



Rangitikei District Council

Marton Community Committee Meeting

Agenda – Wednesday 12 December 2018 – 7:00 pm

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The quorum for the Marton Community Committee is 4 plus an Elected Member.

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 3 November 2016) 10.2 provide: The quorum for Council committees and sub-committees is as for Council, ie 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

4 Members' 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 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, be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes from the 10 October 2018 meeting are attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-3

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Marton Community Committee meeting held on 10 October 2018 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

7 Chair's Report

A verbal report will be provided at the meeting.

8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

Welcome packs:

Council has met with Wendy Wagner and Project Marton to co-ordinate the welcome packs. This has been set as a matter of urgency.

Wilson park seating:

Council confirmed the below resolution:

18/MCC/033

The Marton Community Committee recommends to Council that the existing seating at Wilson Park be repaired.

9 Council responses to queries raised at previous meetings

Community Initiatives Fund update, refer to item 10.

10 Community Initiatives and Event Sponsorship

At its meeting on 15 November 2018, the Policy/Planning Committee considered an alternative to the delegation provided to Community Boards and Community Committees to administer part of the Community Initiatives Fund. The recent round demonstrated the difficulty of aligning a District-wide perspective with more local concerns.

At its meeting on 30 November 2018, the Council approved the Policy/Planning Committee's endorsement of the use of SmartyGrants™ as the funding platform to manage the Community Initiatives Scheme, Creative Communities Scheme, Event Sponsorship Scheme, and Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund.

Each Community Board/Committee is asked to nominate an assessor, each of whom will assess the merits of each application. Assessors are required to be computer literate and have internet access as the platform is online based only. A training session will be provided to the assessors early 2019.

The Chair and Deputy Chair of Finance/Performance Committee have been appointed assessors, each of whom (like the assessors from the Community Boards/Committees) will assess the merits of each application. A report collating the individual assessments will be provided to the Finance/Performance Committee which will decide the amount to be granted to each applicant. The funding rounds of all schemes will coincide.

Recommendation:

That the Marton Community Committee nominate [*insert name*] as an assessor for future Community Initiatives and Event Sponsorship grant applications.

11 Representation review

Council has published its final proposal – which continues the three ward structure in the initial proposal. However, a change was made to the boundaries of the Taihape Community Board so that they aligned with those of the proposed Northern Ward.

Objections and appeals must be with the Council no later than 11 December 2018. The Local Electoral Act requires these to be referred to the Local Government Commission which must make a binding decision by 11 April 2019. Before doing that, the Commission may hold, but is not obliged to hold, meetings with the Council or any persons who have lodged an appeal or objection and have indicated a desire to be heard by the Commission in relation to that appeal or objection.

12 Youth Council

At its meeting on 29 November 2018, Council agreed to the establishment and funding of a Rangitikei Youth Council. Applications are open now through to 1 February 2019, for 13-24 year old Rangitikei residents who would like to be considered for one of the 11 member

seats. Members will be chosen through a selection, not election, process. The main criteria in selecting members would be that they are motivated, enthusiastic and driven to participate in Youth Council and in the community. Following that, consideration would be to ensure a fair representation of the districts youth community with regard to gender, culture and residential location.

This will be an opportunity for our rangatahi to become engaged in civic duties, grow their leadership qualities, learn about governance and represent their communities. The Youth Council will create an annual work plan with measurable targets in which to review value of time, energy and money invested.

The application form is attached. Further information is available on council's website www.rangitikei.govt.nz

Further queries can be directed to council's Strategic Advisor for Rangatahi/Youth – Nardia Gower nardia.gower@rangitikei.govt.nz

Recommendation:

That the 'Youth Council Application Form' be received.

13 Future management of community housing

This update was requested by Carolyn Bates.

The future options and opportunities, including funding, for Council's continued management of community housing has been informed by the Government's policy position on community housing. At its meeting on 14 June 2018, the Policy/Planning Committee considered the question of moving to market rentals and its recommendations were approved at Council's meeting on 28 June 2018. All tenants have been advised (in writing) of the change, to take effect from 1 November 2018, and meetings were arranged in Taihape, Marton and Bulls at which a Work & Income representative was invited to attend (and did so). An alternative power supply arrangement has been presented to Council and (at Council's request) discussed with tenants. A report is on this meeting's Order Paper.

The proposed upgrade programme was presented to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting in August. At its August meeting, the Policy/Planning Committee adopted a slightly amended community housing policy. Consideration is currently being given to options/opportunities for the further development/enhancement of Council's community housing portfolio. Staff attended a Local Government New Zealand workshop on 24 October 2018 which considered policy options to propose to central government to enable councils to both maintain their current investment in social housing and expand that investment should they choose to do so.

14 Update from the Project Marton Co-ordinator

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

15 Update from the Marton/Bulls Wastewater Advisory Group

The trade waste agreement with MidWest Disposal for acceptance of treated leachate at the Marton wastewater treatment plant is now in place. MidWest Disposal sought an amendment to the agreement, which was considered by Council at its July meeting and approved. Subsequently, both MidWest and Council agreed to explore further changes acknowledging that no leachate would be accepted during the summer months of minimal flow in the Tutaenui Stream.

Horizons has made it clear that lodgement of a new consent application by October 2018 will allow the current consent arrangements to apply until a new consent is issued. That consent application was lodged at the end of September 2018.

16 Update on Youth Services

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 4-EN-12-4

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Youth Development Programme Update – December 2018' be accepted.

17 Update on place-making initiatives

A small group has been asked by the place-making group at their meeting on 17 October, to conceptualise the seating and information signage on the Elim Church sight, on the corner of Lower High Street and Broadway. The land owners have been informed. Other members have committed to sourcing labour and product for the project.

18 Update on the Marton Civic Centre/Heritage Precinct project

The Lottery Heritage Fund Committee declined the Council's application for a grant for a heritage feasibility precinct study for Marton's CBD. An application will shortly be made for this study to be accepted as a project to the Provincial Growth Fund: in October a capability grant of \$25,000 was approved part of which will be used to complete the detailed application required.

A business case is being prepared on the principal options for the redevelopment of the proposed civic centre site. These are the status quo (i.e. not moving from the current Administration and Library sites), demolition of all buildings on the Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams site and erecting an entirely new facility; retaining all structures on the Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams site and refurbishing; retaining facades only on the Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams site and building behind. WSP-Opus submitted a draft proposal for developing the concepts designs to support the next phase of this project, which will involve community engagement. This will be the basis of an application to the Provincial Growth Fund, linking the Civic Centre project to the Heritage Precinct proposal. This will be considered in workshop on 13 December 2018. This project has featured in recent media stories fronted by the Mayor on the likely impacts of the provisions of the Building (Earthquake-prone buildings) Amendment Act on rural towns like

Marton. Following the meeting of Council representatives with Minister Salesa, a profile of Rangitikei's commercial building stock, including the likely extent of earthquake-prone buildings, was provided to MBIE staff, who are evaluating the policy/regulatory impacts on rural/provincial communities of the recently enacted earthquake-prone building provisions of the Building Act. A response from the Minister/MBIE is expected in the next few months.

19 Small Projects Grant Scheme update – December 2018

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-3

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – December 2018' be received.

20 Advice of review of MoU organisations work plans to come to February meetings

As provided in the Memorandum of Understanding with the partnering organisations undertaking work programmes within the community well-being group of activities, Project Marton will be asked to provide its draft 2019/20 work plan to the Committee's February meeting. This allows the Committee to pass its comments and assessment to the Council's Policy/Planning Committee's meeting later that month.

21 Current Infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the Marton ward September-October 2018

The extracts are attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-5

Recommendation:

That the extract 'Current Infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the Marton ward September-October 2018' be received.

22 Late Items

As accepted in item 5.

23 Next meeting

13 February 2019, 7.00 pm.

If you wish to include any items in the upcoming agenda, these must be received by 30 January 2019. Please submit to Carolyn Bates at martoncc.cab@gmail.com.

24 Meeting Closed