

Rangitīkei District Council

Marton Community Committee Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday 13 June 2018 – 7:09 pm



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Present:

Ms Carolyn Bates (Chair)
Ms Donna Harris
Ms Belinda Harvey-Larsen
Ms Wendy Wagner

In Attendance:

Mr Blair Jamieson Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Ms Lucy Skou Tutaenui Hall Committee
Ms Brenna O'Neill
Ms Stephanie Shaw Project Marton Co-Ordinator

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Public Forum

Lucy Skou presented to the Committee a request for financial contribution from the Small Project Grant Scheme for the creation of a Community Garden at Marton School. The presentation was tabled.

A discussion on the presentation occurred during Item 16.

Lucy Skou and Brenna O'Neill addressed the Committee with regard to plans for upgrading the Marton Memorial Park Playground. A PowerPoint presentation was given.

A discussion on the presentation occurred during Item 16.

3 Apologies

That the apology of Cr Cath Ash, Lyn Duncan, Pip Hancock and Jennifer Greener was received.

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.

Ms Harvey-Larsen declared a conflict of interest in relation to item 10 because she is on the Committee for the Marton Players Theatre who made an application to the Community Initiatives Fund.

5 Confirmation of order of business and late items

There was a scheduled change to the order of business, whereby Item 11 was taken after the welcome by the Chair. This was due to Project Marton staff needing to attend another meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number	18/MCC/016	File Ref	3-CC-1-3
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That the Minutes of the Marton Community Committee meeting held on 11 April 2018 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Ms C Bates / Ms D Harris. Carried

7 Chair's Report

No report was provided.

8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

9 Council responses to queries raised at previous meetings

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

Ms Harvey-Larsen gave a presentation, tabling her recommendations by way of a site plan for consideration of the committee and Council staff.

10 Consideration of applications to the Community Initiatives Fund

The Committee discussed the applications for the Community Initiatives Fund. The key points discussed were:

Project LiteFoot

- *In the Committee's opinion the application was poorly prepared, most notably around the financial benefits to the organisations who they seek to assist.*
- *This was most notable in the request to provide advice and supply LED lightbulbs to the Croquet Club at a price believed to be over \$1,000 more than what it would cost to just switch over the lightbulbs.*
- *The consideration to fund the Project LiteFoot application was unanimously declined.*

Alzheimers Whanganui Inc – 'The Group'

- *The Committee noted that Alzheimers Whanganui does have a presence in Marton and that the work they do is valued by the community.*
- *The consideration to fund 100% of the Alzheimers Whanganui application was unanimously passed.*

Wanganui Area Neighbourhood Support Groups Inc

- *The Committee noted that Wanganui Area Neighbourhood Support does have a presence in Marton and that the work they do is valued by the community.*
- *The consideration to fund 100% of the Wanganui Area Neighbourhood Support Groups Inc application was unanimously passed.*

Marton Country Music Festival

- *The Committee noted that Marton Country Music Festival provides a significant event on Marton's calendar and the economic benefits it brings to the town.*
- *In the Committee's opinion the application should have contained greater content around the profitability of the event over the last three years.*
- *The consideration to fund 100% of the Marton Country Music Festival application was unanimously passed, on the basis that it is a significant event on Marton's calendar and the cost of contribution is outweighed by the economic benefits of the event.*

Marton Players Inc

- *The Committee noted Marton Players Inc. does have a presence in Marton and that their events are growing in popularity within the community.*
- *The consideration to fund 100% of the Marton Players Inc. application was unanimously passed.*

Resolved minute number	18/MCC/017	File Ref
1	That the report 'Consideration of applications for the Community initiatives Fund 2018/2019 – Round 1' be received.	
2	That the following Project Report Forms be received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project LiteFoot • Alzheimers Whanganui Inc 	
3	That the Marton Community Committee approve the applications, listed below, and disperse the Community initiatives Fund as outlined to successful applicants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alzheimers Whanganui Inc: The Group, for \$2,190.00. • Wanganui Area Neighbourhood Support Groups Inc: Junior Neighbourhood Support, for \$821.00. • Marton Country Music Festival: Marton Country Music Festival, for \$2,500. • Marton players Inc: Open Stage Fridays, for \$609.50. 	

Ms C Bates / Ms W Wagner. Carried

Project LiteFoot were declined any funding.

11 Update from the Project Marton Co-ordinator

A verbal update on the new staffing structure and Project Marton office fit out was provided by Ms Shaw on behalf of the Project Marton Co-ordinator.

12 Update from the Marton/Bulls Wastewater Advisory Group

The Group has not met since the Committee's last meeting.

13 Update on Youth Services

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

14 Update on place-making initiatives

No commentary was provided.

15 Update on the Marton Civic Centre/Heritage Precinct project

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

Cr Wilson commented on the reasons of the application being declined and the process moving forward to engage with Minister Jones as part of the Provincial Growth Fund.

16 Small Projects Grant Scheme update – June 2018

The Committee discussed the application made by Ms Skou for funding towards upgrading the Marton School Community Garden. Key points raised were:

- *The Committee noted the benefits to the school, the most notable being the diverse range of learning outcomes with a community garden, the interaction students will have through the planting lifecycle, and the academic learning outcomes.*
- *The Committee noted the need for such a project within the school, the most notable being helping assist the school with its enviro-school membership and that the school is of low decile – so assistance from the Committee is needed.*
- *His Worship the Mayor noted that there are direct avenues of assistance available from nurseries and plant suppliers. Ms Skou was advised to make contact with His Worship for the purposes of connecting these two groups together.*
- *The decision to fund \$1,000 towards the Marton School Community Garden was made on the basis that it this would help start the process of the gardens development.*
- *The decision to fund \$1,000 towards the Marton School Community Garden was unanimously passed.*

The committee resolved to request that Council carry forward the unspent balance of the Small Projects Grant Scheme to the 2018/19 financial year.

Resolved minute number	18/MCC/018	File Ref
1	That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – June 2018' be received.	
2	That the Marton Community Committee contributes \$,1000 towards the Marton School Community Garden from the 2017/18 Small Projects Grant Scheme	
3	That the Marton Community Committee recommends to Council that the unspent balance of the Small Projects Grant Scheme of \$154.00 be carried forward to the 2018/19 Financial year.	

Ms W Wagner / Ms D Harris. Carried

17 Proposed workplan of MoU partnering organisation

Mr Jamieson spoke to the report.

The Committee was happy to accept the work plan, however Mr Jamieson was requested to have a discussion around the welcome packs, specifically how Council, Project Marton and Marton's real estate agents should provide a streamlined and universal welcome pack.

Resolved minute number	18/MCC/019	File Ref
1	That the Proposed workplan of MoU partnering organisation be received.	
2	That council staff are requested to work with Project Marton and Marton's real estate agents to provide a streamlined and universal welcome pack.	
3	That, regarding the proposed workplan of the MoU partnering organisation Project Marton, the Marton Community Committee recommends to the Policy/Planning Committee the adoption of this workplan.	

Ms C Bates / Ms D Harris. Carried

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

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

Cr Wilson and His Worship the Mayor noted that Council will be looking to promote the businesses affected by the pathway and road works on Broadway; doing so after the completion of the current pathway and road works.

Resolved minute number **18/MCC/020** **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Extract relating to Marton from activity reports to Assets/Infrastructure Committee, March-April 2018 be received.

Ms C Bates / Ms D Harris. Carried

19 Late Items

None

20 Next meeting

8 August 2018, 7.00 pm

An apology was given in advance by his worship the Mayor as he will be attending the Taihape Community Board meeting.

21 Meeting Closed

9:20 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: