



Rangitikei District Council

Marton Community Committee Meeting

Agenda – Wednesday 14 August 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 12 June 2019 meeting are attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-3

Recommendation:

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

Carry-forward of small grants fund approved

At its meeting 27 June 2019, Council approved the carry-forward of any unspent funds from the 2018/2019 year of the small projects grants scheme.

That Council provide information on which streams/drains Rangitikei District Council and Horizons are responsible for

A maintenance programme for the stormwater drainage systems has been developed, with regular schedules for specific actions. There will be marking of drains to identify whether Council or Horizons are specifically for each drain.

9 Council responses to queries raised at previous meetings

Wilson Park – location of concrete slabs

An update will be provided at the 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 District Youth Update June – July 2019

A memorandum is attached.

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'District Youth Update June – July 2019' to the 14 August 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. A workshop on the progress with the business case for this project was held with Elected Members on 13 June 2019, *with an update on 18 July 2019*.

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. However, the Lottery Environment and Heritage Committee approved a grant of \$50,000 as a contribution to the project, not seeing the project (or at least the application for it) as a full feasibility study.

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 have been evaluating the policy/regulatory impacts on rural/provincial communities of the recently enacted earthquake-prone building provisions of the Building Act. *This led to a higher threshold being announced on 14 July 2019 for alterations before the mandatory earthquake strengthening requirements applied.*

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 (retention of as much heritage as possible and demolition and new build), at which it was agreed to hold a further workshop (on 23 May) to provide comment back to WSP Opus. That led to a decision to have design work on an option which retained the street facades and Davenport interior (being highly significant heritage) and suspend further work on the demolition-new build option. WSP Opus has confirmed that it will be able to have completed costed designs for a workshop with Elected Members on 8 August 2019.

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 Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – August 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:

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – August 2019' to the 14 August 2019 Marton Community Committee be received.

16 Council funding schemes – call for applications

A media release is attached.

17 Community Housing

The blinds have arrived and these will be installed once time allows.

18 Community Response Plan – Update

Discussion item.

19 Marton Memorial Hall Playground – Update

A concept design is attached.

In June 2018 Ms Skou and Ms O'Neill presented to the Marton Community Committee their idea to turn the Marton Memorial Hall Playground into a destination playspace. Following Council's consent to the development Ms Skou and Ms O'Neill formed Marton Development Group (MDG), an incorporated society with charitable status, consisting of a cross section of 15 community representatives. In January 2019 MDG offered the tender of the playground development to two playground designers to quote, Opus and Boffa Miskell, with the group awarding the work to the latter. Boffa Miskell identified the restriction in the existing footprint of the playground and MDG sought Council's permission to extend the playground thus reducing the hall carpark availability. MDG gave the brief to Boffa Miskell to design a destination playspace incorporating as many of the play items the community engagement process had identified. In July 2019, Boffa Miskell produced the draft concept plan which overstepped the initial agreed-to playground extension by 251.9m². The purpose of the extra extension is to increase the planting and BBQ area allowing for a more user friendly and aesthetically appealing eastern end of the playground. Through the meeting held 25 July Council agreed to the further extension, satisfied that the carpark availability remaining complies with the District Plan. Council has allocated funding to the 2019/2020 budget for the seal of the existing metal area behind the hall, installation of a kerb and channel along the

eastern side of the carpark (nearest the stream) and marking of carparks. MDG has met with the designers and agreed to the concept which is now entering the phase of preparing the proposal and presentation of the final design. A time frame for this is dependent upon collaboration with manufacturers regarding bespoke equipment. MDG are using this time to engage with various groups over the draft concept and continue to fundraise. The draft playspace concept and layout along with the parking, and driveway access is attached.

20 New road name in Maher subdivision off Bredins Line

A memorandum is attached.

Recommendations:

- 1 That the memorandum 'New road name in Maher subdivision off Bredins Line' be received
- 2 That the Marton Community Committee recommends to Council that the right-of-way into the 9-lot subdivision off Bredins Line be named

EITHER 'Henty Lane'

OR

21 Current Infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the Marton Ward

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, May - June 2019' to the 14 August 2019 Marton Community Committee be received.

22 Late Items

As accepted in item 5.

23 Next meeting

9 October 2019 7.00 pm.

(This will be the final meeting for the triennium)

If you wish to include any items in the upcoming agenda, these must be received by 25 September 2019. Please submit to Carolyn Bates at martoncc.cab@gmail.com.

24 Meeting Closed