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Marton Community Committee

Order Paper

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7.00 pm**

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Chair

Anne George

Membership

Carolyn Bates, Lyn Duncan, Jennifer Greener, Nathan Kane, Nick Kuyper, Lani Peacock,
Lorraine Pearson

His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson, (ex officio)

Councillor Lynne Sheridan and Councillor Nigel Belsham

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Marton Community Committee Meeting

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The quorum for the Marton Community Committee is 4 plus one elected member of Council

At its meeting of 28 October 2010 Council resolved that 'The quorum at any meeting of a standing committee or sub-committee of the Council (including Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, the Community Committees, the Reserve Management Committees and the Rural Water Supply Management Sub-committees) is that required for a meeting of the local authority in SO 2.4.3 and 3.4.3.'

1 Welcome

2 Apologies

3 Confirmation of minutes

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Marton Community Committee meeting held on 12 August 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

4 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

The unconfirmed minutes of the Committee's meeting on 12 August 2015 were not available in time to be received by Council at its meeting 27 August 2015. However, there were no recommendations from the Committee for Council to confirm.

Lorraine Pearson's letter suggesting a discount to Gold Card holders at the Council's waste transfer stations was considered at Council's Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 27 August 2015. While such a discount was viewed as a way for Council to support older people in the District, such a discount was a potential precedent for similar discounts over other Council services and did not target all low-income residents. Significant take-up of such a discount would mean higher charges or rates for others. So, the Committee declined to offer such a discount.

5 Update from Project Marton Co-ordinator

A verbal report will be provided at the meeting.

6 Photographs of play equipment

This item was deferred from the 12 August 2015 meeting.

7 Items noted for inclusion at the previous meeting

- Road signage proposal
- Hunterville seating

8 Council responses to queries raised at previous meeting

At its meeting of 12 August 2015 meeting there was a question why the new crossing at Centennial Park did not resemble a standard Pedestrian Crossing. In the interests of consistency across the country, the New Zealand Transport Agency prescribes the circumstances ("the warrant") when a zebra pedestrian crossing may be installed – over one hour the pedestrian count x the vehicle count must be at least 45,000. A courtesy crossing is not subject to this prescription.

9 Small Projects Grant Scheme

The balance of the Small Projects Grant Scheme for the Marton Ward is \$3,232. No funds have been allocated to projects to date.

10 Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities in the Marton Ward

A memorandum will be tabled.

File ref: 3-CC-1-5

Recommendation

That the memorandum 'Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities in the Marton Ward' be received.

11 General business

12 Notification of business for the next meeting

13 Next meeting date

14 October 2015, 7.00pm

14 Meeting closed

Attachment 1



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Minutes – Wednesday 12 August 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

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Present: Ms Lorraine Pearson (Chair)
Ms Carolyn Bates
Ms Lynne Duncan
Ms Jennifer Greener
Mr Nathan Kane
Ms Lani Peacock
Council Nigel Belsham
Cr Lynne Sheridan
His Worship the Mayor

In attendance: Ms Cath Ash, Project Marton
Mr Kevin Morris, Policy Analyst

Unconfirmed

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 15/MCC/059 **File Ref**

That apologies for absence from Ms Anne George and Mr Nick Kuyper be received.

Ms Bates / Ms Pearson

3 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 15/MCC/060 **File Ref**

That the minutes of the Marton Community Committee meeting held on 8 July 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr Kane / Cr Sheridan

4 Matters Arising

Nil

5 Council Decision on Recommendations from the Committee

There were no recommendations requiring a Council decision.

6 Update from the Project Marton Co-ordinator

The Committee received an update from the Project Marton Co-ordinator.

7 Update on Town Centre Plan Project

Mr Morris spoke to his memorandum.

Mrs Pearson highlighted some of the discussions from a meeting held on 23 July 2015.

Resolved minute number 15/MCC/061 **File Ref** 1-CP-7-2

That the memorandum 'Update on the Town Centre Plans for Marton' be received.

Ms Bates / Ms Pearson

8 Arrangements for parks and town maintenance services

The Committee noted that from 1 August 2015, the Council had assumed direct responsibility for providing these services. Mowing of parks and gardening will be undertaken by a small Council team, led by Athol Sanson, Team Leader for Parks and Gardening. It was also noted that separate contracts had been negotiated for sexton duties, CBD cleaning and urban berm mowing.

Mr Morris gave an update on the new arrangements for Parks and advised that he would invite Mr Sanson to a meeting.

9 Parks Upgrades Partnership Fund

The Committee noted the consultation document associated with the draft 2015-25 Long Term Plan, What's the Plan, Rangitikei....?, outlined two options for the future upgrades to parks. Option 1 was to rely on community donated labour and materials for improving our parks. Option 2 was to make an annual provision of \$50,000 to upgrade facilities and equipment at our parks.

During submissions, there was a strong majority in favour of Council contributing funding to park renewals and upgrades and also a significant recognition of the value of community input. A substantial minority of submitters specifically suggested that a combination of both community and Council support was needed.

Council decided to allocate up to \$50,000 per year in a fund for park and reserve upgrades and had suggested that a 2:1 contribution from the community (in cash or in kind) to match Council's funding be appropriate. It had also agreed an upper limit to Council's contribution to each proposed upgrade of \$15,000, which would indicate that projects should be up to \$45,000 in total (cash and in kind contributions). Anything over this amount would be a significant upgrade for consideration through the Annual Plan process.

The Assets/Infrastructure Committee considered a process to allocate this funding at its meeting on 9 July 2015.

This process would be very much a partnership between Council and the community. It was likely that either a need, or a great idea, was identified in the community and someone from the community approach the Council to seek support. This could be at any time during the development of the project but it could be expected that if it concerned a Council-owned asset then Council would be engaged near the start.

The fund could be open for applications at any time and each application was treated on a case-by-case basis by the Assets/Infrastructure Committee.

The Committee also noted an application form was attached to the Order Paper. It took the form of an "expression of interest" which was developed in conjunction with Council staff. The contribution from the community would be to describe the project, the community support/consultation that has taken place and a fundraising plan and the contribution from Council staff would be to describe the fit with Council's current objectives in managing its parks and reserves.

The Committee could then take a view on whether it wished to support the project and to what extent. It would also give the Committee the opportunity to consider the phasing of these projects and to put a deadline for community fundraising to be completed.

The Assets/Infrastructure Committee would be unlikely to consider contributing to park upgrades which went against either:

- The objectives and/or action plan contained in the Parks and reserves management plan(s) or
- Council's intent to rationalise its parks and open spaces assets (fewer but better)

Resolved minute number **15/MCC/062** **File Ref**

That the information relating to the Park Upgrade Partnership Fund be received.

Ms Bates / Ms Pearson

10 Items noted for inclusion at the previous meeting

- **Town signage on highways**
Ms Pearson undertook to draft up a sign for the next meeting.
- **Seating at Hunterville and Barbecue Seating at Wilson Park**
As members had viewed the wrong seating, these items would be postponed to the next meeting.

11 Volunteers Day in conjunction with Project Marton

Ms Cath Ash confirmed a funding application had been submitted by Project Marton and that the decision would be known on 27 August 2015.

12 Photographs of play equipment

The Committee agreed to defer the item to the next scheduled meeting of the Committee.

13 Council responses to queries at previous meetings

The Committee noted the Council's response to proposed work on the fence at Wilson Park and the donation to the Flood Relief Fund.

14 Small Projects Grant Scheme (balance)

The Committee noted that to date no funding from the Small Projects Grant scheme had been allocated for projects and the allocated funding was \$3,232.

15 Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the ward

The Committee noted that no update had been provided regarding the 'Current Infrastructure Projects/Upgrades and other Council activities in the Marton Ward.

16 General Business

- **Rates Remission Policy Consultation**

His Worship the Mayor gave a brief outline of the proposed policy with examples.

Resolved minute number

15/MCC/063

File Ref

That the Committee recommend that the proposed changes to the Policy be endorsed.

Ms Greener / Ms Pearson

- **Criterion Site, Bulls**

A range of potential funding sources were being investigated for the proposed community facility on the site.

Concern was expressed regarding the ability of traffic to safely manoeuvre in and out of Dalziel Street.

- **Turakina Maori Girls College**

His Worship the Mayor advised that the Ministry of Education had proposed the closure of the Turakina Maori Girls College.

The Committee agreed that Ms Bates would write to the College to expressing its thoughts were with them.

- **Rangitikei College**

The Committee noted the new principal for Rangitikei College had been appointed and would commence in Term 4.

- **Bonny Glen / Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant**

The Committee received an update on the leachate issue associated with the Bonny Glen / Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant.

- **CBD Cleaning**

The Committee noted that a new contract was currently being negotiated for the Central/ Business District cleaning.

- **Roading**

The Committee noted that the cost of roading repair works was expected to be \$15-20 million following the flood damage in June 2015.

- **Trucks Transporting Waste to Bonny Glen**
His Worship the Mayor advised that the Council could not specify the routes taken by heavy vehicles.
- **Emergency Management**
His Worship the Mayor advised that the Council had conducted debriefs with staff, communities and councillors following the June 2015 weather event.
- **Crossing at Centennial Park**
In discussion it was queried why Centennial Park crossing did not resemble a standard pedestrian crossing. Councillor Belsham undertook to investigate.
- **Frae Ona Park**
Ms Bates advised that the Duck Sculpture had been installed and unveiled at the Frae Ona Park.
- **Task Force Green (assisting with June 2015 Flood Clean Up)**
Mr Morris gave an update on the activities in cleaning up after the June weather event, and noted that the Task Force Green group were presently working in Whangaehu.
- **Waste Transfer Station**

Mrs Pearson suggested that a regular time be set to allow Gold Card Holder to use the Waste Transfer Station facility at a discounted rate and that this suggestion be recommended to the Council.

17 Notification of Business for the Next Meeting

- Road Signage Proposal
- Hunterville Seating
- Play Equipment Photographs

18 Meeting Closed – 8.50pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: