



Rangitikei District Council

Marton Community Committee Meeting

Agenda – Wednesday 8 July 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

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1 Welcome

2 Public Forum

3 Apologies

4 Member's 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

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 for the meeting of the Marton Community Committee held on 12 February 2020 are attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-1

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Marton Community Committee meeting held on 12 February 2020 {as amended/ without amendment} be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

7 Chair's Report

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

Recommendation:

That the verbal 'Chairs Report' to the 8 July 2020 Marton Community Committee be received.

8 Resignation from the Chair

A letter is attached.

Recommendation:

That the letter 'Resignation from the Chair' to the 8 July 2020 Marton Community Committee be received and resignation as Chair be accepted.

9 Naming of Streets and Roads

Bain Simpson and Hayden Gould from Rangitikei Development Ltd will be present to update the Committee on their development at Hereford Heights.

Naming of Streets and Roads^[1]

In naming streets or roads, the following criteria apply:

- The name be consistent with the naming pattern of other street or road names in the locality.
- That the name avoid duplication or similarity with other street or road names in the District.
- That there is no obvious consistency in street naming patterns, consideration shall be given to the history or unique characteristics of the road or street locality.
- That the terms place, crescent, court, street, lane or road shall reflect the physical characteristics of the road or street.
- Developers of roads may be asked to submit names for roads or streets. The Council may consider any submission when selecting names for streets or roads.

Explanatory note: The patterns for naming of streets and roads in the District have been varied however some consistency in the towns can be noted such as the name of streets in Taihape after birds; the “airforce block” in Bulls taking aircraft names; in Marton, the naming of streets after Mayors and in the Marton Junction, after notable Māori.

Street names have also been given after prominent citizens and land developers, and as a result of local choice or the choice of street residents.^[2]

Recommendation:

That the Marton Community Committee recommend to Council that the names within the Hereford Heights subdivision, as requested by the developers, be named as follows: The stage 1 road (first cul-de-sac) be named Oldfield Place and the right of way off the cul-de-sac be named Elm Tree Way.

10 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

There were no recommendations made to Council at the previous meeting.

11 Council responses to queries raised at previous meetings

Will the doors for the Centennial and Follett Street public toilets be electronic touch close doors?

No, the doors are not electronic touch close.

[1] Council Resolution 95:WORKS15 – 11 May 1995

[2] Resolved Minute Number 06/RDC/277, 26 October 2006.

Are Council looking at working with Housing New Zealand at developing rental properties?

Not currently.

12 Project Marton Update

A report is attached.

Recommendation:

That the 'Project Marton Update' to the 8 July 2020 Marton Community Committee be received.

13 Intermediaries

From time to time, an individual resident or business is dissatisfied with how Council has addressed an issue which they have raised, even though Council considers that the actions taken are reasonable and fair. While such people have a right to request the Ombudsman to investigate the matter, that may be seen as evading the issue and will certainly take time.

An alternative mechanism is to invite the chairs of the Community Boards and Community Committees to act as intermediaries. Such people are more distant from Council than the Mayor and Councillors which means governance-management boundaries are less of an issue. Their role would be to listen to both sides of the story and convey their view. It would not be binding, but it could help increase mutual understanding by both parties.

At its 25 June 2020 meeting, Council endorsed this principle, and invite Chairs of each Community Board and Community Committee to be intermediaries to assess whether Council has been reasonable in fair in responding to a particular issue from a resident or business within the District, and (if the chairs agree) setting that within a broader complaints policy to be considered by the Policy/Planning Committee.

Recommendation:

That, the Chair of Marton Community Committee [agrees/does not agree] to be an Intermediary on behalf of Rangitikei District Council and the community they service.

14 Marton's Public Toilets

The Centennial Park toilet is on-site and in the process of getting services connected. Follett Street is due to be delivered at the end of this week - 3 July 2020 (weather dependant). Both toilets are expected to be operational mid-July.

Both toilets will also have a 'wrap' placed on them. This process will be actioned when conditions are suitable i.e. the process is dependent on moisture and temperature levels.

15 Marton Township Signage

The District's township signage project was delayed due to the events of COVID-19. Previous feedback received from the community has indicated a preference for the township signs to include additional information indicating the upcoming turn-off to Marton and icons depicting what Marton offers. These cannot be displayed within one sign as it exceeds NZTA rules regarding maximum number of words and/or symbols. We are however allowed to have more than one sign on a structure. Council has worked with Project Marton on the upcoming turn-off wording with "Explore Marton Township" and "Next Left/Right" being their preference. Further feedback on preferred icons for the town offerings is being sought from the business community. The collated feedback will be tabled at the meeting. Both an indicative image of the sign and the Preferred Icon form is attached.

In exploring the utilisation of Project Marton's State Highway sign structures, as requested by the Committee, Council was advised by a qualified builder that the structures require rebuilding to ensure they can withstand the weather. Project Marton requested that room for event signage remain available. NZTA regulations limit the height of the structure to 3 meters. This would result in any event signage attached covering the additional signs noted above. This means Council will erect new structures to allow for the additional signage while allowing Project Marton and other event organisers to utilise Project Marton structures for advertising community activities and events. Conversations with landowners are currently underway for the new State Highway sign structures. Council staff are meeting with the Lions Club of Marton on Tuesday 14 July to negotiate the use of their brick frames on the inward bound roads to house the new signs.

16 Items of interest

Marton Playground

The Marton Development Group have been working on the redevelopment of the Marton Memorial Hall Playground for the past 2.5 years, and have currently raised over \$618,000 of the total project value of \$1.1m. This Group established themselves as an Incorporated Society with Charitable status in order to apply for grants from large scale funders. Councils contribution to the project includes underground infrastructure to the value of \$35,000 and \$50,000 from the Parks Partnership Upgrade fund which requires a community led development to raise at least 2 thirds of total value. The playground has been designed by award winning designers at Boffa Miskell with the finalised plans soon to be posted on www.martondg.co.nz. Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa, local tangata whenua, are supportive of the development and have worked with Boffa Miskell on incorporating the narrative of the legend of Tutaeporoporo. The Marton Develop Group plan to start construction at the end of 2020 with the grand opening around March 2021. Further fundraising efforts include donations through a 'Give A Little' page, corporate sponsorship and purchase of named planks, all of which can be accessed through the website. A spin off from the Playground, and a separate community project, is the creation of a play trail connecting the new playground with existing, yet different, play and recreation spaces such as The Lost Acre, Swimming Pool, Skate park, Rugby Park and Plunket playground.

Wilson Park

A verbal update will be provided.

17 Marton Housing

At its November 2019 meeting Marton Community Committee requested the committee be provided, as a standing item update, developments happening within Marton to increase housing stock.

Attached is the most recent Community Housing Tenants Newsletter.

New builds in Marton = 6

Relocate houses to Marton = 1

March – May 2020 Activity

Resource consents for subdivisions:

- 58 lot Hereford St
- 3 lot Whales Line
- 2 lot Cuba St
- 2 lot Whales Line
- 3 lot Bredins Line

18 Mayoral Update

A report is attached.

Recommendation:

That the 'Mayoral Update' to the 8 July 2020 meeting of the Marton Community Committee be received.

19 Rangitikei Youth Development Update July 2020

A report is attached.

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Rangitikei Youth Development Update July 2020' to the 8 July 2020 Marton Community Committee meeting be received.

20 Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – July 2020

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-2

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update - July 2020' to the 8 July 2020 Marton Community Committee be received.

21 Community Grants

Round 1 for the 2020/21 year for Councils funding schemes are due to open as follows:

- Events Sponsorship Scheme will be open from 1 August – 21 August 2020.
- The Creative Communities Scheme will be open from 29 August – 18 September 2020.

Applications are being received and processed through the online portal SmartyGrants.

<https://rangitikei.smartygrants.com.au/>

Posters are attached advertising the upcoming funding schemes.

22 Late Items

As accepted in item 5.

23 Next meeting

Wednesday 9 September 2020, 6.00pm.

24 Future Meeting dates for 2020

Wednesday 11 November at 6.00 pm

25 Meeting Closed