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Memorandum

To: Marton Community Committee

From: Nardia Gower – Community Development Manager

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Subject: **Renaming of Marton Memorial Hall and Playground**

File: 6-CF-3-3

Rangitikei District Council has received two individual requests for name changes to two Council owned facilities. The first from Marton Returned Services Association Incorporated (RSA) for the reinstatement of the originally intended name for Marton Memorial Hall and the second from the Marton Development Group for renaming the Marton Memorial Hall Playground.

Marton Memorial Hall

A Deed of Covenant was made on the 20th day of March 1961 between the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of The Borough of Marton and Marton Returned Services Association Incorporated for the transfer of funds raised by the RSA to build the Hall. Included in the Deed is a paragraph that states:

The Memorial Hall shall be known as “THE MARTON RSA AND CITIZENS’ MEMORIAL HALL” and that title shall be incorporated and forever maintained in suitable prominent place on the front of the building.

It is the request of the RSA that ‘The Marton RSA and Citizens’ Memorial Hall’ be reinstated as the official name of the hall and signage amended.

Marton Memorial Hall Playground

The Marton Development Group, who have led the re-development of the Marton Memorial Hall Playground and creation of the Tūtaeporoporo Action Trail, have requested the name of the playground be changed to Te Āhuru Mōwai Playground with the Bi-line: Ko te Āhuru Mōwai o Tutaeporoporo. This name has been gifted by Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa with the following explanation: *Te Āhuru Mōwai is a safe place that is comfortable and enjoyable, an ideal place for families. The bi-line is literally “the safe haven of Tutaeporoporo” and links to the protective dimension of Tutaeporoporo as a friend and guardian of Rangitikei land, waterways and people.*

Council will be deliberating these requests at their 25 March 2021 meeting.

Recommendation

That the memorandum ‘Renaming of Marton Memorial Hall and Playground’ to the 10 March 2021 Marton Community Committee be received.

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