



Rangitikei District Council

Marton Community Committee Meeting

Agenda – Wednesday 13 February 2019 – 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 12 December 2018 meeting are attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-3

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Marton Community Committee meeting held on 12 December 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

No recommendations were made to council at the previous meeting.

9 Council responses to queries raised at previous meetings

Emergency response

The Community Response Plan Template and the Community Activated Emergency Centre Toolkit are attached.

Recommendation:

That the Community response Plan Template and the Community Activated Emergency Centre Toolkit be received.

10 Update from the Project Marton Co-ordinator

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

11 Update from the Marton 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 2018 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.

12 Grants update

The new online grants platform will be used for Round 2, 2018/19, to manage the Community Initiatives Scheme, Events Sponsorship Scheme, the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund and the Creative Communities Scheme. Round 2 will open on 11 March 2019, and close on 15 April 2019. All applications will be submitted, and assessed online.

Community Boards and Committees have all nominated 1 assessor each to evaluate the applications for the Event Sponsorship and the Community Initiatives Schemes. The Creative Community Assessment Committee and the Sport NZ Rural Assessment Committee will continue to assess their respective funds as before.

An assessor training day will take place on 4 March 2019 in the Council chambers. Our Governance Administrator Christin Ritchie, will be available to assist applicants with their online applications as needed.

13 Creative Communities Assessment Committee

In Round 1 of 2019-2020 (11 March – 15 April), The Creative Communities Assessment Committee will need between four and seven new committee members, including representation from Pasifika and youth. Members will ideally be involved in the arts locally, or have experience in one or more forms of art. They will be responsible for assessing applications for funding from artistic individuals and community groups, and will be required to attend meetings twice a year.

A nomination form is attached.

Recommendation:

That the Creative Communities Scheme assessor nomination form be received.

14 Community Housing

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, that took effect from 1 November 2018, and meetings were arranged in Taihape, Marton and Bulls at which a Work & Income representative were invited to attend (and did so). At its meeting on 13 December 2018, Council agreed to engage with Solarcity for the provision of solar power and access to the wholesale energy market for the tenants at Wellington Road and Cobber Kain Avenue community housing complexes. The contract will be finalised shortly.

The Heat Pump installation is progressing well, with very positive feedback from our tenants. 50 heat-pumps have been installed to date, completing the Marton flats. Installation will commence in Bulls the week of the 4 February, followed by Taihape later the following week.

Measurements for curtains and blinds across the District has been completed and staff are currently confirming with tenants what they require, as some tenants have indicated that they would like to keep their own window coverings. It is expected that the order for these will be completed mid-February.

Occupancy rates remain high, with waiting lists in Bulls, Marton and Rātana. Taihape has one vacancy at Matua Flats, which is in the process of being filled.

Inspections have been completed across the district. The majority of small tasks have been completed by Council's Handyperson. Other renewals for 2019/20 will be confirmed, when the final costs are to hand for the heat pumps and curtains.

15 Update on Youth Services

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 4-EN-12-4

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Youth Development Programme Update – February 2019' be accepted.

16 Update on place-making initiatives

Discussion Item.

Note: At their workshop on 31 January, Council considered the recruitment of a second handyperson to assist with Place-making projects. However, there was a strong preference instead to publicise the current scheme and encourage voluntary participation instead, as this would likely divert too much of the funds. The current balance is \$29,550.

The CE Checklist and Place-making Project Plan Template are attached.

Recommendation:

That the CE Checklist and Place-making Project Plan Template are received.

17 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 2018 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. Council considered this on 13 December 2018 and decided to accept the proposal for WSP Opus and requested a project plan be finalised, incorporating a community engagement phase and completion of business case to final draft status by September 2019. The work to be undertaken is, in part, a feasibility study regarding the conservation/preservation of built heritage. Lotteries will fund projects started but not completed, which is the case for this project. On that basis the project would meet the criteria for funding from Lotteries' Environment and Heritage Fund. An application to that effect will be prepared and submitted by the mid-March 2019 deadline. A decision is expected by June 2019.

This project featured in media stories last year 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.

18 Small Projects Grant Scheme update – February 2019

A memorandum is attached.

Note: You are only allowed to carry-forward from one financial year to the next, up to 100% of the annual allocation for your Small Projects Grant Fund, with the proviso that this be a specific resolution of the Committee. There are only 2 more meetings after this for 2018/19.

File ref: 3-CC-1-3

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – February 2019 be received.

19 Review of Project Marton proposed work plan for 2019/20

The Project Marton Proposed Work Plan for 2019/20 is attached.

Recommendation:

That the Project Marton Proposed Work Plan for 2019/20 be received.

20 Current Infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the Marton ward November 2018 - December 2019

The basis for this report (to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee) is being reviewed. Depending on the outcome, a report may be available for the April 2019 meeting.

21 Late Items

As accepted in item 5.

22 Next meeting

17 April 2019, 7.00 pm.

If you wish to include any items in the upcoming agenda, these must be received by 3 April 2019. Please submit to Carolyn Bates at martoncc.cab@gmail.com.

23 Meeting Closed