



Rangitikei District Council

Marton Community Committee Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday 12 April 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

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Present: Ms Carolyn Bates (Chair)
Ms Donna Harris
Ms Lyn Hunter
Cr Lynne Sheridan
Cr Dave Wilson
Ms Wendy Wagner
Ms Jennifer Greener (7.15)
His Worship the Mayor A Watson (7.25)

In attendance: Ms Denise Servante, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Ms Cath Ash, Project Marton Coordinator

1 Apologies

Resolved minute number **17/MCC/006** **File Ref**

That apologies be received from Belinda Larsen-Harvey, Lyn Duncan and Pip Hancock

Ms Bates/Ms Hunter Carried

2 Members' conflict of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared in respect of items on this agenda.

3 Confirmation of order of business and late items

Ms Bates explained that due to confusion over the deadline for agenda items previously circulated, the agenda items that she had forwarded had not been included on the agenda.

Resolved minute number **17/MCC/007** **File Ref**

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, Swimming pool repairs, Tutaenui Scheme AGM, Annual Plan Submission to RDC, Annual Plan submission to Horizons, Curtain Bank, Civil Defence update and Marton Park update be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

Ms Bates/Ms Wagner Carried

4 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **17/MCC/008** **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Marton Community Committee meeting held on 8 February 2017 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Wilson/Ms Harris Carried

5 Chair's Report

Ms Bates reported on the things she has been involved with since the last meeting. She also informed the Committee that Gillian Bowler has been confirmed in her appointment as the Youth Development Coordinator.

Resolved minute number **17/MCC/009** **File Ref**

That the Chairs' report to the Marton Community Committee meeting on 12 April 2017 be accepted.

Ms Bates/Cr Wilson carried

6 Combined meeting / workshop with Council and Community Committees

Ms Bates reported that she appreciated the opportunity to receive the information directly from the Mayor and staff ahead of the time that the public meetings took place. She was appreciative of feedback from the Committee members to the draft submission that had been circulated for comment. Ms Bates thanked Committee members, Ms Harris and Ms Harvey-Larsen who came to help draft the submission. Ms Bates confirmed that it had been submitted to Council and informed the Committee that she would welcome support at the oral hearings – the allocated slot is between 2.30 and 3.30 on 20 April in the Council Chamber.

Resolved minute number **17/MCC/010** **File Ref**

That Council considers a similar process of information provision to Community Committees when other significant Council decisions are being made

That the Committee endorses its submission made to 2017/18 Annual Plan

Ms Bates/Ms Hunter Carried

7 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

It was noted that there were no recommendations from the Committee to Council.

8 Council responses to queries raised at previous meetings

The responses to queries from the Committee to Council were noted.

9 Update from the Project Marton Co-ordinator

Ms Ash reported to the Committee.

Harvest Fair was very successful. Project Marton estimated that up to 8,000 people had attended. Wet tent selling craft beer was very popular (on licence). Amazing support from local businesses and volunteers. Feedback from out-of-town stall holders was that they felt welcomed and at home.

Community garden has been great with over 80 kg food each week being distributed for free. Newsletter bulletin is very popular with more people signing up each week. Ms Bates asked whether hard copies of the newsletter could be left in public places. Ms Ash reported that printing costs were prohibitive for too wide a printed distribution.

The following projects are being worked on:

- Community Services Awards
- Cooking class coming up - focussing on harvest abundance (pickling and bottling etc.).
- Meet the candidates evening for the general election, MC Nigel Belsham.
- Craft Alive event being worked on for 23/24 September
- Rangitikei's Got Talent in next month, final on 22 May
- Place-making group working on seating outside Countdown

Focus for the coming 12 months is on Men's Shed and Timebanks, youth suicide and anti-bullying.

Cr Sheridan asked whether there was an opportunity/need to do adult education classes in evenings at the College. Ms Ash informed the Committee that Land Based Training offer literacy and numeracy classes and that a recent conversation with the Principal at Rangitikei College indicated that he would be open to discussions. Cr Sheridan asked about parenting classes. Ms Ash informed the Committee that Jigsaw run parenting courses every term.

Ms Bates noted that the Arts and Crafts Centre had been approached by two teachers from the College with a view to developing a learning opportunity for students who are not necessarily doing well at school. Ms Hunter will follow up with the teachers concerned.

10 Update from the Marton Wastewater Advisory Group

Ms Hunter reported on the meeting at the end of February which was a first meeting to bring everyone up to speed with the terms of reference and role of the group. The Mayor added that there may be an opportunity to look at how to resolve Bulls and Marton at the same time i.e. connecting the two together.

11 Update on Youth Services

The update was noted.

12 Update on place-making initiatives

The update from Mr Sanson was noted.

13 Update on the Marton Civic Centre/Heritage Precinct project

Cr Wilson reported on the well documented project around the Heritage Precinct in Marton as part of the 2017/18 Annual Plan and good number of submissions received. High level project and high level of interest/engagement. Looking forward to reading the submissions thoroughly.

14 Marton / Council Street Table

Cr Sheridan reported that the tables went well on 4 March and 1 April 2017. Always interesting what questions come up from passers-by. Next one is on 6 May (chemist) and then 3 June (New World). All welcome to help.

15 Small Projects Grant Scheme update – April 2017

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That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update - April 2017' be received.

Ms Bates/Cr Sheridan Carried

It was noted that a quote has been received and tabled for the irrigation scheme for the community garden for \$348 and the Committee confirmed its contribution of \$250. The letter indicates that the equipment has been purchased and reimbursement is requested.

Some discussion over the plaque to commemorate the Main Street horses. It was noted that the plaque had been printed but not placed anywhere. Staff will follow up to see if the money was dispersed and what supporting documents there were.

Ms Bates proposed that the Committee contribute to the final paint that is required to complete painting the fence at Wilson Park. This is estimated at \$34.

Ms Harris raised the possibility of buying cat traps. This discussion is noted under the item on stray/feral/nuisance cats.

Ms Bates had noted that the glass disposal at the Waste Transfer Station had a very high step to access and wondered if the Committee was minded to fund an adaptation to make it easier for older/less mobile people. It was agreed that this is a request for service. Ms Bates will pursue.

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That the Committee approves \$34 from the Small Projects Grant Scheme towards paint for the Wilson Park fence

Ms Bates/Ms Harris Carried

16 Current Infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the ward

The Mayor reported on several issues:

- Declared civil defence emergency last week, storm warnings in place over Easter weekend will be monitored. Ms Bates asked what support could be provided by Community Committee members. The Mayor outlined the training that goes into developing staff for responding and that trained staff are required for first responses. Support such as food and rest for the staff involved is always welcome. Feedback has been very positive about the response from the Civil Defence team.
- Edale Home – The Mayor is the Council’s representative to the Board. Not in good shape as the moment. Closure of the dementia unit, changes in staff and in Board structure. Trying to ensure it survives and is sustainable
- Police – reinforcements being put in place. Rangitikei will get 67 additional police - an additional 10%. Marton will become a 24/7 station in 2020. 20 additional ethnic officers for New Zealand – The Mayor put forward a strong case for a Samoan (speaking) officer on Marton.
- Singapore Air Force possibly going to station a squadron at Ohakea – watch this space.
- Stormwater – clearing surface water, ponding under houses and inability to cope with surface water during rain events. Discussion need to be had about whose responsibility it is to clear and maintain drains.

Resolved minute number

17/MCC/013

File Ref

3-CC-1-5

That the memorandum ‘Current Infrastructure Projects/Upgrades and other Council Activities within the Ward, March 2017’ be received.

Ms Harris/Ms Greener Carried

17 Stray / feral / nuisance cats

The Mayor informed the Committee that traps are available from Council for a returnable deposit. Ms Bates had requested traps from Horizons and been told that there were none. The Mayor noted that central government had recently issued its intention for a pest-free New Zealand and had included feral cats in the list of pests. Government action on this issue needed to be known. In terms of nuisance or stray cats, the issue is the destruction of such cats and distinguishing them from lost cats, not their capture. Needs to be a regional discussion. Likely that Council’s discussion will be around disposal of nuisance/stray cats when caught in Council traps. Ms Ash noted that microchipping cats would avoid the destruction of wanted but lost cats.

Resolved minute number **17/MCC/014** **File Ref** **3-PY-1**

That the Committee request that Council investigate and develop a policy, in conjunction with the government's intention to achieve a pest free New Zealand, on the acceptable disposal of nuisance/stray/feral cats.

Ms Bates/Ms Hunter Carried

18 Update on town signage

Ms Bates reported on a conversation with Mr R Snijders. Now that Mr Snijders is no longer on the committee, his work on signage is on hold. He also indicated that it could be affected by decisions pending about Rangitikei Tourism. The Mayor reported that Council has been informed that Rangitikei Tourism is winding up and negotiations are underway about what Council will continue in terms of the website and other promotional initiatives. The road signage is a slightly different issue since the signs are owned by Project Marton.

19 Geographical review of Census spatial units

Resolved minute number **17/MCC/015** **File Ref** **1-LTP-4-2**

That the memorandum "Geographical review of Census spatial units" be received.

Ms Bates/Ms Hunter Carried

Resolved minute number **17/MCC/016** **File Ref** **1-LTP-4-2**

That the Committee suggests that Murimotu for Otiwhiti and Raumai for Parewanui may be suitable but that feedback should be primarily from the affected communities and Iwi

Ms Bates/Ms Wagner Carried

20 Repainting of Memorial Hall and Jubilee Pavilion

The Committee considered the Resene Heritage swatch provided by Council staff. Ms Bates had also sought advice from local paint shop colour experts. The Committee agreed that it would be good to get some coordination of colours throughout the town. Noted that dark colours such as red, can have shorter durability than lighter colours.

Resolved minute number **17/MCC/017** **File Ref**

The Committee recommends that the same colours (cream/green) be used to repaint the exterior of Memorial Hall and Jubilee Pavilion.

Cr Wilson / His Worship the Mayor Carried (4/3)

21 Chorus Cabinet Art programme

The information was noted. Committee members will alert their networks.

22 Late Items

22.1 Ratana Celebration

His Worship the Mayor informed the Committee of a special event celebrating the advent of the Ratana movement through the 100th anniversary of the vision of Tahupōtiki Wiremu Ratana. The event could be huge at the Paa – up to 50,000 visitors. The Mayor urged the Committee to support in whatever way was possible. It was agreed that the Chair would write a letter to the Ratana Community Board offering support from the Committee.

22.2 Swimming Pool

Ms Bates had been informed of a potential repair required for the steps out of the pool. It was agreed she would submit a request for service. The Mayor will also follow up.

22.3 Tutaenui Scheme AGM

Cr Sheridan reported. 60-70 people turned out for this evening meeting, particularly from Bulls. Have been issues with the maintenance of the Tutaenui down in Bulls through Brandon Hall Road and Trickers Road. Agreed at the meeting to a rates increase to improve the maintenance and also to seek a global consent to remove metal from the river bed to aid draining.

22.4 Annual Plan submission to Horizons

Ms Bates alerted the Committee to the deadline for submission to the Horizons Annual Plan which is tomorrow. Council is considering its submission at the Policy/Planning Committee meeting tomorrow. Agreed not to make a submission from the Committee.

22.5 Curtain Bank

Ms Bates has been discussing with the Council community housing staff about accessing the Palmerston North curtain bank for Council community housing tenants.

22.6 Marton Park update

Cr Sheridan reported on three project groups that she is involved with to develop the Park and is looking for additional community members to work alongside her and others in the group. There will be a meeting at 3.00 pm on Wednesday 19 April at the Library.

23 Next Meeting

Wednesday 14 June 2017, 7:00pm

24 Meeting Closed

9.15 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____