

# Hunterville Community Committee

# Order Paper

# Monday 14 September 2020 at 6.30pm

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Sandra Carroll, Mariata Couch, Lynette Thompson, Jane Watson His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson Councillor Fi Dalgety and Cr Richard Lambert

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# Rangitīkei District Council

# Hunterville Community Committee Meeting Agenda – Monday 14 September 2020 – 6:30 pm

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The quorum for the Hunterville Community Committee is 4 including 1 Elected Member.

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 31 October 2019) 11.2 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.

#### 1 Welcome

#### 2 Public Forum

# 3 Apologies

That the apology for absence for Karen Kennedy be received.

# 4 Member's 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 a late item at this meeting.

### 6 Confirmation of minutes

The Minutes for the meeting of the Hunterville Community Committee held on 13 July 2020 are attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-2

#### **Recommendation:**

That the Minutes of the Hunterville Community Committee meeting held on 13 July 2020 (as amended/ without amendment) be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

# 7 Chairs Report

A verbal update will be provided.

#### **Recommendation:**

That the verbal 'Chairs Report' to the 14 September 2020 Hunterville Community Committee be received.

# 8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

At its 30 July 2020 meeting, Council approved the Committees recommendation to provide funding of \$300 (from the District Promotion budget) for the production of the Hunterville Bulletin.

# 9 Council responses to queries raised at previous meeting

# <u>Timeframe for painting the Hunterville Plunket toilets</u>

A purchase order has been raised for painting the Hunterville Plunket/Restroom building. The timeframe for work to commence will be determine once the Committee agrees on a colour scheme.

#### Councils' plan is for the Old Fire Station site in Hunterville

The Old Fire Station site will be established in grass turf in coming weeks. Two truckloads of topsoil will be delivered to the site 8 September 2020. The Parks team will be establishing a timber edge along the Drive way and spreading the soil on Wednesday 9th with the turf scheduled to be laid by the team on Thursday 15th September 2020.

#### Guidelines and fund amount for the Placemaking fund

A memorandum that went to Council in February 2020 is attached.

#### Payment to Meurks Building and Ag for the work on the Hunterville Bench seat installation

Meurks Building and Ag were paid on 16 July 2020 via the Placemaking scheme.

# 10 Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-5

#### Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update' to the 14 September 2020 Hunterville Community Committee meeting be received.

# 11 Civil Defence Community Response Plan

Paul Chaffe, staff member responsible for Emergency Management will be present to update the Committee on the Civil Defence Community Response Plan.

# 12 Hunterville Fitness Track sign

A revised image for the Hunterville Fitness Track sign is attached for final consideration.

#### **Recommendations:**

- That the Hunterville Community Committee [approve / do not approve] the final sign design for the Hunterville Fitness Track.
- That the Hunterville Community Committee recommend to Council to confirm and erect the proposed Hunterville Fitness Track Sign, and the Committee are to confirm the measurements of the sign with staff.

### 13 St Johns Ambulance Site

Discussion item.

# 14 Logo design and by-line 'A Voice to the Community'

At the 12 December 2019 meeting Council confirmed the recommendation from the Taihape Community Board that each Community Board and Committee have a committee/board logo with the by-line 'A Voice to the Community'. The logo is attached. Each committee chair will receive a file with the logo images in different formats along with guidelines on appropriate use.

# 15 Mayoral Update

A report is attached.

#### **Recommendation:**

That the 'Mayoral Update' to the 14 September 2020 meeting of the Hunterville Community Committee be received.

# 16 Rangitikei Youth Development Update August 2020

A report is attached.

#### **Recommendation:**

That the memorandum 'Rangitikei Youth Development Update August 2020' to the 14 September 2020 Hunterville Community Committee meeting be received.

# 17 Placemaking

Discussion item.

# 18 Small projects Grant Scheme update - September 2020

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-2

#### **Recommendation:**

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update - September 2020' to the 14 September 2020 Hunterville Community Committee be received.

# 19 Community Grants

The Events Sponsorship Scheme closed on 21 August 2020, with a total of 12 applications received, the deliberation meeting will be held 22 September 2020.

The following funding schemes are due to open as follows:

- The Creative Communities Scheme will be open from 29 August 18 September 2020.
- Community Initiatives will be open from 3 October 23 October 2020.

Applications are being received and processed through the online portal SmartyGrants.

https://rangitikei.smartygrants.com.au/

# 20 Late Items

As accepted in item 5.

# 21 Next meeting

Monday 9 November 2020, at 6.30pm.

# 22 Meeting Closed

# Attachment 1



# Rangitīkei District Council

# Hunterville Community Committee Meeting Minutes – Monday 13 July 2020 – 6:30 p.m.

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**Present:** Karen Kennedy

Mariata Couch
Kelsey Smith
Lynette Thompson
Sandra Carroll
Cr Fi Dalgety
Cr Richard Lambert
His Worship the Mayor

**Also present:** George Forster, Policy Advisor

#### 1 Welcome

The meeting started at 6.30pm. The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

# 2 Public Forum

Nil

# 3 Apologies

That the apology from Jane Watson be received.

# 4 Member's 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.

Conflicts of interest were declared by:

- Ms Smith for items 15 and 20 (Hunterville Bulletin)
- Ms Carroll for item 15

# 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,

• St Johns Ambulance Site

be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

There were no other changes to the order of business.

# 6 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number 20/HCC/06 File Ref 3-CC-1-2

That the Minutes of the Hunterville Community Committee meeting held on 10 February 2020 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Ms Thompson/Ms Carroll. Carried

# 7 Chair's Report

There was no Chair's report.

# 8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

The Committee discussed the two options in attachment two.

### Resolved minute number 20/HCC/07 File Ref

That the second design in attachment two with the following amendments be used as the signage for the Hunterville Domain/Fitness Track,

- The title be "Hunterville Domain/Fitness Track"
- "1.5hr/2.5km (loop)" be removed with walking symbol to remain
- A fifth bullet point be added stating "We are proud of this facility Enjoy"

Ms Kennedy/Ms Thompson. Carried

# 9 Council responses to queries raised at previous meeting

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

#### Plunket toilets

Ms Kennedy asked the Committee what their preferred colour scheme for the toilets.

The Committee agreed that the colour scheme should remain the same but needs to be tidied up.

Ms Thompson suggested that this could be an opportunity for a creative mural on the side of the toilets.

#### Undertaking Subject

Council staff to investigate the timeframe for painting the Hunterville Plunket toilets and report back to Ms Carroll.

# Undertaking Subject

Cr Dalgety to contact Wharekoa about agreement to repaint the building in similar colours.

#### Stray Cats and unwanted cats

Ms Thompson – Haven't been seeing as many

Ms Smith – Still seeing them around

### 10 Intermediaries

The Mayor spoke to the item about what it would mean for the Chair undertaking this and the background behind it.

### Resolved minute number 20/HCC/008 File Ref

That, the Chair of Hunterville Community Committee does not agree to be an Intermediary on behalf of Rangitikei District Council and the community they service.

Ms Dalgety/Ms Couch. Carried

# 11 Fitness Track Update

Discussed in item 8.

# 12 Community Information Board

Ms Kennedy

- Posted to the You know you're from Hunterville Facebook page for feedback on the Community Information Board.
- To discuss with Shemozzle Committee on helping with the Information Board.
- Need quotes for the build and installation of the Information Board

# 13 Old Fire Station site

Ms Kennedy

The area needs to be paved and there needs to be ongoing spraying to keep it tidy.

Ms Couch

 It's by the play centre so graveling it wouldn't be great as people can't use that would be better if it could be grassed and some planter boxes put in.

#### Undertaking Subject

Cr Dalgety is to complete an RFS for the paving at the old fire station site in Hunterville, to be made safe and for the area to be sprayed.

# Undertaking Subject

Staff to find out what Councils' plan is for the Old Fire Station site in Hunterville. If no plan the Committee would propose it be turned into a green space.

### 14 Letter to the Committee

Council staff are unaware of any requests nor have any plans to remove trees in Bruce Street, Hunterville at this time.

The Committee noted that this has not been discussed at the Hunterville Committee meeting.

Ms Couch commented that this has not been discussed at destination Hunterville either.

#### Resolved minute number 20/HCC/008 File Ref

That the letter from Barbara Collinson dated 25 February 2020 to the Hunterville Community Committee meeting 13 July 2020, regarding the removal of trees in Bruce Street, Hunterville be received.

Ms Kennedy/Ms Couch. Carried

# 15 Placement of War Animal Memorial Plaque in Hunterville

Ms Kennedy commented that she wasn't sure why this had come to the Committee but was in support of the plaque.

Ms Thompson spoke to the item and believed it should be with the dog.

# Resolved minute number 20/HCC/009 File Ref

That the Hunterville Community Committee agree the War Animal Memorial Plaque be placed in the vicinity of the Hunterville Huntaway statue and fully endorse the RSA to carry this work out.

Ms Kennedy/Ms Couch. Carried

# 16 Mayoral Update

His Worship the Mayor took the report as read and briefly spoke to it. He informed the Committee of the upcoming Long Term Plan and this being the opportunity for the Committee to push to get funding for projects in Hunterville.

Ms Kennedy informed the Committee that there was a rural social gathering at the golf course coming up.

#### Resolved minute number 20/HCC/010 File Ref

That the 'Mayoral Update' to the 13 July 2020 meeting of the Hunterville Community Committee be received.

MS Kennedy/Ms Thompson

# 17 Rangitikei Youth Development Update July 2020

His Worship the Mayor informed the Committee that the Youth Committee recently had their first meeting.

Ms Kennedy asked how many youth had taken up the opportunity for youth in employment with organisations.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Committee there hadn't been a great uptake so something is being worked through with Ngati Apa now.

#### Resolved minute number 20/HCC/011 File Ref

That the memorandum 'Rangitikei Youth Development Update July 2020' to the 13 July 2020 Hunterville Community Committee meeting be received.

Ms Carroll/Ms Kennedy

# 18 Placemaking

Ms Kennedy – Dean McManaway used to do this. Who does it fall to now?

His Worship the Mayor – This falls to the Committee now

Ms Kennedy – This would be such things as the green space at the old fire station site

#### Undertaking Subject

Council staff to provide how much the funding is up to and what are the guidelines for applying.

# 19 Small projects Grant Scheme update - July 2020

Ms Kennedy – This would cover such things as the Information Board, community chairs, green space, hanging baskets etc.

Ms Carroll – Does the payment for Jason for the community chairs come from this. He is owed approximately \$950.00 with the recommendation approved roughly 18 months ago.

#### Resolved minute number 20/HCC/012 File Ref 3-CC-1-2

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update - July 2020' to the 13 July 2020 Hunterville Community Committee be received.

Ms Kennedy/Cr Lambert. Carried

#### Undertaking Subject

Staff to investigate where the payment to Jason for the work on the Hunterville community chairs has got to.

# 20 Community Grants

Ms Kennedy – There has been a request from the Hunterville Bulletin for a donation that would go towards costs.

The Committee will address a letter to the Mayor and Councillors to consider a grant for the Hunterville Bulletin.

### Resolved minute number 20/HCC/013 File Ref

The Committee notes Council provide funding to organisations such as Project Marton and requests that Council provide funding to the Hunterville Bulletin for reasonable costs to be administered by the Committee on an ongoing yearly basis.

Ms Kennedy/Ms Thompson. Carried

#### Undertaking Subject

Ms Kennedy to write a letter to Council requesting funding for the Hunterville Bulletin.

# 21 Late Items

As accepted in item 5.

#### St Johns Ambulance Site

Ms Couch – Being a service does it fit under the Small Grants Scheme.

Ms Kennedy – This would be outside the scope of the Small Grants Scheme. The Café has a donation box to go towards the new build/site

His Worship the Mayor – This could be an opportunity to put an application to lotteries.

#### **Update from Cr Dalgety**

Cr Dalgety took the opportunity to update the Committee on discussions going on at the St Johns Anglican Church, pool numbers had been down due to COVID-19 and that the pool changing rooms are going to get an upgrade.

# Undertaking

# Subject

St Johns Ambulance Site to be an item on the next Hunterville Community Committee meeting agenda.

# 22 Next meeting

Monday 14 September 2020, 6.30pm.

# 23 Future Meeting dates for 2020

Monday 9 November 2020, at 6.30pm.

# 24 Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Confirmed/Chair:				
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Date:

# Attachment 2



# Memorandum

To: Council

From: Nardia Gower, Strategy and Community Planning Manager

Date: 18 February 2020

Subject: Placemaking Concept and Process

File: 1-CP-7-5

### **Purpose of Memo**

The purpose of this memo is to explain the Placemaking concept and Rangitīkei District Council's Placemaking process.

#### Placemaking - What is it?

The Placemaking initiative is an opportunity for groups within the community that wish to undertake a Placemaking activity.

A Placemaking activity is defined is a community-led approach to improving and reinventing public spaces, with a focus on getting people involved in making the most of their community's assets to create public spaces that people want to spend time in rather than just passing through. Placemaking solutions require understanding of how a space is used, and the needs of the users to produce responsive and successful revitalisation solutions.

Rangitīkei District Council stipulates that any works undertaken can be removed at a later stage, notwithstanding any need for sound construction.

The Placemaking fund is open year round, district wide and operates on the basis that work is done in kind by the community and funding may be granted for materials. There is \$30,000 allocated to the fund annually with no carry overs. Some of this fund has been used for Township Signage, with a remaining \$20,000 for year end 2019/20.

#### Rangitīkei District Council Placemaking History and Process

Community Committees and MoU partners were approached in 2016 to help kickstart Placemaking in Rangitīkei. Mr David Engwicht was brought in as an expert in the field and undertook 7 Day Placemaking events in both Marton and Bulls. This resulted in the creation of the seating structures and community gathering places outside Marton Pharmacy and on both sides of SH1 Bulls by Criterion St. Both these projects had large buy-in from community and local businesses.

Placemaking initiatives can be undertaken by anyone in the community, with the project first being presented to the Community Committees or Boards for comment with final signoff being delegated to the Chief Executive. Placemaking forms are attached *Appendix 1*.

# **Proposed Marton Placemaking Project**

Ms Jen Britton, Marton resident, is addressing Council during Public Forum at the 27 February meeting regarding a Placemaking Project on the former Elim Church site corner of High St and Broadway. This particular project is coming before Council for information purposes due to the high interest and potential future plans of Council for the site. Ms Britton will submit the project forms to the Chief Executive, in due course.

#### Recommendation

That the memorandum 'Placemaking Concept and Process' to the 27 February 2020 Council meeting be received.

Nardia Gower Strategy and Community Planning Manager

# Appendix 1

# Place-making Project Plan Template

This template is to help Council establish what your project is, who is involved and where your resources that are needed, are coming from. That is are the necessary resources will be sourced e.g. Council funding, self/group funding or donation.

Name of your Group
Name of your Project
Location of your Project
What is the vision of your project
How did it come to be agreed upon?
Is it a new concept or has it been worked on previously?
Does it relate to the Town Centre Plan? If so, how?
What individuals have been involved in the planning process?
What individuals are going to be involved in carrying the project out?
What businesses are involved?

So we clearly understand your concept and plan please include photos of the location of the Place-making project, drawings, photo-shop etc. from your brainstorming sessions and any photos of items you plan to incorporate.

The below template is for you to highlight and describe each sub project that is involved in creating the overall project and the budget allocated for each. Note in budget if resources and/or materials are Council funded, self/group funded or donated. You may have multiple sub-projects for larger projects or only a few for a small one. Reproduce as necessary.

Sub Project 1.	
Resources/Materials needed:	Budget
Sub Project 2.	
Resources/Materials needed:	Budget
Sub Project 3.	
Resources/Materials needed:	Budget

Finally, to meet the requirements of Health and Safety legislation, the following risk assessment needs to be completed (Council staff can help with this provided enough lead-in time is provided).

RISK ASSESSMENT FOR TH	IE PLACEMAKING GROUP/TOWN CENTRE	STEERING G	ROUP - Carrying Out Makeover		
NAME OF PROJECT:					
COMMENCEMENT DATE:					
ACTIVITY STEPS	POTENTIAL HAZRADS/RISKS	RISK RATING	RISK CONTROL MEASURE	RISK RATING	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
List required steps in performing the project	Against each activity step list the risk these hazards pose	*Rare *Unlikely *Likely *Almost Certain	For each identified risk	*Rare *Unlikely *Likely *Almost Certain	Who is responsible for implementing risk control  What is the time frame, if any?

	THE PLACEMAKING GROUP/TOWN		Choo. Illustroudos				
NAME OF PROJECT:							
COMPLETION DATE:							
FINAL PRODUCT FEATURES	POTENTIAL HAZRADS/RISKS	RISK RATING	RISK CONTROL MEASURE	RISK RATING	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	TIME FRAME	
List features of final product	Against each activity step list the risk these hazards pose	*Rare *Unlikely *Likely *Almost Certain	For each identified risk	*Rare *Unlikely *Likely *Almost Certain	Who is responsible for implementing risk control	Is there a date of completion associated with person responsible	

# Attachment 3



# Memorandum

To: Hunterville Community Committee

From: Carol Gordon – Project Manager

Date: 28 August 2020

Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update

File: 3-CC-1-5

# 1 Executive Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Hunterville Community Committee an update on the development of the 2021-31 Long Term Plan.

# 2 Context

- 2.1 Every Local Authority must at all times have a Long Term Plan (LTP) which covers a period of not less than 10 consecutive years and is formally consulted on using the special consultative process outlined in the Local government Act.
- 2.2 The purpose of the LTP is set out in section 93(6) of the Local Government Act and includes:
  - Describes the activities of the Local Authority (LA)
  - Describes the community outcomes of the District
  - Provides integrated decision-making and co-ordination of the resources of the LA
  - Provides a long-term focus for the decisions and activities of the LA
  - Provides a basis for accountability of the LA to the community.

It also provides Elected Members the chance to make a major difference during their three year term.

- 2.3 Council has begun its process to develop and produce its Long Term Plan. A Project Team has been established, *Appendix 1* shows the makeup of the project team and their responsibilities.
- 2.4 So far Council has held three Workshops specifically on the development of the Long Term Plan, these were held on 23 July,20 and 27 August.
- 2.5 An invitation has been made to the Chairs of each Community Committee, Community Board and Te Roopu Ahi Kaa to participate in subsequent LTP workshops, to provide input from their respective community.

# 2.5.1 Outcomes from Workshop 1 – 23 July

This workshop provided a full explanation of what an LTP was, its purpose, what information must be included, and the need to strike the right balance between "the

community needs and aspirations; services provided by Council and the willingness / ability to pay" of our community.

At this workshop Council agreed to engage early, on a more informal basis, with all sectors of our community to find out what's important to them, and do this by going out to where our people are. This precedes formal engagement that needs to be done next year, using a formal Consultation Document (CD) and submission process.

Councillors also identified a list of "significant issues" that our communities could be facing and this list will be further developed to be included in the early engagement to generate discussion and opinions on where Council's focus should be for the next 10 years.

Roading was also a focus for this workshop. The basis for the Asset Management Plan was presented to Councillors - this will be used for the initial application to the New Zealand Transport Agency for continuing co-investment.

#### 2.5.2 Outcomes from Workshop 2 – 20 August

A large part of this Workshop focussed on the 'forecasting assumptions'. These assumptions are produced using a risk and level of uncertainty approach. Councillors reviewed the previous assumptions (from the 2018-28 LTP) and suggested changes to these. These, along with demographic and population changes, will also inform the Financial and Infrastructure Strategy. The Government's three waters reform programme announced by the Government presents a substantial uncertainty.

Councillors also started the review of the Revenue and Financing Policy – this Policy specifies how operating and capital expenditure will be funded from the sources available (i.e. general rates, uniform annual general charge, targeted rates, fees and charges, borrowing etc.). Work will now be done to review the current funding splits across some of the activities that Council carries out.

Early engagement was discussed and it was agreed this would be done using the phrase "Framing Our Future" with the objective being "To achieve greater input from all sectors of community to influence the Long Term Plan consultation to ensure the Rangītikei District Council has an LTP that incorporates the aspirations and needs of our various communities." <u>Appendix 2</u> shows some of the colours and concepts which will be used as part of this engagement.

#### 2.5.3 Workshop 3 – 27 August

This workshop expanded on a suggested outline for the early engagement process, based on the "Framing Our Future" concept that was presented in July.

The Council's Performance Framework was also discussed, presenting the framework used for the 2018-28 LTP and an explanation of the mandatory measures and whether other measures would be included or altered for the 2021-31 LTP.

As part of the development of the LTP Council must consider whether Policies need to be updated, two policies were discussed at this workshop — these were, the Policy on development of Maori capacity to contribute to Council decision-making (also included as an item on this agenda) and the Significance and Engagement policy. The Development Contributions policy will be discussed at a future workshop.

# 3 Recommendation

3.1 That the memorandum 'Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update' to the 14 September 2020 Hunterville Community Committee meeting be received.

Carol Gordon

LTP Project Manager

# Appendix 1

# Long Term Plan 2021-31

# **Project Team Structure, Roles and Responsibilities**

#### **Project Sponsor – Peter Beggs Role of Elected Members** Overall champion for the Project Provides political input Manages risk Review and set priorities Provides the project manager and team Determines rates and debt limits Adopts the Consultation Document and the LTP the authority to drive the LTP Project. Team collectively responsible **Project Manager - Carol Gordon** for Quality Assurance Overall responsibility for making the LTP happen Develops Project Plan and monitors progress against the Plan **Project Team Members:** Manages resources Audit NZ key contact George Forster Provides regular updates to Project Sponsor and Council **Prepares Engagement Strategy** Responsibility for the delivery of the CD and engagement process (including early engagement) Project Management Lead - Michael Hodder Project Management Lead – Arno Benadie **Project Management Lead – Dave Tombs** Responsible for the delivery of: Responsible for the delivery of: Responsible for the delivery of: Management of submission process, hearings & Infrastructure Strategy Financial Strategy and financial forecasts deliberations Input on infrastructure issues, including All financial information, rate setting, fees & Community outcomes **Asset Management Plans** charges Activity plans Level of Service review Polices (incl. policy reviews) that have non-financial All Policies (incl. policy reviews) that have financial impacts impacts **Growth Strategy Project Team Members: Project Team Members: Project Team Members:** Gaylene Prince Karin Cruywagen Graeme Pointon Nardia Gower Ashley Dahl Murray Phillips Kat McDonald MDC staff (as required)

# Appendix 2



































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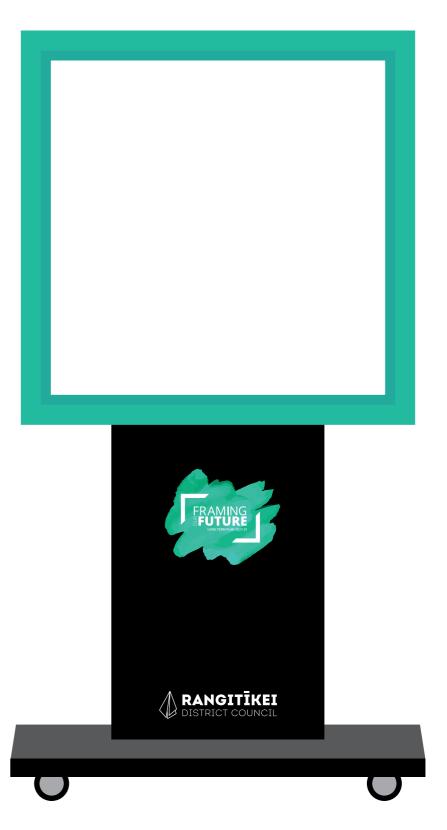












# HUNTERVILLE DOMAIN EJITI ESS

TRACK



- No unauthorised motorised/electric vehicles on track or grounds
- Fitness track is foot traffic only
- Please do not litter
- Take care of our park
- We are proud of this facilities Enjoy















#### RANGITĪKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL

## COMMUNITY BOARD & COMMITTEE LOGOS

03 SEPTEMBER 2020



#### LOGO

**Portrait** 



A voice to the Community

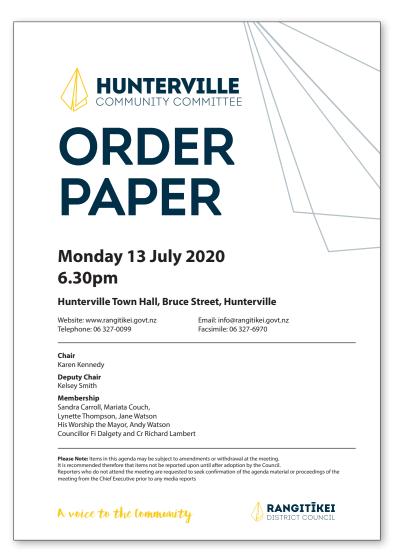
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He reo mō te Hapori

Landscape





#### **ALL COMMUNITY LOGOS**

















Subject: Mayor's Report

To: Council

From: Andy Watson

Mayor

Date: 21 August 2020

File: 3-EP-3-5

1 What a last fortnight it has been! There have been a series of announcements that have incredibly far reaching effects for our district.

- I have spoken about the "three water" reforms that Government has initiated on several 2 occaisions. This is essentially the drive from Government to see waste water, drinking water and storm water being provided by a regional entity rather than individual councils. This would mean that the Council would hand over our assets such as wastewater plants and treatment stations to a conglomerate. Ratepayers would recieve a bill in much the same way that you pay for electricity. All Councils are being offered a tempter from Government to start the collective conversation. For our Council that means a cash handout of \$4.8million. This money has very few tags associated with it, we should use it to improve our three water services on work that was not planned for in this year's annual plan and it could even be used for operational expenses. In exchange Council will agree to enter into a discussion with our regional partners and to provide the Government with data around the state and value of our three water networks. There is no compulsion to change our operation in the future. However in July next year we are required to make a decision as to the Rangitikei being into or out of an aggregated model. This is an enormous decision and it has major impacts, we would hand over our assets presumably in exchange for a shareholding in the new company and our share would be so small that we would in reality have very little say in the running of the company. Decisions would probably be made by a board in Wellington. How that board ran the company, which regional supplies were upgraded first and what the charges would be, would be out of our hands. Presumably the company would need to make a profit and make decisions around paying out any dividens. The difficulty is, that there is virtually no information on how it will work at this stage. As we are developing our LTP (long term plan) at the moment covering the next ten years, but focussing on the next three years heavily, we don't have the information to provide for detailed planning or to provide options for our communities to consider as part of the consultation process. If those core services were taken away from councils what would councils be expected to provide in the future, essentially what would be their role?
- 3 So why has the Government gone down this path? The conversation has been around for a number of years but was ramped up post the Havelock North water issue where potable water from a ground bore got contaminated and people fell ill in the hundreds. Government realized that this had been under investment by local authorities for many years and that there are many Councils who did not meet consents. This is true and our council is one of them. Essentially local authorities have been poor managers and had little knowledge of their assets. The liability or money needed to upgrade, runs into the tens of billions of dollars on a national basis and on a

council per capita basis rural authorites like ours face the biggest costs. Government believes that efficiencies would be gained by scale and that the large metro councils would be able to subsidise the smaller authorities. This is debateable, for it can be argued that we have seen little financial efficiency out of previous attempts to aggregate council functions both here in New Zealand and overseas. Local Government would probably also say that while there has been years of under investment, considerable gains have been made over the last few years against new standards imposed by both Government and Regional Authorites such as Horizons.

- 4 This is just the start of the conversation!!
- Last week Government granted our Council \$9.1million, I repeat \$9.1million to fund the rail infrastructure and forestry development, dependant on resource consent in an area between Marton and State Highway One. We have seen the huge investment nationally by Government around the country. Our neighbouring councils have received tens of millions and finally on the last sitting day that Government had, it was our turn. This grant, which is not a loan, has taken literally years to win and I thank our new Chief Executive Peter Beggs for his part in making this happen. I would also like to thank the Government for recognizing the potential and the jobs that this will bring to our district. I would also like to thank and recognize Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa as a partner in the process.
- Last week the Commissioner deciding the district plan application by Council released his decision in Councils favour to approve, subject to conditions, the plan change which will allow for the rail hub development. Again this has been a very lengthy process compounded by the pandemic and uncertainty as to exactly what the site could be used for in the future. We have a responsibility to work with the submitters around their concerns as part of the consenting process, we should not see this as purely a need to comply.
- Once again the country is in some form of lockdown as the pandemic resurfaces in New Zealand. The regional authorities are stretched in dealing with this and our businesses continue to suffer. We have been fortunate that so far this year we have not had to deal with another type of major civil defence issue such as a flood because we would struggle to find the resources to deal with it.
- Council has started work on our long Term Plan which will involve many discussions with sector groups and the community. One of the things we start with are the assumptions around what will be our population in the future and what will be the economic climate be over the next few years. The future for us looks strong we are undergoing rapid growth with hundreds of new houses, businesses are wanting to operate here and at a time where we need to borrow to invest, interest rates are at an all time low.

Andy Watson Mayor



#### Memorandum

To: Hunterville Community Committee

From: Kelly Widdowson, Strategic Advisor for Youth

Date: 31 August 2020

Subject: Rangitīkei Youth Development Update August 2020

File: 4-EN-12-1

#### Yes Programme (Youth Employment Success)

Youth Employment Success (YES) is an online platform that launched in 2016 partnering with a variety of industries to offer free employment-based opportunities to 16-24-year-olds.

Since 2016, YES has seen 112 businesses across the country offering their time, close to 1,500 opportunity requests and nearly 20,000 unique visitors to them website across the country. The Whanganui/Rangitikei district platform was launched at the beginning of June, with 80 businesses so far on-board offering opportunities for our youth.

Council, along with 100% Sweet, are engaging with local businesses to offer the same opportunities to youth to connect to local businesses in a real world way. It involves a professional short video clip of business and their staff, talking about what the job entails and how the business and industry is a great career path option. Further the business can choose from a selection of real world help they can offer an interested youth. Such options include a coffee catch up, business walk through, CV review, desk shadow, internship and lots more. Each business decides what, from the offers, they can genuinely deliver.

100% Sweet further works with youth to help them successfully complete a work ready passport which covers a range of skills from the importance of turning up on time to begin drug free, first aid and basic health and safety.

https://youthemployer.nz/

#### Mahi Tahi

Mahi Tahi is the Rangitīkei Employment Programme delivered through partnership with Rangitikei District Council, Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa and their Te Puna - Education, Training and Employability branch, Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs and the Ministry of Social Development (MSD). The programme is delivered district wide for both jobseekers and businesses looking for staff. The primary focus is for youth under 25 OR anyone who has lost their job due to COVID-19.

Funding is used in a bespoke manner and has a focus on working with individuals to make them job ready through upskilling, training, micro credentials and holistic wellbeing. Further Mahi Tahi can support businesses with support packages, onsite buddy training options, and more. Mahi

Tahi is committed to working with local employers and jobseekers to provide effective solutions and success for all.

https://www.facebook.com/Mahi-Tahi-Rangit%C4%ABkei-Employment-Programme102880514799866/

#### **Youth Council**

Youth Council finally attend their postponed training day and inaugural meeting. This Took place the 4th of July in Marton Chambers. Youth Council elected a chairperson, deputy chair set their vision for the remainder of the year, and implemented strategy on how to deliver their vision to their community.

Members of Youth Council, along with other youth in the district, attended Festival for the Future 2020 (FFTF). This festival is usually held in Wellington over a weekend, however due to the uncertainty of COVID-19, the event was moved to a digital platform. Although attendees were encouraged by FFTF to attend in the comfort of their own environment, Youth Council agreed they would gain more benefit from attending as a group, being able to bounce ideas and concepts off each other, with the Strategic Advisor for Youth creating a mini-festival atmosphere. Therefore this was held at Rangitikei College, 13 – 17 July in conjunction with the digital event. 8 Youths attended the week-long event, enjoying the atmospheric activities and social interactions with each other, with mixed reviews of the digital content. <a href="https://www.festivalforthefuture.co/">https://www.festivalforthefuture.co/</a>

#### **John Turkington Forestry Youth Awards 2020**

The 2020 Youth Awards has been postponed twice, due to COVID-19, forcing us to think outside the box to ensure the awards can still take place. The event was set to take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> August.

Finalists were announced via Facebook and Instagram 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020. The Youth Council made the decision to hit the road and take the Youth Awards to the community, rather than planning yet another event that may not eventuate. This will take place September 7<sup>th</sup>, moving from Taihape, Marton, Bulls and Feilding, with winners, runners up and nominees being publically recognised through social media and newspaper outlets.

#### Lobby's

The Lobby Taihape has remained open during August and through COVID-19 Alert level 2. It is run through MOU with Mokai Patea Services, 3-5pm each day.

The Marton Lobby employed a new youth assistant to supervise the Lobby, 3-5pm each day, however was unable to be open due to social distancing space restrictions during August. Reopening will take place once we return to level one guidelines.

#### Recommendation

That the memorandum 'Rangitīkei Youth Development Update August 2020' to the 14 September 2020 Hunterville Community Committee be received.

Kelly Widdowson Youth Development Advisor



#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Hunterville Community Committee

FROM: Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator

DATE: 07 September 2020

SUBJECT: Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – September 2020

FILE: 3-CC-1-2

#### 1 Allocation

- 1.1 The amount of the 2020/21 Small Projects Grant Scheme for Hunterville Ward is \$857.
- 1.2 The allocation of the Small Projects Grant Scheme is for the period 1 July to 30 June each year. At its meeting on 29 February 2016, Council resolved to allow carry-forward from one financial year to the next of up to 100% of the annual allocation for any Committee's Small Projects Grant Fund, with the proviso that this be a specific resolution of the Committee.
- 1.3 At its meeting 25 June 2020, Council resolved to carry-forward the full amount of unspent funds from the 2019/20 year of \$1,673 to the 2020/21 year due to COVID-19 and the inability of the Committee to hold meetings and make their own carry forward recommendations.
- 1.4 This gives a total allocation for the 2020/21 year of \$2,530.

#### 2 Breakdown

2.1 Nothing for the 2020/21 year as yet.

#### 3 Remaining Budget

3.1 This leaves a remaining budget for the 2020/21 financial year of \$2,530.

#### 4 Recommendation:

4.1 That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – September 2020' to the 14 September 2020 Hunterville Community Committee be received.

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Bonnie Clayton
Governance Administrator