1			1
<b>General enquiry</b>		3		3
General enquiry		3		3
<b>Parks and Reserves</b>		7		7
General enquiry		3		3
Maintenance (parks and reserves)		2		2
Playground equipment		1		1
Water leak - parks and reserves only		1		1
<b>Public Toilets</b>		1		1
Maintenance (public toilets)		1		1
<b>Roads</b>		26		26
Culverts, drains and non-CBD sumps		4		4
Potholes		4		4
Road maintenance - not potholes		10		10
Road signs (except state highway)		5		5
Road surface flooding - danger to traffic		3		3
<b>Roadside Trees, Vegetation and Weeds</b>		3		3
Rural trees, vegetation and weeds		1		1
Urban trees, vegetation and weeds		2		2
<b>Solid Waste</b>		1		1
Waste transfer station		1		1
<b>Street Cleaning</b>		1		1
CBD cleaning (gutters/sumps) - Bulls		1		1
<b>Street Lighting</b>	7			7
Street lighting maintenance	7			7
<b>Wastewater</b>	1	1	1	3
Wastewater blocked drain	1	1	1	3

## Service Request Breakdown for May 2019 - First Response

Service Requests Department	Compliance overdue	responded in time	responded late	Grand Total
<b>Water</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>25</b>
Bad tasting drinking water		1		1
General enquiry		2		2
Location of meter, toby, other utility		2	1	3
No drinking water supply		2		2
Replace meter, toby or lid	1	4		5
Water leak - council-owned network, not parks or cemeteries		6		6
Water leak at meter/toby		6		6
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>193</b>

Feedback Required (Multiple Items)

Service Requests	Feedback							
Department	Email	In Person	Letter	Not able to	Telephone	Not	Grand Total	
Animal Control		1	4	1	2	12	1	21
Building Control						1		1
Bylaws							1	1
Council Housing/Property						1	1	2
Environmental Health	1						7	8
Footpaths							1	1
General enquiry	1							1
Parks and Reserves						3	1	4
Roads	1					2		3
Roadside Trees, Vegetation and Weeds							1	1
Solid Waste						1		1
Street Lighting							3	3
Wastewater			1					1
Water			2				4	6
Grand Total		4	7	1	2	20	20	54

## Service request Breakdown for May 2019 - Resolutions

Service Requests Department	Compliance completed in time	completed late	overdue	Grand Total
<b>Animal Control</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>57</b>
Animal welfare concern	4			4
Barking dog	9	1		10
Dog attack	1			1
Dog property inspection (for Good Owner status)	9	3		12
Found dog	4			4
General enquiry	3			3
Lost animal	2	1		3
Microchip dog	1			1
Roaming dog	10	2		12
Rushing dog	1			1
Wandering stock	5	1		6
<b>Building Control</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>
Property inspection		1		1
<b>Bylaws</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Traffic and Parking			1	1
<b>Cemeteries</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>3</b>
Cemetery - Headstones	2			2
Cemetery maintenance	1			1
<b>Council Housing/Property</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>26</b>
Council housing maintenance	19	6		25
Council property maintenance	1			1
<b>Environmental Health</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>27</b>
Abandoned vehicle	3	1		4
Dead animal		1		1
Dumped rubbish - outside town boundary (road corridor only)	3	1		4
Dumped rubbish - within town boundary	2	1		3
Food premises health issue	1			1
Noise	1		13	14
<b>Footpaths</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
General enquiry			1	1
<b>General enquiry</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>3</b>
General enquiry	3			3
<b>Parks and Reserves</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>
General enquiry	2		1	3
Maintenance (parks and reserves)	2			2
Playground equipment	1			1
Water leak - parks and reserves only	1			1
<b>Public Toilets</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>1</b>
Maintenance (public toilets)	1			1
<b>Roads</b>	<b>26</b>			<b>26</b>
Culverts, drains and non-CBD sumps	4			4
Potholes	4			4
Road maintenance - not potholes	10			10
Road signs (except state highway)	5			5
Road surface flooding - danger to traffic	3			3
<b>Roadside Trees, Vegetation and Weeds</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>3</b>
Rural trees, vegetation and weeds	1			1
Urban trees, vegetation and weeds	2			2
<b>Solid Waste</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>1</b>
Waste transfer station	1			1
<b>Street Cleaning</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>1</b>
CBD cleaning (gutters/sumps) - Bulls	1			1

## Service request Breakdown for May 2019 - Resolutions

Service Requests Department	Compliance completed in time	completed late	overdue	Grand Total
<b>Street Lighting</b>			7	7
Street lighting maintenance			7	7
<b>Wastewater</b>	1	1	1	3
Wastewater blocked drain	1	1	1	3
<b>Water</b>	21	3	1	25
Bad tasting drinking water	1			1
General enquiry	2			2
Location of meter, toby, other utility	2	1		3
No drinking water supply	2			2
Replace meter, toby or lid	4		1	5
Water leak - council-owned network, not parks or cemeteries	4	2		6
Water leak at meter/toby	6			6
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>193</b>

# *Appendix 6*





# ARCHIVES CENTRAL

NEWSLETTER

JULY 2019

Issue #42

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**SITE 32508**

S.C.C. Form A

SOIL CONSERVATION & RIVERS CONTROL COUNCIL  
- HYDROLOGIC SECTION -  
VELOCITY-AREA STREAM DISCHARGE MEASUREMENT

At Shannon Bridge Station, Manawatu River,  
Manawatu Catch. Dist.

MEAS. NO. 10 CHECKED BY 16th Aug 49 DATE 16th Aug 49

PARTY 1 WIDTH 36.5' AREA 26.87 SQ. T.

MEAN VEL. 0.88 CORR. M.G.H. 7 DISCH. 7

FOR SITE DETAILS: FIELD BK. NO. 1 PLAN 1

## FROM THE ARCHIVES: HORIZONS HYDROLOGICAL DATA

During the month Archives Central has taken delivery of the first part of hydrological and environmental data previously stored at Horizons Regional Council's Kairanga site.

This includes over 50 metal cabinets containing nearly 70 years of hydrometric recordings on index cards from historical agencies including Sir Alexander Gibbs and Partners, the Ministry of Works, the Rangitikei-Wanganui Catchment Board and the North Island Hydraulic Survey Party.

These archives will be rehousing by the Archives Central Team and listed on the website for public access in the near future.

TIME	SECT.	ST. POINT	VELOCITY	MEAN	AREA	WIDTH	DISCH.	REMARKS
IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN	IN
SECT.	SECT.	SECT.	SECT.	SECT.	SECT.	SECT.	SECT.	SECT.
60.5	60	2.34	2.35	1.19	23.0	2.3	27.0	21.57
55.3	60	2.30	2.30	1.19	23.0	2.3	27.0	21.57
48.6	60	2.11	2.33	2.35	62.0	6.5	150.0	150.0
60.2	70	3.10	3.10	1.19	23.0	2.3	27.0	21.57
57.7	50	3.08	2.54	2.47	32.0	4.5	10	23.5
44.5	60	3.11	3.11	1.19	23.0	2.3	27.0	21.57
58.5	40	1.64	2.36	2.41	110.0	11.0	273.0	273.0
44.4	70	3.40	3.40	1.19	23.0	2.3	27.0	21.57
44.2	70	2.63	3.01	2.64	128.0	11.0	360.0	360.0
44.2	70	3.43	3.43	1.19	23.0	2.3	27.0	21.57
58.8	70	2.97	3.15	3.02	120.0	12.0	397.0	397.0
44.8	70	3.60	3.60	1.19	23.0	2.3	27.0	21.57
44.5	70	2.62	3.11	3.13	123.0	12.0	380.0	380.0
58.5	80	3.60	3.60	1.19	23.0	2.3	27.0	21.57
52.7	60	3.50	3.50	1.19	23.0	2.3	27.0	21.57
44.2	70	3.78	3.78	1.19	23.0	2.3	27.0	21.57

Portion of single index card from Hydrology accession



## WELCOME

Hello to all our patrons and member councils from Friendly Feilding!

June has been a big month of planning, making improvements to our Health & Safety and Disaster Recovery programs and preparing space for an incoming accession.

We continue to move forward with our heritage sector peers to find solutions to the nationwide "Kete problem". It's an exciting time to be working with archives in the digital environment and the various resources being developed will benefit New Zealanders for many years to come.



## VISITS AND PROJECTS

On the 4th of June, Evan attended a presentation on New Zealand's involvement in D-Day by writer and Professor Gary Sheffield. This event ties in with the Engineer Corps Memorial Centre's popular Monthly Midday Military History Presentation (MMMHP). Evan was also kindly invited to the Coach House Thursday meet-up with local Feilding personalities who present on a myriad of subjects and discussion points.

During the past month you may have received our questionnaire regarding the Archives Central website. We are well into the process of sourcing new software to replace the Kete platform which has served New Zealand's heritage sector so well for the preceding decade. We are excited about the opportunity to expand the capabilities of our website now and in the future, so stay tuned for updates as we progress.

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## POPPY PLACES

Over the past 4 years, Senior Archivist Evan Greensides has been involved with the New Zealand Poppy Places Trust, undertaking research and creating articles for the commemoration of streets across Palmerston North. The final streets in the city have recently received poppies, making Palmerston North the first city in New Zealand to commemorate all known qualifying streets within its boundary.



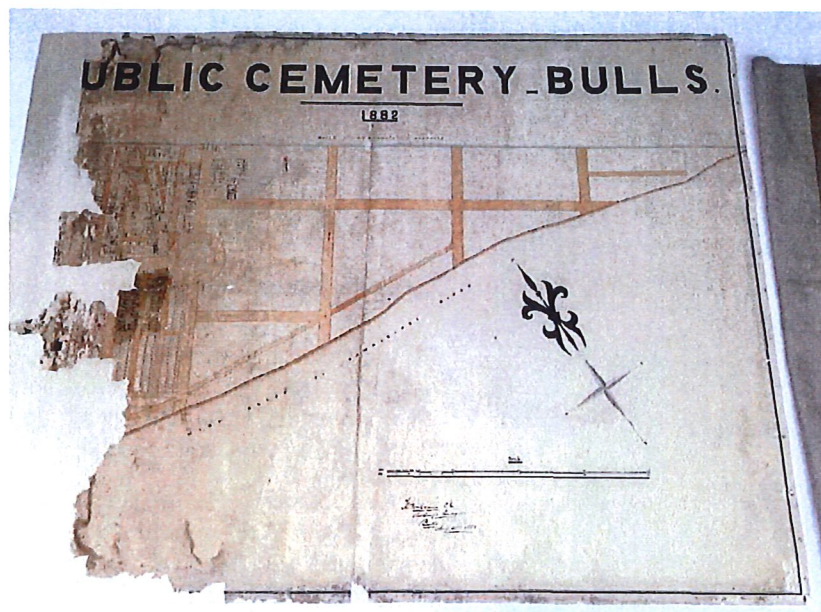
Now based in Feilding, Evan has undertaken initial research for the town and identified eight streets which meet the NZPPT criteria for inclusion. This would be an excellent small project for an individual interested in local/military history and seeking to be involved in community activity.

As the archives necessary to complete the project are at Archives Central, Evan is more than willing to assist with research, article creation and contact with NZPPT. If you know of an interested person, please have them contact Evan Greensides on 06 952 2819 or [evan.greensides@mw.org.nz](mailto:evan.greensides@mw.org.nz)

## VISITS AND PROJECTS

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Finally, we recently had the first known Bulls Cemetery Map returned to us after conservation work was completed by Louise Newdick at Paper Works Studio. The map contains previously unknown information that will be put to good use by the Rangitikei District Council.



## THIS IS NOT HEALTH AND SAFETY!

July's candidate for unsafe practices from history comes from a Rangitikei District Council accession. The picture depicts John Griffin (*right*) and Mr R Turnbull, Clerk of Works, with a child standing on a floor beam of the recently completed Vinegar Hill Bridge over the Rangitikei River. Mr Griffin was of the firm Griffin and Weir, a contractor for the construction of the bridge, which was completed in 1895.



## CONSERVATION VS RESTORATION

Conservation refers to the preservation of cultural property for the future, including examination, documentation, stabilisation and preventive care.

Restoration refers to treatments intended to return objects to a known or assumed state, often through the addition of non-original material.

The Bulls Cemetery Map project falls under the conservation realm as the priority was to stabilise the object and avoid losing further valuable information.

*The Ambrose C.E.  
Authored Survey  
Bulls  
Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>*



# Attachment 4

# Memorandum

**To:** Council

**From:** Ross McNeil

**Date:** 18 July 2019

**Subject:** **Top Ten Projects report – status, July 2019**

**File:** 5-EX-4

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This memorandum updates the information presented to the March 2019 Council meeting. New text is *italicised*. Currently the Finance team is working on a more analytical and shorter monthly presentation of key financial information, including budgeted, actual and projected revenue and expenditure (including borrowing). It will show results for each group of activities, for the identified top ten projects and for other projects and programmes of interest to Council. This is expected to be ready for the reports provided to Council and the Finance/Performance Committee for the new financial year.

## **1. Mangaweka Bridge replacement**

Following consideration of the detailed business case for a replacement bridge, the New Zealand Transport Agency has given approval to fund the pre-implementation phase. This is for the construction of a new single-lane 132m long steel plate girder bridge, 30 metres downstream of the existing bridge, and include detailed design, property acquisition, and consenting. Desktop assessments of liquefaction, slope stability and settlement have been completed. Geotechnical investigations have been completed.

The business case for the replacement bridge included consideration of the existing bridge. That showed the most economic option is to demolish it but deciding on that will be managed during the consultation and consenting process that runs in parallel with the pre-implementation phase. The two councils will have the final say. An economic analysis about keeping or demolishing the existing bridge was provided to both councils (13 June for Rangitikei, 20 June for Manawatu). *A public meeting has been arranged (at Awastone) for 5 August 2019 to discuss the future of the current bridge.*

Heritage NZ has advised an application has been made for the existing bridge to have a heritage classification and that it will not be considered for inclusion on the heritage list before 2020/21.

## **2. Upgrade of the Bulls wastewater treatment plant to meet new consent conditions**

As noted in the March 2018 report, the application for a new resource consent lodged with Horizons was placed ‘on-hold’ pending the outcome of the business case process for the upgrade of the Marton wastewater plant. A meeting involving Infrastructure staff, Council’s consent advisors and Horizons compliance staff was held to progress the consenting strategy

for Bulls/Marton. However, Horizons needs clear commitment from the Council about the proposed upgrade to be confident that any interim (short term) consent is a genuine stepping stone to new long-term consent with associated plant upgrades. A full briefing was provided for the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting on 9 August 2018, together with a District-wide strategy towards consenting. Prior to that a meeting of the Advisory Group was convened to allow a full update to be provided and discussed with them.

Subsequent to that a briefing for members of Ngati Parewahawaha was undertaken, and a similar briefing/hui offered to Ngati Apa as a pre-cursor to the preparation of the resource consent application.

The Committee recommended to Council that it confirms as its preferred option establishing a land-based disposal system for the combined Marton and Bulls wastewater flows. A renewal application for Marton was submitted on 28 September 2018 and an updated consent application for the proposed Bulls and Marton centralisation with discharge to land is due to be submitted in May 2019.

Before then, the Committee recommended that Council agrees to commence the process to procure land, to continue advancing the design and other elements and undertake further consultation with iwi and the Bulls/Marton communities, with progress being reported to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee. Council accepted that recommendation at its meeting on 30 August 2018. Investigations and discussions are progressing regarding the procurement of land. In addition, Council staff are considering the merits of advancing the design and construction of the Marton to Bulls wastewater pipeline. Such an approach would have the benefit of removing the discharge of treated wastewater from the Tutaenui Stream sooner than might otherwise be possible, but would rely on discharge to the Rangitikei River at Bulls. Estimated costs for the pipelines are being reviewed. Discussions to secure the necessary land for effluent disposal are continuing. *A Heads of Agreement has been signed with Ngā Wairiki – Ngāti Apa regarding access to suitable land south of Bulls for the disposal of wastewater. A more detailed agreement will now be developed that sets out the terms and conditions of access and use.* Once those are concluded, tenders will be called for the construction of the pipeline from Marton to Bulls. *Horizons requires a consent application setting out the phased approach for the proposed wastewater from the two towns by November 2019.*

The NZ Defence Force has confirmed its interest in being a trade waste customer in the upgraded Bulls/Marton wastewater land disposal arrangement.

### **3. Upgrade of the Marton wastewater treatment plant to meet new consent conditions**

The trade waste agreement with MidWest Disposal for acceptance of treated leachate at the Marton wastewater treatment plant is now in place. MidWest Disposal sought an amendment to the agreement, which was considered by Council at its July meeting and approved. Subsequently, both MidWest and Council agreed to explore further changes acknowledging that no leachate would be accepted during the summer months of minimal flow in the Tutaenui Stream.

Horizons has made it clear that lodgement of a new consent application by October 2018 will allow the current consent arrangements to apply until a new consent is issued. That consent application was lodged at the end of September 2018.

#### **4. Upgrade of the Ratana wastewater treatment plant**

The proposed programme to enable the installation of a land-based disposal of treated effluent (i.e. removal of discharge to Lake Waipu) starts from 1 July 2018 (as per the agreement with the Ministry for the Environment - MfE). Consideration is now being given to identifying the most suitable land for this disposal, following which purchase will be negotiated with the owner. Discussions with landowners are now underway. *Confirmation is being sought from MfE (through Horizons Regional Council) that the delayed timing of this project won't affect funding availability and that the use of wetlands as part of a land-based disposal regime was acceptable.*

As noted in previous reports, an application for a new consent was lodged by 30 April 2018 (the extended timeframe agreed to by Horizons), which means the existing consent continues to apply until a new consent is issued.

#### **5. Sustainable provision of stock and irrigation water within the area now serviced by the Hunterville Rural Water Scheme, extended south to Marton, and provision of a safe, potable and affordable supply to Hunterville town**

As previously noted, a site has been identified in the Hunterville Domain for a test bore for a new water source for the Hunterville township. There is cost efficiency to expand the scope of the work to include drilling the test bore and getting that bore to production status. A yield of between 200 and 400 cubic metres per day would be needed for a production bore to be viable. A new request for tender was issued to allow for the progression with a production bore should the test bore process verify good water (volume and quality).

At its meeting on 11 October 2018 (reconvened from 27 September 2018), Council awarded Contract C1096 for construction of the Hunterville Bore to Interdrill Ltd for a total of \$423,205.75 excluding GST and inclusive of 15% contingency. At 340 metres depth water was found; investigation is now under way to determine its quality and quantity. The bore is currently being developed, and payment of the subsidy from the Ministry of Health is not contingent on a successful outcome. The indicative date for completion is the end of July. We currently have the full diameter bore drilled to approximately 320m deep and the permanent casing will be installed before the end of this month, after which the casing will be grouted into place. Then we will be able to drill through into the strata identified for production and attempt bore development.

Part of the capability grant recently received from the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) is being used to prepare the case for a feasibility study for a Tutaenui rural water scheme. A draft application is being finalised and was discussed with Government officials prior to the formal application being lodged. The formal application was submitted on 3 May 2019. *The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has confirmed its support for the project, and a meeting with representatives of the Provincial Development Unit (PGF administrators) is currently being arranged to secure final Government funding approval.*

#### **6. Future management of community housing**

The future options and opportunities, including funding, for Council's continued management of community housing has been informed by the Government's policy position on community housing. At its meeting on 14 June 2018, the Policy/Planning Committee considered the

question of moving to market rentals and its recommendations were approved at Council's meeting on 28 June 2018. All tenants have been advised (in writing) of the change, to take effect from 1 November 2018, and meetings were arranged in Taihape, Marton and Bulls at which a Work & Income representative was invited to attend (and did so). At its meeting on 13 December 2018, Council agreed to engage with Solarcity for the provision of solar power and access to the wholesale energy market for the tenants at Wellington Road and Cobber Kain Avenue community housing complexes. *However, the contract arrangements could not be finalised.*

The proposed upgrade programme was presented to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting in August. At its August meeting, the Policy/Planning Committee adopted a slightly amended community housing policy.

Consideration is currently being given to options/opportunities for the further development/enhancement of Council's community housing portfolio. Staff attended a Local Government New Zealand workshop on 24 October 2018 which considered policy options to propose to central government to enable councils to both maintain their current investment in social housing and expand that investment should they choose to do so. Council's decision to terminate the lease of the Queen Carnival Building at 22 Tui Street opens up this site to alternative use once that building and the Conference Hall are removed.

## **7. Bulls multi-purpose community centre**

The detailed design has been finished and an application for a building consent has been submitted. The closing date for tenders was extended to 10 August 2018. Council considered the evaluation undertaken of the tenders at its meeting on 30 August 2018 and identified a preferred contractor, W & W Construction 2010 Ltd, for subsequent negotiation by the Mayor and the Chief Executive.

There were discussions with Heritage New Zealand to gain an archaeological authority before the tender is awarded and estimates of costs were provided: these could affect the price of the tendered work. This authority is needed because the site was in human occupation before 1900. The archaeological authority was issued on 16 October 2018, but required a 15 working day + 3 day stand-down period (for appeals) before it can be actioned. Following further discussions with the preferred contractor and the JV partners regarding the final development area, Council confirmed (at its meeting on 15 November 2018) the award of the contract to W & W Construction 2010 Ltd and accepted a revised (and larger) footprint area. The target completion time remains December 2019. Progress to date is in line with that timing. Negotiations to secure title have been concluded apart from finalising shared costs. LINZ questioned one easement which, while now resolved, caused further delay. Turnaround (and issue of title) is typically one month. Once Council receives title, Lotteries can be asked to release the \$500,000 approved for the project. That should be early in July.

Following a blessing and sod turning ceremony, W & W Construction took possession of the site on 10 December 2018. An archaeologist was on site during the excavation for the slab: no items of significance were found.

*Work on the Bulls Community Centre has steadily progressed. Progress during the past month by on site trades is:*

- *Second floor steel beam installation complete*
- *Second floor precast beam installation complete*

- *Second floor precast beam installation complete*
- *Second floor reinforcing steel installation complete*
- *Second floor concrete pour complete*
- *Fill columns with self-compacting concrete complete*
- *Basement drainage install complete*
- *Drainage for remainder of hall in progress*
- *Topographical survey in progress*
- *Framing for ground floor in progress*
- *North and South Pavilion structural roof steel install in progress*
- *Domestic water supply and power ducting are being installed across Criterion street in progress*

*The project team, architect, and engineers are working to finalising the decorative elements of the building and continuing to work out design details of the bus stop, car park, and town square.* Ngā Wairiki-Ngāti Apa and Ngāti Parewahawaha are involved in this process.

*The Council's Audit Director arranged for the Director, Specialist Audit and Assurance Services in Audit New Zealand to review the Bulls Community Centre project in terms of its current status and the approach taken by the Council to planning and delivery of the project. This was done because of the significance of the project not through any particular concerns. The review has entailed scrutiny of a range of documentation and a face-to-face discussion (on 18 July 2019) involving the Project Manager, Community and Regulatory Services Group Manager and the Chief Executive. A report will be provided to the Audit Director. From the informal debrief, there will be useful pointers for the comparable projects in Marton and Taihape.*

Work continues on sourcing further external funding for the project. In July, the Whanganui Community Foundation approved a grant of \$300,000 for the project. His Worship the Mayor has met with representatives of Te Puni Kokiri concerning funding to highlight Ngāti Parewahawaha and Ngā Wairiki-Ngāti Apa within the development. Arrangements were finalised to relocate the house made available by Central House Movers – the makeover will be a significant community project and will be a substantial contribution to external funding. *It is expected to be complete by early August* and it is planned to auction it in *late August/early September* with support from Bayleys. The additional resource contribution to this project by Central House Movers has been substantial. *Expressions of Interest have been called from* potential developers of the two vacant pieces of land in Bulls owned by Council – at Walton Street and off Johnson Street/Walker Crescent (known as Haylock Park).

## **8. Development of Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams site in Marton for Council's administration centre and the town library**

The Lottery Heritage Fund Committee declined the Council's application for a grant for a heritage feasibility precinct study for Marton's CBD. An application will shortly be made for this study to be accepted as a project to the Provincial Growth Fund: in October a capability grant of \$25,000 was approved part of which will be used to complete the detailed application required.

A business case is being prepared on the principal options for the redevelopment of the proposed civic centre site. These are the status quo (i.e. not moving from the current Administration and Library sites), demolition of all buildings on the Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams site and erecting an entirely new facility; retaining

all structures on the Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams site and refurbishing; retaining facades only on the Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams site and building behind. A workshop on the progress with the business case for this project was held with Elected Members on 13 June 2019, *with an update on 18 July 2019*.

WSP-Opus submitted a draft proposal for developing the concepts designs to support the next phase of this project, which will involve community engagement. This will be the basis of an application to the Provincial Growth Fund, linking the Civic Centre project to the Heritage Precinct proposal. Council considered this on 13 December 2018 and decided to accept the proposal for WSP Opus and requested a project plan be finalised, incorporating a community engagement phase and completion of business case to final draft status by September 2019. The work to be undertaken is, in part, a feasibility study regarding the conversation/preservation of built heritage. Lotteries will fund projects started but not completed, which is the case for this project. On that basis the project would meet the criteria for funding from Lotteries' Environment and Heritage Fund. Lotteries will fully fund a feasibility and an application to that effect was submitted by the mid-March 2019 deadline. However, the Lottery Environment and Heritage Committee approved a grant of \$50,000 as a contribution to the project, not seeing the project (or at least the application for it) as a full feasibility study.

This project featured in media stories last year fronted by the Mayor on the likely impacts of the provisions of the Building (Earthquake-prone buildings) Amendment Act on rural towns like Marton. Following the meeting of Council representatives with Minister Salesa, a profile of Rangitikei's commercial building stock, including the likely extent of earthquake-prone buildings, was provided to MBIE staff, who have been evaluating the policy/regulatory impacts on rural/provincial communities of the recently enacted earthquake-prone building provisions of the Building Act. *This led to a higher threshold being announced on 14 July 2019 for alterations before the mandatory earthquake strengthening requirements applied.*

WSP-Opus have started work on the concept designs, with the first stage being the detailed engineering assessments. This phase also includes a detailed survey of the exterior of the buildings, which was undertaken using a drone and completed at the end of February 2019. A detailed interior survey of all four buildings has also been completed. A 50% progress update as a workshop was provided to Council on 9 May 2019 on the two different options for the site (retention of as much heritage as possible and demolition and new build), at which it was agreed to hold a further workshop (on 23 May) to provide comment back to WSP Opus. That led to a decision to have design work on an option which retained the street facades and Davenport interior (being highly significant heritage) and suspend further work on the demolition-new build option. WSP Opus has confirmed that it will be able to have completed costed designs for a workshop with Elected Members on 8 August 2019.

Changes to Heritage EQUIP (the national earthquake upgrade incentive programme) announced on 11 February 2019 will benefit heritage-listed properties – up to 50% of the cost of detailed seismic assessments, conservation reports or architectural and structural engineering plans, allowing multiple applications for up to 67% of the cost of professional advice. However, historic buildings which aren't heritage-listed in the District Plan are not eligible. The Government has acknowledged this is a gap and are working on proposals in this regard.



## **9. Taihape Memorial Park development**

While Council set out its position on the initial stage of development on Memorial Park in the draft Long Term Plan consultation document, subsequent deliberations and discussions led to a request for a further report outlining various options and their costs. That was provided to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting on 12 July 2018. Further information was requested for consideration at the Committee's August meeting, before which a public meeting (including the Park User Group) will be held to gain clearer insights into community views and preferences.

That meeting was held on 3 August 2018 and the outcome considered by the Assets/Infrastructure Committee at its meeting on 10 August 2018. The proposed new amenities building project is on hold pending an estimate to renovate both the facilities under the Taihape grandstand as well as the grandstand itself. Colspec was engaged to undertake an initial scoping assessment; they provided a rough order cost of \$2.4 million for renovating/upgrading the grandstand.

A meeting with representatives of Clubs Taihape was arranged to clarify their proposed project on Memorial Park. The outcome was the suggestion of erecting co-located (and complementary) facilities at the end of the netball courts and leaving the grandstand as it is, apart from minor repairs. At its meeting on 30 November 2018, Council confirmed its intention to build a new amenities block at Memorial Park on the site beside the No. 3 field and incorporating a portion of the last tennis/netball court, and investigate the need for a new court in the vicinity of the ex-croquet green. Council representatives have since met with Clubs Taihape to agree a process for finalising the design for a project that would fulfil the facility requirements of both organisations.

A design brief has been prepared and a further meeting with Clubs Taihape has been held. The design brief is close to being finalised, and once that is done a targeted RFP/EOI process will be undertaken to engage an architect for the design process. The design brief indicates two potential build options:

1. A 2-storey building, with the amenity facilities at ground level and the Clubs Taihape/Community facilities on the upper level
2. Two single level buildings connected by a covered walkway (or similar).

Clubs Taihape has a preference for option1, and to undertake the project as a single build. That would mean Council is the owner of the building and it would require all of the funding to be secured prior to the build. There are pros and cons with both design options. Ultimately, Council will need to decide which option it supports have regard to the design process outcomes and feedback from groups likely to use the facilities.

Three expressions of interest were received for the design. Copeland Associates Architects have been appointed to undertake the design work.

Barry Copeland (Copeland Associates Architects) has met with Council and Clubs Taihape representatives. His view was that one two-storey building was the better option; more economical, better solar orientation, view would be restrained from the former croquet site, etc.

A budget provision of \$1.2 million for the amenities facility is included in the draft 2019/20 Annual Plan (with \$200,000 to be raised externally). Clubs Taihape has \$500,000 to commit to the project.



Mr Copeland has suggested a ground floor of approximately 25m x 12m, overhung at one end for a control room and tuck shop. He has suggested construction costings of \$1.1m for a 300m<sup>2</sup> amenities block, \$1.1m for a 350m<sup>2</sup> community facility, plus another \$300K for foundation. He presented a concept design for spaces and how they could all gel together, together with cost estimates from BQH Quantity Surveyors at a meeting with representative from Council and Clubs Taihape on 7 June 2019. *Council considered these at its meeting on 27 June 2019, opted for a fully completed two-storey building, at an estimated cost of \$2.935 million, and requested the Chief Executive to negotiate (by 20 August 2019) a Memorandum of Understanding with Clubs Taihape on progressing the development of that facility. A meeting has been arranged with Clubs Taihape on 22 July 2019.*

A further development on the Park has occurred. At its meeting on 13 December 2018, Council agreed to the transfer of the Taihape Bowling Club's building (as the club was winding up) and at its 28 February 2019 meeting agreed to offer current users of the Taihape Women's Club in Tui Street the use of the Bowling Club building and that Council staff would manage the bookings for the facility. Since April 2019 there have been meetings with staff and elected members to determine the work to be done in the Bowling Club building.

At a meeting with the Mayor, Councillor Rainey and the Community & Leisure Services Team Leader, the majority of users requested that the bar area at 2 Kokako Street (former Bowling Club) be turned into a kitchen. However, the estimated cost for this is \$25,000. *The Women's Club does not wish to underwrite this cost*, so an internal access *will be* created into the present kitchen area and use the bar area for storage.

#### **10. Taihape civic centre.**

As previously noted, further engagement with the Taihape community to determine a preferred option for the development of the Taihape Civic Centre was planned for 2018/19, but is now likely to be later in 2019. This engagement will be better informed following a final decision on the nature and scope of the development of community facilities on Memorial Park, and that looks likely to be two or three months away.

#### **Recommendation**

That the memorandum 'Top Ten Projects report – status, July 2019' to the 25 July 2019 Council meeting be received.

Ross McNeil  
Chief Executive

# Attachment 5

**Rangitikei District Council**

**District Licensing Committee**

**Annual Report to the Alcohol and Regulatory  
Licensing Authority for the year ending 30 June  
2019**

Presented to Council, 25 July 2019, for approval

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

**The Committee is supported as follows:**

Secretary	Ross McNeil , Chief Executive
Chief Inspector	Johan Cullis
Inspector	Vicki Hodds
Administrator	Rochelle Baird

**Staff training**

Nothing provided.

**Committee Training**

Nothing provided.

## **DLC Initiatives**

Six monthly meetings are held to discuss any issues which comprises of The Commissioner, The Chief Inspector, Inspector and Administrator.

The Inspector attended monthly Alcohol Harm Regulatory Group Meetings held at Palmerston North City Council and involve five Liquor Inspectors, our respective MOH , Police and Fire Service.

## **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 2018 – 30 June 2019

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		1			
On Licence Renew		2	6		
On Licence Variation					
Off Licence New					
Off licence Renew			8		
Off Licence Variation					
Club Licence New					
Club Licence Renew	7				
Club Licence Variation					
Total Number	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>		
ARLA Fee	\$17.25	\$34.50	\$51.75	\$86.25	\$172.50
Total Fee paid to ARLA	<b>\$120.75</b>	<b>\$103.50</b>	<b>\$724.50</b>		

## 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		3	7		
Off-Licence			8		
Club Licence	7				
Total Number	7	3	15		
ARLA FEE	\$17.25	\$34.50	\$51.75	\$86.25	\$172.50
Total fee paid to ARLA (GST Incl.)	\$120.75	\$103.50	\$776.25		

## Managers Certificates Received

	Number Received
Managers Certificate New	16
Managers Certificate Renewal	33
TOTAL	49
ARLA FEE	\$28.75
Total fee paid to ARLA	\$1408.75

## Specials Licences Received

	Number
Class 1	1
Class 2	9
Class 3	37
Total	47

## Temporary Authority applications

### Off licence

OF068      Hobson Liquor Group Limited

### On Licence

ON096      Gurbani Cooks Limited    x 2    (08/10/18 & 08/01/19)  
 ON097      Acernz Ltd

<b>Lic No</b>	<b>Licence Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>CLUBS</b>		
CL003	Utiku Old Boys Rugby Football Club	8 Kokako Street, Taihape
CL012	Bulls Rugby Football & Sports Club	Domain Road, Bulls
CL015	Taihape Squash Rackets Club I	Kokako Street, Taihape
CL016	Bulls Bowling Club	Criterion Street Bulls
CL019	Rangitikei Squash Rackets Club	443 Wellington Road, Marton
CL020	Marton Golf Club	431 Santoft Road, Marton
CL021	Marton Bowling Club (Inc)	3 Hereford Street, Marton
CL022	Hawkestone Golf Club	252 Kakariki Road, Marton
CL023	Rangitikei Golf Club (Inc)	56 Raumai Road, Bulls
CL024	Rangatira Golf Club Inc	4561 State Highway 1, Ohingaiti
CL026	Taihape Golf Club Inc	90 Golf Club Road, Taihape
CL031	Huntermville Rugby Football Club	3 - 29 Paraekaretu Street, Huntermville
CL032	Taihape Workingmens Club	34 Kuku Street, Taihape
CL033	Marton Rugby & Sports Club	6 Follett Street, Marton
CL034	Rangiwaewa Social Club	2 Koukoupou Road, Taihape
CL036	Huntermville Squash Club	3 - 29 Paraekaretu Street, Huntermville
CL037	Taihape Rugby & Sport Club	34 Kuku Street, Taihape

## **ON Licence**

ON009	Rangitikei Tavern	144-150 Bridge Street, Bulls
ON011	Station Hotel	22-24 High Street, Huntermville
ON096	GCaptain Cook`s Bar & Cafe	297-303 Broadway, Marton
ON014	Gumboot Manor	21 Mataroa Road, Taihape
ON016	Al Centro	105 Hautapu Street, Taihape
ON019	Ben Nevis Tavern	State Highway 3, Turakina
ON027	River Valley Ventures Limited	114B Mangahoata Road, Taihape
ON093	Sugar Plum Café	6 Hammond Street, Marton
ON087	Aamod Indian Cuisine	83a High Street, Bulls
ON097	Café Le Telephonique	8 Huia Street, Taihape
ON075	Mad Toms Limited	14-18 Lower High Street, Marton
ON090	Club Hotel	17-19 High Street, Marton
ON081	Argyle Hotel	1 Bruce Street, Huntermville
ON082	Mint Café	92-102 Bridge Street, Bulls
ON084	Flat Hills (2005) Ltd	5733 State Highway 1 Mangaweka
ON098	Gretna Hotel	115-119 Hautapu Street, Taihape
ON084	Countryman Restaurant	108A Hautapu Street Taihape
ON095	Moomaa Limited	1833 State Highway 1, Marton



## Off Licence

OF065	Taihape Foursquare	107-109 Hautapu Street, Taihape
OF005	Countdown Marton	280-284 Broadway, Marton
OF006	Taylors (1998) Ltd	4 Milne Street, Hunterville
OF019	Rangitikei Tavern	144-150 Bridge Street, Bulls
OF032	Taihape New World	112-114 Hautapu Street, Taihape
OF046	Taihape Liquorland	120 Hautapu Street, Taihape
OF049	Marton Wholesale Liquor Limited	188 Broadway, Marton
OF051	Marton New World	423 Wellington Road, Marton
OF058	Marton Wholesale Liquor Limited	6 Hammond Street, Marton
OF060	Marton Wholesale Liquor Ltd	158 Bridge Street, Bulls
OF061	Bulls Foursquare	92-102 Bridge Street, Bulls
OF068	Bottle O Taihape	17 Mataroa Road, Taihape

# Attachment 6

# Memorandum

To: Council

From: Michael Hodder

Date: 18 July 2019

Subject: **State of the Environment Report**

File: 1-PL-1-2

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At its meeting on 21 March 2019, the Policy/Planning Committee was briefed on the proposed State of the Environment Report, to monitor the effectiveness and efficiency of the District Plan (a statutory requirement), accepting the eight suggested indicators:

1. Subdivision
2. Dwelling density
3. Dwelling proximity
4. The residential zone
5. Natural hazards
6. Noise rules
7. Regional environmental issues
8. Any matters under consideration for the next District Plan Review.

The completed report is attached as Appendix 1. It includes recommendations for consideration in the next District Plan Review. Section 35(2A) requires such reports to be made publicly available.

Council is currently part way through a District Plan change process, as approved at its meeting on 2 May 2019. The scope was to provide for additional industrial and residential land in Marton and for a smaller minimum lot size in the rural living zone. The first phase is dedicated to the rezoning of land classified as rural to industrial. The Committee saw merit in including in the second phase some of the recommendations in the State of the Environment report. Those not dealt with in this way would be brought into consideration in the next District Plan review.

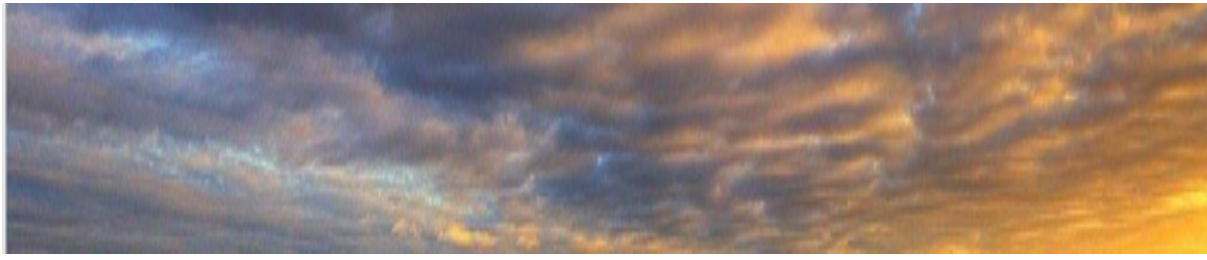
## Recommendations:

1. That the State of the Environment report (June 2019), monitoring the effectiveness and efficiency of the District Plan, be received and made publicly available.
2. That Council approves the recommendation from the Policy/Planning Committee (19/PPL/061) that the following recommendations in the State of the Environment Report (June 2019) are progressed through the current District Plan Change:
  - a) amend the objectives and policies to provide scope for a wider range of subdivisions in the rural zone where the site does not have highly versatile soils or has a mix of highly versatile with other soil types;

- b) amend the rule on dwelling density in the rural zone to allow for more than two dwellings on rural properties in defined circumstances;
  - c) remove indicative flood areas leaving modelled flood areas as being the sole reference for such matters; and
  - d) align papakainga housing provisions to more closely resemble those adopted by the Hastings District Council.
3. That Council approve the recommendation from the Policy/Planning Committee (19/PPL/062) that the following recommendations in the State of the Environment Report (June 2019) are progressed through the next review of the District Plan:
- a) adopt a procedures manual which would
    - (i) confirm the location and nature of additional material referred to at both territorial authority and regional council level,
    - (ii) guidelines on how to apply the definitions of Natural Hazard Areas 1 and 2;
  - b) review rules on dwelling proximity to allow more discretion to Council;
  - c) review rules for subdivision in the residential zone;
  - d) prohibit successive extensions over time to habitable dwellings in the Taihape West Slip Zone (so that the cumulative area does not exceed 40m<sup>2</sup>); and
  - e) implement a specific noise standard for bird scaring devices and wind machines.
- together with the review of district lighting standards with respect to light pollution.

Michael Hodder  
Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager

# *Appendix 1*



# RANGITIKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL

## **A Review of the District Plan Efficiency and Effectiveness.**

### STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORT.

Prepared by Tony Thomas.

June 2019



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Appendix 2: Feedback from Federated Farmers.

Appendix 3: Feedback from the Department of Conservation.

## Revision history

Version 1	Draft	14 June 2019

## Abbreviations

DoC	Department of Conservation
MfE	Ministry for the Environment
NES	National Environmental Standard
NPS	National Policy Statement
RDC	Rangitikei District Council
RMA	Resource Management Act
SoE	State of the Environment.

## Acknowledgements:

I would like to acknowledge the assistance of the following persons in the preparation of this report.

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2. Blair Jamieson: Strategic & Community Planning Manager, Rangitikei District Council.
3. George Forster: Policy Advisor, Rangitikei District Council.
4. Ellen Webb-Moore, Resource Consents Planner, Rangitikei District Council.
5. Katrina Gray, Former Senior Policy Analyst/Planner, Rangitikei District Council.

Tony Thomas  
June 2019



## **1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Resource Management Act 1991 requires Councils to monitor the efficiency and effectiveness of their District Plans at least every five years. This report is intended to address that requirement. These reports are often also referred to as State of the Environment Reports (SoE) and the term is used interchangeably herein.

Whilst the requirement is specific to the District Plan there are a wider suite of both national and local documents that will impact on the efficiency and effectiveness of the District Plan. These are referred to in this report.

The current District Plan became operative in November 2013. This report addresses areas of specific interest in the District Plan. These relate mainly to the rural living zone, rural subdivision, dwelling density and location, the rules for subdivision and development in the residential zone, natural hazards rules, noise rules in the rural zone, regional environmental issues and rules relating to Papakainga.

Generally speaking, this report finds that the Objectives and Policies of the District Plan in relation to the above matters are well structured and gives clear direction to users in relation to the above matters. There are recommended areas for development with them. Similarly, the rules relating to matters reported on are efficient and effective. Recommendations made relate to the need address certain areas of complexity or the need for clarification.

Key recommendations are that:

1. The subdivision rules for the Rural Living zone should be reviewed to encourage the further use of that zone for the purpose intended.
2. Consideration should be given to broadening the rules for the Rural zone to:
  - a. Accommodate the subdivision of sites with a mix of soil classifications
  - b. Introduce rules for both controlled activity and non-complying activity subdivisions
  - c. Reviewing the policies, objectives and rules to allow for more than two dwellings on a rural property
3. Amending the rule in the Rural zone covering the proximity of dwellings on the same site to each other to reduce the required separation.
4. The minimum lot size for residential zone subdivisions remains at 400m<sup>2</sup> and that rules be considered for specific site layout requirements and visual assessments in applications for subdivisions of less than 400m<sup>2</sup>.
5. A review of the interpretation of the rules and definitions for natural hazards (flooding) be undertaken.
6. The rules relating to the use of bird scaring devices and wind machines within close proximity to living zones be undertaken.
7. A review of the rules relating to Papakainga be undertaken.

## **2. INTRODUCTION**

Section 35(2)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (Appendix 1) places an obligation on Councils to monitor the efficiency and effectiveness of their District Plans. This report is intended to address that requirement within the brief. These such reports are often also referred to as State of the Environment Reports (SoE) and the term is used interchangeably in this report.

The last substantive report was produced in 2005.

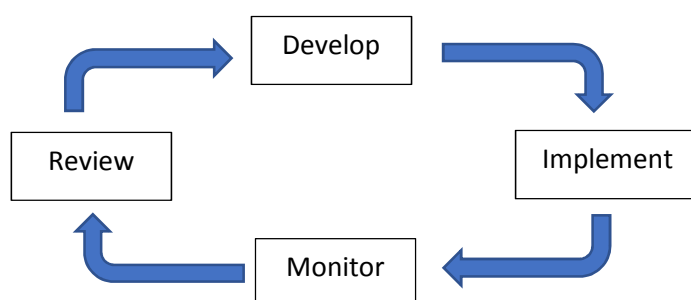
The purpose of this report is to assess the specific aspects of the Operative District Plan within its statutory and environmental context with a view to guiding the Council in giving effect to the District Plan and, to inform the process for the next District Plan review and/or any District Plan changes that might precede that review.

The Council has identified various key indicators which are required to be considered in this report these being:

1. Subdivision. The key concerns relating to subdivision include:
  - a. The Rural Living Zone. This zone has not achieved the outcomes sought particularly in relation to Objective 9 of the District Plan which seeks to provide Rural Lifestyle Living in specified areas around existing settlements.
  - b. The ongoing pressure for rural subdivisions that do not meet minimum lot sizes. Related to this are concerns that the approval of these applications (whilst considered on their individual merits) is collectively undermining the Objectives and Policies of the District Plan particularly in areas of Class 1 and 2 soils. Also discussed is the absence of rules related to such applications being 'controlled' or 'non-complying' activities.
  - c. The absence of any subdivision rules in the Rural zone that relate to sites that contain a combination of versatile and non-versatile soils.
2. Dwelling density. The District Plan allows two dwellings per lot regardless of size. Consideration should be given to a rule that relates dwelling density to lot size.
3. Dwelling proximity. The Rural zone rule that limits the distance between dwellings does not distinguish between dwellings on the same lot or on adjacent lots.
4. The Residential zone. Are the rules suitable to achieve the appropriate levels of urban design? In particular;
  - a. Is 400m<sup>2</sup> the appropriate minimum size?
  - b. Should there be more focus on visual assessments for non-compliance with the rules?
  - c. Should there be 'tighter' rules around the building envelopes?
5. Natural Hazards (Inundation). A review the wording of the rules.

6. Noise Rules. The suitability of these rules having regard to reverse sensitivity.
7. Regional Environmental Issues. Liaison with Regional Councils regarding any State of the Environment issues that they have identified of relevance to the Rangitikei District and this work.
8. Any other matters under consideration for the next District Plan Review or Plan Changes.

Typically, a report such as this forms part of a four-stage policy cycle, the full cycle being:



In undertaking the review specific regard will be had to the relevant Objectives, Policies and Rules in the District Plan and how effective they have been. As part of that process key stakeholders have been consulted.

### 3. DISTRICT PROFILE.

The New Zealand census is undertaken every five years with the last one being undertaken in 2018. That information will be released in September 2019.

The previous 2013 census is available on line at <https://www.stats.govt.nz/topics/census>.

A brief outline of that information includes the following extracts:

#### **Total population**

- 14,019 people usually live in Rangitikei District. This is a decrease of 693 people, or 4.7 percent, since the 2006 Census.

#### **Māori population**

- 3,270 Māori usually live in Rangitikei District. This is a decrease of 183 people, or 5.3 percent, since the 2006 Census.

#### **Number of dwellings counted**

There are 5,733 occupied dwellings and 912 unoccupied dwellings in Rangitikei District.

#### **Household composition**

- One-family households make up 67.1 percent of all households in Rangitikei District. For New Zealand as a whole, one-family households make up 68.3 percent of all households.

- In Rangitikei District, there are 1,566 one-person households making up 28.1 percent of all households. In New Zealand, one-person households make up 23.5 percent of all households.
- The average household size in Rangitikei District is 2.4 people, compared with an average of 2.7 people for all of New Zealand.

#### **Home ownership**

In Rangitikei District, 65.5 percent of households in occupied private dwellings owned the dwelling or held it in a family trust.

For New Zealand as a whole, 64.8 percent of households in occupied private dwellings owned the dwelling or held it in a family trust.

#### **Business demographics**

Business demographic data for the year ended February 2013 showed that:

- There were 2,203 business locations (geographic units) in Rangitikei District compared with 507,908 for all of New Zealand. This is a decrease of 3.4 percent from the year ended February 2006 for Rangitikei District.
- There were 5,520 paid employees in Rangitikei District compared with 1,941,040 for all New Zealand. This is a decrease of 9.5 percent from the year ended February 2006 for Rangitikei District.

#### **Top five industries in Rangitikei District**

By employee count

**For year ended February 2013**

Industry (ANZSIC06)(1)	Rangitikei District		New Zealand	
	Employee count	Percent of total employee count	Employee count	Percent of total employee count
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1,690	30.6	111,520	5.7
Manufacturing	1,040	18.8	211,710	10.9
Education and training	560	10.1	167,240	8.6
Retail trade	530	9.6	195,870	10.1
Accommodation and food services	360	6.5	134,440	6.9

Dept Of Statistics 2013 Data.

## **4. CONSULTATION**

Prior to the preparation of this work the Council identified a number of key stakeholders who should be consulted. These included.

The Councils Policy and Planning Committee.

A short presentation was given to this Committee on 21 March 2019. The purpose of that presentation was to advise the committee of the work being done, set out the key indicators

that are to be reported on and seek any feedback or direction from that Committee. Members expressed an interest in the work and resolved;

*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*

A subsequent presentation by way of progress reporting was made to the Committee on 13 June 2019.

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa (the Councils Iwi Liaison Committee).

Members of the reporting team attended the Committee meeting held on 9 April 2019 and introduced the project to the Committee seeking feedback on the key indicators and any other matters that the Committee might want to raise.

Discussion took place mainly around;

- Papakainga in the District Plan. Clarification was sought on the location of existing Papakainga zones in the Plan, the ability to introduce additional such areas on a more simplified basis, the work of Te Puni Kokiri in this field and the work being done by Hastings District Council on Papakainga.
- Aging infrastructure in the District and more particularly the adverse effects of older on-site wastewater systems that have not been checked or maintained over the years (it was acknowledged that this is more of a Regional Council matter).

The Manawatu Wanganui Regional Council (the Horizons Regional Council).

A meeting with staff from the Regional Council took place on 26 March 2019 at the Regional Council offices. Key points from that meeting included:

- The One Plan identifies four key issues being:
  - Water Quality
  - Increasing water demand
  - Hill Country erosion
  - Declining biodiversity
- It was noted that there is a large amount of highly erodible land in the Rangitikei District and there are concerns at the regional level around the effects of commercial farming on coastal areas and the loss of dune country to pivot irrigators in particular.
- The absence of any further data on the Taihape slip zone.
- The need for more reliable data on indicative flood mapping particularly in Bulls and Marton given the levels of development now being experienced. Horizons intend to undertake a vulnerability assessment of this but not in the near future.
- The necessity to look at unmodelled areas of flooding.
- The absence of any rules at a District level in relation to Biodiversity.

Since the above meeting the Regional Council has released its State of the Environment report which can be located on its website. The report is in four main chapters being climate, air, land and water. Relevant aspects of the report are covered in Section 10.7 below

The Hawkes Bay Regional Council. As a small portion of the District falls within this regional council area contact was made via email on two occasions. No response has been received.

The Department of Conservation. A meeting was held with the Department of Conservation (DoC) staff on 29 March 2019 at which they were advised of the intended indicators. They advised that the Rangitikei District Council area falls within both the Wellington and the Central North Island regional areas of DoC. Regarding the former they referred to their Conservation Management Strategy and they have provided some information in that regard.

Subsequent to the above meeting DoC have provided a listing of reference materials and matters of interest to DoC within the District (Appendix 3). This material can be summarised as follows;

- Their key reference document is the Conservation Management Strategy for the region.
- Key concerns at various listed sites in the District relate to;
  - Weed control
  - Possum and rat control
  - Fencing for stock management
  - Maintenance of tracks and bridges, historic sites
- Promoting biodiversity at defined sites
- Community and conservation work including works with Rangitikei District Council relating to;
  - Meeting with the Rangitikei Environment Theme group (Chris Shenton)
  - Planting at Kotiata
  - Carp release at wastewater plants
  - Statutory land management verifying ownership of RDC properties.
- Exploring and developing relationship opportunities with Iwi.

The Wellington Conservation Management Strategy is a three volume document that covers the whole of the Wellington Region. I have not undertaken a full review of the document as it is not within the scope of this report. However, Chapter 6 of Volume 1 refers to the Rangitikei District specifically and covers Policies and Milestones. The Strategy can be located on line at: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/about-us/statutory-and-advisory-bodies/conservation-boards/wellington/2019-updates/>

The policies in Chapter 6 relate to;

- Treaty of Waitangi relationships
- Natural Values policies:
  - *6.3.2.1 Manage a range of issues, including pest plants, water quality, and indigenous species protection.*

- *6.3.2.2 Develop, with neighbouring landowners, awareness about the condition of fencing within the Place, the importance of good stock-proof fences, and develop an internal prioritised planning programme to regularly check fences.*
- *6.3.2.3 Encourage and support landowners of non-protected areas containing significant natural values to seek and implement practical and statutory protection measures.*
- *6.3.2.4 Advocate for, and educate the community about, remnant reserve maintenance and restoration, and facilitate increased community involvement in pest plant and animal control.*
- *6.3.2.5 Establish wildlife and freshwater corridors to create an integrated network of protected areas across the Place.*
- Historic Values policies (region wide):
  - *3.2.2.6 Work with PSGEs, tangata whenua, Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and others to utilise expertise and shared interests to: a) conserve and protect historic places and wāhi tapu on public conservation lands and waters; b) tell the stories of some historic places and wāhi tapu on public conservation lands and waters; and c) integrate and enhance visitor experience.*
  - *3.2.2.7 Work with local authorities through their district and regional plan review processes, to ensure identification and protection of historic heritage.*
- Recreation Policies
  - *6.3.4.1 Improve public access to public conservation lands and waters, by working with the New Zealand Walking Access Commission and private accommodation.*
  - *6.3.4.2 Ensure trout fishery, wetland and game bird hunting values are maintained, by working with Fish & Game New Zealand.*
  - *6.3.4.3 Minimise the adverse effects of water abstraction on recreational use of the rivers flowing through this Place, by working with Horizons Regional Council.*
  - *6.3.4.4 Develop a programme with local tourism agencies, local authorities and community groups to promote recreation opportunities close to State Highway 1.*

Federated Farmers. Federated Farmers have provided feedback in relation to several indicators. Their comments (not all of which area relevant to this report) are copied into Appendix 2. Key points include:

- *concerns were raised about the inability of the Plan to enable farms to cut of sections of unproductive land that were under size.*
- *concerns that the Council seemed to be propping up developers while not equally supporting rural businesses*
- *the need for the DP to ensure that farming businesses are still able to continue to operate viably. Noise rules need to be permissive to farming activities*

- *concerns regarding the management of urban storm water and urban wastewater and ensuring that urban and rural were being treated equally*
- *concerns about the Ratana scheme development and the need for existing farmers to be able to continue to operate their businesses*
- *Rules regarding combination of soil types*
- *Dwelling density. Rural businesses often have multiple dwellings on lots to provide accommodation to staff also.*
- *Dwelling proximity – also of interest to members. Important for consistency/transparency*

## **5. THE DISTRICT PLAN AND PLAN CHANGES**

### **5.1. The Operative District Plan**

The current District Plan was made operative in November 2013. It has a ‘comparatively light’ regulatory touch and a particular focus that:

- a. recognises that terrestrial indigenous biodiversity will be managed primarily by the Regional Councils;*
- b. provides control of land use to avoid or mitigate natural hazards;*
- c. provides for renewable energy generation in appropriate locations;*
- d. protects the productive capacity of versatile soils; and*
- e. protects outstanding natural features and landscapes (ONFL) from inappropriate development, subdivision, and use.*

- 5.2. Current and Proposed Plan Changes – the Council is in the early stages of considering a Plan Change to rezone land on the outskirts of Marton from Rural to Industrial. The plan change involves changing rural zoned land to industrial land (approximately 140ha) south-east of Marton, see red area below. The primary address is at 1165 State Highway 1.

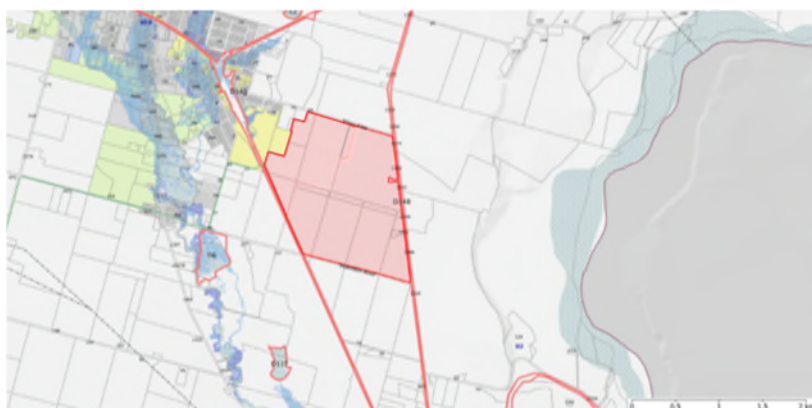


Figure 1: Proposed Plan Change.

- 5.3. District Plan Review. At this stage it is likely that the Council will commence a District Plan review in 2021/2022. No details are available at present.



## **6. RELATED DOCUMENTS**

The District Plan forms one of a suite of Council documents used for the governance and management of the District. It is beyond the scope of this report to summarise those documents but they are influential in varying degrees to any actions arising from this report and regard should be had to them at the appropriate time.

They include:

- The Long Term Plan
- The Annual Plan
- Relevant Policies and Bylaws
- Asset Management Plans
- Parks and Reserves Management Plans
- The Heritage Strategy 2016
- The Urban Tree Plan 2017
- Financial and Development Contributions Policies

## **7. 2005 AND 2015 SOE REPORT**

In 2005 the Council undertook a review of its Plan efficiency and effectiveness. The report covered a range of topics including then recent amendments to the RMA.

It included thirteen recommendations relating to:

- The need for policies and rules for large scale subdivisions
- The need for urban expansion land.
- Working with Horizons for more certainty around natural hazards
- Working with Horizons and land owners for the protection of natural features and landscapes.
- A built heritage strategy
- Heritage trees
- Hazardous substances
- Cultural heritage
- Financial contributions
- On site water systems
- Use of surface water.

It is beyond the scope of this report to examine whether these recommendations were given effect to but the subsequent review of the District Plan would have given them the appropriate level of consideration and they are not considered any further in this report.

A further report was submitted to the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting on 13 August 2015.

## **8. NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENTS AND NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS.**

The District Council is required under Section 45A of the RMA to consider matters set out in a National Policy Statement

Section 45(a)(1) requires that “A national policy statement must state objectives and policies for matters of national significance that are relevant to achieving the purpose of this Act.”

The following National Policy Statements are in place.

- National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity
- National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management
- National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation
- National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission
- New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement [Department of Conservation website]
- Work has also been done on a proposed National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity.

In addition, the RMA provides for National Environmental Standards to be set out. These are described on the Ministry for Environments Website as follows:

*National environmental standards (NES) are regulations that prescribe standards for environmental matters. The government sets standards where appropriate to ensure a consistent standard for an activity or resource use.*

The following National environmental standards are in force as regulations:

- National Environmental Standards for Air Quality
- National Environmental Standard for Sources of Drinking Water
- National Environmental Standards for Telecommunication Facilities
- National Environmental Standards for Electricity Transmission Activities
- National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health
- National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry

The following standards are at various stages of development, ranging from initiating consultation to being legally drafted.

- Proposed National Environmental Standard on Ecological Flows and Water Levels
- Proposed National Environmental Standard for Marine Aquaculture
- Proposed National Environmental Standard for the Outdoor Storage of Tyres

The MfE Website also notes that:

*The previously proposed National Environmental Standard for Measurement of Water Takes is now regulations under section 360(1)(d) of the RMA. See the Resource Management Act 1991 webpage.*

And:

*The proposed National Environmental Standard for On-site wastewater systems has been withdrawn.*

These matters will need to be considered both in any forthcoming review of the District Plan as well as in the processing of any applications under RMA. A review of their relevance to this report is not within the scope of the brief and they are mentioned here only for completeness.

## **9. REPORTING PROCEDURE**

Each of the indicators identified for this review has been assessed in terms of the following Framework.

- Relevant Objectives, Policies and Rules
- Consultation feedback
- Available data
- Assessment of Effectiveness and Efficiency
- Recommendations

Available data for this report has been relatively limited and it relies to a large extent on the data that can be taken from the Councils MagiQ database and/or that which was provided to the Ministry for the Environment for the National Monitoring Surveys of 2014/15 and 2016/17.

Anecdotal information from staff has also been incorporated where available.

## **10. KEY INDICATORS**

### **10.1. Subdivision.**

The key concerns relating to subdivision include:

- a. The Rural Living Zone. This zone has not achieved the outcomes sought particularly in relation to Objective 9 of the District Plan which seeks to provide Rural Lifestyle Living in specified areas around existing settlements.
- b. The ongoing pressure for rural subdivisions that do not meet minimum lot sizes. Related to this are concerns that the approval of these applications (whist considered on their individual merits) is collectively undermining the Objectives and Policies of the District Plan particularly in areas of Class 1 and 2 soils. There is also the absence of rules related to such applications being 'controlled' or 'non-complying' activities.
- c. The absence of any rules in the Rural zone that relate to sites that contain a combination of versatile and non-versatile soils.

### **The Rural Living Zone;**

This zone has not achieved the outcomes sought particularly in relation to Objective 9 of the District Plan which seeks to provide Rural Lifestyle Living in specified areas around existing settlements.

### **Relevant Objectives, Policies and Rules**

Objectives and Policies for the Rural Living zone are set out in Section A2 of the District Plan.

### ***OBJECTIVE 9***

*Rural lifestyle living is provided for in specified areas.*

### ***Policies***

**A2-2.1** *Establish two zones called the Rural Living Zone and the Rural Zone.*

**A2-2.2** Provide a Rural Living Zone around the settlements of Marton, Bulls, Taihape and Hunterville that:

- a) enables rural residential scale allotments;
- b) requires a minimum lot size to minimize the loss of versatile soils;
- c) enables a range of rural and residential activities; and
- d) preserves aspects of rural amenity while providing a transition to the urban environment.

The Rural Living Zones around the above areas are located on the edges of the residential zones within each settlement such as is illustrated below for Marton.

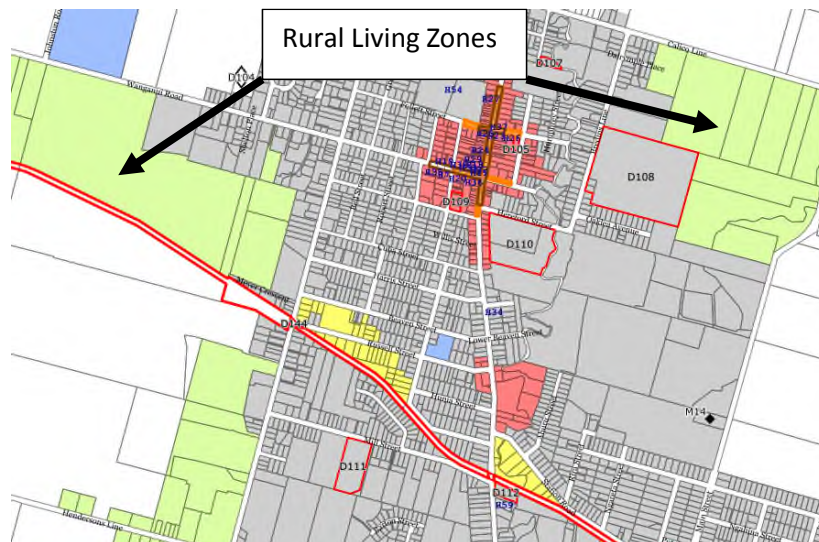


Figure 2: Rural Living Zone - Marton

Rules for the Rural Living zone are set out in Chapter B6 of the District Plan. They allow for up to two dwellings per site over 5,000m<sup>2</sup> or one dwelling per site for sites under 5,000m<sup>2</sup>.

Chapter B11 of the District Plan provides for subdivisions within the Rural Living zone. It allows for a minimum lot size in the zone of two hectares as restricted discretionary activity. A Restricted Discretionary activity allows for the Council to approve or decline such subdivisions but that it may only decline such applications on those matters over which it has reserved discretion. Such grounds include a wide range of matters including:

- The design of the lots.
- Access and services
- Effects on the natural environment
- Avoidance of hazards
- Reverse sensitivity

The constraint around the minimum lot size may in some cases be related to the Regional Council One Plan provisions for on site waste disposal. Those rules require a minimum lot size of 5,000m<sup>2</sup> for on site waste disposal systems.

#### Consultation feedback

The comments from Federated Farmers refer to the loss of productive land to subdivision and reverse sensitivity with noise rules being specifically mentioned.

### Data

The Council's database does not allow for specific details to be extracted on the number of subdivision applications that have been lodged within the Rural Living zone but it is apparent from discussions with staff that there have not been many since its introduction. Whilst there will have been subdivisions within the zone it does not appear to have been a consequence of persons taking advantage of the zoning.

The areas zoned as Rural Living do not necessarily coincide with non highly versatile soil areas.

- Marton - mainly Class 2 soils.
- Bulls - mainly Class 2
- Taihape - mainly Class 6 with one area of Class 2 soils on Rauma Road
- Hunterville - Class 6 and 7

### Assessment of Effectiveness and Efficiency

The distinction between the Rural zone and Rural Living zone in the District Plan is intended to promote lifestyle living options around urban settlements in the District whilst safeguarding the productive capability of the rural zone. The latter is a cornerstone of the District Plan and is a recurrent theme of discussion for that zone.

The tension between the protection of the primary productive capability of the District and developmental pressures both within the Rural zone and other zones is contentious and will remain for the foreseeable future. It will require careful management principally by way of the tools that the District Plan provides.

Whilst the Rural Living zone provides one mechanism to manage that tension it does not appear, on available evidence, that it has relieved tension on subdivision pressures within the wider rural zone or that it has been attractive to developers wanting to promote lifestyle options in the District.

A review of rural subdivision consents granted over the past few years does not show any concentration of subdivisions within the Rural Living zone. It appears more likely that the pattern of rural subdivision is driven by the individual needs of property owners in the Rural zone. Furthermore, I have not seen any evidence of subdivisions intended to promote lifestyle opportunities in the District (the one exception being the Rows Road subdivision which is not located within a Rural Living zone).

### Recommendations

It is recommended that the rules relating to the Rural Living zone be reconsidered in the next District Plan review. Consideration should be given to amending the status of the subdivision of this land so as to provide for controlled activity subdivision where appropriate. That need not remove the option to retain discretion over those areas with limited infrastructure, subject to hazards or similar concerns that require that level of discretion.

One mechanism by which subdivision in this zone may be encouraged would be to facilitate subdivisions of less than 5,000m<sup>2</sup> (say 2,500m<sup>2</sup>) where reticulated wastewater services are available, or can be made available.

### **The ongoing pressure for rural subdivisions**

This involves;

- Subdivisions that do not meet minimum lot sizes. Related to this are concerns that the approval of these applications (whist considered on their individual merits) is collectively undermining the Objectives and Policies of the District Plan particularly in areas of Class 1 and 2 soils.
- The absence of rules related to such applications being 'controlled' or 'non-complying' activities.

A related matter is the absence of any subdivision rules covering properties that contain a blend of highly versatile and non highly versatile soils.

### **Relevant Objectives, Policies and Rules**

The protection of the rural zone (and particularly the areas of highly versatile soils) from ongoing subdivision is a cornerstone of the District Plan and there are numerous Objectives and Policies of relevance. These are found in Section A1 of the District Plan as follows:

#### **OBJECTIVE 6**

*Maintain the largely primary production qualities of the Rural Zone and manage land use so that character and amenity values are not compromised.*

#### **OBJECTIVE 7A**

*Ensure that activities dissociated from primary production or meeting the needs of rural communities are minimised, and, where those activities do occur, manage them to avoid or mitigate potential conflicts with primary production activities.*

#### **Policies**

**A2-1.1** *Enable primary production\* with limited controls.*

**A2-1.4** *Preserve the largely open space\* and unbuilt nature of the rural environment, and maintain the distinctive cultural landscapes associated with the predominance of primary production\*.*

**A2-1.6** *Avoid the fragmentation of rural land for residential development\*.*

#### **OBJECTIVE 8**

*Sustainable management of the versatile soils of the District to ensure their ongoing productive capability.*

#### **Policies**

**A2-2.3** *Provide a Rural Zone for most of the District that:*

- a) maintains the predominant primary production nature of the District;*
- b) avoids residential and rural residential development dissociated from primary production;*
- c) maintains the open space and protects outstanding natural features and landscapes that are distinctive of the District.*

In addition to the above Section A6 of the District Plan covers Special Assessment Policies and includes the following in relation to rural subdivision.

**A6-1.5** *Subdivision into allotments of less than 10 hectares should be avoided, where versatile soils exist as defined in the NZLR LUC as being Class 1 and 2 land, to prevent residential development on the most versatile soils in the District and to maintain the primary production use and character of this land. The minimum lot size will be the principle mechanism for protecting these versatile soils and ensuring that the productive capacity of these soils is preserved for future generations.*

**A6-1.6** *Where land proposed to be subdivided does not contain class 1 and class 2 land, only limited subdivision is provided for.*

Rules for the rural zone are set out in Chapter B7 of the District Plan and rules for the subdivision of that land are in Chapter B11. Relevant features of these rules are:

- Existing and new primary production activities are permitted activities (except in outstanding natural features and landscapes).
- All rural subdivision is a restricted discretionary activity (except in outstanding natural features and landscapes) subject to compliance with restricted discretionary activity standards. These include the following minimum lot sizes:

*b) 10 hectares for lots containing only versatile soils defined in the NZLR LUC as being Class 1 and 2 land.*

*c) For lots not containing Class 1 or 2 land:*

- (i) For existing titles of 10 hectares or less, no additional titles can be created, but boundary alterations between existing titles can occur;*
- (ii) For existing titles of more than 10 hectares, but less than 20 hectares, one additional title of 2 hectares can be created.*
- (iii) For existing titles of more than 20 hectares, two additional titles of 2 hectares can be created.*

There is no rule for the subdivision of lots containing a blend of both highly versatile and other soils.

It is also worth noting that Rule B1.1-6 of the District Plan precludes the public notification of restricted discretionary subdivisions.

#### Consultation feedback

Not surprisingly rural subdivision was a key aspect of the feedback from Federated Farmers although not necessarily all against rural subdivision. Comments included:

- *the inability of the Plan to enable farms to cut off sections of unproductive land that were under size.*
- *concerns that the Council seemed to be propping up developers while not equally supporting rural businesses.*
- *concerns about the Ratana scheme development in particular and the need for existing farmers to be able to continue to operate their businesses (one member in particular concerned they would have their land/livelihood taken from them).*

*General Comment: Rules regarding combination of soil types – this will be of interest to members. Federated Farmers generally takes a stand that the District Plan should be less*

*burdensome and therefore less rules are better, but protection of class 1 and 2 soils is of concern also. Perhaps thought could be given to rules that are not hinged on soil type but instead give Council discretion to take soil type into consideration when making decisions to provide consent or otherwise. E.g. a tool rather than a rule, perhaps via a footnote?*

#### Data

Since January 2014 the District Council has processed 352 resource consent applications of which 155 (44%) have been for subdivisions (including boundary adjustments and applications not creating any additional lots).

Of the granted subdivisions about 60 have been in the rural zone and have created about 140 new lots in the Rural zone. Typically consents have been for between one and three additional lots and the applications have been spread across the whole district.

Without individually going to each subdivision file it is not possible to comment on the percentage of applications proposed over highly versatile soils. I have however processed a number of these applications and have spoken with staff who have also been involved in such applications. It is not uncommon to have applications that:

- Involve sites with a blend of soil classifications including both highly versatile Class 1 and 2 soils and others. Such applications can involve subdividing that portion of the site that does not contain highly versatile soils.
- Involve proposed lots of less than the minimum size specified for a restricted discretionary activity.
- Involve subdividing land for family members to live on or for estate planning.

#### Assessment of Effectiveness and Efficiency

The following features of the Rural subdivision are of note (note, a number of these matters overlap and they should not be considered in isolation).

- a) Notwithstanding the clear policy direction to protect highly versatile soils the subdivision of land not complying with the restricted discretionary standard for minimum lots sizes defaults to a discretionary activity. That is, there are no rules for non complying rural subdivisions.

Comment: Given the high degree of policy protection afforded to highly versatile soils in the District Plan the Council should consider a higher level of protection under the corresponding rules. Defaulting these subdivisions to a 'non complying' activity (as opposed to a 'discretionary' activity) would require the Council to consider the provisions of Section 104D of the RMA in making a decision on an application. That section provides, in summary, that such an application may only be granted if the Council is satisfied that

- The adverse effects on the environment will be minor; or,
- The subdivision will not be contrary to the objectives and policies of the District Plan.

This does not preclude the approval of such applications but does require a higher standard of compliance both in the applications and the decision-making process.

- b) There is no rule directed at properties that contain a mix of highly versatile soils (Class 1 and 2 soils) and other Classes of soils.



Comment. Rule B11.6-3, relating to rural subdivisions, sets out rules for lots 'containing only versatile soils' and for lots 'not containing Class 1 or 2 land' (being highly versatile soils). There is no rule for lots containing a blend of these soils.

Notwithstanding the rules it is not uncommon for application sites to contain a blend of both highly versatile soils and other soils. The absence of a rule to manage these applications is problematic and creates uncertainty for both applicants and decision makers. On such 'blended' sites a common scenario is for a new lot being subdivided off to be on the non versatile soils portion of the site which facilitates a pragmatic decision but there are examples of undersized sites being applied for on highly versatile soils, typically for an existing dwelling to be located on its own lot (such as for retiring farmers).

The introduction of specific objectives, policies and rules to manage subdivisions proposed on lots with a combination of soil types is recommended. This might allow for distinctions be made based on soil classification areas rather than legal boundaries.

- c) There is a policy disconnect in the District Plan in that Objective 7A and Policies A2-2.3 and A6-1.5 (see above) seek to minimise or avoid residential development in the rural zone where they are not directly associated with primary production. On the other hand, the subdivision rules in Section 11 of the District Plan allow subdivisions down to 10ha or even 2ha. Such subdivisions will generally permit residential development as of right, possibly frustrating the objective and policy intent of the District Plan.

Comment. The Rural Zone provisions of the District Plan permit residential activities as of right subject to compliance with the specified standards. One of those standards (B7.5-1) allows for up to two dwellings per site. Consequently, every subdivision approved, whether on highly versatile soils or not, creates a right for two additional dwellings on that site notwithstanding the relevant objectives and policies.

The objectives and policies are aimed at the protection of both rural amenity and highly versatile soils. Whilst residential development on the latter would clearly compromise the soil resource it is less clear that such development will compromise rural amenity. Some subdivisions will be located well out of the public eye, will generate minimal traffic or noise and will not necessarily adversely affect rural amenity. It is suggested that the objectives and policies should make provision for that distinction.

- d) There are no controlled activity subdivisions in the Rural zone (although that applies to all zones).

Comment. There are applications where the Council may want to ease the regulatory process for the subdivision. Typically, these might involve minor boundary adjustments or the subdivision of large properties in excess of the minimum lot sizes. The introduction of a controlled activity status would facilitate both the preparation and processing of those applications. It is recommended that consideration be given to defining controlled activity subdivisions in the rural zone.

### Recommendations

A comparison of the Objectives and Policies of the District Plan with the Rules, using the consents history of rural subdivisions, shows the need for a more sophisticated set of rules that both protect the highly versatile soils whilst providing for a more pragmatic approach to those areas that are not made up of highly versatile soils.

It is suggested that the rules do not adequately reflect the intent of the Objectives and Policies or the need for more flexibility in rural zone subdivisions.

It is recommended that the Objectives and Policies need to be reviewed in order to provide scope for a wider range of subdivisions in the Rural zone where no Class 1 or 2 soils are involved.

Similarly, the rules need to be reviewed to;

- incorporate provision for those sites with a mix of highly versatile and other soil types,
- provide for the consideration of portions of a site that are not highly versatile soils
- introduce rules for both controlled and non complying rural subdivisions.
  - In the case of controlled activity subdivisions this might related to subdivision of land or boundary adjustments where lots of over say 20ha are being created
  - In the case of a non-complying activity this might extend to any subdivision of highly versatile soils in part or in full.

## **10.2. Dwelling density in the Rural zone.**

The District Plan Rural zone allows as of right a maximum of two dwellings per lot regardless of lot size. Consideration should be given to a rule that relates dwelling density to lot size.

### Relevant Objectives and Policies

There is no specific Objective or Policy from which the rural dwelling density rule is derived although there are policies which related to the preservation of the character and amenity of that zone. These are:

#### **OBJECTIVE 6**

*Maintain the largely primary production qualities of the Rural Zone and manage land use so that character and amenity values are not compromised.*

#### **OBJECTIVE 7A**

*Ensure that activities dissociated from primary production or meeting the needs of rural communities are minimised, and, where those activities do occur, manage them to avoid or mitigate potential conflicts with primary production activities.*

**Policy A2-1.4** *Preserve the largely open space and unbuilt nature of the rural environment, and maintain the distinctive cultural landscapes associated with the predominance of primary production.*

**Policy A2-1.6** *Avoid the fragmentation of rural land for residential development.*

Whilst the policies are inherently sound the rule does lead to resource consent requirement for additional dwellings over two even if associated with primary production activities. Examples of this would be where additional permanent or seasonal accommodation is needed for staff or, where additional dwellings are being proposed for family members (typically older family members wanting to retire on their farms).

The rule may also be an impediment to the development of Papakainga Housing which is otherwise a permitted activity in the Rural zone.

#### Consultation feedback

The indicator was mentioned in the feedback received from Federated Farmers as a matter of interest noting the need to be able to provide for staff on site.

#### Data

There is little data available in this regard although anecdotal information is available from discussions with staff. Further work may be required in this regard.

A good example of this situation is Resource Consent RM 150025. This was an application for a fifth dwelling on a farm of 275ha. The proposal was for a four-bedroom brick house to be located over 400 metres from the existing dwellings. The decision report notes that the approval of the application would support the primary production activities on the site as it was to be used for a farm manager. The application was granted.

It is not clear from the report whether the building was to be located on an area of versatile soils or not.

#### Assessment of Effectiveness and Efficiency

It is believed that the policy direction in relation to this indicator is sound and need not be modified.

There are however several factors that suggest that an additional degree of latitude in the framing of the rule is appropriate. The rule as it stands reads;

##### *B7.4 Maximum number of dwellings per site*

##### *B7.4-1 The number of dwellings must not exceed a maximum of two dwellings per site.*

The rule takes no account of whether third and additional dwellings:

- Are required for primary production purposes (e.g. staff/shearers accommodation).
- Are located on non-productive areas of a site
- Are intended for Papakainga Housing
- Are consistent with the character and amenity values of the zone. This may relate to the visibility of the building from roads and public areas, its design and access from within the site or not.
- Have any regard for the size of the parent property.

There is something of a conundrum for the Council here in that the approval of additional dwellings is sometimes taken as tacit support for subsequent subdivisions around those dwellings in due course. This is not a unique problem and any review of the rule should incorporate consideration of the ways that this has been addressed in other District Plans.

Similarly, any review of the rule should be undertaken in conjunction with the review of the rural subdivision rules of the District Plan.

This may not be an issue for larger properties that can meet the rules for a restricted discretionary activity.

#### Recommendation

It is recommended that Rule B7.4 of the District Plan be reviewed and developed to permit third and subsequent dwellings on rural properties in defined circumstances.

### **10.3. Dwelling proximity.**

Rural zone rule B7.6 specifies that new dwellings in the Rural zone must not be located closer than 100m from any existing dwelling in that zone. The rule does not distinguish between dwellings on the same lot or on adjacent lots.

#### Relevant Objectives and Policies

There are no Objectives or Policies with which the rule is directly associated although there are more generic Objectives and Policies of relevance including:

#### **OBJECTIVE 6**

*Maintain the largely primary production qualities of the Rural Zone and manage land use so that character and amenity values are not compromised.*

#### **OBJECTIVE 7A**

*Ensure that activities dissociated from primary production or meeting the needs of rural communities are minimised, and, where those activities do occur, manage them to avoid or mitigate potential conflicts with primary production activities.*

**Policy A2-1.4** *Preserve the largely open space and unbuilt nature of the rural environment, and maintain the distinctive cultural landscapes associated with the predominance of primary production.*

#### Consultation feedback

The feedback from Federated Farmers raised this aspect noting that it is important for transparency and consistency.

#### Data

There are several applications on record in relation to this indicator. They fall into one of two categories:

- Dwellings on the same property.
- Dwellings on adjoining lots.

Examples of resource consents granted for non-compliance with this rule include: RM 140035, 140046, 170004, 170055, 180011, 180025 and 180060.

In the case of dwellings on adjoining lots one of the best examples is the already consented subdivision on Rows Road on the north bank of the Rangitikei River. Typically, these lots are less than 100m wide and consequently it is impossible (or at least impracticable) if the

adjoining property is developed to build a first dwelling on a lot without having to obtain a resource consent due to the proximity of existing dwellings on adjoining lots (refer aerial photo below).



Figure 3. Rowes Road Subdivision.

#### Assessment of Effectiveness and Efficiency

The relevant rule in the Rural zone currently reads;

##### ***B7.6 Dwelling Separation***

*B7.6-1 New dwellings must not be located closer than 100 metres from any existing dwelling in the Rural Zone.*

In relation to dwellings on the same lot it is suggested that there is merit in a relaxation of this rule to allow dwellings on a single property to be located in the most practicable way to facilitate farming operations. The necessity for the operators to have to obtain a resource consent for this is no doubt frustrating and, given that these applications are often granted without conditions, serves little purpose. Typically, these applications are for restricted discretionary activities and a review of a sample of such consents shows that the Council rarely exercises its discretion to impose any conditions by way of mitigation of adverse effects.

It is understood that the rule is not only related to matters of amenity but also to the need for an appropriate separation of on site waste water facilities and due regard will need to be given to the ability to separate these facilities.

In relation to dwellings on separate (usually adjoining lots) the rule is considered to be practicable and gives effect to the relevant Objectives and Policies. Whilst it may have a level of inconvenience in certain situations (such as the Rowes Road subdivision) this is outweighed by wider protection of rural amenity and character that it serves to provide and the possibility for potentially affected third parties to be involved in the decision-making process.

Where subdivisions take place that do not facilitate the logical separation of dwellings to comply with this rule it is appropriate that the Council should be able to exercise its discretion on that matter. The matters over which the Council reserves its discretion for restricted discretionary subdivisions in the Rural zone are set out in Section B11.1-2 of the District Plan. These matters do not directly refer to dwelling separation distances although it is implied in several matters. It may be worth considering a more explicit reference to this matter. As an alternative, consideration should be given to placing consent notices on new subdivisions alerting future owners to the rule.

#### Recommendation

It is recommended that consideration be given to;

- The amendment of Rule B7.6 in the District Plan to refer to separation between dwellings not on the same lot.
- The amendment of Section B11.1-2 of the District Plan to include dwelling separation distances between dwellings on separate lots as a matter over which the Council reserves its discretion.

#### **10.4. The Residential zone.**

Are the rules suitable to achieve the appropriate levels of urban design?

In particular;

- a. Is 400m<sup>2</sup> the appropriate minimum size?
- b. Should there be more focus on visual assessments for non-compliance with the rules?
- c. Should there be 'tighter' rules around the building envelopes?

#### Relevant Objectives and Policies and Rules

##### **OBJECTIVE 2**

*Enable a variety of housing that reflects the aspirations and identity of people and communities while achieving good urban amenity and design. This includes the efficient use of existing infrastructure, and integration of pedestrian, cycling and vehicle transportation networks.*

**Policy A1-2.4** *Control the height and location of buildings in the Residential Zone to maintain amenity.*

**Policy A1-2.5** *Enable a range of housing densities.*

**Policy A6-1.2** *Infill subdivision in the Residential Zone that meets the standards for restricted discretionary activities will generally be granted consent subject only to conditions where the allotment\*:*

- a) is to be connected to reticulated essential services;*
- b) allows for each dwelling\* to be isolated from services for maintenance and repair;*
- c) can accommodate residential development\* in accordance with the requirements of the District Plan;*
- d) can provide connection to the roading network that is safe and efficient; and*
- e) is capable of being adequately serviced with electricity.*

**Policy A6-1.3** *Greenfield\* subdivision^ in the Residential Zone should be designed in a manner that ensures:*

*a) that the size and shape and arrangement of lots meets the standards for restricted discretionary activities and generally provides for good pedestrian and vehicular access, and sunlight;*

*b) the development\* is fully serviced and connected to the Council's reticulated essential services, and is connected in a manner that allows for the services to be isolated for maintenance and repair;*

*c) that connection to the roading network is safe and efficient in a manner that provides for sufficient network connectivity;*

*d) that development is designed, located and managed in such a way as to avoid, remedy or mitigate conflicts with existing network utilities;*

*e) that development in proximity to an electricity transmission corridor ensures the safe and efficient use and development of the electricity transmission network and the safety and amenity values of the subdivision; and f) that all sites created by subdivision demonstrate that they are capable of being adequately serviced with electricity.*

**Policy A6-1.4** *While residential density requirements in the District Plan express a minimum lot size which is known to be sufficient to provide for residential amenity^, **smaller lot sizes may be allowed where it can be shown by an accompanying application for the construction of a dwelling(s)\* that the higher density makes sufficient provision for the amenity^ of future residents and adjoining neighbours.**(emphasis added).*

The introduction to Section A6 of the Objectives and Policies notes that there is not a significant demand for subdivision and consequently a degree of flexibility in the urban zones is provided for it.

The rules have a close correlation with the Objectives and Policies although there is no specific reference to the requirement in Policy A6-1.4 above relating to the provision of plans for dwellings on lots proposed below minimum lot size.

#### Consultation feedback

There was no feedback received on this indicator.

#### Data

In the period between 2016 and 2019 there were a total of 28 residential subdivision applications lodged (excluding boundary adjustments) proposing a total of 103 new residential lots. Most of these applications were in Marton and Bulls as might be expected.

- Of the 28 applications;
  - 15 were for 2 lot subdivisions,
  - 6 were for 3 lot subdivisions,
  - 2 were for 4 lot subdivisions,

- 3 were for between 6 and 8 lots and;
- 2 were for 13 lots.
- Only 2 applications proposed lots of less than 400m<sup>2</sup>. These proposed a total of 3 lots of between 348 and 368m<sup>2</sup>.
- Three applications included lots of less than the minimum width of 15m.
- Five applications involved lots of 400m<sup>2</sup> or just over that area.
- Seventeen applications involved lots of over 500m<sup>2</sup>.

Most of the subdivision (19) applications were processed as restricted discretionary activities. That is, they complied with the rules for the proposed activity (noting that the District Plan does not provide for controlled activity subdivisions). The remaining applications were for discretionary activities as a consequence of non-compliance with residential rules including;

- Boundary setbacks (in respect of both existing and proposed buildings)
- Boundary setbacks required for habitable rooms
- Coverage
- Outdoor living space rules.

Several applications included floor plans for proposed dwellings to show the levels of amenity proposed.

In addition to the above there was a landuse consent application (RM190014) to develop dwellings on previously approved undersize lots of between 241 and 277m<sup>2</sup>. The application, which included proposed plans for the dwellings, included similar non compliances to the above discretionary activity subdivisions and was approved.

#### Assessment of Effectiveness and Efficiency

The policy and objectives provide a clear framework that is generally permissive for both infill and greenfield subdivisions. They also have specific reference to lots proposed of less than 400m<sup>2</sup> in terms of the protection of the amenity on and around those sites.

Where infill subdivisions applications are received they are for the most part compliant with the associated rules. Where they are not it is, in most cases, associated with non-compliance with the residential rules (eg. setbacks) rather than the minimum lot size. In the cases where there is non-compliance with the minimum lot size there is almost invariably associated non-compliance with one or more of the residential rules.

The range of residential rules is comprehensive and typical of what might be found in a District Plan for the area it covers. It is not recommended that they need to be 'tightened up'. Conversely, it is not clear why the Plan does not include provision for complying urban subdivisions to be considered as controlled activities and it is recommended that consideration be given to that. The introduction of such a rule would encourage complying subdivisions and reduce compliance requirements.

In cases where there is non-compliance with the minimum lots size rule the District Plan attempts to manage it through the policy requirement for floor plans to be provided at the time of subdivision. That requirement is not however translated into a specific rule although such applications have typically included such plans in varying degrees of detail. Such applications are however, for discretionary activities and consequently the Council may exercise its full discretion in such cases. It is recommended that a site plan, floor plan and elevations should specifically be required in such instances as a rule.



The matters of discretion under Rule B11.1-1 whilst not referring to building floor plans directly are comprehensive and enable consideration of a wide range of potential effects including;

- d) *the suitability of lots for the construction of buildings\* for permitted activities within the zone, or other non-permitted activities where there is an accompanying land use application;*
- m) *reverse sensitivity effects, including minimum setback distances for any subsequent residential activity\* in the Rural Zone;*
- p) *the extent to which the subdivision^ achieves good design outcomes, having regard to the intended end use of the allotment\*;*
- r) *The size, shape, location and arrangements of lots, cross lease areas, company lease areas, units and access to avoid reverse sensitivity effects;*

These matters do not directly extend to visual effects although there is clear potential for such effects. It is recommended that potential adverse visual effects should be considered for inclusion in the matters over which the council can exercise its discretion.

In those cases where plans have been provided it is not clear in the decisions that there is any obligation to construct in accordance with those plans (such as consent notice). It is possible that the 'general accordance' condition that accompanies the decisions may have some use in this regard but that needs confirmation.

There are several instances of resource consents triggering non-compliance with the setback rule even though the proposal is for a semi-detached pair of dwellings straddling a boundary. It is suggested that an exception for such instances be considered.

Finally, it would appear that there is an error in Rule B11.10-3 where it refers to Rule 11.8-1. It would appear that it should refer to Rule 11.9-1.

### Recommendations

It is considered that the residential Objectives, Policies and Rules are well constructed and serve the purpose and context of the District Plan. The minimum lot size appears to be appropriate judging by the relative absence of applications for smaller lots. Such applications default to a discretionary activity (rather than non-complying) and consequently they can be considered on their merits.

It is recommended that consideration be given to;

1. Applications for subdivisions of residential lots to less than 400m<sup>2</sup> be accompanied by a site plan showing the dwelling footprint, an overall floor plan and elevations.
2. The introduction of a controlled activity rule for subdivisions complying with the rules of Chapter B1 (general Rules and Standards), B2 (Residential Zone), B8 (Natural Hazards), B9 (Transport) and B11 (Subdivision and Development).
3. The introduction of 'visual effects' as a matter of discretion for restricted discretionary subdivisions.
4. The introduction of an exception from the boundary setback requirement for semi-detached dwellings constructed across a common boundary.
5. Confirmation as to whether the rule reference under Rule B11.10-3 is correct.

## 10.5. Natural Hazards

- a. Is there a need to review the wording of the rules?
- b. Taihape West Slip zone.

### Relevant Objectives and Policies

Natural hazards are referred to under Objective 17 and the associated policies as follows;

**OBJECTIVE 17** *The adverse effects of natural hazards^ on people, property, infrastructure and the wellbeing of communities are avoided or mitigated.*

**Policy A4-1.1** *Significant natural hazards^ will, where there is a known high probability or high potential impact from an event's predicted effects, be identified on planning maps as Natural Hazard Area 1\* or Natural Hazard Area 2\*.*

**Policy A4-1.2** *Avoid subdivision^, new structures^, activities, or an increase in the floor area of existing structures^ or activities in Natural Hazard Area 1\* unless the resulting risk, including residual risk, to people, property, infrastructure and the wellbeing of communities is no more than minor, and is achieved through: a) Specifically designed avoidance or mitigation measures; or b) The character or scale of the subdivision^, structure^ or activity.*

**Policy A4-1.3** *Allow subdivision^, the establishment of new structures^ or activities, or an increase in the scale of any existing structures^ or activities in areas that are shown on the Planning Maps as being within Natural Hazard Area 2\*, provided any natural hazard^ is avoided or mitigated.*

**Policy A4-1.4** *Avoid where practicable the siting of Critical Infrastructure\* and services within areas of significant risk from natural hazard^ events.*

**Policy A4-1.5** *Manage the effects of natural hazards^ caused by long-term shifts in climate and changes in sea-level by setting minimum floor levels\*, designing flood avoidance or mitigation measures, and through the design and construction of network utilities\*.*

**Policy A4-1.6** *Avoid structures^ and activities that are likely to reduce the effectiveness of existing works, structures^, natural landforms or other measures which serve to mitigate the effects of natural hazard^ events.*

**Policy A4-1.7** *Manage the use, storage, transportation and disposal of hazardous substances\* in areas subject to natural hazards^ to avoid or mitigate potential adverse effects caused by hazardous substances\* during natural hazard^ events.*

**Policy A4-1.8** *Avoid new habitable buildings or a significant increase in the floor area of existing habitable buildings in the Taihape West Slip Zone.*

Rules in relation to these matters are set out in Chapter B8 of the District Plan.

### Consultation feedback

Horizons Regional Council has noted the need for more reliable data on indicative flood mapping particularly in Bulls and Marton given the levels of development now being experienced. Horizons intend to undertake a vulnerability assessment of this but not in the near future.

Also mentioned by Horizons Regional Council was the necessity to look at unmodelled areas of flooding.

## Data

Refer to the assessment below.

### Assessment of Effectiveness and Efficiency

Whilst the objective and policy framework is clear its interpretation leads to some uncertainty regarding the rules, definitions and District Plan maps. This relates to;

1. The rules in Chapter B8 are headed by two notes. The first refers to additional information available at both the regional and district council levels which, it notes, does not form part of the District Plan. Plan users are referred to that information although it is not clear what status that information should have in terms of any consenting process. It is also not clear what this information is or where it is held.

The second note clarifies that the definitions for natural hazard areas 1 and 2 (flooding) as contained in the definitions of the District Plan override the information on the planning maps. The definitions refer to areas that would be flooded in a 1:200-year flood. They give no assistance as to how to define those areas (which may be the additional information in the above paragraph) and consequently users will tend to default back to the maps notwithstanding the priority of the definitions.

2. The District Plan maps refer to both a 'modelled flood zone' and an 'Indicative flood zone'. It is not clear which of these is covered by the rules or if is both (noting that the definition takes precedence but does not geographically define these areas). This is further complicated by the information available on the Councils public GIS the index of which is shown below. It appears to also show both modelled and indicative flood areas.

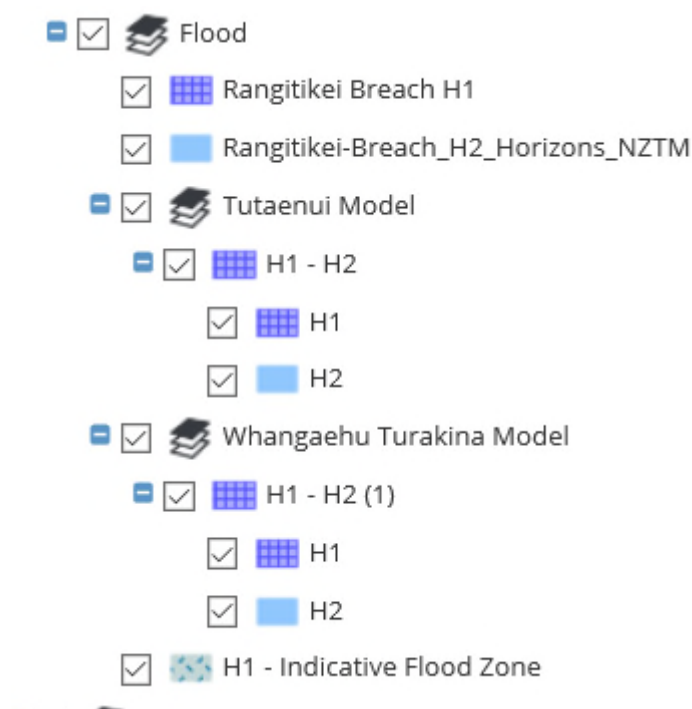


Figure 4; Extract of Public Online GIS Index for flooding.



Fig 5; Extract of Public GIS map of flood areas.

3. In relation to the Taihape West Slip Zone, the rules cover both habitable and non habitable buildings of both under and over 40m<sup>2</sup> as permitted, restricted discretionary or discretionary activities as applicable. The rules for non habitable building of less than or more than 40m<sup>2</sup> provide for one extension as of the date of the District Plan. That limitation does not apply to additions to habitable buildings not exceeding 40m<sup>2</sup> these being a permitted activity. As the rule is written it appears that successive such additions may be constructed as of right.
4. It is also noted (although this may be deliberate) that whilst the extension of a habitable building of less than 40m<sup>2</sup> is permitted a larger extension defaults to a fully discretionary activity rather than a restricted discretionary activity.

The construction of rules around natural hazards is always a complicated task given the many unknowns and variables involved. Creating certainty should therefore be a key consideration and it is recommended that the adoption of a procedure manual in respect of this chapter of the District Plan should be considered for that purpose.

#### Recommendations

It is recommended that in relation to natural hazard (flooding) consideration be given to the adoption of a public procedures manual that can be used to;

1. Confirm the location and nature of the additional material referred to both at the Regional and District Council level.
2. That as far as it is possible established guidelines to guide users of the District Plan on how to apply the definitions of Natural Hazard Areas 1 and 2 (flooding) given their precedence over the District Plan maps.
3. Provide certainty on the applicability of the 'modelled' and 'indicative' flood areas.

It is also recommended that Rule B82-2 relating to extensions of habitable dwellings of less than 40m<sup>2</sup> in the Taihape West Slip zone be clarified so as to preclude successive extensions over time resulting in a cumulative area of greater than 40m<sup>2</sup>.

Finally, it is recommended that confirmation be established that habitable building extensions in the Taihape West Slip zone of over 40m<sup>2</sup> should be a fully discretionary activity.

## **10.6. Subdivision and Reverse Sensitivity to Noise**

The suitability of these rules having regard to reverse sensitivity particularly, but not only, in relation to noise.

### Relevant Objectives and Policies

The Objectives and Policies of the District Plan establish a clear desire to protect the primary production capability of the District whilst recognising the need for rural residential scale lots.

Issue 7 of Part A of the District Plan specifically identifies that:

*Primary production\* inevitably generates effects. Amenity^ effects, or potential adverse health effects, encompass 24 hour harvesting operations, noise associated with animals or with cropping, plantation shading, and odour, which may not be compatible with more sensitive land uses. It is, however, important that more sensitive activities do not create inappropriate conflicts with or constrain primary production\*.*

Furthermore, Issue 9A sets out that:

*Unrestricted rural lifestyle development within rural areas would have significant adverse effects on primary production\*, outstanding natural features and landscapes, rural character, transport networks, and demand on services. It is necessary to ensure that provision of rural lifestyle development is located close to existing townships and in specified areas to avoid haphazard rural residential development and limit the loss of versatile soils.*

Relevant Objectives and Policies are;

### **OBJECTIVE 7A**

*Ensure that activities dissociated from primary production\* or meeting the needs of rural communities are minimised, and, where those activities do occur, manage them to avoid or mitigate potential conflicts with primary production\* activities.*

**Policy A2-1.1** *Enable primary production\* with limited controls.*

**Policy A2-1.4** *Preserve the largely open space\* and unbuilt nature of the rural environment, and maintain the distinctive cultural landscapes associated with the predominance of primary production\*.*

**Policy A2-1.5** *Require separation distances between rural dwellings\* and other rural activities such as intensive farming\*, forest planting, effluent holding ponds and oxidation ponds to minimise any adverse effects on those dwellings\*.*

**OBJECTIVE 9** *Rural lifestyle living is provided for in specified areas.*

**Policy A2-2.2** *Provide a Rural Living Zone around the settlements of Marton, Bulls, Taihape and Hunterville that:*

- a) enables rural residential scale allotments\*;*
- b) requires a minimum lot size to minimise the loss of versatile soils;*

- c) enables a range of rural and residential activities; and*
- d) preserves aspects of rural amenity^ while providing a transition to the urban environment.*

**Policy A2-2.3** *Provide a Rural Zone for most of the District\* that:*

- a) maintains the predominant primary production\* nature of the District\*;*
- b) avoids residential and rural residential development\* dissociated from primary production\*;*

In relation to noise the General Rules of the District Plan establish noise limits under Rule B1.7. The rules extend across the District at varying levels of noise but notably do not apply to static or mobile farming machinery but do apply to bird scaring devices or wind machines. The rule reads;

*B1.7-5 The above noise limits do not apply to the noise from the following sources: Sounds from mobile primary production\* related noise sources, stationary primary production\* equipment such as pumps and generators and all animal sounds (excluding those arising from intensive farming and animal boarding activities or percussive bird scaring devices or wind machines used for frost damage mitigation.)*

The District Plan allows subdivisions in the Rural and Rural Living zones down to two hectares in specified circumstances. This sets up the potential for reverse sensitivity issues to arise although this is not an uncommon problem across New Zealand in rural areas.

#### Consultation feedback

The only feedback in relation to this indicator was from Federated Farmers as follows;

*Noise rules – as with concerns above about urban sprawl, comments were made about the need for the District Plan to ensure that farming businesses are still able to continue to operate viably. Noise rules need to be permissive to farming activities*

#### Data

No data in relation to noise complaints arising from this has been located.

#### Assessment of Effectiveness and Efficiency

The balance between rural primary production activities and their effects on perceived amenity requires a balance that is both reasonable and capable of responding to particular circumstances.

The Manawatu District Plan specifies noise limits within its Rural zone although exempts Rural Production Activities (except for intensive farming) from them. It makes no reference to static or mobile machinery or to bird scaring devices. It does however refer to the wider provisions of the RMA relating to unreasonable and excessive noise, that is Sections 16 and 327. Section 16 refers to a duty on occupiers of land and persons carrying out any activity to avoid unreasonable noise. Section 327 refers to enforcement powers for excessive noise.

The Horowhenua District Plan allows that mobile sources of primary production noise are not subject to the specified noise limits and nor are bird scaring devices. The latter are subject to specific provisions around their use including hours of operation, a restriction within 200m of a

residential zone, a specified noise limit and limits on the number of 'events' per hour within 500m of certain dwellings.

It is considered that the Rangitikei District Plan provides a reasonable balance between the provisions of the above two examples. Investigation of noise complaints are notoriously difficult and expensive to undertake given the difficulties of establishing evidence of non-compliance. Similarly, the use of the RMA provisions for enforcement can be challenging.

On the other hand, capturing bird scaring devices and wind machines within the noise limits of the District Plan, as in the Rangitikei case, is similarly likely to lead to issues with enforcement. It is also considered that given the permissive nature of the District Plan in relation to primary production activities these devices should not be subject to normal noise limits but should be subject to specific standards as in the case of the Horowhenua District Plan. Those standards should be considered within the context of proximity to any zone other than Rural and the Rural Living and Residential zones in particular.

#### Recommendations

That consideration be given to a specific noise standard for bird scaring devices and wind machines within an appropriate distance from the Rural Living and the Residential zones of the District Plan.

### **10.7. Regional Environmental Issues.**

Liaison is required with Horizons and Hawkes Bay Regional Councils regarding any State of the Environment issues that they have identified of relevance to the Rangitikei District and this work. As indicated above in this report no response has been received from the Hawkes Bay Regional Council.

The Horizons Regional council has recently released its State of Environment Report. It is an extensive document which will have a substantial amount of information of relevance to the Rangitikei District although not necessarily to this report. I have however summarised the key points from the report as follows below. Note that these are selected extracts thought to be of interest and readers are referred to the original report for more detailed information.

- *from the year 1909 annual average temperatures in New Zealand have warmed by  $0.09 \pm 0.3^{\circ}\text{C}$  per decade and average annual temperatures are likely to increase by between  $0.7$  and  $1.1^{\circ}\text{C}$  by 2040 and up to  $3.1^{\circ}\text{C}$  by 2090.*
- *Annual average rainfall is predicted to be 15 to 20 per cent more in the northern part of the region (eg. Taumarunui) and potentially 20 per cent less in the south eastern part of the region (eg. Akitio) by 2090.*
- *The Air chapter reports that particulate matter (PM10) monitoring of 12 towns in the winter of 2001 to 2003 identified Taumarunui and Taihape as having the worst air quality in the region. These are now monitored as the only designated airsheds in the region. Other towns identified with potential air quality issues were Ohakune, Feilding, Dannevirke and Pahiatua. Monitoring in the Taumarunui and Taihape airsheds shows these sites meet the National Environmental Standard (NES) for air quality.*

- *Statistics New Zealand information shows that during the period from 1994 to 2017 the number of dairy cows has grown 69 per cent nationally compared to 50 per cent (155,000 cattle) in the Horizons Region. During this same period regional beef cattle numbers dropped by 239,000 and sheep numbers dropped by 2.4 million.*
- *The region, which covers approximately 8 per cent of New Zealand, has 18 per cent of the nation's Class 1 land (34,000 hectares) and 14 per cent of Class 2 land (172,000 hectares).*
- *Consented groundwater allocation volumes in all groundwater management zones are within One Plan allocation limits. Groundwater levels are monitored at 145 bores in the region. Results show approximately 30 per cent of sites have increasing water levels and 14 per cent are declining, with the declines primarily in the Manawatū and Rangitikei catchments where allocation levels have increased.*

## **10.8. Other Matters**

### **Papakainga housing**

During the course of consultation with the Councils Iwi Liaison Committee (Te Roopu Ahi Kaa) clarification was sought on;

- the location of existing Papakainga zones in the Plan,
- the ability to introduce additional such areas on a more simplified basis,
- the work of TPK in this field; and,
- the work being done by Hastings District Council on Papakainga.

### Relevant Objectives and Policies and Rules

Reference to Papakainga housing is made in the District Plan Objectives and Policies and Rules as follows.

#### **OBJECTIVE 2 (URBAN ZONE)**

*Enable a variety of housing that reflects the aspirations and identity of people and communities while achieving good urban amenity<sup>^</sup> and design. This includes the efficient use of existing infrastructure, and integration of pedestrian, cycling and vehicle transportation networks.*

**Policy A1-2.2** *Enable iwi and hapu to develop Papakainga housing.*

Under the Rural zone rules Papakainga housing is listed as a permitted activity subject to the following standard.

#### **Rule B7.7 Papakainga Housing**

*B7.7-1 Papakainga housing can only occur in the Rural zone within the Papakainga Housing land area overlay\*. B7.7-2 Each dwelling must have an area for exclusive use of at least 200 metres, and:*

*a) where there are 3 dwellings or less, a private and exclusive outdoor area formed in the shape of a rectangle, with a minimum area of 55 square metres and a minimum width of 4.5 metres.*



*b) where more than 3 dwellings are sited, a communal outdoor space of at least 200 square metres, if a private and exclusive outdoor space is not provided.*

*B7.7-3 Dwellings must be separated by at least 3 metres at the closest point.*

*B7.7-4 Rule B7.2-1 does not apply to Papakainga housing.*

*B7.7-5 All dwellings must be able to be separately serviced for connections to water, stormwater and sewage.*

There is no equivalent rule in the Residential or Rural Living zone.

The District Plan maps include a Papakainga overlay symbol although a perusal of the maps shows only a handful of such areas.

#### Consultation feedback

As above

#### Data

There are relatively few Papakainga housing areas identified in the Rural zone and I have not located any resource consent applications for such developments.

#### Assessment of Effectiveness and Efficiency

The Hastings District Plan recognises the development of Papakainga as a district wide activity on Maori land and includes a number of Objectives and Policies to that end. The guiding principle is set out as to;

*‘ensure that Papakāinga development provides for Māori who have aspirations to develop their traditional lands and to meet their housing needs and cultural aspirations.’*

The District Plan promotes the use of its Papakāinga Development Guide which *gives a step by step process to undertaking a Papakāinga Development in the Hastings District. The document was collaborated by Hastings District Council, Māori Land Court and Te Puni Kōkiri.*

This document can be found on the Te Puni Kokiri website at:

<https://www.tpk.govt.nz/en/mo-te-puni-kokiri/kokiri-magazine/kokiri-11-2008/takitimu-papakainga-guide>

Hapu Development Plans are also used by the District Plan to guide such projects

Whilst the District Plan recognises the ability and desire for Papakainga housing and projects it is considered that the framework for such projects could be expanded as shown by the Hastings District Plan and the work done by Te Puni Kokiri.

#### Recommendations

That a review of the provisions of the District Plan in relation to Papakainga projects be undertaken in the next District Plan review with particular regard to the work done by the Hastings District Council.

## **11. MONITORING OF OUTCOMES.**

The ability to undertake a review of the effectiveness and efficiency of a District Plan is founded on the availability of data for that purpose. It is recognised that there are resourcing issues associated with this. It is also recognised that the next District Plan review will probably occur before the next such review.

It is recommended that as part of the next District Plan review consideration be given to the data that will be required for the subsequent State of the Environment report and that systems or procedures be put in place to collate that data in the lead up to the report.

## **12. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The review of the Operative Rangitikei District Plan has addressed specific matters known to be of interest to the Council as specified in the brief for the report.

The report has addressed the efficiency and effectiveness of those particular matters and finds that generally the policies and objectives are well structured and give clear guidance to the application of the rules. There are identified areas where the policy direction should be reviewed to provide greater certainty.

The rules of the District Plan in the matters under consideration are also efficient and effective and the recommendations go to their refinement to provide for both greater certainty and relevance to the particular circumstances of any particular application.

The specific recommendations of the report are:

### **The Rural Living Zone.**

It is recommended that the rules relating to the Rural Living zone be reconsidered in the next District Plan review. Consideration should be given to amending the status of the subdivision of this land so as to provide for controlled activity subdivision where appropriate. That need not remove the option to retain discretion over those areas with limited infrastructure, subject to hazards or similar concerns that require that level of discretion.

It is also recommended that where reticulated wastewater services are available, or can be made available, consideration should be given to a lower minimum lot size such as 2,000m<sup>2</sup>.

### **Rural Subdivisions**

A comparison of the Objectives and Policies of the District Plan with the Rules, using the consents history of rural subdivisions, shows the need for a more sophisticated set of rules that both protect the highly versatile soils whilst providing for a more pragmatic approach to those areas that are not made up of highly versatile soils.

It is suggested that the rules do not adequately reflect the intent of the Objectives and Policies or the need for more flexibility in rural zone subdivisions.

It is recommended that the Objectives and Policies need to be reviewed in order to provide scope for a wider range of subdivisions in the Rural zone where no Class 1 or 2 soils are involved.

Similarly, the rules need to be reviewed to;

- incorporate provision for those sites with a mix of highly versatile and other soil types,

- provide for the consideration of portions of a site that are not highly versatile soils
- introduce rules for both controlled and non complying rural subdivisions.
  - In the case of controlled activity subdivisions this might related to subdivision of land or boundary adjustments where lots of over say 20ha are being created
  - In the case of a non-complying activity this might extend to any subdivision of highly versatile soils in part or in full.

### **Dwelling Density in the Rural Zone.**

It is recommended that Rule B7.4 of the District Plan be reviewed and developed to permit third and subsequent dwellings on rural properties in defined circumstances.

### **Dwelling Proximity**

It is recommended that consideration be given to;

- The amendment of Rule B7.6 in the District Plan to refer to separation between dwellings not on the same lot.
- The amendment of Section B11.1-2 of the District Plan to include dwelling separation distances between dwellings on separate lots as a matter over which the Council reserves its discretion.

### **Residential Zone**

It is considered that the residential Objectives, Policies and Rules are well constructed and serve the purpose and context of the District Plan. The minimum lot size appears to be appropriate judging by the relative absence of applications for smaller lots. Such applications default to a discretionary activity (rather than non-complying) and consequently they can be approved on their merits.

It is recommended that consideration be given to;

1. Applications for subdivisions of residential lots to less than 400m<sup>2</sup> be accompanied by a site plan showing the dwelling footprint, an overall floor plan and elevations.
2. The introduction of a controlled activity rule for subdivisions complying with the rules of Chapter B1 (general Rules and Standards), B2 (Residential Zone), B8 (Natural Hazards), B9 (Transport) and B11 (Subdivision and Development).
3. The introduction of 'visual effects' as a matter of discretion for restricted discretionary subdivisions.
4. The introduction of an exception from the boundary setback requirement for semi-detached dwellings constructed across a common boundary.
5. Confirmation as to whether the rule reference under Rule B11.10-3 is correct.

### **Natural Hazards**

It is recommended that in relation to natural hazard (flooding) consideration be given to the adoption of a public procedures manual that can be used to;

1. Confirm the location and nature of the additional material referred to both at the Regional and District Council level.

2. That as far as it is possible established guidelines to guide users of the District Plan on how to apply the definitions of Natural Hazard Areas 1 and 2 (flooding) given their precedence over the District Plan maps.

3. Provide certainty on the applicability of the 'modelled' and 'indicative' flood areas.

It is also recommended that Rule B82-2 relating to extensions of habitable dwellings of less than 40m<sup>2</sup> in the Taihape West Slip zone be clarified so as to preclude successive extensions over time resulting in a cumulative area of greater than 40m<sup>2</sup>.

Finally, it is recommended that confirmation be established that habitable building extensions in the Taihape West Slip zone of over 40m<sup>2</sup> should be a fully discretionary activity.

### **Subdivision and Reverse Sensitivity**

That consideration be given to a specific noise standard for bird scaring devices and wind machines within an appropriate distance from the Rural Living and the Residential zones of the District Plan.

### **Papakainga Housing**

That a review of the provisions of the District Plan in relation to Papakainga projects be undertaken in the next District Plan review with particular regard to the work done by the Hastings District Council.

### **Tony Thomas**

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## **Appendix 1: Extracts from the Resource Management Act 1991**

### **35 Duty to gather information, monitor, and keep records**

- (1) Every local authority shall gather such information, and undertake or commission such research, as is necessary to carry out effectively its functions under this Act or regulations under this Act.
  - (2) Every local authority shall monitor—
    - (a) the state of the whole or any part of the environment of its region or district—
      - (i) to the extent that is appropriate to enable the local authority to effectively carry out its functions under this Act; and
      - (ii) in addition, by reference to any indicators or other matters prescribed by regulations made under this Act, and in accordance with the regulations; and
    - (b) the efficiency and effectiveness of policies, rules, or other methods in its policy statement or its plan; and
    - (c) the exercise of any functions, powers, or duties delegated or transferred by it; and
    - (ca) the efficiency and effectiveness of processes used by the local authority in exercising its powers or performing its functions or duties (including those delegated or transferred by it), including matters such as timeliness, cost, and the overall satisfaction of those persons or bodies in respect of whom the powers, functions, or duties are exercised or performed; and
    - (d) the exercise of the resource consents that have effect in its region or district, as the case may be; and
    - (e) in the case of a regional council, the exercise of a protected customary right in its region, including any controls imposed on the exercise of that right under [Part 3](#) of the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011—  
and take appropriate action (having regard to the methods available to it under this Act) where this is shown to be necessary.
- (2AA) Monitoring required by subsection (2) must be undertaken in accordance with any regulations.
- (2A) Every local authority must, at intervals of not more than 5 years, compile and make available to the public a review of the results of its monitoring under subsection (2)(b).

### **360 Regulations**

- (1) The Governor-General may from time to time, by Order in Council, make regulations for all or any of the following purposes:
  - (hk) prescribing, for the purposes of [section 35\(2\)](#) and (2AA),—
    - (i) indicators or other matters by reference to which a local authority is required to monitor the state of the environment of its region or district:
    - (ia) matters by reference to which monitoring must be carried out:
    - (ii) standards, methods, or requirements applying to the monitoring, which may differ depending on what is being monitored:
  - (hl) requiring local authorities to provide information gathered under [sections 35](#) and [35A](#) to the Minister, and prescribing the content of the information to be provided and the manner in which, and time limits by which, it must be provided:
  - (hm) prescribing, for the purposes of [sections 87E](#), [165ZFE](#), and [198C](#),—
    - (i) threshold amounts, which may differ for proposals of different types or in different locations; and
    - (ii) matters to which an authority is required to have regard in determining whether exceptional circumstances exist:

## **Appendix 2 Feedback from Federated Farmers.**

I have seen the Proposed Eight Key Indicators outlined in the one pager for the Policy and Planning Committee today, and can confirm that the areas identified are of concern to our membership.

I have only been able to canvass a small section of our more vocal members to get a gauge on the matter, however in brief the following concerns were raised. I note that some comments are out of scope of the DP, however given there is some overlap between DP content and matters such as rates and Regional Policies, it may still be of relevance. Please note, if there is time available in the process, I would like to survey the wider Rangitikei Membership to get a more fulsome picture if possible. I would also appreciate the opportunity to continue to be involved in this process as it unfolds.

- Rooding – issues with high rates to rural ratepayers yet a growing reliance on the roads from other sectors (forestry) and also pressure from urban sprawl (relates to zoning rules – Rural Living Zone and also reverse sensitivity)
- Subdivision – always a divisive matter for our membership but concerns were raised about the inability of the Plan to enable farms to cut off sections of unproductive land that were under size. Also, a bit of contention here with concerns that the Council seemed to be propping up developers while not equally supporting rural businesses.
- Noise rules – as with concerns above about urban sprawl, comments were made about the need for the DP to ensure that farming businesses are still able to continue to operate viably. Noise rules need to be permissive to farming activities
- Regional Environmental Issues – particular concerns regarding the management of urban storm water and urban wastewater and ensuring that urban and rural were being treated equally. Also concerns about the Ratana scheme development in particular and the need for existing farmers to be able to continue to operate their businesses (one member in particular concerned they would have their land/livelihood taken from them).

Also further comments from myself on wider matters within the Eight Key Indicators paper:

- Rules regarding combination of soil types – this will be of interest to members. Federated Farmers generally takes a stand that the DP should be less burdensome and therefore less rules are better, but protection of class 1 and 2 soils is of concern also. Perhaps thought could be given to rules that are not hinged on soil type but instead give Council discretion to take soil type into consideration when making decisions to provide consent or otherwise. E.g. a tool rather than a rule, perhaps via a footnote?
- Dwelling density – this will also be of interest to our members. Rural businesses often have multiple dwellings on lots to provide accommodation to staff also.
- Dwelling proximity – also of interest to members. Important for consistency/transparency.

### **Appendix 3: Feedback from the Department of Conservation.**

#### **Rangitikei District Council State of Environment reporting ; working with stakeholders ( including DOC) to contribute to efficiency / effectiveness of District Plan**

- Link to Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) for our Region:  
<https://www.doc.govt.nz/about-us/statutory-and-advisory-bodies/conservation-boards/wellington/2019-updates/>

#### Rangitikei River – Places : Makino , Te Rangipai ,Omatane, Puke and Mōkai

- Primary focus at these sites is weed control.
- Working towards eradication of highly invasive White Bryony in partnership with MPI.
- Control Old man’s Beard focus on keeping it out of Ruahine Forest Park. A survey of the whole Rangitikei and Manawatu districts for OMB is planned next year as per the CMS

#### Key Species

- *Dactylanthus taylorii*, Pua o reinga / Woodrose
- *Korthalsella lindsayi* Dwarf Mistletoe
- *Teucrium parvifolium* Native verbena
- *Tupeia antarctica* White mistletoe , (Tupia/Taapia/Pirata)

#### Mangaweka Scenic Reserve , Simpsons Scenic Reserve and Bruce Park

- Possum and rat control in the southern half of Mangaweka SR to protect *Dactylanthus* and Mistletoe.
- Possum and rat monitoring at Mangaweka SR.
- Control of Old Man’s beard at Mangaweka SR Bruce Park Simpsons Papanui and Otaihape
- Weeding at Mangaweka to protect *Celmisia* plants
- Maintain fences to keep stock out of Reserves.
- Maintenance of tracks to keep clear of vegetation at Mangaweka SR
- Simpsons SR Bridge maintenance
- Amenity maintenance
- Vegetation Maintenance

#### **Bruce Park**

- Control of *Cathedral Bells* at Bruce park
- Bruce Park Loop track Maintain track surface and vegetation
- Maintain RC Bruce Memorial Historic Site.
- Bruce Park Community engagement with the public and Iwi for Trap Lines and other conservation initiatives.
- Promotion of the Toyota Kiwi Guardian Trial, encouraging families to enjoy the outdoors and focus on nature.
- Recent confirmation of Long tailed bat presence here.
- Toilet here funded by RDC and jointly maintained.

Biodiversity Contingency funding is going to extend DOC’s work in this area – as is the CMS. We are likely to do a lot more work on the Mangaweka *celmisia* – trying to re-establish it in the wild.



We are likely to start doing some work around the dwarf galaxias found in the upper Rangitikei – not sure what – initially probably advocacy with key stakeholders

We know that there are long-tailed bats at multiple sites still in the Rangitikei, this may need to be given special consideration in terms of clearance of any trees and what is allowed in the District Plan (not sure if roost trees have been identified).

#### Community Conservation Work with RDC

- Meetings with Rangitikei Environment theme group chaired by Chris Shenton
- Koitiata area: planting with DOC RDC and Turakina School
- Planting at Taihape Memorial Domain (DOC reserve vested in RDC)
- Concessions and Permissions including an application RDC has lodged with DOC to release carp into wastewater treatment and a recreational pond( s) in the area to improve water quality.
- Statutory Land Management functions verifying ownership of Rangitikei D.C. properties for Graeme Pointon (RDC).
- Part-funding a DOC Community Fund project focused on the control of Old Man's Beard along the Rangitikei River valleys.

#### ON ALL SITES

- Explore and develop opportunities with whanau hapu and Iwi to share knowledge and skills.
- Explore and develop new possibilities and work with whaanau hapuu and Iwi on shared outcomes that make a difference.

#### DOC CONTACTS for other DISTRICTS in the RDC area

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# Attachment 7

# Report

Subject: **Marton Memorial Hall Playground Further Extension**

To: Council

From: Nardia Gower, Strategic Advisor for Youth / Kaihautū Rangatahi

Date: 16 July 2019

File: 6-RF-4-5

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## 1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Marton Development Group (MDG) are requesting a further extension on the footprint of the Marton Memorial Hall Playground site on Wellington Rd, Marton, of 251.9m<sup>2</sup> [Appendix 1](#).
- 1.2 MDG shares Council's vision for 'A Thriving District' in particular the community outcomes 2, 3 and 9 as outlined in the Long Term Plan. They suggest that the development of the Marton Memorial Hall Playground as a community-led and majority funded project, working in partnership with council, provides a future-fit facility that will promote economic growth and community well-being.
  - 2 **Economic development** – Facilitating growth through infrastructure investment, an enabling regulatory framework and collaboration.
  3. **Future-looking community facilities** – Ensuring community facilities are future-fit and appropriately managed.
  9. **Community resilience** – Advocating for, working in partnership and supporting groups which are concerned with the well-being of the District's communities.

## 2 Background

- 2.1 In mid-2017 Lucy Skou was directed to Athol Sanson, the then Parks and Reserves Team Leader, with regard to the community leading a playground makeover at Wilson Park in Marton. Mr Sanson informed Ms Skou that, due to the flood prone nature of Wilson Park, it was not a suitable site. Mr Sanson offered Marton Memorial Hall Playground as the preferred option for the community-led project.
- 2.2 As per Council requirement Ms Skou and Ms O'Neill presented their idea to the Marton Community Committee in June 2018 prior to presenting to Council in July 2018.
- 2.3 With consent from Council to develop the playground at Marton Memorial Hall, Ms Skou and Ms O'Neill formed Marton Development Group (MDG), an incorporated society with charitable status, consisting of a cross section of 15 community representatives.

- 2.4 In January 2019 MDG offered the tender of the playground development to two playground designers to quote, Opus and Boffa Miskell, with the group awarding the work to the latter. Boffa Miskell identified the restriction in the existing footprint of the playground and MDG sought Council's permission to extend the playground thus reducing the hall carpark availability.
- 2.5 The Rangitikei District Plan states that 56 onsite carparks are the minimum requirement for Marton Memorial Hall. A concept drawing of the potential extension while allowing for the 56 onsite carparks was presented to the March 2018 Assets/Infrastructure Committee; Council subsequently confirmed the Committee's recommendation to approve the extension of the playground into the Marton Memorial Hall Carpark.<sup>1</sup>
- 2.6 MDG gave the brief to Boffa Miskell to design a destination playground incorporating as many of the play items the community engagement process had identified.
- 2.7 In July 2019, Boffa Miskell produced the draft concept plan which overstepped the initial agreed-to playground extension by 251.9m<sup>2</sup>. The purpose of the extra extension sought is to increase the planting and BBQ area allowing for a more user friendly and aesthetically appealing eastern end of the playground.

### **3 Affected parties**

- 3.1 The annual Rangitikei Shearing Sports event attracts large visitor numbers to town and hall. The initial extension granted for the playground did remove carparks and unmarked areas used for motor vehicle parking. However, as identified in [Appendix 1](#), the planned 64 marked carparks complies with the district plan and no barriers are planned for the remaining roadside or grassed areas suitable for carparking.
- 3.2 The principal transport company used for the Shearing Sports, Skou Transport, has assessed the further extension and has raised no issue.
- 3.3 Ms Skou has approached the owner occupier of 5 Lower Beaven with the draft plan and potential further extension, they have raised no concern.

### **4 On site car parks, entries and exits**

- 4.1 Mr Reuben Pokiha, Roading Advisor, has priced and allocated funding to the 2019/2020 budget for the seal of the existing metal area behind the hall, installation of a kerb and channel along the eastern side of the carpark (nearest the stream) and marking of 56 carparks. Mr Pokiha has stated the further extension sought through this report does not impede on those initial plans, the required number of carparks remains along with adequate room for truck and trailer haulage used during events such the annual Rangitikei Shearing Sports.
- 4.2 The two entries off Wellington Road, either side of the hall, will remain accessible with the driveway alongside the Scottish Hall becoming an alternate exit.

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<sup>1</sup> (19/RDC/088)

## **5 Summary**

- 5.1 Marton Development Group, having sought and paid for a design concept from Boffa Miskell, are requesting that Council approve the final footprint to the Marton Memorial Hall Playground, allowing for optimal use of available space consideration for the overall aesthetical appeal while considering affected parties.

## **6 Recommendations**

- 6.1 That the report 'Marton Memorial Hall Playground Further Extension' to the 25 July 2019 Council meeting be received.
- 6.2 That Council [agrees/does not agree] to the final footprint for the Marton Memorial Hall Playground as depicted in Appendix 1 of the report 'Marton Memorial Hall Playground Further Extension' to the 25 July 2019 Council meeting.

Nardia Gower  
Strategic Advisor for Youth / Kaihautū Rangatahi

# *Appendix 1*





# Attachment 8





# Rangitikei District Council

## Rangitikei Youth Council Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 28 May 2019 – 5:00 PM

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**Present:**

Erika Elers  
Caryse Clark  
Charly Ward-Berry  
Hunter van der Jagt  
Kathryn Fleming  
Makayla Vaa  
Reihania Hemi

**In attendance:**

His Worship the Mayor Andy Watson  
Mataariki Veuger – Tuia representative  
Michael Andrews  
Anaru Hawira – Board of Trustees Student representative of Taihape Area School  
Blair Jamieson – Strategy and Community Planning manager  
Nardia Gower – Strategic Advisor for Rangatahi/Youth

**Tabled Documents:**

Chair's Report May 2019.

## 1 Welcome

The meeting started at 5:14pm. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, a special welcome was made to Anaru and Mataariki.

## 2 Youth Council Prayer

Kathryn read the Youth Council Prayer

## 3 Public Forum

The Mayor's Task Force for Jobs was discussed. Anaru and Mataariki briefly introduced themselves and why they attended the meeting. Mataariki is a part of the Tuia programme, who take a long term approach towards developing young Maori across the generations into leadership roles. The Tuia programme has Mayor's selecting young Maori to mentor one-to-one basis to encourage leadership.

## 4 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apologies from Paige Turner be received.

Hunter van der Jagt / Caryse Clark. Carried

## 5 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. No conflicts of interest were declared.

## 6 Confirmation of order of business

Due to Mr Jamieson having to leave the meeting early Item 12 was taken following Item 8, there were no late items.

## 7 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number**

**19/RYC/016**

**File Ref**

**3-CT-19-3**

That the minutes of the Rangitikei Youth Council meeting held on 30 April 2019 (without amendment) be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Reihania Hemi / Makayla Vaa. Carried

## 8 Chair's Report

The Chair spoke to her tabled report. There were no questions raised.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/RYC/017**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CT-19-5**

That the 'Chairs Report' to the 28 May 2019 Rangitikei Youth Council meeting be received.

Kathryn Atkinson Fleming / Caryse Clark. Carried

## 12 Meet the Candidates Events

The Council noted the commentary in the agenda. Mr Jamieson spoke to the Council

- Mr Jamieson congratulated the Youth Council on getting involved in the elections.
- Three different meetings are recommended, i.e. one for each of the three district wards.
- Thoughts for next discussion will include which organisations could be involved as adult support for these events.

## 9 District Update May 2019

Ms Gower spoke to the memorandum; no questions were raised. Ms Gower encouraged the Council to request information on items of interest within the district.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/RYC/018**                      **File Ref**                      **4-EN-12-9**

That the memorandum 'District Update May 2019' to the 28 May 2019 Rangitikei Youth Council meeting be received.

Hunter van der Jagt / Kathryn Atkinson Fleming. Carried

## 10 Work-plan for 2019

Youth Engagement was the topic of discussion for the meeting. Ms Gower spoke of increasing district wide youth engagement, potentially modelling the method used by Horowhenua District Council (HDC). The Council agreed to attend a HDC meeting youth meeting if possible.

- Youth Box has been a slow process to gather feedback.
- Possibly testing a proactive approach.
- Horowhenua our neighbouring district has a closed Facebook page with 58 members including a leadership board of 8. Day-to-day communication getting feedback, advertising events and gathering volunteers throughout the district in one go has made it an effective model. The leadership board collates the feedback and engages relevant organisations such as Council.

Ms Gower noted the dates for Festival For The Future, Friday 26th-Sunday 28th July are the dates and requested attendance be confirmed ASAP.

Extra mention was made for the following topics

- Dudding Trust gives a grant of \$800,000. Youth Council may want to engage the community to apply.
- Samoan Independence Day on the 29th May.
- Maori language week – the Council discussed creating video clips of correct pronunciation of district place names, etc.

## **11 Rangitikei Youth Council Logo**

This item was postponed.

## **13 Late Items**

Nil.

## **14 Next Meeting**

25 June 2019, 5.00 pm, Marton Council Chambers<sup>1</sup>

## **15 Meeting Closed**

Meeting was closed at 5:55pm.

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>1</sup> Subsequently changed to 27 June 2019, 5.00 pm to allow attendance at the Rangitikei District Council meeting that afternoon.



# Rangitikei District Council

## Rātana Community Board Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 11 June 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

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**Present:** Mr Charlie Mete (Chair)  
Mr Charlie Rourangi  
Cr Soraya Peke-Mason  
Ms Maata Kare Thompson  
Mr Thomas Tautarangi

**Also Present:** Mayor Andy Watson  
Mr Michael Hodder, Acting Chief Executive  
Ms Doreen Gardiner  
Mr Jason Hihera

Unconfirmed

## **1 Whakamoemiti**

Mr Tautarangi provided the Whakamoemiti.

## **2 Public Forum**

None

## **3 Apologies**

All members were present

## **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 and Late Items**

There was no change to the Order of Business. The Chair accepted the draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Ratana Communal Board of Trustees/Ratana Reserves (the Board) and the Council as a late item.

## **6 Confirmation of Minutes**

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>19/RCB/008</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>3-CB-1-1</b>
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That the Minutes of the Rātana Community Board meeting held on 9 April 2019 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Peke-Mason/Mr Mete. Carried

## **7 Chair's report**

Mr Mete noted the improved quality of water. He was appreciative of the tanker made available by Council. The new roof over the gym had stopped the leaks. He had met with Council's handyperson Dave Manuel about further repairs, including the side doors which are leaking.

## **8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Board**

There were no recommendations made to Council at the previous meeting.



## **9 Update from Te Roopu Ahi Kaa**

Mr Mete provided a verbal update from the Komiti's meeting earlier on 11 June 2019. The Komiti had been informed of negotiations for land at Ratana to end the wastewater discharge into Lake Waipu; the recently opened skatepark at Centennial Park in Marton had been commended. Tracey Hiroa will continue to be the representative from Ngati Whitikaupeka.

**Resolved minute number**

**19/RCB/009**

**File Ref**

That the verbal update on Te Roopu Ahi Kaa's meeting on 11 June 2019 be received.

Cr Peke-Mason/Mr Tataurangi. Carried

## **10 Update on Water Supply upgrade**

The Board noted the commentary in the agenda.

## **11 Update on wastewater treatment plant (and meetings of reference advisory group)**

The Board noted the commentary in the agenda.

## **12 Update on Rātana playground project**

Cr Peke-Mason updated the meeting.

The Communal Board of Trustees supported the extension but would not be an umbrella for the Playground Project Group's bank account. A legal entity is in the process of being established. Once in place, it will be the mechanism to target funding bodies.

## **13 Development of road safety strategy**

The Board noted the commentary in the agenda.

## **14 Outcome of SmartyGrants review**

The Board noted the commentary in the agenda.

## **15 Update on Town Signage**

The Board noted the commentary in the agenda. Adding the word 'Pā' was essential: Ratana alone referred to a person. The Board accepted the use of a macron rather than double vowels.

**Resolved minute number****19/RCB/010****File Ref****4-EN-12**

That the Ratana Community Board approves the revised town signage as shown in the agenda for the Board's 11 June 2019 meeting with 'Ratana Pa' and no local logo be approved memorandum 'Youth Update – May 2019' to the Rātana Community Board 11 June 2019 be received.

Cr Peke-Mason/Ms Thompson. Carried



## **16 Other matters raised at previous meeting**

There were no other matters raised at the previous meeting.

## **17 Cemetery register alignment**

The Board noted the commentary in the agenda: Council's records show two new burials, HUIA Te Aroha, row 13, plot 292, on 13 April 2019 and WERETA Tumanako, row 13, plot 286, on 18 April 2019.

Note: Row 13 has the numbers stamped into the concrete berm. It doesn't coincide with our current GIS mapping system.

This has been confirmed.

## **18 Youth Update - May 2019**

The memorandum was taken as read. His Worship the Mayor praised the work done by Nardia Gower and Tracey Hiroa.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>19/RCB/011</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>4-EN-12</b>
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That the memorandum 'Youth Update – June 2019' to the Rātana Community Board 11 June 2019 be received.

Cr Peke-Mason/Mr Mete. Carried

## **19 Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the ward**

The extract was taken as read.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>19/RCB/012</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>3-CB-1-1</b>
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That the extract 'Current Infrastructure Projects/Updates and other Council Activities within the Rātana Ward' dated March - April 2019 to the 11 June 2019 Rātana Community Board be received.

Mr Mete/Mr Tataurangi. Carried

## **20 Late Items**

### **Memorandum of Understanding**

The Communal Board of Trustees was keen to have a formal document clarifying the Council's involvement in the community housing flats, the fire station/gym and the playground. The next site would be a meeting by the nominated representatives with Council staff.

The Community Board wished to be recorded in the MoU as an associate.

### **Dudding Trust**

His Worship the Mayor noted the possibility to seek funding from the Trust for the playground.

### **Elections**

His Worship the Mayor noted that nominations would open on 19 July. At least four nominations for the Community Board were needed to avoid a by-election.

## **21 Future Items for the Agenda**

Progress with the Memorandum of Understanding

## **22 Next meeting**

13 August 2019, 6.30 pm

## **23 Whakamoemiti/Meeting Closed**

Mr Tataurangi provided the Whakamoemiti.

7.55 pm

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

**Date:**

Unconfirmed



# Rangitikei District Council

## Santoft Domain Management Committee Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday 12 June 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

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**Present:**

Ms Heather Thorby  
Mr Martin Elkins  
Ms Julie McCormick  
Ms Sandy McCuan  
Mr Murray Spring  
Ms Paulette Elkins  
Cr Jane Dunn

**In attendance:** Mr Lorina Spring, Parks and Reserves Team Leader

## 1 Welcome

Ms Thorby welcomed everyone to the meeting

## 2 Apologies

That the apologies of Derrick Storey, Dawn Storey, Karen Smyth, Gary Bennett, Cr Graeme Platt be received.

Ms H Thorby/Ms S McCuan. Carried

## 3 Members' conflict of interest

There were no conflicts of interest received.

## 4 Confirmation of order of business

Other Matters (Item 13) - Te Araroa Trail.

## 5 Confirmation of Minutes

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>19/SDMC/012</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>3-CT-18-3</b>
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That the Minutes of the Santoft Domain Management Committee meeting held on 15 May 2019 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Ms J McCormick/Mr M Elkins. Carried

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>19/SDMC/013</b>	<b>File Ref</b>
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That the Secretary hold a copy of any emails, correspondence etc.

Ms H Thorby/Ms S McCuan. Carried

## 6 Chair's report

The Chair provided the following update:

- The fencing is finished for planting and we saved \$2,600.00 by reusing materials. Cost of the fencing is \$2,122.00.
- The Domain Committee will send Athol Sanson a card as thanks for all his efforts to us and the Domain.
- The final spray of the lupin is done. Thanks to Heather and Murray for getting this done.

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

That the total of \$622.06 be reimbursed to H Thorby for fencing materials.

Ms H Thorby /Cr J Dunn. Carried

## **7 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee**

There were no recommendations made to Council at the previous meeting.

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

Where is the invoice to Conrad Wong of Rustic Supplies for the sale of the firewood of \$1,000.00?

Where does it show interest into the Domain account as in the minutes of 30 May 2018 – Point 6 Interest Rates 4.5%?

## **9 Financial Extract**

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

That the 'Financial Extract' to the 12 June Santoft Domain Management Committee be received.

Cr J Dunn/Ms H Thorby. Carried

## **10 Signage and restoration of Coulter memorial and entrance**

Cr J Dunn was asked to investigate a sign for the gateway of the Domain, if it will cost us anything, and how long it will take to be done etc. Needs to state Closed to Public, Under Development.

## **11 Power and water at the Domain**

A site meeting was held with Alan Sutherland digger driver, Murray, Gary, Julie and Heather to discuss a site for the well.

An area was chosen, and Alan recommended nonporous liners and said that the job had to be done in the summer. Andrew Morriss has offered to come and give us some advice on moving the tanks

## **12 Further planting of road boundary**

Dates and times need to be set for planting. This will be a Sunday afternoon approx. the end of June when the trees are available. An email will be sent to confirm this. Will be planting

around old roots so it will be hard work. The flowering gums will be planted in September when there is no chance of frost.

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

That Ms Thorby organise three bags of sheep pellets.

Mr M Elkins/Ms P Elkins. Carried

### **13 Outcome of SmartyGrants review**

The Committee noted the commentary in the Agenda.

### **14 Other matters**

There can be no more spraying until Spring.

We need to remove the big lumps of wood from the old lupin stumps.

Cr Dunn's Newsletter

- Need to remove the word interim.
- The site visit was 7th April 2018.
- Put this into the Bulls Bulletin.
- Jane to send reminder email about the newsletter and ask people to bring their suggestions to the next meeting. If not able to attend then email them to the secretary.

Te Araroa Trail: It was suggested that it would be better for Brian Doughty to contact Ernslaw One directly to find out which areas of the forest have been harvested and could be used by the walkers.

### **15 Next meeting**

Wednesday 10 July 2019, 7:00pm, Supper Room, Bulls Town Hall.

### **16 Meeting Closed**

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

Date:





# Rangitikei District Council

## Audit and Risk Committee Meeting

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**Present:** Mr Craig O'Connell (Chair)  
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson  
Cr Nigel Belsham  
Cr Dave Wilson  
Cr Angus Gordon

**In attendance:** Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive  
Mr Chris Webby, Audit New Zealand  
Ms Jo Devine, Group Manager, Finance & Business Support  
Mr Arno Benadie, Principal Advisor – Infrastructure  
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager  
Mr Hamish Waugh, Infrastructure Group Management  
Mr Ashley Dahl, Financial Services Team Leader  
Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator

**Tabled Documents**      **Item 15**      Strategic risks for Rangitikei District Council

## **1 Welcome**

The meeting opened at 9.10 am. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Cr Wilson arrived 9.12 am

## **2 Council prayer**

The Chair read the Council Prayer.

## **3 Public Forum**

Nil

## **4 Apologies**

The apology for lateness of Cr Gordon was received.

## **5 Members' conflict of interest**

The Chair reminded members of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on the agenda.

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

## **6 Confirmation of order of business**

There were no late items.

## **7 Confirmation of minutes**

**Resolved minute number**

**19/ARK/005**

**File Ref**

**3-CT-17-2**

That the Minutes of the Audit/Risk Committee meeting held on 28 February 2019 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

His Worship The Mayor / Cr Nigel Belsham. Carried

## **8 Chair's report**

There was no report to provide.

## **9 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee**

There were no recommendations.

## 10 Questions put at previous meeting for advice or action

There were no questions raised at the meeting to be addressed.

## 11 Work Programme matrix – progress update

The Committee members discussed:

- 3 Waters – Council will continue being proactive in the region, not just waiting on the Government. A group of Councils are working with GHD, there is a need for an independent regulatory body.
- Taihape Area School – A decision has been made to demolish the school due to ongoing financial costs for repairs.

The Committee also spoke about the need to request a discussion with the Ministry of Education around the new build for Taihape Area School, and whether the build will be like for like. Council was interested to know if there is potential for the build would include a large gym or hall and, if so, what that means for the need of upgrading Memorial Park's public facilities.

**Resolved minute number**

**19/ARK/007**

**File Ref**

**3-CT-17-5**

That the 'Work programme matrix – progress update' to the Audit/Risk Committee meeting 27 June 2019 be received.

His Worship The Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

Cr Gordon arrived 9.28 am

## 12 Actions to reduce risk- half-year update, 31 May 2019

The schedule together with the risk matrix were taken as read.

Mr Hodder spoke to the schedule advising that the overall assessment of risk has not changed.

Mr McNeil provided an update around the Bulls Waste Water Scheme advising that Council had reached an agreement with Ngai Wairiki Ngati Apa for long-term access or purchase of commercial land to discharge wastewater.

The Committee discussed that they are happy for Te Roopu Ahi Kaa to initiate any MoUs required; they are useful in keeping mutual intentions clear. His Worship the Mayor advised that there is a new draft MoU with Te Poho o Tuariki.

Responding to a question, Mr McNeil reiterated that Council response timeframes for noise complaints are prompt and this has previously been followed up. They are aware it does not reflect this in reporting, however it is the timeframes between the response from the contractor and when the data is input into the system.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/ARK/008**                      **File Ref**                      **5-PY1-3**

That the updated schedule of 'Actions to reduce risk, 31 May 2019', to the Audit/Risk Committee meeting 27 June 2019 be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Wilson. Carried

### **13 Internal Audit programme – progress**

Ms Devine provided an update, noting that a meeting had been scheduled with Cotton Kelly for the 2019/20 Internal Audit Programme. Mr McNeil noted that other MW LASS councils had a positive reaction to Cotton Kelly's engagement.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/ARK/009**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-2-6**

That the update 'Internal Audit programme – progress' to the Audit/Risk Committee meeting 27 June 2019 be received.

Cr Belsham / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

### **14 Plan for 2018/2019 audit (and results of interim audit)**

The Audit Plan was taken as read. Mr Webby noted a few issues arising from the interim audit:

- Valuation date was shifting from 30 June 2019, to 1 July 2019, i.e. moving forward one day.
- Cost of compliance is higher for smaller councils, estimated cost of each revaluation is \$20-\$30,000.
- Discussions on the extent of change in the roading valuation.
- Potential risk around creditors and payment of false invoices. Audit is suggesting a policy change so that there is a verification process with suppliers. Scammers are becoming more sophisticated.

**Undertaking**                      **Subject**

Ms Devine to come back to the Audit/Risk Committee with costs of revaluation.

**Undertaking**                      **Subject**

Ms Devine to check current verification processes for suppliers.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/ARK/010**                      **File Ref**

That the 'Audit Plan Rangitikei District Council for the year ending 30 June 2019' to the Audit/Risk Committee meeting 27 June 2019 be received.

Cr Belsham / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

## **15 Strategic Risks – Further consideration**

Mr Hodder spoke to the tabled report.

In discussion, the Committee identified the need for Council (along with the Chair) to take part in a workshop where all members can have an opportunity to understand strategic risks. It would be a live document that can be updated regularly. It was agreed that this document could be used in the induction process for incoming Council.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/ARK/011**                      **File Ref**

That the discussion draft 'Strategic risks for the Rangitikei District Council' be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Wilson. Carried

## **16 Late items**

None

## **17 Future items for the agenda**

Strategic Risks for Rangitikei District Council

## **18 Next meeting**

29 August 2019, 9.00 am

## **19 Meeting closed**

10.19 am.

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

**Date:**



# Rangitikei District Council

## Finance and Performance Committee Meeting

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**Present:** Cr Nigel Belsham (Chair)  
Cr Lynne Sheridan  
Cr Cath Ash  
Cr Graeme Platt  
Cr Ruth Rainey  
Cr David Wilson  
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

**In attendance:** Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive  
Ms Jo Devine, Group Manager – Finance & Business Support  
Mr Arno Benadie, Principal Advisor – Infrastructure  
Mr Blair Jamieson, Strategy and Community Planning Manager  
Ms Gioia Damosso, Economic Development  
Ms Bonnie Clayton Governance Administrator

**Tabled Documents**

<b>Item 7</b>	Chairs report
<b>Item 10</b>	Bulls Community Centre - Costs to 31 May 2019
<b>Item 11</b>	Economic Snap Shot 2018-2019



## 1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at 10.33am.

## 2 Council Prayer

Nil

## 3 Public forum

Nil

## 4 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for Cr McManaway be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Rainey. Carried

## 5 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.

There were no conflicts declared.

## 6 Confirmation of order of business

The order of business was confirmed.

There were no late items.

## 7 Minutes of Previous Meeting

**Resolved minute number**

**19/FPE/032**

**File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Finance/Performance Committee meeting held on 30 May 2019 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Wilson / Cr Ash. Carried

## 8 Chair's Report

The Chair took his tabled report as read.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/FPE/033**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CT-14-1**

That the 'Chair's Report' to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 27 June 2019 be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Ash. Carried

## **9 Progress with strategic issues**

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

His Worship the Mayor updated the Committee that with the signing of Ngati Rangi settlement coming up, Rangitikei District Council has reiterated its interest in resolving landlocked Maori land. He was waiting for a response from the Crown.

## **10 Financial Highlights and Commentary – May 2019**

The memorandum was taken as read.

The Committee discussed the Activity Performance Report and noted a zero rates revenue from Community Housing.

**Undertaking**                      **Subject**

Ms Devine to reissue page 8 of 25 of the Activity Performance Report.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/FPE/034**                      **File Ref**                      **5-FR-4-1**

That the memorandum 'Financial Highlights and Commentary – May 2019' to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting 27 June 2019 be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Wilson. Carried

## **11 Question raised at previous meeting**

Rates rebate policy

The fact sheet was taken as read.

Vehicle Policy

A revised policy on replacing council vehicles is being developed.

Disaster Relief Funds

The only reserve fund council currently maintains is the flood damage reserve.

Costs to date for the new Bulls Community Centre

The tabled report was taken as read.

The Committee noted that the report is a snapshot from the 2018/19 year. A larger report will come post 30 June 2019 which will reflect the entire process (i.e. budget and estimated costs).

## 12 Economic Development Project and Activity Report May/June 2019

The report was taken as read. Ms Damosso spoke to the report:

- Business – Visited Te Pae Tata in Ohakune a learning / digital / innovation / business hub for Ruapehu. The visit was to look at how a similar model a centralised business network would work in the Rangitikei. The Provincial Growth Fund has offered \$400,000 to 3 regions to fund their Digital / Business Centres, Rangitikei will be applying for this funding and will also link with Iwi.
- Hemp Info Day – Hemp Info Day is to be held on the 30 July 2019 from 2pm – 5pm, with three speakers confirmed. There is a lot of interest from the public. The day is open to all who may have an interest in the future of hemp.
- Whanganui - Rangitikei Skills and Talent – The tertiary and industry lead initiative has had its first meeting. These are every 6 weeks, with Rangitikei representatives Speirs, Gallaghers and Alf Downs have been asked to attend the second meeting scheduled for 28 July at Te Poho Tuariki.
- Promotion - The filming at Rakatepauma Marae has been completed, this was the final section needed to complete the film. The first edit is a work in progress and we will be working alongside the Communications team once it is finalised.

**Resolved minute number**

**19/FPE/035**

**File Ref**

**4-ED-1-NGHS**

That the 'Economic Development Project and Activity Report May/June 2019' to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting 27 June 2019 be received.

Cr Rainey / Cr Ash. Carried

His Worship the Mayor left 11.41 am – 11.42 am.

## 13 Late Items

As agreed at item 6.

## 14 Future Items for the Agenda

Grant funding and utilisation of the website\*

Rural Water\*<sup>i</sup>

## **15 Next Meeting**

25 July 2019, 9.30 am.

## **16 Meeting Closed**

11.45 am

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

**Date:**  
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<sup>i</sup> \* First raised 30 May 2019

# Rangitikei District Council



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**Present:** Heather Thorby (Chair)  
Julie McCormick  
Sandy McCuan  
Paulette Elkins  
Murray Spring  
Derrick Storey  
Dawn Storey  
Cr Graeme Platt

**In attendance:** Mr George Forster

## 1 Welcome

Ms Thorby welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2 Apologies

That the apologies of Lorina Spring, Gary Bennett, Karen Smyth and Cr Jane Dunn be received.

P Elkins/D Storey. Carried

## 3 Members' conflict of interest

There were no conflicts declared.

## 4 Confirmation of order of business

The order of business was confirmed.

There was no scheduled change to the order of business and no late items identified.

## 5 Confirmation of Minutes

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

That the Minutes of the Santoft Domain Management Committee meeting held on 12 June 2019 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

H Thorby/D Storey. Carried

## 6 Chair's report

Ms Thorby provided a verbal update, reporting a great turnout at the first planting afternoon. Half the banksias were planted with the other half to be done on the second planting day which is will be held on 14 July 2019. When purchasing the sheep pellets, she was able to get twice the amount as an extra three bags were donated to the Santoft Domain Management Committee.

Ms Thorby has spoken to John Turkington and, although he hasn't yet got the land title through, he is happy for contractors to go in and view the tanks to quote for removal.

## **7 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee**

There were no recommendations made to Council at the previous meeting.

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

The following questions were asked in the previous meeting 12 June 2019:

- Where is the invoice to Conrad Wong of Rustic Supplies for the sale of the firewood of \$1000.00?
- Where does it show interest into the Domain account as in the minutes of 30 May 2018 – Point 6 Interest Rates 4.5%?

These are to be answered at the next meeting.

## **9 Signage for gateway of the Domain**

The Committee discussed the sample of the proposed signage. A decision will be made once further information is received by the Committee.

**Resolved minute number** 19/SDMC/018 **File Ref**

That the 'sample of the proposed signage' to the 10 July 2019 meeting of the Santoft Domain Management Committee be received.

S McCuan/P Elkins. Carried

## **10 Restoration of Coulter memorial**

**Resolved minute number** 19/SDMC/019 **File Ref**

That the restoration of the Coulter Memorial at the Santoft Domain is part of the landscaping, to be discussed at a later date when the Santoft Domain Management Committee is ready to do landscaping.

H Thorby/M Spring. Carried

## **11 Power and water at the Domain**

The Committee discussed that the water tanks cannot be moved offsite until John Turkington has the land title. In the meantime Mr Turkington is happy for the Committee to organize quotes for the removal of the water tanks.

**Undertaking** **Subject**

Ms Thorby is to arrange two quotes for the removal of the water tanks for relocation on the Santoft Domain.

## 12 Further planting of road boundary

### Undertaking                      Subject

Ms McCormick is to send an email to the Committee about the planting afternoon on Sunday 14 July at 1pm.

### Resolved minute number      19/SDMC/020      File Ref

That the Santoft Domain Management Committee purchase three Damson plum trees at \$35.00 each from Edible Gardens to plant in a small area not suited to banksias or gums.

H Thorby/P Elkins. Carried

## 13 Other matters

### Resolved minute number      19/SDMC/021      File Ref

Derrick and Dawn Storey tendered their letter of resignation from the Committee. With sadness the Committee accepted their resignation and will invite them to the official opening.

H Thorby/S McCuan. Carried

## 14 Next meeting

11 September 2019, 7.00 pm

## 15 Meeting Closed

7.40 pm

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

Date:





# Rangitikei District Council

## Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 11 July 2019 – 9:30 a.m.

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**Present:** Cr David Wilson (Chair)  
Cr Ruth Rainey  
Cr Cath Ash  
Cr Nigel Belsham  
Cr Jane Dunn  
Cr Lynne Sheridan  
Cr Dean McManaway  
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

**In attendance:** Mr Arno Benadie, Principal Advisor – Infrastructure  
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager  
Mr Blair Jamieson, Strategy and Community Planning Manager  
Mr Graeme Pointon, Strategic Property Advisor  
Ms Gaylene Prince, Community & Leisure Assets Team Leader  
Ms Nardia Gower, Strategic Advisor - Youth  
Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator

<b>Tabled Documents</b>	<b>Item 7</b>	Chair's Report
	<b>Item 13</b>	Preliminary results from the 2019 resident's survey

## 1 Welcome

The meeting started at 9.34 am. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2 Council Prayer

Cr McManaway read the Council Prayer

## 3 Public Forum

Lucy Skou, Marton Development Group, updated the Committee on the latest design (from Boffa Miskell) for the Marton Memorial Hall playground. The Group asked for consideration of a small extension into an area currently grassed. While the immediate focus was on the playground area, Boffa Miskell has provided a concept to show how Marton as a 'Destination Play Town' could be achieved.

## 4 Apologies/leave of Absence

That the apology for the absence of Cr Richard Aslett, Cr Angus Gordon and Ms Coral Raukawa-Manuel be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Rainey. Carried.

## 5 Members' conflict of interest

There were no declared conflicts of interest.

## 6 Confirmation of order of business

The order of business was confirmed.

There was no scheduled change to the order of business and no late items identified.

## 7 Confirmation of minutes

**Resolved minute number**

**19/AIN/033**

**File Ref**

**3-CT-13-2**

That the Minutes of the 'Assets/Infrastructure Committee' meeting held on 13 June 2019 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Rainey / Cr Belsham. Carried.

## 8 Chair's Report

The Chair took his tabled report as read.

**Resolved minute number****19/AIN/034****File Ref****3-CT-13-4**

That the 'Chair's Report' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 11 July 2019 be received.

Cr Wilson / Cr McManaway. Carried.

## 9 Progress with Strategic Issues

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

His Worship the Mayor queried the movement in engagement with McCarthy Transport and the control over logging vehicles to give an idea of what our roads deal with daily.

**Undertaking****Subject**

His Worship the Mayor and Mr Benadie to re-engage with McCarthy Transport to facilitate the roading team to view local roads from a trucking perspective.

## 10 Infrastructure Protection Update to 30 June 2019

The memorandum was taken as read. Mr Pointon provided an update:

- Ratana Water Bore – Regular discussions
- Bulls Water Reservoir Access – An agreement has been met with the land owner.
- Hunterville Water Treatment Infrastructure – Still pending landowner's response. A formal meeting is to be had with a due date of the end of August.

The Committee asked whether Council should lease / buy a small digger to get small jobs around the District done quickly, as it appears these jobs are not being done – risks of pipe damage, maintenance of tracks etc. The Committee was aware that there were health and safety issues to be considered.

His Worship the Mayor updated the Committee that the remit – Local Government Act 2002 Rangitikei District Council projected has been passed at the LGNZ Annual General Meeting.

**Undertaking****Subject**

Mr Benadie and Mr Pointon to liaise with the landowner in Hunterville for access to the reservoir.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/AIN/035**                      **File Ref**                      **6-CF-4**

That staff, investigate the potential availability of appropriate equipment required to progress small assets projects.

Cr Belsham / Cr McManaway. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/AIN/036**                      **File Ref**                      **6-CF-4**

That the memorandum 'Infrastructure Protection Update to 30 June 2019' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 11 July 2019 be received.

Cr Wilson / Cr Ash. Carried.

## 11 Update on Marton Water Strategy

The report was taken as read. Mr Benadie provided the following highlights:

- There have at least 32 reports produced over the past 80 years covering different aspects of the Marton Water Supply.
- There is budget for the Marton Water Strategy in the Long Term Plan.
- The Calico Line and Tutaenui Road bores collectively have the ability to supply 5,700 m<sup>3</sup> per day.
- He had been told the Tutaenui Road bore is too difficult to treat previously, however the reports do not reflect this, rather that it is hard water with low manganese and iron.

In response to a question whether B and C Dams could be used, Mr Benadie explained that the biggest challenge in the B and C Dams is the water quality changes. In future we could look into potential recreational use of the dams to generate income.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/AIN/037**                      **File Ref**                      **6-WS-3-6**

That the report on the 'Update on Marton Water Strategy' to the 11 July 2019 Assets/Infrastructure Committee be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Dunn. Carried.

**Resolved minute number****19/AIN/038****File Ref****6-WS-3-6**

That the Committee note the intention to:

- a. identify/Assess the costs to deliver the Calico Line bore water to the WTP site for treatment and storage; and,
- b. engage the services of water treatment process engineers to advise on the complexity and costs of treating the Calico Line, Tutaenui Road and Totara Street bore water sources to national drinking water standards.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried.

## 12 Marton Stormwater Drainage Maintenance

The memorandum was taken as read.

Mr Benadie updated the Committee that a maintenance programme for the stormwater drainage systems has been developed, with regular schedules for specific actions. There will be marking of drains to identify whether Council or Horizons are specifically responsible for each drain.

The Committee discussed the potential run off from sprays into the waterways, and queried what type of spray Council use.

**Undertaking****Subject**

Mr Benadie to review the current spray used by Council and will research whether there is a more environmental friendly spray that can replace the current spray.

**Resolved minute number****19/AIN/039****File Ref****6-SW-1-4**

That the 'Marton Stormwater Drainage Maintenance' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 11 July 2019 be received.

Cr Wilson / Cr Sheridan. Carried.

## 13 Preliminary results from the 2019 residents' survey

The report was taken as read. Mr Jamieson spoke to the report:

- Preliminary results provided to the committee with 281 submissions from the district.
- A full detailed report will be provided at the next Committee meeting.

Cr Wilson / Cr Rainey. Carried.

## 14 Infrastructure Group project and activity report

Mr Benadie took the report as read. The following updates were provided:

- Wellington Road Rail Bridge – Higgins has made contact with KiwiRail who have confirmed that they are to undertake repairs on the Bridge.
- B and C Dams – Consultants have checked the spillway at the Dams and have advised that work is required immediately. In the meantime concrete will be placed into the spillway and in summer engineers will come up with a more permanent solution. A report is to come; however have met with Horizons and a sediment management plan has been done.
- A consent application is due with Horizons in November 2019 for the phased approach for achieving discharge to land for Marton and Bulls wastewater.
- Bonny Glen Community Trust – A meeting will be held on 24 July at 5.30pm in Council Chambers for the new trustees.
- Rural Water Scheme:
  - Hunterville – A variation of consent has been submitted, and Iwi have signed. Pending outcome from Horizons.
  - Taihape – More complex due to the volume change and illegal discharges. We continue to sample and are yet to determine whether a variation of the current consent or a new consent is required.
  - Marton/Bulls – Pipe work is due to start.
  - Ratana – Talking with parties to find suitable land.

His Worship the Mayor advised a public meeting will be held on 5 August 2019 in regards to the retention or demolition of the Mangaweka Bridge. Notification to be circulated to public and Council.

### Undertaking

### Subject

Mr Benadie to confirm whether Otara Road Bridge has been completed, as the report information is contradictory.

### Undertaking

### Subject

Mr Benadie to follow up on the information reflected in the group activity reports, as the information differs from the specific reports.

**Resolved minute number**

**19/AIN/040**

**File Ref**

**5-EX-3-4**

That the 'Infrastructure Group project and activity report' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 11 July 2019 be received.

Cr Wilson / Cr Sheridan. Carried.

## 15 Community and Leisure Services project and activity report

The report was taken as read. Ms Prince provided an update:

- The Council's regulatory team has declined the redesigned toilet block at the Follett Street corner of Marton Park as not complying with the district plan.
- The funding application for a long term toilet facility at Centennial Park has been declined, an alternate funding solution will be required to place a suitable toilet on site.

The Committee discussed alternative solutions for the Marton Park toilet block, it was agreed that Mr Hodder will follow this up.

<b>Undertaking</b>	<b>Subject</b>
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Mr Hodder to check alternate solution for the Marton toilet block design.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>19/AIN/041</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>5-EX-3-4</b>
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That the 'Community and Leisure Services project and activity report' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 11 July 2019 be received.

Cr Rainey / Cr Dunn. Carried.

<b>Undertaking</b>	<b>Subject</b>
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Action on the open drain in Marton Park to be progressed.

Cr Ash departed 11.37 am – 11.39 am.

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

Kiwi Rail response to question about new sound coming from Wellington Road rail bridge

This was actioned in Item 14.

## 17 Late items

As agreed in Item 6.

## 18 Future items for agenda

- Marton B & C Dams – start to finish process (with timeframes) for opening to the public.



## **19 Next meeting**

The Chair reiterated that questions to be sent to Mr Benadie on the Monday prior to meetings to ensure these are answered accurately.

8 August 2019 at 9.30am

## **20 Meeting closed**

11.52 am

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

**Date:**

Unconfirmed



# Rangitikei District Council

## Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 11 July 2019 – 1:00 p.m.

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

**Also Present:** Cr Dave Wilson

**In attendance:** Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager  
Mr Blair Jamieson, Strategy and Community Planning Manager  
Mr Arno Benadie, Principal Advisor – Infrastructure  
Ms Carol Gordon, Customer Services and Communications Team Leader  
Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor  
Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator

**Also in attendance:** Mr Tony Thomas

<b>Tabled Documents</b>	<b>Item 7</b>	Chair's Report
	<b>Item 13</b>	Preliminary results from the 2019 residents survey
	<b>Item 15</b>	Proposed icon/symbol for Marton township signage

## 1 Welcome

The meeting started at 1.05 pm. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2 Public Forum

Nil

## 3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

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

## 4 Members' conflict of interest

There were no declared conflicts of interest.

## 5 Confirmation of order of business

The order of business was confirmed other than Item 12 was moved between Item 9 and Item 10. There were no late items.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>19/PPL/057</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>3-CT-15-2</b>
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That the Minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 13 June 2019 (without amendments) be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham / Cr Ash. Carried

## 7 Chair's Report

The tabled report was taken as read.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>19/PPL/058</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>3-CT-15-1</b>
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That the 'Chair's Report' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 11 July 2019 be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Sheridan. Carried

## 8 Progress with strategic issues – Update

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

His Worship the Mayor, advised the Committee that he will be attending a meeting with the Minister of Building and Construction, Jenny Salesa on Sunday 14 July 2019 about the Government's review of earthquake strengthening requirements.

## 9 Update on Communication Strategy

The report was taken as read.

Ms Gordon updated the Committee with the following highlights:

- There has been a lot of media coverage around Athol Sanson and the Parks and Reserves team.
- Ms Gordon (together with many representatives from other councils) attended the Dark Sky Forum in June hosted by Mackenzie District Council. The Mackenzie District Council is promoting astro-tourism, which has increased the visitor numbers to that region. Several other districts are following suit by making changes with street lights and are thinking outside the square to maximise use of natural light.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>19/PPL/059</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>3-CT-15-1</b>
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That the 'Update on Communications Strategy' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 11 July 2019 be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Ash. Carried

## 12 Update on the State of the Environment report

The memorandum was taken as read.

The Committee discussed whether there would be restrictions on the usage of bird scaring devices along with processes on how to apply restrictions and how to operate a device. It was agreed this would be discussed in future as part of the report.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>19/PPL/060</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>1-PL-1-2</b>
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That the 'Update on the State of the Environment report (June 2019)' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 11 July 2019 be received.

His Worship The Mayor / Cr Ash. Carried

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>19/PPL/061</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>1-PL-1-2</b>
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That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that the following recommendations in the State of the Environment Report (June 2019) are progressed through the current District Plan Change:

- a) amend the objectives and policies to provide scope for a wider range of subdivisions in the rural zone where the site does not have highly versatile soils or has a mix of highly versatile with other soil types;
- b) amend the rule on dwelling density in the rural zone to allow for more than two dwellings on rural properties in defined circumstances;
- c) remove indicative flood areas leaving modelled flood areas as being the sole reference for such matters; and
- d) align papakainga housing provisions to more closely resemble those adopted by the Hastings District Council.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>19/PPL/062</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>1-PL-1-2</b>
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That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that the following recommendations in the State of the Environment Report (June 2019) are progressed through the next review of the District Plan:

- a) adopt a procedures manual which would
    - (i) confirm the location and nature of additional material referred to at both territorial authority and regional council level,
    - (ii) guidelines on how to apply the definitions of Natural Hazard Areas 1 and 2;
  - b) review rules on dwelling proximity to allow more discretion to Council;
  - c) review rules for subdivision in the residential zone;
  - d) prohibit successive extensions over time to habitable dwellings in the Taihape West Slip Zone (so that the cumulative area does not exceed 40m<sup>2</sup>); and
  - e) review a specific noise standard for bird scaring devices and wind machines;
- together with the review of district lighting standards with respect to light pollution.

Cr Belsham / Cr Dunn. Carried

## 10 Legislation and Governance Update – July 2019

The report was taken as read. Mr Hodder and His Worship the Mayor spoke to the report:

- Ngati Rangi Claims Settlement Bill - 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading is on 25 July. His Worship the Mayor will be in attendance.

- Health (Drinking Water) Amendment Bill – There are three absolutes from Parliament in regards to water: Mana of the River – to be a constant flow, human health and industrial / horticulture / agriculture.
- Productivity Commission – Close consideration will be given by the sector to the draft report on local government funding and financing. There are linkages to the Government's thinking about the future management of the three waters.
- Building Amendment Act – this gives local councils more power after earth quakes.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/PPL/063**                      **File Ref**                      **3-OR-3-5**

That the 'Legislation and Governance Update - July 2019' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 11 July 2019 be received.

Cr Dunn / Cr Sheridan. Carried

## **11 Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill**

A draft submission is attached.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/PPL/064**                      **File Ref**                      **3-OR-3-7**

That the draft Council submission to the 'Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 11 July 2019 be received.

Cr Gordon / His Worship The Mayor. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/PPL/065**                      **File Ref**                      **3-OR-3-7**

That the Policy/Planning Committee, under delegation authority, approve His Worship the Mayor signing, on behalf of the Council the submission as amended to the Parliamentary Environment Committee on the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill.

Cr Gordon / Cr Belsham. Carried

## **13 Preliminary results from the 2019 residents' survey**

The tabled report was taken as read. Mr Jamieson briefly discussed the preliminary results:

- There were 281 Submissions in the 2019 resident's survey.
- An area of focus is the fixit form.
- The results have been passed onto managers for their specific area and consideration.
- A full detailed report will be provided at the next meeting.

## 14 Public Art in Marton

Cr Ash provided an update in regards to Public Art in Marton. She has had meetings to look at opportunities for public art as a starter in Marton; however public art district wide would be fantastic. They looked at the skate park and have had beginner discussions with an artist who is in Marton for a few months. Cr Ash would like to see mapping of where art can be placed or done in Marton.

## 15 Proposed icon/symbol for Marton township signage

The tabled report was taken as read.

The Committee discussed the three designs provided - Barley, Harvest theme and the Kowhai. The consensus was that the harvest theme is most suitable for the Marton Township. This is to be taken back to the Marton Community Committee before the image is rendered.

Cr Dunn left 3.06 pm – 3.08 pm.

## 16 Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report – June 2019

The report was taken as read. Mr Jamieson provided an update to the Committee:

The TRYB (The Rangitikei Youth Body) website is two weeks off being completed. The website is a youth focused website which will include Youth Council, Councillors, events, part-time employment opportunities, apprenticeships, and scholarships. Ms Gower is creating a platform to liaise with businesses within the district to ensure the information is up to date and relevant. The website will be user friendly on all devices.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>19/PPL/066</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>1-CO-4-8</b>
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That the report 'Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report – June 2019' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 11 July 2019 be received.

His Worship The Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Cr Dunn departed at 3.17 pm.

## 17 Activity Management

The report was taken as read.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>19/PPL/067</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>5-EX-3-2</b>
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That the report 'Activity Management' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 11 July 2019 be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried



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

None.

## **18 Late items**

As agreed in Item 5.

## **19 Future items for the agenda**

- Policy options around poor state of unoccupied CBD properties
- Jurisdiction Collaboration team
- Environmental compliance and infrastructure maintenance
- Datacom app – Antenna – presentation
- Closed landfills (currently not subject to monitoring)
- MoU framework (August)
- River walk tunnel between Utiku and Mangaweka (August)

## **20 Next meeting**

8 August 2019 at 1.00 pm.

## **21 Meeting closed**

3.21 pm

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_