



# Rangitikei District Council

## Marton Community Committee Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday 9 October 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

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**Present:** Mrs Carolyn Bates  
Mrs Wendy Wagner  
Mrs Jennifer Greener  
Mrs Pip Hancock  
Mrs Lyn Duncan  
Mrs Donna Harris  
Mrs Belinda Harvey-Larsen  
Cr Lynne Sheridan  
Cr Dave Wilson

**In Attendance:** His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson  
Mr Nardia Gower, Strategic Advisor for Youth

**Tabled documents:** Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy review

## 1 Welcome

The meeting started at 7.02. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2 Public Forum

Nil

## 3 Apologies

The apology for the absence Cr Cath Ash and for the late arrival of Cr Dave Wilson, Mrs L Duncan and Mrs J Green was received.

## 4 Members' conflict of interest

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda, of which there was none.

## 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,

Marton Signage

be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/MCC/037**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CC-1-3**

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.

Mrs D Harris / Mrs P Hancock. Carried

## 7 Chair's Report

The Chair gave a verbal report with the following highlights:

- There were no street Tables in the run-up to the election.
- The chair has spoken to people regarding:
  - "New" Residents re Op Shop / Rubbish Collection / Transfer Station
  - Chair of Area Council, Red Cross regarding First Aid Course requirements for their drivers.
  - Boer War Memorial Restoration.

- Starting new IT repair shop.
- New CEO.
- Marton Court – There are no advertised opening hours and regularly no person available to answer questions.
- Community Patrol is still active
- Whanau Day @ Memorial Hall, 11am- 2pm Oct 19, being organised by Family Start.

The Mayor spoke briefly regarding the current district plan change in Marton noting that potential future developments are still commercially sensitive.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/MCC/038**                      **File Ref**

That the Chair's verbal report to the Marton Community Committee meeting 9 October 2019 be received.

Mrs C Bates / Mrs D Harris. Carried

Mrs L Duncan and Mrs J Green arrived at 7.07pm  
Cr Dave Wilson arrived at 7.12pm

## **8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee**

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda

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

### **Wilson Park – location of concrete slabs**

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda with the following additional comments:

It was advised that Council's stance is that only approved contractors can be used to fell and remove trees on council property in line with healthy and safety guidelines.

Ms Gower confirmed that the evolve Fabrication has been paid.

### **Centennial Park – location of proposed toilets**

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda with the following additional comments:

- Sewer drains have been installed for the toilets in Centennial Park.
- Toilets have been ordered and are expected in March 2020

**Undertaking**                                      **Subject**

Ms Gower to follow up with Evolve on the seat fabrication.

## 10 Update from the Project Marton Co-ordinator

No update was provided with the absence of Cr Cath Ash.

## 11 Update from the Marton Wastewater Advisory Group

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

An issue with a reoccurring over flowing sewer pipe under Wellington Road was raised. His Worship the Mayor advised that a programme of work is scheduled for that area, and that Council staff are aware of the issue.

## 12 Treaty of Waitangi commemoration 2020

The Committee noted the attached letter from the Prime Minister, stating that with such a short timeframe of advice, it could be a consideration to pre-plan for future years as the offer will likely continue.

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

Ms Gower spoke to the report with no question raised. The 'Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy review' report was tabled and read by the committee.

It was noted that people gamble be that in physical venues or online and (further) that a portion of money spent on local venues benefits the community through grants.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/MCC/039**                      **File Ref**                      **1-CO-4-8**

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

And

That the report 'Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy review' report to the Marton Community Committee on 7 October 2019 be received.

Mrs C Bates / Mrs J Greener. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/MCC/040**                      **File Ref**

That the Marton Community Committee recommend to Council that Council keep the current Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy with no changes.

Mrs C Bates / Mrs L Duncan. Carried

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

A verbal update noted that there is nothing currently in progress.

## **15 Community Housing**

The Committee noted that commentary in the agenda.

Additional comments noted that the only units that are unoccupied are the ones that are being renovated. There is a waiting list of people wanting to rent.

## **16 Update on the Marton Civic Centre/Heritage Precinct project**

Cr Wilson highlighted the additional blue commentary in the agenda.

## **17 Feedback on Annual Residents Survey**

It was suggested that Council could investigate opportunities for residents to give feedback at any time during the year.

### **Parks**

- Wilson Park (and others) – safe designated parking with lighting. Parking Awareness signs for passing traffic
- Create packs/brochures for residents and visitors on what is available in town.
- More Seats / Tables / Rubbish Bins / BBQs

### **Playgrounds**

- Equal and same upgrades throughout the Rangitīkei. Noted was that community driven projects are the ones that gain traction and apply for funding from Council.
- More Seats / Tables / Rubbish Bins / BBQs

### **Cemeteries**

- What specific suggestion can you offer council to improve the Mount View Cemetery?
- Roding into Mt View needs to be reviewed and needs off street parking.
- Water signs for customary use.
- Cemetery signage in general
- Need more parking especially at Mt View
- Some sets of steps do not have handrails, that would be helpful as the steps have been reported to be slippery when wet.
- The newer / Marton end, seems to have a reasonable amount of Seats and Rubbish Bins.
- At the older / Hunterville end there are no Seats or Rubbish Bins.

## **Town Halls**

Marton Hall:

- Upgrade Interior ideas
  - Dado rails, or mechanisms for banners. Hooks or similar to allow things to be hung around the walls would be useful.
  - Toilets upgraded, nothing to dry hands and soap, there is no accessibility toilet.
  - More Power Points would be useful.
  
  - Upstairs Windows glass changed to frosting
  - Bifold doors in the middle of the hall for dual events.
  - Internal Decoration – the hall is looking very tired.
  
- Some of the Heaters in the main hall do not appear to be working.
- There is no crockery or cutlery – that would be useful to users.
- More rubbish bins to be to be available, or emptied during events.
- A lift to get better use of upstairs for older users – RSA felt a one for 4 people would be slow for them to utilise.
- Upgrade the tables.
- A heater in the Supper Room would be the place more attractive to be used year round.
- Upstairs better access and advertise for conferences and events.

## **Administration Buildings**

No comment

## **Libraries**

Not enough room i.e. the computer section and the youth room, mums with bubs. Perhaps combine The Hub with the Library so that all computers in are in the hub leaving more room in the library.

Printing – advertise that the printed works need to be emailed to the library as they do not accept memory sticks/ USB stick.

Widely promote library services - bus booking, e-books, audio books

## **Swimming Pools**

- Access outside area, and have seating
- Open all year.
- Rules for users are too strict.
- Outside Pool is wanted by the kids, to allow them to do bombs and not worry about splashing others.
- Fun things for the kids to use such as a Pontoon that users could jump off it.
- Better advertising eg in District Monitor.
- Only on Facebook or RDC Website

- Check advertised hours on Council website are correct each season

### **Wastewater**

- Identify within the survey what wastewater is.

### **Customer service**

- Fix it forms - customer service not good either not getting replies or not getting satisfactory replies
- Customer services staff are lovely
- If a question is answered, how does that make the service anything other than acceptable?

### **Elected members**

- Propose elected members spend time at taking tables
- The Committee expects all the Central Ward Councillors at some stage, but have a dedicated Councillor for continuity.
- If a question is answered, how does that make the service anything other than acceptable?

### **Communication and Publications**

- Make the website more searchable.
- Have documentation in other locations e.g. Annual Plan documents at Supermarkets.
- Have hard copies of communications more readily available.

### **Other**

- Updates should be given as to when tasks are due to be completed by e.g. work on Wanganui Road, Broadway + Boer War Memorial.

## **18 Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – October 2019**

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/MCC/041**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CC-1-3**

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

Mrs C Bates / Mrs W Wagner. Carried

## **19 Current Infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the Marton Ward**



**Resolved minute number**                      **19/MCC/042**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CC-1-5**

That the extract 'Current Infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the Marton Ward, July-August 2019' to the 9 October 2019 Marton Community Committee be received.

Mrs C Bates / Mrs L Duncan. Carried

## **20 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda**

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda and the late item 'Marton Town Signage' was taken during this item. An associated document was tabled.

The Committee re-endorsed their resolution made in December 2018 to adopt the barley as the image for the Town Signage. They further agreed that Council staff undertake the placement of the signs, noting that the current signs owned by Project Marton on State Highways are unsafe with panels falling off.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/MCC/043**                      **File Ref**

The Marton Community Committee recommend to Council that Council approach Project Marton to remove the all the Heart-branded signs and replace it with the approved branded Marton township signs.

Mrs D Harris / Mrs J Greener. Carried

## **21 Arrangements for establishing new Community Committees and Reserve Management Committees**

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

## **22 Late Items**

All late items were addressed during the meeting

## **23 Next meeting**

This will be the final meeting for the triennium.

## **24 Meeting Closed**

The Chair thanked everyone for their time and patience, with special thanks to Councillors Sheridan and Wilson.

His Worship the Mayor thanked the Committee on behalf of the Council and community.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

**Confirmed/Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Confirmed/Chief Executive:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date: