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MARTON COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 12 April 2023

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Chair: Ms Carolyn Bates

Deputy Chair: Ms Annie McDowell

Membership: Ms Belinda Harvey-Larsen
Mr David Christison
Mr John Whittaker
Ms Jennifer Greener
Ms Lyn Duncan
Mr Mark Ballantyne
Mr Peter Farrell
Ms Sally Moore
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Greg Maughan (Alternate)
HWTM Andy Watson

Purpose of the Committee

- To provide a local link and point of contact for Council liaison with the community.
- To provide for the exchange of information, communication, and to assist with the Council's consultative processes.
- To exercise delegated authority for the annual allocation of \$1.00 per rateable property for "defined small local works" in line with the guidelines provided¹.
- Particularly, to help ensure that any minor remedial or renewal works are brought to Council's attention through the Request for Service procedure, by promoting its use and advising community members on how to use it.
- To be the first point of contact (prior to Council) for community groups. Where this is not possible, the Committee will be informed of the approach by the community group to the Council.
- Applications for the Parks Upgrade Partnership Fund are considered and commented on by the Committee prior to the application being considered by Council.
- Placemaking initiatives that are taking place on Council land will be considered and commented on by the Committee before the application is considered by the Chief Executive.
- To engage with wider/small communities of the ward represented.

Quorum

The quorum for the Marton Community Committee is 7.

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 31 October 2019) 11.2 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.

At least 1 Elected Member must be present at the meeting.

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¹ Appended to the Delegations Register

Notice is hereby given that a Marton Community Committee Meeting of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitīkei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Wednesday, 12 April 2023 at 6.00pm.

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AGENDA

1 Welcome / Prayer

2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

Marton Development Group Presentation – Nigel Belsham

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

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, [enter item number](#) be dealt as a late item at this meeting.

6 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

6.1 Follow-up Action Items from Marton Community Committee Meetings

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

1.1 On the list attached are items raised at previous Marton Community Committee meetings. Items indicate who is responsible for follow up, and a brief status comment.

2. Decision Making Process

2.1 Staff have assessed the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to this item and have concluded that, as this report is for information only, the decision-making provisions do not apply.

Attachments:

1. **Follow-up Actions Register** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Marton Community Committee Meetings' be received.

Current Follow-up Actions

Item	From Meeting Date	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments	Status
1	8-Jun-22	The Marton Community Committee would like to have input into the design of future signage in the Marton area.	Arno Benadie	To be investigated, staff will get in touch with the Committee RE this in due course.	In progress

7 Chair's Report

7.1 Chair's Report - April 2023

Author: Carolyn Bates, Chair

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The Chair's Report is attached.
- 1.2 That the below recommendations be resolved by the Marton Community Committee.

Attachments:

1. MCC Chair's Update - April 2023 [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the Chair's Report – April 2023 be received.

Recommendation

That the Marton Community Committee, for the purpose of electing or appointing persons under Clause 25, adopt either System A, or System B.

Recommendation

That Carolyn Bates be appointed Chair of the Marton Community Committee.

Recommendation

That Annie McDowell be appointed Deputy Chair of the Marton Community Committee.

Marton Community Committee (MCC) Chair's Update - 12 Apr 23

Quorum - Following the February meeting not achieving its stated quorum, I wrote to RDC to share my thoughts as to how restrictive their requirements were.

Marton Development Group - Have had contact with Lucy Skou regarding MDGs plan to purchase a Christmas Tree. Lucy advised Nigel Belsham will give a presentation as to their plans.

Welcoming Communities - Rhianna Flaherty, RDCs Welcoming Communities Officer, has left to join Wanganui Council, I'm not yet aware if a replacement has been found. On Sunday 12 March, I attended a "Taste of Home" evening held at La Bull in Bulls. It seemed to me, there were more attendees from Marton than from Bulls.

Community Awards - Attended Awards Ceremony on 23 March.

New Residents - Met only one family in the last few months, who are moving to Marton from Wanganui. I am aware of another household who are looking to move to Bulls so they are "out of town".

Fix It Forms – A range of issues have been reported to RDC as well as NZTA.

Wilson Park Development Group - I've had no contact or updates, but am aware they are continuing to meet regularly.

Te Kotahitanga Community Hall - At writing, I'm unaware of their progress this year.

Spatial Planning - To encourage feedback, a Community BBQ is planned from 10am on Sat 15 Apr at the Village Green.

Health Network Meeting - These are continuing, monthly on the 3rd Monday.

Election - Following discussions with the Electoral Office regarding Maori vs General Roll. Please be aware of the requirements around which electoral roll you are on, and when you can change, as the opportunity to change is limited.

Small Projects Fund

- **Defibrillator for Friendship Hall** - This has been received, installed (thanks to Keith Marshall, RDC Maintenance Team) and has been paid for. Thanks to Rotary for joining with MCC to achieve this. Watch out for a photo opportunity soon.
- **Marton Development Group** - They declined to apply for assistance for their proposed Christmas Tree.
- **Other Applications** - None received at the time of writing this report.
- **The Food Pantry** - Sue Wells has mentioned their new Freezer is being very helpful.
- **Community Patrol** - It has been good to see their new vehicle, being used to promote their AGM on 20 April 2023.

8 Reports for Decision

8.1 Mayor's Report - March 2023

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

Tena kotou katoa

On 15 March Council adopted the Consultation Document for the proposed Annual Plan 2023/24, which is a big deal. It essentially tells the community what Council intends doing, how we will operate, what we intend to build or repair and how it will be funded, which includes rates. "Intend" is the key word because we want and need the community's opinion and we invite you all to submit and give us your view. Council looks to invest significant money into our town centre civic facilities in Taihape first, followed by Marton. This needs to happen to comply with earthquake prone legislation and to replace civic facilities that have been closed or are at risk to the community and staff. For many decades our district has invested very little in our facilities and it shows.

Funding this Annual Plan budget is challenging. The inflationary pressures on construction, roading and salaries is huge. We as a Council have tried very hard to balance the cost increases needed against the ability for our ratepayers to afford rate increases. We have settled in this draft on an average rate increase of 9.01% across the district. I stress that this is an average. Actual rates will vary and you will, through our Council website, soon be able to see what your own individual rating position will be. What we are starting to see is the benefit of growth in our district, with new houses being built and future industry wanting to be here - the costs of the district are being shared against more people, easing future rates positions. Please have your say on the Key Choices in the Consultation Document and/or any other issue.

Our Spatial Plan document is also out for consultation at the same time as the Consultation Document for the proposed Annual Plan and you will see us out in the district at community meetings over the next four weeks taking these to the public. Please join us at these meetings which will be advertised through our website and other media platforms.

Myself and Council were offered the opportunity recently to appear on the TV Breakfast Show to talk about the Spatial Plan and how we are planning for growth in the Rangitikei District. I decided that our Senior Strategic Planner, Katrina Gray should be the one who spoke on this as she is incredibly knowledgeable and has driven the project from inception. It was also a chance for us to show our appreciation for the incredible amount of work Katrina has done over the last 18 months.

Peter Beggs our Chief Executive and I attended what is known as the LGNZ "Rural and Provincial" sector meeting in Wellington recently. This is where Elected Members, Mayors and Chief Executives from rural and smaller cities meet to discuss issues relating to Government, hear from Government Ministers and where we can voice our concerns and discuss many other issues. Understandably the conversation centred around Cyclone Gabrielle and the Government's Three Waters reforms.

Cyclone Gabrielle's cost to the country is still to be fully understood, but what is absolutely clear is that the cost to communities and Councils cannot be met by council rates alone. Significant changes to how we fund the replacement of roads, bridges and infrastructure need to occur. Although it is a sensitive subject we need to understand that some roads and houses should not be rebuilt on the

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sites they once occupied. Many of the rural mayors and staff from affected districts were not at the meeting because they are too busy and focussed on immediate issues. The rest of us discussed how we can support them.

I am proud to say our Council has been fantastic. We, by way of a Council decision, have sent \$20,000 to the Tararua District Council, one of our Horizons partners. We have also sent over relief staff to man call centres and work on the ground operating drones throughout Hawkes Bay and Tararua and our communities have donated equipment, time and money in support.

To give you an insight into the damage I quote from Tararua - a small council by way of population with an enormous (2000kms) area, most of which is roading. These are their points:-

- a. "landlines have gone with communities completely isolated"
- b. "40 roads closed"
- c. "bridges gone"
- d. "communities with no road access and the land the roads were based on is now not there"
- e. "stock losses are high"
- f. "councillors are included in relief convoys because of the need for local knowledge and empathy between connected people"
- g. "it will be at least 18 months before council gets back on its feet" (later reviewed to years)
- h. "business as usual doesn't exist – there is no time for Annual Plans and audits".

You can only imagine what it is like for Central Hawkes Bay, Napier, Hastings, Gisborne and Wairoa.

This event came after local elections and many new mayors expressed concern that they had very little training or advice on their role in a Civil Defence emergency. This must be reprioritised within Elected Member training.

Stuart Crosby, the President of LGNZ, had many points to make in the Local Government address and can be summarised as follows –

1. "climate change adaption needs to be incorporated into the RMA (Resource Management Act) as lessons to be learned from the cyclone". Underlying this is for the conversation around managed retreat.
2. "with the changes in the Labour Party it is urgent that we build relationships with the Prime Minister while noting that Chippy did not have portfolios that meant a heavy engagement previously, something that also applies to the Minister of Local Government".
3. "that there is a real risk that the future of Local Government reform just becomes a document that sits on a shelf" (think of the timing of its release and elections).
4. "We as Local Government need to clearly establish our views on what should be in the manifesto for portfolio preferences for Government".
5. "The Local Government Conference in July will be important to give our views".
6. The President noted that only some cities in New Zealand, for logistical reasons, could host Local Government conferences in the future, which would indicate that these will be shared between Christchurch, Auckland, Hamilton, Invercargill etc, something which I support.

On Day 2 of the Conference the Minister Kieran McAnulty, Local Government Minister, spoke and here are his main points –

1. “I am pleased to have two portfolios – Civil Defence and Local Government – I come from this sector and understand it”.
2. He recognised there is concern around the future for Local Government reforms, that the Prime Minister has said there will be a re-set in Three Waters and he has been given the job of delivering it. The Minister said the cyclone has delayed these announcements but they are imminent.
3. The Minister talked about local authorities with large land areas and low rating bases (e.g. Rangitikei) saying “that the current funding models are not sustainable”.
4. That reform by Government is still needed and says that he has “big concerns that some councils that are difficult to upgrade (with respect to Three Waters) may not be partnered with other councils in a regional model” – this is a concern I also share.
5. The Minister said that he wants Government to be flexible around audit processes and Annual Plans for councils affected by the cyclone.
6. He spoke very highly of the Mayors’ Taskforce for Jobs which is the Mahi Tahi programme of which Rangitikei was a founding member and instigator.

Elizabeth McNaughten from a company called Hummingly spoke well on how to manage and support Elected Members – referencing the emotional and physical stress of those affected by cyclones. Elizabeth has worked in many large scale international disasters for three decades. Her presentation was well received by the majority of Elected Members and something that I got quite a lot out of. One of the key messages that she gave to Local Government and aimed specifically at Mayors is apt - “don’t make promises you can’t keep”.

The inaugural Community Volunteer Awards took place on Thursday 23 March at Te Matapihi and was well attended by over 100 people. The awards were a tangible way to recognise the many hours of incredible volunteer work undertaken by people across our district. Award recipients were as follows –

- Helen Cooper
- Joe Byford & Don Tantrum (joint award)
- Les Thurston
- Graeme Bradley
- Don Hatfull
- Felix Bell
- Danelle Whakatihi
- Barry Rankin
- Lucy Skou
- David Smith & Greg Carlyon (joint award)

Together with the Mayor’s Recognition Award, awarded posthumously to Mr John Beresford Swan Dudding for the significant financial support he has provided to the district over the last few decades. My thanks goes to council staff for organising such a fantastic evening of celebration for our district.

On Monday 21 March our Youth Council met for their inaugural meeting for this triennium. The Youth Council is under the guidance and support of Kelly and Kayla and involves students from secondary schools including Rangitikei College, Nga Tawa and Taihape Area School. The Youth Committee follows a similar process to full Council, operating under the same Standing Orders and Processes and is able to make recommendations to full Council in much the same way that our

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community committees and community boards do. This year the Youth Committee will be chaired by Paloma Janse, a Nga Tawa student. I congratulate Paloma and her committee, already they are asking searching questions on Council stances to Government direction and community initiatives.

I also congratulate the Marton Community Committee led by Carolyn Bates and the Bulls Community Committee led by their newly elected Chair Greg Smith. These two committees have taken some time this term to be put in place, but they are and will be Council’s official liaison to their residents. Community engagement through these Committees and the Community Boards of Taihape and Ratana will be essential in finalising our Annual Plan this year and giving us direction for the following Long Term Plan, that we are already starting to work on.

One of the very rewarding programmes that I as Mayor am involved in is the TUIA Mentorship Programme and initiative of Local Government that all councils belong to. This involves most mayors where they select either one or two rangatahi (young maori) from their district to have a mutually beneficial mentoring relationship. This is a relationship that has benefits to me as mayor to better understand cultural and youth issues, something that I value. The rangatahi selected are also required to do 100 hours of community work of some nature in their district and attend 5 wananga or marae hui within the year. This year I have selected two rangatahi, Bridget Watson (no relation) and Matthew Coogan both from the Taihape area. I intend to introduce both to Council and Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa formally within the near future.

Last Saturday evening I attended a congratulatory event at Te Matapihi celebrating Councillor Brian Carter’s Double Gold Star or 50 Years’ Service to the volunteer fire brigade in Bulls. Brian is the Bulls Chief Fire Officer (CFO) and becomes the first Bulls member to have served for 50 years. This achievement is incredible. The evening included serving brigade members, representatives from other brigades and an army of national and regional FENZ representatives. My congratulations to Brian and thanks also to Evelyn his wife who has supported him over the years.



I was invited to attend a special school assembly at South Makirikiri School on 23 March to recognise the bravery of Toby Nitschke an 8 year old bus monitor. Tragically the school bus was recently involved in a fatal accident resulting in the death of the driver. Toby took charge assisting all students who were unharmed out of the bus and summoning for help. He remained in control and

gave direction under traumatic circumstances and it is due the credit and recognition he has been given. I thank the principal and the school for inviting me to the assembly.

At the time of writing this report the Harvest Festival has not yet happened and I am thrilled to see it continue, although a little nervous around being selected for the ‘dunking tank’ at the event on what could be a cold day. My congratulations and thanks to Jen and the team for all the work that goes into the event.

As part of the adoption of this report I am approving the costs for Councillor Fi Dalgety to attend an international directorship course to be held in Queenstown. As Chair of Finance / Performance Committee it is crucial that Council invests in her professional development. The opportunity will exist for other Councillors to follow a similar path in the future. As governors we are responsible for a large commercial entity something that we must get appropriate training for. I am also approving an application to Government for funding to commemorative the coronation of King Charles III and Queen Consort which will take place on 6 May 2023. This will provide for the planting somewhere within the district of at least one native tree to be recognised with an appropriate plaque.

Each month I will attach a table of Councillor attendance at Council meetings and workshops to my report. This table covers the period from October 2022 to 15 March 2023, this is Attachment 1.

Mayors Engagement

March 2023

1	Attended a 3W Meeting with DIA Attended Annual Plan Council Workshop
2	Attended Rural & Provincial Sector Meeting Attended Oral Submission to Water Services Select Committee Attended meeting at CentrePort Wellington
4	Attended Hastings Flood relief effort
6	Attended Governance Q&A with Executive Leadership Team Attended Climate Action Joint Committee Attended Mayoral Forum Attended Scotts Ferry Committee Meeting
7	Attended Elected Member Joint Standing Committee Meeting Attended Regional Transport Committee Attended Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub Committee Attended Weekly Meeting with Deputy Mayor Attended Koitiata Residents Association meeting re Spatial Plan and Te Araroa Trail
8	Attended TUIA mentorship workshop Attended Taihape Community Board Workshop
9	Met with Vaughan Payne, 3W Entity B Chief Executive Attended Assets & Infrastructure Workshop

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	Attended Policy/Planning Committee meeting
10	Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended Marton Rail Hub Co-ordination Meeting Attended TUIA Wananga Mangatoatoa Marae Tokanui
11	Attended Ford Ranger NZ Rural Games
12	Attended Welcoming Communities event at La Bull
13	Attended Oral Zoom Submission to Charities Amendment Bill (Parliament) Attended Defence Issues Relevant to the Manawatu Meeting Attended meeting at Horizons Regional Council re consenting issues
14	Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended Bulls Community Committee Meeting
15	Attended Risk/Assurance Committee Meeting Attended Council Meeting (to adopt Annual Plan)
16	Attended CentrePort visit to Port Whanganui Attended LGNZ Leaders Zoom Attended Balance Farm Awards
17	Visited Bulls residents on 70 th wedding anniversary Attended Central Districts Field Days Political Panel
18	Attended Brian Carter's 50 Year Gold Star Function
19	Met with Youth Councillor Mangaweka Attended Bulls RSA AGM
20	Attended monthly meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys
21	Attended Regional Transport Matters/Regional Chiefs' Online Meeting Attended Opening of Tamata Hauha Office in Marton Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor Attended MDG Committee Meeting
22	Attended Marton RSA AGM
23	Attended South Makirikiri School Assembly to recognise bravery of student Toby Nitschke Attended Rangitikei District Community Volunteer Awards Evening
24	Attended Public Meeting at Ohingaiti re Otara Bridge Attended meeting with Boffa Miskell Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended judging of scarecrow competition Marton
26	Attended Harvest Festival
27	Attended Annual/Spatial Plan Consultation Meeting at Papanui Junction School Hall
28	Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive

	<p>Attended Annual/Spatial Plan Consultation Meeting at Bulls Community Centre</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
29	<p>Attended Community Volunteer Awards Debrief</p> <p>Attended Annual/Spatial Plan Consultation Meeting at Moawhango Hall</p>
30	<p>Attended Finance/Performance Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended Council Meeting</p> <p>Attended LGNZ Leaders' Zoom</p> <p>Attended Annual Plan/Spatial Plan Consultation Meeting at Mataroa Community Hall</p>
31	<p>To attend MTFJ Core Group Meeting in Wellington</p> <p>To attend Annual Plan/Spatial Plan Consultation Meeting at Tutaenui Hall</p>

Recommendation

That the Mayor's Report – March 2023 be received.

8.2 Mayor's Report - February 2023

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

This Council meeting and recent Council workshops have focussed on putting together a draft Annual Plan to go out for consultation. That draft should be available after the Council meeting in March. The inflationary pressures on all Councils at the moment is extreme, especially in the roading and salary categories. Various reports for instance give the increased cost of repairing and rebuilding roads to be in the range of a 20-30% increase in terms of cost. This is challenging and in my view the 2.5% inflation cost that we put into place when budgeting the Long Term Plan a year ago is unachievable. Council will need to consider what rate increase is both realistic and affordable for our communities. The workshops so far have proved the difficulty of that task. What we are seeing anecdotally around the country coming out in the press is that some Councils are looking at increases well in excess of 10%, I don't believe that we will be in that position however to keep our rates affordable we may well need to review what services we provide.

Cyclone Gabrielle – the Rangitikei escaped relatively undamaged compared to our Zone 3 partners and neighbours which include Manawatu, Palmerston North, Gisborne, Wairoa, Hawkes Bay through Horowhenua to Taranaki. The damage and loss of production across the country is unprecedented. The Rangitikei River at one stage of modelling by Horizons was going to peak as measured at Mangaweka in excess of 10m. To understand this figure, the 2004 flood event was at 8.8m which was thought at the time of being a 1 in 200 year flood. However thankfully the modelling was incorrect and the measurement at Mangaweka peaked at 7.6m, largely due to the predicted rainfall and the headwaters of the ranges being retained or falling into the Hawkes Bay. Scotts Ferry and Tangimoana escaped inundation courtesy of the huge amount of money and efforts Horizons have put into maintaining and lifting the stop-banks and we should appreciate that.

Our other rivers, being the Whangaehu and Turakina received only moderate rainfall initially in their catchments and although rain did come later there is no predicted damage associated in such places such as Whangaehu, Kauangaora and Koitiata.

We dodged a bullet this time but these events are becoming the new normal associated with climate change and our planning, including our spatial planning, must consider this.

On Saturday 4 February I had the pleasure of attending a ceremony at Mt View Cemetery organised by the Marton RSA to acknowledge a series of unidentified graves of serviceman who returned from war and resided at Lake Alice Hospital until they died. To walk along and see the 34 graves covered with flags before the ceremony commenced was quite poignant. There were a number of dignitaries present and what struck me first of all was the presentation that Barry Rankin from the RSA gave around his personal voyage in discovering the number of unidentified graves. These were military personnel who after returning from the world wars were resident at Lake Alice Hospital and basically forgotten. When they died they were buried at Mt View Cemetery with makeshift markers that over time disintegrated and those graves were effectively unnamed for many years. It was an incredibly moving story to me and I think everybody was astounded at the work that Barry had done over a number of years to in recognition of those soldiers' final resting places. Each of the 34 graves has now been suitably fitted with a military plaque. After the official ceremony I was given the opportunity to stand and listen to some of the individual soldier's stories which were fascinating. I happened to be at the unveiling of Sergeant Leonard Hardcastle's grave, a soldier who was involved in field action near Ypres in 1917 where a near miss high explosive shell buried him up to his neck leaving him alone and unable to dig himself out. He lay out for three days and was delirious when

he was finally brought in. He suffered permanent physical injury and returned to NZ suffering incredible mental stress. There were also soldiers who falsified their ages in their military records so that they could enlist on what they saw as the Great Adventure in 1914 and if that was a sample of all servicemen at the time it indicates the enormous amount of young people who left NZ and who shouldn't really have been eligible to serve. To hear these stories from the military records Barry was able to obtain was raw and emotional and as the RSA would say "lest we forget".

We are delighted to have received over 20 nominations for the Inaugural Community Volunteer Awards. The awards recognise the people who always go above and beyond for our district – the wonderful volunteers we have in our community who have contributed significantly to the community service, welfare, sport and recreation, culture, arts and education sectors. The panel have met and shortlisted those nominations for the Awards Evenings to be held in March at Te Matapihi. The names of the winners will be kept strictly confidential until the night. In addition to the volunteer awards that will be presented there is a special Mayor's Recognition Award that I will present on the night. Awardees will be engraved on an Honour's Board that will be placed in the foyer of the Marton Council Offices and updated bi-annually from 2025 onwards.

The Four Regions Trust, which provide heavy amounts of funding for community facilities within our District, have written to us to advise they have voted and unanimously recommended that the current Trustee, Mr Christopher Renshaw, be reappointed for a further term of three years and are seeking our endorsement of this reappointment. Annabel Whisker was appointed to the Trust by Council in June 2021 and I believe both Annabel and Chris are key people in their respective communities who will argue strongly for a share of the funding to come to the Rangitikei.

On 7 February I attended a blessing for the new St John Ambulance site in Taihape. This was unfortunately at very late notice and I was unable to extend the invitation to all Councillors to attend. St John have apologised to me around this. The great news is that there has been a sod turning and construction will follow in due course.

Recently Terry Steedman a long term member of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa (TRAK) passed away. Terry has been an integral part of TRAK which is the Iwi representative group standing committee of Council, his input has been invaluable and this is why we recognised him with a minute's silence at the beginning of the Council meeting. I attended his tangi at Winiata Marae where a huge number of Vietnam Veterans attended as well. We mark his passing with the deepest respect and our thoughts are with his wider whanau.

Andy Watson, Mayor

Mayors Engagement

January 2023

10	Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
11	Attended Camp Quality at Nga Tawa School
14	Attended Country Music Festival
16	Attended monthly breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys Attended meeting with ratepayers in Taihape

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17	Attended meeting with Kiwiburn organisers Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
18	Attended meeting with Horizons/NZDF Ohakea staff re Elected Members Forum in February
20	Attended meeting with Chief Executive, Deputy Mayor and Infrastructure Staff
21	Attended Otairi Sports Day Attended Bulls RSA Life Membership presentations Attended Community BBQ At Kiwiburn Site in Hunterville
23	Attended Ratana 25 th Celebrations Attended Ohingaiti & Hunterville District Sports Club Annual Picnic & Sports Day
24	Attended Ratana 25 th Celebrations Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor Attended Working Bee at B&C Dams
25	Attended Ratana 25 th Celebrations Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive
26	Attended Council Workshop
28	Attended Caledonian Games at Turakina Attended Terry Steedman’s tangi
30	Attended meeting with Bulls Historical Society
31	Attended Forestry Differential Engagement with Iwi Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor

February 2023

1	Attended monthly ELT meeting – Governance Q&A Worked from Taihape Attended Rural Professionals Meeting Attended Bulls Community Meeting (for Bulls Community Committee)
3	Attended Working Bee at Mt View Cemetery (RSA)
4	Attended Mt View Veterans Unveiling Ceremony Attended Shearing Sports
6	Attended Waitangi Big Day Out in Taihape
7	Attended fortnightly Regional Transport Zoom Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended Zoom meeting with Ombudsman
8	Attended Danelle Whakatihī’s Powhiri at Palmerston North City Council Worked from Bulls

	Attended Taihape Community Board Meeting
9	Attended Council workshop Attended Turakina Community Committee Meeting
10	Attended Accessing Central NZ Governance Group Meeting Attended Community Volunteer Awards Nomination Shortlisting meeting
11	Attended Gwen’s 100 th Birthday Party
13	Attended Hunterville Community Committee Meeting
14	Attended Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended Defence Hub Meeting at Linton Military Camp
15	Attended Civil Contractors launch of merged branch (Manawatu-Whanganui)
16	Attended Council Workshop Attended Post-Election Councils Meet & Greet
17	Attended fortnightly discussions on Economic Development Attended fortnightly discussion – Pae Tawhiti
20	To attend breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys
21	To attend weekly meeting with Chief Executive To attend weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
22	To attend Finance/Performance Committee Meeting To attend Council Meeting
23	To attend Elected Members Regional Forum
24	To attend Earthquake Strengthening Seminar Marton
27	To attend Waka Kotahi Regional Relationship Meeting To attend weekly meeting with Chief Executive
28	To attend opening event for Bulls Charger Site To attend Citizenship Ceremony To attend weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor

Recommendation 1:

That the Mayor’s Report – February 2023 be received.

9 Reports for Information

9.1 RDC Engagement and Consultations

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Attached is the most recently updated schedule for RDC Engagement and Consultations. This schedule is updated on a monthly basis, prior to going to full Council for receipt.

2. RDC Website

- 2.1 Council's website lists all open and recently closed consultations (see the below weblink). This is also where individuals can make submissions.

<https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/council/consultation/current-consultations>

Attachments:


1. RDC Engagement and Consultations Schedule - Updated March 2023 [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report 'RDC Engagement and Consultations' be received.

Engagement / Consultations - 2022/23

RANGITĪKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL

TOPIC	Staff (Lead)	Elected Member (Lead)	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond - Spatial Plan	Katrina											Public Consultation			
Future of Local Government	Peter		Stakeholder Engagement	Public Consultation											FINAL REPORT DUE
Three Waters	Arno							NEXT STEPS TO BE CONFIRMED							
RMA Reforms	Katrina								Public Consultation						
Annual Plan 2023/24	Carol												Public Consultation		
Proposed Fees & Charges 2023/24													Public Consultation		
Rates Remission Policy Amendment													Public Consultation		
Revenue and Financing Policy Amendment													Public Consultation		
Forestry Differential	Dave							Public Consultation							
Traffic and Parking Bylaw	Georgia												Public Consultation		
Local Body Elections	Carol	N/A	Local, Regional and National Campaign												
Community Committee Nominations	Carol							Public Consultation							
Business Baseline Survey	Jo		Public Engagement												
Primary Producers' Needs Assessment	Jo			Public Engagement											
Welcoming Communities Rangitikei	Rhianna		Public Engagement				Stakeholder Engagement								

Key

- Stakeholder Engagement (by other orgs)
- Public Consultation
- Public Consultation (by Central Government)
- Stakeholder Engagement (RDC)
- Public Engagement
- Local and national campaign - Enrolments, Standing for Council, Voting



Election Day

9.2 Funding Schemes Update - April 2023**Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor****1. Overview**

- 1.1 Council currently administers five funding schemes for the Rangitikei District:
 - a. Community Initiatives Fund
 - b. Events Sponsorship Scheme
 - c. Parks Upgrades Partnership Fund
 - d. Creative Communities Scheme
 - e. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

2. Community Initiatives Fund

- 2.1 This is a Council fund intended to support community-based projects in the Rangitikei District that develop community cohesion and community resilience.
- 2.2 Council allocates \$30,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 2.3 Council approved the total spend of \$11,500 on the 29th of September 2022 (Round 1, 2022/23) at the Finance and Performance meeting.
- 2.4 The current funding round (Round 2 2022/23) is now open for applications and closes 2 April 2023.

3. Events Sponsorship Scheme

- 3.1 This is a Council fund intended to support events in the district that help to develop community cohesion and reinforce economic growth.
- 3.2 Council allocates \$50,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 3.3 Council approved the total spend of \$18,222 on the 29th of September 2022 (Round 1, 2022/23) at the finance and performance meeting.
- 3.4 The current funding round (Round 2 2022/23) closed on the 5 March 2023.
- 3.5 Decision will be made at the Finance and Performance meeting on the 30 March 2023.

4. Parks Upgrades Partnership Fund

- 4.1 This is a Council fund and is the only one available for capital purchases. The Council provides up to 33% in cash of the value – in cash or in kind - of the contribution from the community for small-scale, community-led, capital projects.
- 4.2 Applications may be submitted at any time and will be considered at the next available Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting.

5. Creative Communities Scheme

- 5.1 This fund is supplied by Creative NZ and administered by Council. Applications are encouraged from community groups and individuals whose projects:

- Demonstrate growth over time
- Develop and support local artistic communities
- Encourage a transfer of artistic skills
- Support diversity and inclusion
- Projects with a youth focus are also encouraged

- 5.2 Creative NZ typically allocates \$24,090 (+ GST) to the Rangitikei District Council on an annual basis, and this is distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 5.3 Creative NZ committee met on the 14 November and allocated \$12,397.50 to applicants.
- 5.4 The current funding round (Round 2 2022/23) is now open for applications and closes 7 May 2023
- 5.5 Currently applications for the assessment panel for the creative communities scheme is open until 30 March.

6. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

- 6.1 This fund is supplied by Sport NZ and administered by Council. The fund is targeted at young people aged between 5 and 19 years, and is open to rural sport club teams and rural school club teams with eligible members who require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions.
- 6.2 Sport NZ typically allocates \$9,500 (+ GST) to the Rangitikei District Council on an annual basis. There is one funding round per year.
- 6.3 The funding round opened for applications 17 May 2022 and will close 13 April 2023. The Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund Committee will meet to consider applications on 27 April 2023.

7. Further Information

- 7.1 More details about these funding opportunities can be found on the Council website (link below) and this is also where applications can be submitted:
<https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/district/community/grants-funding>

Recommendation

That the Funding Schemes Update – April 2023 be received.

9.3 Small Projects Fund Update - April 2023**Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor****1. Allocation**

- 1.1 The 2022/23 allocation to the Committee's Small Projects Fund was \$3,550.
- 1.2 Additionally, \$373 was carried-forward from the 2021/22 budget.
- 1.3 Therefore, the total allocation for 2022/23 is **\$3,923**.

2. Earmarked Payments from 2021/22 that have been paid

- 2.1 The below payments were earmarked in 2021/22, but have been paid. Payment for these will come from last year's budget and will not affect the allocation or balance for 2022/23.
 - a. Friendship Club: \$1,000 was allocated towards the installation of a defibrillator on the exterior of Friendship Hall, 7 Morris Street, Marton.
 - b. The details were received on the 07 March 23 and this has now been paid.

3. Breakdown

- 3.1 The committee approved funding of \$455.81 towards sign installation for Wilson Park Development Group for the 2022/23 year.
- 3.2 This has been paid for and the remainder of the fund allocation is **\$3,467.19**

4. Application from the Marton Development Group

- 4.1 Attached with this report is the application from Lucy Skou, chair of the Marton Development Group.

Attachments:

1. **Marton Christmas Tree Proposal** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report 'Small Projects Fund Update – April 2023' be received.



*Marton Community Committee
Christmas Tree Sponsorship Proposal*



MORE THAN JUST A CHRISTMAS TREE

At the end of March this year, Marton Development Group (the charitable society behind Te Āhuru Mōwai) will place an order for a large outdoor, pre-lit, 8-metre commercial Christmas tree that will be erected on the village green in Marton's town centre from November 1st to early January.

Like Te Āhuru Mōwai is more than just a playground, the Christmas tree will be more than just a Christmas tree. Not only will it look amazing and create a sense of festivity, it will revitalise the centre of town each year. It will be a source of civic pride and public enjoyment for Marton. And it will create a feeling of celebration, which will encourage people to visit Marton or shop local for their Christmas shopping.

Once the Christmas tree is established, there is potential for creating events or activities (such as a Christmas market) around the tree to drive business to the area and incorporate the already established 'Merry Night in Marton' to one amazing festive site!

*This is a **once-in-a-decade opportunity to be part of a group of select local businesses** who support this wonderful community installation and get **on-going recognition for the next 10-15 years** (the life expectancy of the tree).*

Please reply by Friday the 10th of March if you have questions or to secure your sponsorship position.



HOW YOUR BUSINESS CAN BE INVOLVED

For just \$3,000 +GST you can be part of the select group of businesses who sponsor the Marton Christmas tree.

You will pay a one-off sponsorship fee of \$3,000 +GST (tax deductible) but receive recognition and acknowledgement of your sponsorship for the next decade (the life time of the tree). This equates to less than \$300 per year, as the life expectancy of the tree is 10-15 years. There will be no opportunity to jump in on sponsorship until the tree needs replacing so if you would like to invest in this once in a decade opportunity don't hesitate!

Just 25 local businesses will be able to sponsor this project. And, in exchange for your sponsorship, your business will receive:

- *Your business logo on a large banner prominently displayed in the village green for up to 3 months of the year*
- *Acknowledgement of your support at the unveiling of the tree*
- *Acknowledgement of your support via the MDG website and social media.*

KEY POINTS

- One-off fee of \$3,000+GST
- Sponsorship fee is tax deductible
- On-going recognition of sponsorship for next 10-15 years
- Only 25 businesses can sponsor – first in, first-served.
- Secure your position by Friday 31st of March
- This opportunity won't come around again until the tree needs replacing, at which time the sponsorship fee may be significantly more
- Potential for events/activities around the tree to drive business to the area
- MDG has proven track record of successful public projects



MORE ABOUT THE TREE

- 8 metre "Olympia Pine" with premium UV bulbs and 2240 LED lights
- Diameter of 4.67 meters
- 125 branches, 8 rows, 40,254 tips
- Tree will be covered in over 230 meters of lights
- The 'show stopping star' also sits 1.2 meters high, this will be a focal point of the tree and add to its overall impact.
- Decorations in shades of GOLD keep it simplistic but beautiful with the opportunity to add more to this as years go by.
- The tree has a life span of 10-15 years, so will be a huge part of Christmas in our community for many years.
- The tree is custom made to order, the cone shaped base and frames made of solid steel with the branches hooking on for easy set up and pack up.





ABOUT MARTON DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Marton Development Group (MDG), is made up of a diverse group of volunteers (including representatives from local Iwi and Samoan communities) who are proud to be a part of the Marton community and want the best facilities for our families.

MDG has a proven track record of funding and implementing community projects for Marton.

Our first project was Te Āhuru Mōwai playground at Memorial Hall park. As well as organising the new Christmas tree for Marton, we are working on a play trail, which will join key Marton 'play areas' (such as the new playground, the skate park, the pump track and more) and the installation of a new public space mural in Marton.

Every member of MDG is volunteering their time to make this project a reality.

MDG is an Incorporated Society with Charitable Status (CC56311) , making your sponsorship tax deductible.



This is a first-in, first-served offer.

If you want to be one of our select group of sponsors please contact us by Friday the 31st of March 2023.

Email: martondevgroup@gmail.com

Information is correct at the time of writing February 2023

9.4 Community Consultation - Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond, draft Community Spatial Plan

Author: Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner

Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy & Planning

1. Reason for Report

1.1 To inform the Marton Community Committee about community consultation on Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond, the draft Community Spatial Plan and request the Committee’s support in sharing the information and encouraging submissions.

2. Background

- 2.1 The population of the Rangitikei is going to increase significantly over the next 30 years, with an additional 9,000 people projected to join our district.
- 2.2 We’ve created a draft plan to help us to grow sustainably, with enough land available in the right places to accommodate new homes and businesses as they put down roots in Rangitikei.
- 2.3 This plan is based on the aspirations of our community (community engagement undertaken in early 2022), and we want to make sure that we’ve got it right by receiving submissions from the community during the consultation period.

3. Document structure

- 3.1 The draft Community Spatial Plan document is split into three sections:
 - Part 1: Overview – contains the district-wide strategic direction.
 - Part 2: Rural, towns and settlements – contains a specific section on each of 17 towns and settlements throughout the district.
 - Part 3: The detail – includes the detail sitting behind the plan.

4. Community consultation

- 4.1 Consultation on the draft Spatial Plan is open until 5pm Tuesday 25 April 2023.
- 4.2 The following community meetings have been scheduled in the local area (and will cover both the Annual Plan and spatial plan projects).
 - Marton Community BBQ: 10am – 12pm Saturday 15 April (Village Green).
 - Online: 5.30pm Tuesday 11 April.
- 4.3 All documentation is available from Council’s website www.rangitikei.govt.nz/paetawhiti
- 4.4 Please share this with your networks and encourage those who have feedback to fill out a submission form. Submissions can be made:
 - Online: www.rangitikei.govt.nz/paetawhiti
 - In person: by filling out a submission form and dropping it off at any of Council’s service centres, including Te Matapihi.
 - Via post: by filling out a submission form, folding and free posting back to us.

- By email: info@rangitikei.govt.nz

4.5 For more information about the draft Community Spatial Plan, please visit our website www.rangitikei.govt.nz/paetawhiti or contact Katrina Gray on 0800 422 522 or katrina.gray@rangitikei.govt.nz.

Recommendation

That the report 'Community Consultation - Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond, draft Community Spatial Plan' be received.

10 Discussion Items

10.1 Meeting Frequency

Author: Carolyn Bates, Chair

1. Reason for Report

It has been requested by Ms Carolyn Bates to include this discussion item:

- Will MCC continue to meet alternate months, or would members prefer to meet monthly?
- Will meetings continue to be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month?

Recommendation

If needed:

10.2 Discussion Items

Author: Carolyn Bates, Chair

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The Chair requested the below items be included as discussion items.
- 1.2 After Hours – There are ongoing problems reporting issues as their staff are unfamiliar with RDC streets / names of towns / parks etc.
- 1.3 Mobile Home Waste Disposal, King Street. Regular Blockages are a concern.
- 1.4 Annual Plan / Long Term Plan Consultation plan – Update from Workshops – Dave Wilson.
- 1.5 Submissions – are any topics needing a submission from MCC.
- 1.6 Plans for Broadway/High St Corner – Update from Dave Wilson
- 1.7 Youth Awards – Nominations close 21 Apr 23.
- 1.8 Info & funds left from Steering Group activities – Update from Jo Manuel.
- 1.9 Planning / Brain Storming Session – Date(s) to be decided.

Recommendation

If needed:

10.3 Wilson Park Development Group

Author: Carolyn Bates, Chair

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Standing item.

Recommendation

If needed:

11 Meeting Closed