

## Feedback from Community Consultation

Consultation Period: 23 March – 25 April 2023

### Marton Harvest Festival

10am – 3pm 26 March 2023

Elected Members: HWTM, Cr Lambert, Cr Maughan, Cr Wilson, Cr Dalgety

#### Future of Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre

Option 1 - Fully Restored and EQ Strengthened Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre	1 vote
Option 2 – Earthquake strengthened Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre and Transformation of Taihape Memorial Park Grandstand	0 votes

#### Future of Marton's Civic Centre

Option 1 – Demolish existing buildings and replace with a new purpose built facility	13 votes
Option 2 – Refurbish existing buildings, preserving some heritage futures	14 votes

#### Or Something Else

- Small changes are good but keep rates increase to a minimum
- Knock building down but use materials to make a miniature building to show what Marton looked like
- No rates rises, lower country fees!
- Don't do anything!
- Water upgrade first (3)
- Open Day to show ratepayers what we do
- Status quo – neither option (2)
- Keep the façade as much as possible (2)
- Bridge across to a building from the old façade option. The green is not used very much (see Palmerston North for example).
- One day a week close the street for families.

#### Should we build a new pathway on Calico Line Marton this year?

Option 1 – Build a new basic pathway	4 votes
Option 2 – Wait and apply for funding	0 votes

#### Or Something Else

- Developments somewhat unnecessary, but do and make do also works. However, rates are nearly unaffordable now for pensioners.

## Papanui Junction Community Meeting

6pm Monday 27 March 2023

Eight community members in attendance.

Elected Members: HWTM, Cr Duncan, Cr Hiroa, Cr Wong, TCB Chair Kipling-Arthur

### Key Choice 1 – Taihape

- Majority Option 1– Hall gets used well.

### Key Choice 2 – Marton

- Mixed 50/50

### Key Choice 3 – Pathway

- Option 1 - Build a new basic pathway

### Local Issues

- A range of local roading issues raised related to culverts and slips and re-metalling.
- Key topics – roading, affordability, profitability of farms.

## Bulls Community BBQ

4pm – 6pm Tuesday 28 March 2023

Elected Members: HWTM, Cr Carter, Cr Maughan

### Future of Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre

Option 1 - Fully Restored and EQ Strengthened Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre	8 votes
Option 2 – Earthquake strengthened Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre and Transformation of Taihape Memorial Park Grandstand	0 votes

### Future of Marton’s Civic Centre

Option 1 – Demolish existing buildings and replace with a new purpose built facility	4 votes
Option 2 – Refurbish existing buildings, preserving some heritage futures	3 votes

Or Something Else

- New design looks similar to Te Matapihi, kinda connects places
- Design new but keep in style of town architecture (2)

### Should we build a new pathway on Calico Line Marton this year?

Option 1 – Build a new basic pathway	3 votes
Option 2 – Wait and apply for funding	5 votes

Something Else

- Haylock Park – develop as sports ground (soccer/hockey) /recreation area/park & playground, no roadway on park 6 votes

## Moawhango Community Meeting

6pm Wednesday 29 March 2023

Six community members in attendance.

Elected Members: HWTM, Cr Duncan, Cr Wong, Cr Hiroa, TCB Chair Kipling-Arthur

### Key Choice 1 – Taihape

- Issue – no public toilets in mainstreet
- Option 2 – no foot traffic, parking issues with sports
- Information centre used by travellers on the main street
- Issue with HeritageNZ
- Option 1 x3

### Key Choice 2 – Marton

- Option 2 x3

### Key Choice 3 – Pathway

- Big tick to support
- Dixon Way - pathway

### Other Issues Raised

- Moawhango Valley Road good news story for RFS response.
- Signs and diversion needed on Moawhango Valley Road.

Noted issues with finding out about the meeting (advertising) – with many who only found out the day of the meeting.

## Mataroa Community Meeting

6pm Thursday 30 March 2023

Seven community members in attendance.

Elected Members: HWTM, Cr Wong, Cr Duncan, TCB Chair Kipling Arthur, TCB member Clark

### Key Choice 1 – Taihape

- Main Street important
- Option 1 – 5 votes – general consensus

## Key Choice 2 – Marton

- Leave it to Marton people to decide, the look of the town, similar costs.

## Key Choice 3 – Pathway

- Yes put it in
  - Safety
  - Concrete it

## Local Issues

- RFS – Story of Success

## Tūtaenui Community Meeting

6pm Friday 31 March 2023

Two community members in attendance.

Elected Members: HWTM, Cr Wilson, Cr Dalgety, Cr Lambert

No notes taken due to low attendance.

## Taoroa Community Meeting

5.30pm Monday 3 April 2023

Two community members in attendance.

Elected Members: HWTM, Cr Duncan, Cr Wong.

## Key Choice 1 – Taihape

- Administration has to remain in town.
- Removal of library as no longer needed – not supported by other attendees. Need for very little admin room for staff and we should look to lease space for staff elsewhere. Suggested removing front of Town Hall and put a more modern piece in the front and the hall should stay as but be earthquake strengthened.
- Another community member struggled with Option 2 but was absolutely in support of Option 1.

## Key Choice 2 – Marton

- One attendee in favour of heritage option, another suggested selling site and going elsewhere.

## Key Choice 3 – Pathway

- One community member could see reasoning, while the other was undecided.

## Taihape Women's Club

2 April 2023

20 community members in attendance.

Elected Members: HWTM, Cr Wong, TCB Chair Kipling-Arthur.

### Key Choice 1 – Taihape

- All in support of Option 1.
- Discussion about how we communicate with communities and suggested we use the District Monitor.
- Request to provide community with timeframes for new build.
- Community wants to be involved in the design.

### Key Choice 2 – Marton

- No preference.

### Key Choice 3 – Pathway

- Discussed need for a walkway to Dixon Way.
- A few comments about Nga Tawa School paying for the pathway.

### General comments

- Impact on rates.
- RFS matter raised about Mulveys Corner. It was noted this is part of the state highway network.

## Koitiata Community Meeting

7pm 4 April 2023

17 community members in attendance

Elected Members: HWTM, Cr Carter, Cr Calkin.

No notes are available from this meeting.

## Mangaweka Community Meeting

5.30pm Wednesday 5 April 2023

Eleven community members in attendance.

Elected Members: HWTM, Cr Duncan, Cr Wong, TCB Chair Kipling-Arthur.

### **Key Choice 1 – Taihape**

- Lots of support for Option 1.

- Main Street is important.
- Support Grandstand but not as Council facility.
- Concern of cost of the building.
- Discussion about EQPB regulation.

### **Key Choice 2 – Marton**

- Mixed views.

### **Key Choice 3 – Pathway**

- No clear indication.
- School should help fund.
- Safety important.
- Dixon Way is more dangerous.

### **Other Issues**

- Issues with Ruahine road / bridge – dangerous.
- Same with Upper Kawhatau Valley Road

## **Turakina Community Meeting**

*6.00pm Thursday 6 April 2023*

*Three community members in attendance.*

*Elected Members: HWTM, Cr Carter.*

### **Key Choice 1 – Taihape**

- Enhance existing x2 (Option 1).

### **Key Choice 2 – Marton**

- Heritage x1.
- Heritage at top x1 new build.

### **Key Choice 3 – Pathway**

- Yes x2
- Safety

## **Online Meeting**

*5.30pm Tuesday 11 April 2023*

*Elected Members: HWTM, Deputy Mayor Wilson, Cr Dalgety, Cr Lambert, Cr Maughan, Cr Hiroa, Cr Carter.*

No discussion was held. One question related to the Marton Civic Centre was answered during the session.

## Taihape Community BBQ

*3.30 - 5.30pm Wednesday 12 April 2023*

*Elected Members: HWTM, Cr Duncan, Cr Wong, Cr Hiroa, TCB Chair Kipling Arthur.*

### Future of Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre

Option 1 - Fully Restored and EQ Strengthened Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre	10 votes
Option 2 - Earthquake strengthened Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre and Transformation of Taihape Memorial Park Grandstand	0 votes

### Future of Marton's Civic Centre

Option 1 - Demolish existing buildings and replace with a new purpose built facility	0 votes
Option 2 - Refurbish existing buildings, preserving some heritage futures	1 vote

Or Something Else

### Should we build a new pathway on Calico Line Marton this year?

Option 1 - Build a new basic pathway	1 vote
Option 2 - Wait and apply for funding	0 votes

## Whangaehu Community Meeting

*6pm Thursday 13 April 2023*

*One community member in attendance.*

*Elected Members: HWTM, Cr Calkin, Cr Raukawa.*

No notes taken due to low attendance.

## Marton Community BBQ

*10am - 12pm Saturday 15 April 2023*

Option 1 - Fully Restored and EQ Strengthened Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre	4 votes
Option 2 - Earthquake strengthened Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre and Transformation of Taihape Memorial Park Grandstand	0 votes

## Future of Marton's Civic Centre

Option 1 – Demolish existing buildings and replace with a new purpose built facility 1 votes

Option 2 – Refurbish existing buildings, preserving some heritage futures 8 votes

Or Something Else

- Stay on current site.

## Should we build a new pathway on Calico Line Marton this year?

Option 1 – Build a new basic pathway 7 votes

Option 2 – Wait and apply for funding 1 vote

## Ratana Community Meeting

6.30pm Monday 17 April 2023

Six community members in attendance.

Elected Members: Cr Hiroa, Cr Calkin.

### Key Choice 1 – Taihape

- Will Council fund it all?

### Key Choice 2 – Marton

- Lowest rate impact.
- Little benefit from the rates they pay here.
- Discussion on who pays the rates for the lighting at the new subdivision.
- Lights/streetlights an issue.
- Hard to sell big projects when basic infrastructure isn't working, e.g. streetlights.

### Other issues raised

- Sewer needs to be done.
- Stormwater isn't the best.
- Concern about rates and impact of rising rates.
- Nothing for Ratana apart from wastewater.
- Potholes an issue.

## Hunterville Community Meeting

6pm Monday 17 April 2023

Five community members in attendance.

Elected Members: Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson, Cr Lambert.

- Discussion about spending – if Marton and Taihape are getting big projects then Hunterville wants their share.
- Noted satisfaction with Parks and Reserves.

## Youth Council

*5.30pm Monday 17 April*

*Nine Youth Council members present*

*Elected Members: Cr Duncan, Cr Wong.*

### Key choice 1

- Grandstand is necessary for sporting events and used as a locker room – concern that the new facility by the tennis courts won't be enough if the grandstand is used for a Council facility instead.
- Discussion on the uses of the Town Hall – plays and events – a good community hub
- Young people and adults all like to use the library and go there to hang out – unsure if the grandstand would be suitable.
- All comments were in support of the preferred option – to have the Council services in the Town Hall.

### Key choice 2

- Several comments that Te Matapihi is cool, and a new build could be good.
- Some comment that it doesn't need to be the same as Te Matapihi – each town can have its own identity.
- Comment that preserving the architecture would be nice, as it is attractive and makes Marton different.
- More were in support of a new build over retain, but not unanimous.

## Scott's Ferry Community Meeting

*6.30pm Tuesday 18 April 2023*

*23 community members in attendance.*

*Elected Members: HWTM, Cr Carter, Cr Calkin.*

- Discussion about the proposed pump to be installed.
- Concerns raised about the location and size of the pump at Amon's drain rather than inside the village.
- Questions around the timing of the pump.
- Past experience – flooding when Amon's is shut, need pump in village, pump on Amon's will have little impact on the village.

- Pump is in the wrong place.
- Maintenance of Stormwater pipes
- Blockage in cut in the river, Horizons dealt with it. Council's responsibility to advocate. The Mayor suggested they write to Horizons
- What % of budget is on roading?

## Ohingaiti Community Meeting

6pm Wednesday 19 April 2023

Community members in attendance – not recorded.

Elected Members: HWTM, not recorded.

No notes are available from this meeting.

## Otairi Community Meeting

5.30pm Thursday 20 April 2023

2 community members in attendance.

Elected Members: HWTM.

- State of the roads and request to look at particular sites, including Papanui Bluff.
- Positive comments about the Taihape and Marton projects – noting Council needs to be able to operate.

## Facebook feedback

### Key Choice 1 – Taihape Town Hall/Civic Centre

- Your plan only provides \$1m of the estimated \$2m to strengthen the Memorial Park Grandstand. How do you expect the unfunded balance will be raised?
- Restore, keep it on the main street where it belongs. *Staff responded suggesting author make a formal submission (Jacqueline Richards)*

### Key Choice 2 – Marton Civic Centre

- Is there any indication apart from the 'artists impression' of how much of the historic façade and features of the current buildings could be saved and reused? *Staff responded saying RDC will need to work with HeritageNZ to determine this.*
- Spend spend spend that's all you people do. Spending then asking us to pay more rates to cover stuff we don't need. We NEED our money in our own pockets not refurbishing your backsides at the cost of the people. Get real. Repair what is and do the same with your council offices. If I have to live in a 100 year old house because I can't afford to

upgrade I sure as don't see why you should get a brand new office at my expense. *Staff responded suggesting the author make a formal submission.*

- Considering the amount we already pay in rates before spending money on a new civic centre, we believe Council should provide the necessities first, that is, clean drinking water that is pleasant to drink and kerbside recycling! This is the first place we've lived where we have to source our own clean drinking water and take recycling to the recycling centre ourselves. *Staff responded suggesting the author make a formal submission.*
- Exactly what is wrong and needs refurbishing with the current buildings that the council now use? I do however agree that the heritage buildings on the main street need work doing to them. But also accept that, that money needs to come from our rates, which in the current economic environment will increase pressure on many households. At the end of the day will the council listen to us, probably not.
- How about a NO! It's a good building and as ratepayers we just can't afford it. *Staff responded suggesting the author make a formal submission.*
- What about some accurate costings on these options because when said and done this is ratepayer money footing the bill
- Over \$30m for either option, was the figure at the last council meeting. So expect that \$30m to be blown out.
- Fix the water first.
- In these times of hardship for many a crazy idea. Stick with what you have as I believe things are going to be tougher towards the end of the year. *Staff responded suggesting the author make a formal submission.*
- If the plan for demolishing and rebuilding includes library, Council offices, community spaces etc where will the parking area be?
- How can we lose our heritage? Come on! *Staff responded suggesting the author make a formal submission.*
- What will happen to the empty Library and Council buildings when you move?
- There are more options than that including rebuilding on the current site or doing nothing? Where are these in the key choices?

### Key Choice 3 - Active Mobility Pathway

- Nga Tawa school should be responsible for their students safety. A school shuttle should be available not the ratepayers. Some councillors should declare their interest and not support the school over their duty to the ratepayers who elected them. *Staff suggested the author make a formal submission*
- Same Labour policy - ratepayers subsidise elites.
- Nga Tawa could/should provide for the safety of their students with the fees they charge. What about the safety of my children going to Bulls school who have no

- footpath down our street that is 200m from the school and a major turning around point for lots of cars at school time. *Staff suggested the author make a formal submission*
- While it will give safety to the student a lot of people walk and run that piece of road so it will be well used. *Staff suggested the author make a formal submission*
  - Fix the water first and the potholes, what about the pothole by New World pedestrian crossing getting worse.
  - How much can the school provide towards keeping their children safe? Running a shuttle would be far cheaper one would say, until funding can be raised. RDC answer to every mistake they've made is more debt to the ratepayer. This attitude that we are available to fund anything and everything now on a whim when there's been years of inaction, instead of saving up or waiting or looking at alternatives must stop. Think of our elderly and other fixed income ratepayers.
  - Why should the school pay, it's a public road for public use and therefore should be made safe for all to use. Having lived on Calico Line it's always been dangerous to walk along that stretch of road.
  - The need has been touted by RDC as primarily for student safety to get to town for their jollies. The incidental use by public is besides the purpose. I attended the show & tell where this was explained in detail. Anyone could argue for upgraded roads and pedestrian infrastructure. ....what I'm saying is there are other ways to keep people safe and it generally starts with education, not cotton wool.
  - Debt is too high already. One must ask what has promoted the sudden need to endebt us further? NZTA has held these community funding rounds in the past, so what prevented RDC from applying. Wait and get it 100% funded by road taxes. *Staff suggested the author make a formal submission*
  - The old rhetoric has to stop. Listen to people. That thing you lot do saying "put it in writing as your go to answer". Take notes, listen, do your job. That's your job. Not fob us off with "Put it in writing" to waste our time then put it through the shredder. *Staff responded explaining the submission process.*
  - Lotto grant or gaming trust? Would be a fantastic idea to have a full cycle/walkway around the outskirts of Marton, including Calico Line. *Staff suggested the author make a formal submission*
  - Actually a basic footpath is required, just like the one that goes out to Huntley School.
  - Yes build it now so lots of people can use it to safely exercise themselves and pets. *Staff suggested the author make a formal submission*
  - Fix the water issue first. *Staff suggested the author make a formal submission*
  - The school shouldn't have to pay, it's something that should already be there, I bet if there wasn't a footpath for Rag or Marton School people would complain.

- Did Huntley have to pay for the footpath out there. I'm guessing not so why should Nga Tawa have to pay for a footpath that will also benefit the general public should they decide to walk out there.
- How about fixing the existing footpath on Wellington Road south of the bridge. *Staff suggested the author make a formal submission*
- Couldn't Nga Tawa pay towards the cost? *Staff suggested the author make a formal submission (Mel Port)*
- Why should Nga Tawa pay – it's a public road for all to use...safety
- What would a 'basic' pathway look like/be? I walk this route so just curious. Let's get this moving. *Staff clarified what pathway would look like.*
- I'd prefer to wait and see if we can get funding and maybe use some form of dividers for now. *Staff suggested the author make a formal submission.*