



Rangitikei District Council

Marton Community Committee Meeting

Agenda – Wednesday 9 October 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 14 August 2019 meeting are attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-3

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Marton Community Committee meeting held on 14 August 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

Immediate installation of blinds at community housing units

This is addressed in item 15.

Henty Lane proposed as the name of right-of-way into the 9-lpt subdivision off Bredins Line

Council are seeking clarity as to whether the right-of-way into the 9-lot subdivision off Bredins Line requested to be named Henty Lane, is a private road or will be part of council's roading network. If available, an update will be provided at the meeting.

At Councils 29 August 2019 meeting Cr Sheridan questioned if the naming of new streets/roads would be best chosen from a predetermined list or if developers could seek approval of names of their choosing.

Following Cr Sheridan's query, Council resolved that The Street Naming Policy is to be reviewed.

9 Council responses to queries raised at previous meetings

Wilson Park – location of concrete slabs

An update from Pip Hancock is attached.

Centennial Park – location of proposed toilets

Resource consent has been granted and toilet facility has been ordered. Option four (adjacent to the rose gardens) was confirmed for site location. A further on-site site location meeting will be held with the Chair, Assets/Infrastructure Committee, prior to the facility being moved on-site.

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 group have not met since the previous Marton Community Committee meeting.

12 Treaty of Waitangi commemoration 2020

A letter from the Prime Minister is attached.

13 Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report - September 2019

A report is attached.

File ref: 1-CO-4-8

Recommendation:

That the 'Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report - September 2019' to the 9 October 2019 Marton Community Committee be received.

14 Update on place-making initiatives

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

15 Community Housing

Occupancy rates across the District remain high, with a waiting list still in place. The curtain and blind installation is pretty much complete for the tenants who indicated they wanted them. The only outstanding installations are ones where tenants have changed their minds and now want them or staff have had to go back to confirm measurements and the needs of the tenants. Council have just refurbished another two units in Marton with new tenants moving in over the next couple of weeks. The newly installed heat pumps will have their first check and filter clean in the next two months.

16 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. That also gave consideration to the communications strategy to be used in the consultation with the community about the options considered.

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.

A workshop with WSP Opus to review these costed designs was scheduled for 29 August 2019, ahead of the Council meeting that day. Council considered more work was needed before proceeding with consulting with the community about the options considered, its preferred option and the business case supporting that. A specific project under way is exploring sources of funding for the project, especially for heritage preservation elements.

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.

17 Feedback on Annual Residents Survey

Earlier in 2019 Council undertook its Annual Residents Survey. Part of which the purpose is to set council's improvements plan for the upcoming year. While the feedback gathered has provided council with useful graphs showing various levels of satisfaction, what has been less forthcoming is feedback on how council can improve those statistics. In order to help us better service the community we are asking the Committee to offer specific improvement ideas for council to consider. The following aspects of the survey being the most relevant to Marton.

Parks

While the majority of respondents were satisfied with Parks, Open spaces and Sports Fields in Marton, the percentage of dissatisfaction indicates room for improvement. What specific suggestions can you offer council to undertake to improve the Parks, Open spaces and Sports Fields of Marton. Please specify areas by name or location.

Playgrounds

What specific improvement can council make to improve the Playgrounds in Marton? Please specify playground by location.

Cemeteries

What specific suggestion can you offer council to improve the Mount View Cemetery?

Town Halls

While the majority of respondents were satisfied with various aspects of the Marton Memorial Hall, there was a level of dissatisfaction that indicates room for improvement. What specific suggestion can you offer council to improve this facility?

Administration Buildings

What specific improvements can you offer to increase satisfaction levels of the Marton Administration Building?

Libraries

There was a level of dissatisfaction with the Marton library, can you offer specific improvements ideas that council could undertake to improve these results?

Swimming Pools

Although mostly satisfied with various aspects of the Marton Pool the survey result indicates that there is room for improvement. What specific suggestions can you offer council to improve the Marton Swimming pool and/or customer experience?

Wastewater

What specific aspects of the wastewater service do you think council needs to focus on?

Customer service

While there was a high level of respondent's satisfied or very satisfied with councils customer service there was a still a reasonable portion that had a neutral response. What specific improvements could council make to increase customer service satisfaction?

Elected members

The survey produced a high response rate of neutral when asked the level of satisfaction with Elected members response timeframes and handling of the queries, why do think this might be?

Communication and Publications

The survey produced a high response rate of neutral for council communication and publications, what specific improvements could council make in this area?

18 Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – October 2019

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-3

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – October 2019' to the 9 October 2019 Marton Community Committee be received.

19 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.

20 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

- **Follett Street Toilets** - Resource Consent has been granted and toilet facility has been ordered.
- **Renovations to the Boer War Memorial at Marton Park** - The Boer War Memorial project is underway with Alf Downs having completed the light fixture. The RSA has raised a further \$4000 towards the project.
- **Town Signage** – A document will be tabled at the meeting.
- **Marton Development Group** – The Marton Development Group presented to Council's Public Forum on 26 September 2019 asking elected members to consider financial contributions towards the playground, Council resolved to include through the 2020/2021 Annual Plan budget the sum of \$37,000 which includes a contingency of \$5,000 for the underground infrastructure of the Marton Memorial Hall Playground, through an increase to the storm water budget. Council further resolved to contribute \$50,000 towards Marton Memorial Hall Playground play equipment from the 2020-2021 Parks Partnership Upgrade Fund. The Marton Development Group sought Council's appetite for provision of public toilets, with elected members asking Council staff to produce a report containing staff recommendations.
- **Playtrail** – A report was produced for Council's meeting 26 September 2019. Council approved Marton Development Group playtrail sub-committee to lead the play trail project and that following approval of Nga Wairiki Ngati Apa, the playtrail is to be named after Tutaeporoporo Taniwha. Council agreed to an additional \$3,000 to the Parks and Reserves budget for maintenance of the Playtrail signs. Council also resolved that Marton Play Trail Signs, street art, games and paint-markings on council pathways require approval through Council resolution or delegation.
- **Memorial Hall - Painting of the inside** - Updated quotes have been requested.
- **Planting at the Dams** – Athol's new appointment will be starting on the 7th of October 2019. Planting at the Dams has been completed for the season.

21 Arrangements for establishing new Community Committees and Reserve Management Committees

All community committees and reserve management committees are discharged on Election Day 12 October 2019. Nominations for the new committees will open 24 October 2019 and close on 7 November 2019. If there are too few or too many nominations, a public meeting is called. As with Council's other community committees, the Marton Community Committee formed for the 2019-2022 triennium must have between seven and a maximum of ten members.

At its meeting 26 September 2019, Council resolved that those nominated for election for the 2019-22 triennium Community Committees must be elected by residents on the most recent District electoral roll and live within the ward that the principal town that the community committee represents. Those who are nominated and people nominating them must reside within that area. Representatives who are elected to a Community Committee, can only be a member of one Community Committee.

22 Late Items

As accepted in item 5.

23 Next meeting

This will be the final meeting for the triennium.

24 Meeting Closed