



# Rangitikei District Council

## Marton Community Committee Meeting

Agenda – Wednesday 12 June 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

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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, i.e. 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 April 2019 meeting are attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-3

### **Recommendation:**

That the Minutes of the Marton Community Committee meeting held on 10 April 2019 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**

Follett Street Toilets – Enhanced design.

At Council's 2 May 2019 meeting Council agreed that the Follett Street Toilets design is enhanced by both the gabled roof and the artwork of the branding colours, and approved an increase of \$25,800 in the project budget.

## **9 Council responses to queries raised at previous meetings**

There were no queries made to council at the previous meeting.

## **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**

There is nothing new to report this month. The update below is still current:

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 Youth Update – May 2019**

A memorandum is attached.

### **Recommendation:**

That the memorandum 'Youth Update – May 2019' to the 12 June 2019 Marton Community Committee be received.

## **13 Update on place-making initiatives**

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

## **14 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. 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 conversation/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. Lotteries will fully fund a feasibility and an application to that effect was 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.

WSP-Opus have started work on the concept designs, with the first stage being the detailed engineering assessments. This phase also includes a detailed survey of the exterior of the buildings, which was undertaken using a drone and completed at the end of February 2019. A detailed interior survey of all four buildings has also been completed. A 50% progress update as a workshop was provided to Council on 9 May 2019 on the two different options for the site, at which it was agreed to hold a further workshop (on 23 May) to provide comment back to WSP Opus.

Changes to Heritage EQUIP (the national earthquake upgrade incentive programme) announced on 11 February 2019 will benefit heritage-listed properties – up to 50% of the cost of detailed seismic assessments, conservation reports or architectural and structural engineering plans, allowing multiple applications for up to 67% of the cost of professional advice. However, historic buildings which aren't heritage-listed in the District Plan are not eligible. The Government has acknowledged this is a gap and are working on proposals in this regard.

## **15 Options for Wilson Park Seating/Tables**

A report is attached.

### **Recommendation:**

That the report 'Options for Wilson Park Seating/Tables' to the 12 June 2019 Marton Community Committee be received.

## **16 Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – June 2019**

A memorandum is attached.

Note: the Committee is only allowed to carry-forward from one financial year to the next, up to 100% of the annual allocation for its Small Projects Grant Fund, with the proviso that this be a specific resolution of the Committee.

File ref: 3-CC-1-3

**Recommendations:**

- 1 That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update –June 2019' to the 12 June 2019 Marton Community Committee be received.
- 2 That the Marton Community Committee recommends to Council that the unspent balance of the Small Projects Grant Scheme be carried forward to the 2019/20 financial year.

## 17 Community Housing

The heat pump Installation is now complete, with 68 units in total being fitted across the District. The four flats at Rātana already had them installed so all 72 of Council's units are done. There is one block of flats in Wellington Road that will be having its ceiling insulation topped up in the next couple of weeks to ensure all of Council's units comply with the new Healthy Homes Guarantees Act 2017. The curtain installation is now complete.

Occupancy across the District is still high with all units full, and a waiting list across the District. Council's Handyman has been busy with small maintenance jobs around the flats, focusing on water blasting paths/painting white lines on the path edges before winter. There has been very positive feedback from the tenants regarding this work.

## 18 Outcome of Smartygrants review

At its meeting on 30 May 2019, the Finance/Performance Committee considered a report on Smartygrants™ (the platform facilitating Councils community funding programmes). That report included input from the nominated assessors from each Community Board/Committee. The decisions taken were:

- That the Finance/Performance Committee endorses the continued participation by nominated members of Community Committees/Boards in the initial evaluation of grant applications.
- That the Finance/Performance Committee accepts the findings and remedial actions of staff to continue the use of Smartygrants™ for the 2019/2020 funding rounds.
- That a report be provided to the Finance/Performance Committee before the end of 2019 on using the Council's website to receive grant applications (and facilitating their administration) as an alternative to renewing the contract with Smartygrants™.

The following summarises the process improvements moving forward for the next funding round:

- Where Smartygrants™ is used, all nominated assessors will be contacted by phone or email when applications have been uploaded and are ready for assessment *and* at the

start of the week when the assessments are due to be completed. This also will provide assessors with a chance to ask questions about the process or seek clarification about any of the applications. A meeting (including access by conference call) will be offered to the assessors.

- Staff will advise assessors that their commentary will form part of the public report that will be considered by the Finance/Performance Committee.
- The report to the Finance/Performance Committee will be included in the distributed Order Paper rather than being presented at the meeting.
- Applications for the next funding round will be brought forward by two weeks to ensure that assessors have access to the applications in Smartygrants™ together with an accompanying summary report and that the report to the Finance/Performance Committee is completed in time.
- An applicant will not receive funding if assessors support falls under 45%.

## **19 Development of road safety strategy**

The Ministry of Transport will shortly be seeking public feedback on a new road safety strategy that aims to meaningfully reduce the trauma on our roads.

Currently, more than one person is killed every day on our roads, and another seven are injured. The effects of this trauma on families, communities, and the nation is devastating.

Our roads can be challenging and the consequences of small errors can be fatal. We need to improve the safety of our vehicles, our roads and our speeds, so that simple mistakes don't turn into tragedies.

The new strategy will propose a Vision Zero approach to road safety that says that deaths and serious injuries on our roads are unacceptable and preventable. Many countries that have taken a Vision Zero approach have significantly improved the safety on their roads over time.

We also know that travelling on our roads and footpaths can be stressful for many people at times, and we can do more to make this safer and more pleasant for all of us. A safe road transport system ensures that people feel safe to walk or bus or bike, and ensures we design our towns and cities as places people want to be in, not just to travel through.

The draft strategy will propose a vision, some principles for decision making and focus areas for action, and a list of priority interventions. The Ministry of Transport is keen to hear your views when the consultation opens mid-2019.

You can find out more at [www.transport.govt.nz/roadsafetystrategy](http://www.transport.govt.nz/roadsafetystrategy) and sign up to stay informed about the consultation.

## **20 Current Infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the Marton Ward March – April 2019**

An extract is attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-5

**Recommendation:**

That the extract 'Current Infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the Marton Ward, March - April 2019' to the 12 June 2019 Marton Community Committee be received.

**21 Marton Memorial Hall Playground - Update**

A report will be tabled at the meeting.

**22 Late Items**

As accepted in item 5.

**23 Next meeting**

7 August 2019 7.00 pm.

*If you wish to include any items in the upcoming agenda, these must be received by 24 July 2019. Please submit to Carolyn Bates at [martoncc.cab@gmail.com](mailto:martoncc.cab@gmail.com).*

**24 Meeting Closed**