



Rangitikei District Council

Marton Community Committee Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday 9 August 2017 – 7:00 pm

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Present: Carolyn Bates (Chair)
Jennifer Greener
Donna Harris
Belinda Harvey-Larsen
Lynda Hunter
Wendy Wagner
Jennifer Greener
Cr Lynne Sheridan
Cr Dave Wilson

In attendance: Nardia Gower Governance Administrator
George London
Ian Williamson

Tabled Documents: **Item 23:** Correspondence from Ian and Kate Williams regarding Lions Marton Hanging Basket Project
Item 23: A report on Michael Samuels: Maori Carvings in need of repair

1 Welcome

The Chair Ms Carolyn Bates welcomed everyone to the meeting and extended that welcome to Mr George London as part of the Community Patrol to hear about the Skate Park Extension.

2 Public Forum

Ms Nardia Gower spoke to the skate park proposal (a project within the Centennial Park Development Plan). Ms Gower shared a brief account of the work undertaken by Pania and Ray Hemopo to get the proposal in front of Council and receive a grant of \$50,000 on a 1:2 basis. The total cost of the extension is \$150,000 with the remaining \$100,000 to be raised in order to access the Council fund. The \$100,000 can include in-kind labour and materials. Rich Landscapes is the contractor agreed to complete the build, with a planned start date of mid November 2017 and requires a \$100,000 payment. Rotary Club of Marton is acting as the umbrella organisation for raising funds from external sources and is currently awaiting reply from Duddings Trust with a request of \$50,000, Pub Charity Ltd and Lions Foundation each for \$25,000. The Committee supported the Skate Park Extension project.

3 Apologies

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That the apology of absence from Ms Pip Hancock, Cr Ash and Lyn Duncan be received

Ms Bates / Ms Greener. Carried

4 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.

5 Confirmation of order of business and late items

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, last year's Wilson Park BBQ grant of \$6000, be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

Mr Ian Williams will be provided a public forum regarding the hanging baskets in Broadway Marton, upon his arrival at the meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **17/MCC/032** **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Marton Community Committee meeting held on 14 June 2017 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Ms Harvey-Larson / Ms Bates. Carried

7 Chair's Report

Signage

- Currently am compiling a list of potential interested parties in relation to town signage.
- Spoken to several people regarding town signage.

Info Table

- With Lynne Sheridan (Lynne will speak on this).

RDC Meeting

- Attended.

Potential New Residents

- Spoke with three sets of potential residents who are considering moving to Rangitikei.

Hanging Baskets

- Spoke, and met with members of Lions regarding applying for funds from the Small Grants allowance.

Centennial Park

- Attended meeting on Friday 4 August re Upgrade (Pania Hemopo will speak on this).

8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

- 17/MCC/026 – Council approved the carry-forward of \$3,232 for the Small projects fund
- Draft Tree Policy - The suggestions made by the members of the Marton Community Committee were presented to the Policy / Planning Committee. No ratification is required.

9 Council responses to queries raised at previous meetings

- Community Committees are not able to apply for Council funding, as they have no separate status apart from Council and may not operate a bank account.

10 Update from the Project Marton Co-ordinator

A verbal report was provided by Project Marton treasurer and member of this committee Ms Lynda Hunter.

Cr Cath Ash along with 3 volunteers took 16 Rangitikei youth to Auckland to Festival of the Future Youth Conference. Cr Ash had a short time frame from being made aware of the youth conference to raising the funds. Council, Rotary Club of Marton and Marton Christian Welfare all financially supported the weekend. Youth came away invigorated to pursue avenues that they have strong interest in, including social start-ups, leadership roles and community service.

The General Election Meet the Candidate event is on 24 August 6.30 pm at the Friendship Hall.

The inaugural Craft Alive event is 23-24 September at Memorial hall. It is an interactive event where you can watch and become involved in various crafts. Entry is by Gold coin entry 12 and under free.

Marton Market Day is 25 November. Stall sites are still available and the early bird fee of \$45 applies until the 29th September.

The weekly email newsletter is an avenue for clubs and agencies to engage with a large audience. It was requested that the newsletter advertise the Marton Junction School Fashion Parade at Rangitikei College 19 Sept 1pm (all ages) and 7.30 at night (18 + alcohol). The organisers are to email a poster to Project Marton.

Monty's Surprise Apple Tree giveaway will be held on 12 August 12pm at the Marton Community Garden.

11 Update from the Marton Wastewater Advisory Group

Nothing to update.

12 Update on place-making initiatives

Athol Sanson, Parks and Reserves Team Leader, has advised that the new Placemaking project for Marton has commenced during July in the small garden outside of Countdown. This project incorporates the installation of new seating, new soil, new plantings and the possible movement of a rubbish bin. The current seat was removed and will be relocated to Civic Square to replace one that had been removed and never replaced. It is planned that the project gets completed on Saturday 5th August 2017.

Undertaking	Subject	Placemaking Team
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The Governance Administrator to update the Placemaking email list for members of the Marton Community Committee		
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13 Public Forum Continued

Mr Ian Williams from the Lions Club of Marton spoke to the Committee requesting \$1,000 to extend the hanging baskets. Mr Williams informed the committee that Council granted \$1,600 for this year's supply of baskets and plants. Each basket lasts no more than 7-8 years, and, as a course of maintenance, a certain number get replaced every year. The Lion's Club aim is keep two sets of baskets in order to supply Broadway Marton with a winter and summer display.

Mr Williams addressed questions from the Committee with the following outcomes:

- Vandalism has contributed to the loss of 6 baskets in this last 12 months. Some get pulled down and left on the footpath while others are stolen. This act simultaneously pulls the irrigation system down.
- The labour involved in each season's display involves – approximately 6 people working 3-4 days, 4 hours each day. All labour is volunteered. Mr Williams has established the facilities to pot and home the baskets at his own home, at his own expense.

Resolved minute number **17/MCC/033** **File Ref**

That the Marton Community Committee grant the Lions Club of Marton \$1,000 towards the Hanging basket in Broadway, Marton.

Cr Wilson / Ms Wagner. Carried

14 Update on the Marton Civic Centre/Heritage Precinct project

Cr Wilson spoke, informing the committee that a steering committee will be formalised within the next two months, which he would chair. Key stakeholders will be engaged as part of that steering group targeting interested parties such as but not limited to Councillors, the Historical Society, real estate agents, main street and greater area businesses, building owners, service agencies, Marton Community Committee including a youth voice. Part of their remit will be to discuss the future development and what that may look like. The initial stage is to engage directly with stakeholders, then go out to the general public.

For consideration is

- Council's Long Term Plan public submissions indicated a preference to retain facades of the Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams Buildings site and replace behind. The extent of how much to retain has yet to be discussed.
- What are the cost involved in making the existing Council buildings including the Library fit for purpose?
- Outcomes from discussions with external experts on what is possible with the Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams Buildings sit. Funding maybe dependent upon what of the building is retained.
- What does a boutique heritage precinct look like?

- Government has given a 15 year deadline for our earthquake prone buildings to be strengthened. Cr Wilson stated that these building are of priority (by their location) and would expect a significantly reduced time frame for completion.

At its meeting on 27 July 2017, Council approved terms of reference for the Heritage Precinct Project.

Work continues with gathering information about spending by Marton residents in Marton and in nearby centres and spending at Marton businesses by Marton residents and others.

Council has asked for scoping and costing an upgrade of buildings on the Marton Library site and the Marton Administration site so that they are fit for purpose as a reference point for the investigations on the Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams Buildings site.

15 Update on town signage

Recurring item. At the last meeting it was suggested that the following be discussed: suggestions for signage, consideration of which parties need to be involved, and who might be good people to sit on a 'Signs Committee'.

Ms Bates is compiling a list on who to approach and who to involve in forming a 'Signs Committee'. Both Ms Harvey-Larsen and Cr Sheridan expressed interest on being on this committee. Project Marton will be approached as part of the process.

Cr Wilson suggested 3 option for public consultation.

Committee discussed the merits on how to consult the public with ideas put forward including

- Creating a public notice informing of the concept to change the signage and asking for feedback
- Forgoing an open public invite for ideas and instead offering the public three options for the choice of a sign.

Further comments regarding town signage included

- The first step is to form the committee
- Marton's Town Planning with Dave Engwicht focused a lot of conversation on the signage into Marton.
- Mark Wilkson's signs for Marton could be revisited.
- Signs should advertise the facilities that Marton offers such three banks, cafes, toilets, petrol station

16 Council Street Table

Cr Sheridan provided a verbal report informing the Committee that two street table sessions have been completed. Feedback at those sessions included both negative and positive feedback enabling engagement over issues. There was a good uptake of brochures. Street

tables are on the first Saturday of each month and vary location between New World, Leader and Watt, and Marton Pharmacy.

17 Small Projects Grant Scheme update

Ms Bates tabled a report from Gypsy Wright.

At the last meeting Mr Wright requested \$162.90 for repainting the Maori carvings situated behind Memorial Hall and in the carpark of Marton School. The Committee asked him to reapply for a greater grant to cover the potential cost of relocation Ms Harvey Larsen suggested that Mr Wright discuss his ideas with Mike Samuels' family and other parties he identified within his report and seek their input into the repair and/or relocation. The carving will need to be blessed before any work goes ahead.

Resolved minute number **17/MCC/034** **File Ref**

That the Marton Community Committee request Mr Gypsy Wright to approach the whanau of Michael Samuels, Forest and Bird, Lions Marton and Rotary Club of Marton, for guidance on their wishes for repair or relocation.

Ms Harris / Ms Hunter. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/MCC/035** **File Ref** **3-CC-1-3**

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – August 2017' be received.

Ms Bates / Cr Sheridan. Carried

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

Resolved minute number **17/MCC/036** **File Ref** **3-CC-1-5**

That the memorandum 'Current Infrastructure Projects/Upgrades and other Council Activities in the Marton Ward, May-June 2017' be received.

Ms Harris / Ms Bates. Carried

19 Draft Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2017

Resolved minute number **17/MCC/037** **File Ref** **1-DP-1-14**

That the memorandum 'Draft Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2017' be received.

Ms Harris / Ms Hunter. Carried

20 Update on Parks Programme

Cr Sheridan spoke to the report. Mr Sanson is preparing for a working bee to clean up the eastern side of Marton Park and plant kowhai as part of the Tui Trail and fernery project and is due to take place in about a month. The Returned Service Association is involved with fernery project. Funding applications for the Tui Trail project are underway.

Resolved minute number **17/MCC/038** **File Ref**

That the report 'Implementation of Marton Park Management Plan' be received.

Ms Harris / Ms Bates. Carried

21 Change to fees made under the Resource Management Act 1991 - Consultation

The Committee noted the commentary contained in the agenda.

22 Weed spraying in Marton and Centennial Parks

During September the Parks and Reserves team will commence a spring flat weed spraying program in two Parks in Marton: Marton Park and Centennial Park. This spraying will mainly be for cape weed and some flat weeds which is becoming increasing prevalent in our region's sports fields. Spraying will only take place when conditions are favourable, and at a time that will not adversely affect park users.

All areas to be sprayed will be closed during and following spraying for a period of 24 hours. A registered spraying contractor will be used for this work, and all areas to be sprayed will have signs advising public of Park closures. All neighbouring properties will be advised by letter drop of the spraying programme.

Undertaking **Subject** **Wilson Park Weed spraying**

The Parks and Recreation team to ensure the spray advertising is in place at Wilson Park (in response to Ms Harvey-Larsen's comments that such signs aren't there).

23 Tree plaques: request for information

Currently the Parks and Reserves team is creating a database of the commemorative trees planted throughout the region. The database captures the tree species, who planted it, when and why it was planted, a GPS coordinate, and a photo of the plaque/tree.

The Parks and Reserves team would like further information on commemorative trees planted in the Rangitikei District on Council property. Any information can be forwarded to athol.sanson@rangitikei.govt.nz

24 Late Items

As accepted in item 5.

The Committee discussed the allocated funds of \$6000 towards a BBQ at Wilson Park. It is understood that the previous Committee was awarded this funding on 1:2 basis but was unable to raise the additional funding required.

Undertaking	Subject	Wilson Park BBQ grant of \$6000
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The Chair to write a report to this Committee regarding the Wilson Park BBQ detailing scope of the original project – including potential for current users of Wilson Park to continue the fundraising for the project.

25 Next Meeting

Wednesday 11 October 2017, 7:00 pm (updates by 3 October)

26 Upcoming meetings for 2017

- 13 December (updates by 5 December)

27 Meeting Closed

9.00 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: