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ORDER PAPER

MARTON COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 11 October 2023
Time: 6.00pm
Venue: 18 Humphrey Street
Marton

Chair: Ms Carolyn Bates
Deputy Chair: Mr David Christison
Membership: Ms Lyn Duncan
Mr Peter Farrell
Ms Jennifer Greener
Ms Belinda Harvey-Larsen
Ms Sally Moore
Mr John Whittaker
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.
- 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.

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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, 11 October 2023 at 6.00pm.

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AGENDA

1 Welcome

2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

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 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from **Marton Community Committee Meeting held on 9 August 2023** are attached.

Attachments

1. **Marton Community Committee Meeting - 9 August 2023**

Recommendation

That the minutes of Marton Community Committee Meeting held on 9 August 2023 [**as amended/without amendment**] be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

MINUTES



UNCONFIRMED: MARTON COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 9 August 2023

Time: 6.00pm

**Venue: 18 Humphrey Street
Marton**

Present

- Ms Sally Moore
- Ms Jennifer Greener
- Ms Carolyn Bates
- Ms Belinda Harvey-Larsen
- Mr Peter Farrell
- Mr John Whittaker
- Mr David Christison
- Cr Greg Maughan
- Cr Dave Wilson

In attendance

- Mrs Jo Manuel, Manager Community Wellbeing, Rangitikei District Council
- Mr Murray Phillips, Manager Parks & Reserves, Rangitikei District Council
- Mr Greg Smith, Chair, Bulls Community Committee
- Mrs Ann Deane, Marton Resident

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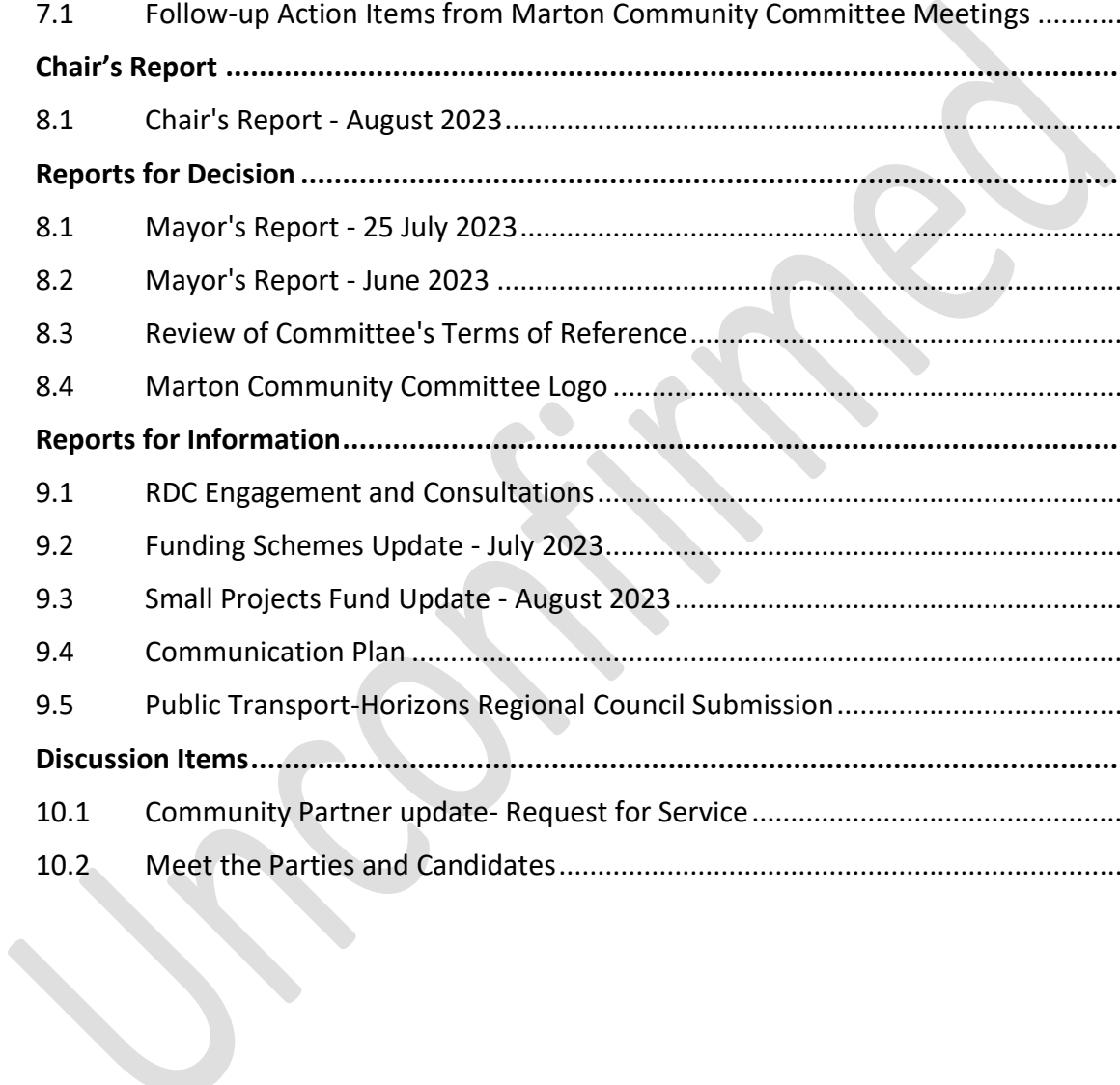
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ITEM 6.1 ATTACHMENT 1



1 Welcome / Prayer

Carolyn welcomed everyone.

2 Apologies

Apologies received from Ms Lyn Duncan, HWTM Andy Watson and Fiona Moorhouse on behalf of the Community Garden (see 9.3.2).

3 Public Forum

Murray Phillips, Manager Parks & Reserves spoke about the wide variety of support his team provide in the District.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Any conflicts were asked to be raised at the time.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There were no planned changes to the order.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 23/MCC/016

That the minutes of Marton Community Committee Meeting held on 14 June 2023 **without amendment** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Ms C Bates/Mr D Christison. Carried

7 Follow-up Actions

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Marton Community Committee Meetings

Carolyn confirmed the query regarding the Quorum has been confirmed as at least 50% of the committee.

Dave Wilson advised work at the Village Green had been hampered by wet weather.

Resolved minute number 23/MCC/017

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

Mr J Whittaker/Ms S Moore. Carried

7 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - August 2023

The Committee agreed to progress a Meet the Parties / Candidates event prior to the General Election.

Resolved minute number 23/MCC/018

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

Ms C Bates/Cr D Wilson. Carried

8 Reports for Decision

8.1 Mayor's Report - 25 July 2023

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 23/MCC/019

That the Mayor's Report – 25 July 2023 be received.

Mr D Christison/Ms J Greener. Carried

8.2 Mayor's Report - June 2023

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 23/MCC/020

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

Mr D Christison/Ms J Greener. Carried

8.3 Review of Committee's Terms of Reference

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 23/MCC/021

That the Marton Community Committee consider their Terms of Reference and provide any suggested changes to staff.

Cr D Wilson/Ms B Harvey-Larsen. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/MCC/022

That the Marton Community Committee agree to a yearly allocation of \$3,500 for the 2023/24 financial year.

Ms J Greener/Mr D Christison. Carried

8.4 Marton Community Committee Logo

The Committee asked that thanks be passed on to Leah for providing the suggested images.

Resolved minute number 23/MCC/023

That Marton Community Committee accept the Marton Community Committee Logo report.

Mr D Christison/Ms J Greener. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/MCC/024

The Marton Community Committee accept the logos as with/without amendment.

Ms S Moore/Ms J Greener. Carried

9 Reports for Information**9.1 RDC Engagement and Consultations**

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 23/MCC/025

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

Ms S Moore/Mr J Whittaker. Carried

9.2 Funding Schemes Update - July 2023

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 23/MCC/026

That the Funding Schemes Update – August 2023 be received.

Mr P Farrell/Ms J Greener. Carried

9.3 Small Projects Fund Update - August 2023

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 23/MCC/027

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

Ms J Greener/Mr D Christison. Carried

9.3.1 Business Awards Sponsorship Proposal

A request for \$1,000 sponsorship had been received from Jasleen Saluja on behalf of Marton Rotary Club.

Dave Wilson stated he had a potential Conflict of Interest. The committee noted the conflict.

Carolyn will write to advise the request is declined but that the committee are supportive of the event.

Resolved minute number 23/MCC/028

The Marton Community Committee do not agree to supporting Marton Rotary's request for \$1,000

Mr J Whittaker/Ms S Moore. Carried

9.3.2 Community Garden

A request for \$1,500 was received from Fiona Moorhouse on behalf of the Marton Community Garden.

The outcome of discussion was to provide \$500 to the Community Garden. Carolyn to notify decision and share the views of the committee.

Resolved minute number 23/MCC/029

The Marton Community Committee **do not agree** to supporting Marton Community Garden's request for \$1,500.

Mr D Christison/Ms S Moore. Carried

Resolved minute number

23/MCC/030

The Marton Community Committee **agree** to supporting Marton Community Garden's request for up to \$500.

Ms C Bates/Mr P Farrell. Carried

9.4 Communication Plan

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 23/MCC/031

That the Communication Plan be received.

Mr J Whittaker/Ms J Greener. Carried

9.5 Public Transport-Horizons Regional Council Submission

Carolyn provided copies of the submission document, it was agreed that Carolyn would compile information to form a submission if appropriate.

Resolved minute number 23/MCC/032

That the report Public Transport-Horizons Regional Council Submission be received.

Ms C Bates/Ms S Moore. Carried

10 Discussion Items

10.1 Community Partner update- Request for Service

Carolyn gave an update having spoken to Gaylene Prince re:

- The challenges of reporting out of hours. King Street / Lack of knowledge of RDC Streets & Locations.
- Lack of Signage at a variety of RDC facilities, to make it easy to report problems.

Callers don't care who answers the phone, they just want to be able to easily and quickly report any problems. There is a reasonable expectation that the person taking the call will be at least familiar with locations in the Rangitikei.

Recommendation

No further action was identified at the moment.

10.2 Meet the Parties and Candidates

Resolved minute number 23/MCC/033

The Committee agreed to progress a Meet the Parties/Candidates event prior to the General Election. Carolyn advised Greg Smith was keen to be involved along with David, Peter, Sally and John.

Mr P Farrell/Mr D Christison. Carried

10.3 Promotion of Committee

Carolyn and John spoke about information gleaned from attending the Hunterville Community Committee - they are doing a survey via SurveyMonkey, also Hard Copies would be available at the Hunterville Community Fair on 19 Aug 23.

10.4 Granny's Christmas Grotto

Carolyn complimented Jenny on being on the front page of the District Monitor, acknowledging the potential closing of the Christmas Grotto, that it would be a sad loss to the town.

10.4 Unqualified Engineer

Carolyn queried a recent newspaper item which mentioned an Unqualified Engineer and queried had it caused RDC problems. Dave Wilson said to the best of his knowledge there were no known issues for RDC.

The meeting closed at 8.49pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Marton Community Committee held on 11 October 2023.

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Chairperson

Unconfirmed

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Marton Community Committee Meetings

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

ITEM 7.1

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

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - October 2023

Author: Carolyn Bates, Chair

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 A verbal report will be provided during the meeting.

Recommendation

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

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9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Mayors Report - 31 August 2023

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

Good afternoon, I am sorry for the length of this report but so much is happening. I am writing this on 22 August ahead of the Council meeting to be held on the 31st, so I apologise for any changes. It seems like politics and national direction ahead of the general election changes day by day.

On Friday 18 August Peter Beggs left to take up his new position in Christchurch so Kevin Ross the Council appointment Interim Chief Executive took up the role on the following day. Thank you Kevin for stepping in and it certainly makes things easy when you seem to know most of our locals, iwi and neighbouring chief executives. The speed with which you have been able to grasp the key issues and vast amount of work ahead for us has been very impressive. Applications close this week to select the new chief executive and I have been advised by Jackson Stone the recruitment agency that there has been significant interest in the position.

With the upcoming national elections in less than eight weeks each political party has been parading their policies and initiatives, although it is cynical to say to there is an element of vote catching rather than attempts to deal with issues. Tomorrow I travel to Parliament to hear Ian McKelvie one of our MP's giving his valedictory speech as a retiring MP before the House rises. Ian's service to Local Government and then to the country has been incredibly impressive, he was the Mayor of the Manawatu District from 2002 to 2011 and then he was elected to be the National Representative for the Rangitikei from 2011 to now. We acknowledge the 21 years of service and wish him well - knowing Ian it is unlikely to be a total retirement.

The Local Government Conference was held in Christchurch on 26-29 July. Dave Wilson our Deputy Mayor attended with me and he has written his own report which I am sure he will want to speak to. Conference this year was significant - it came ahead of the national elections and the mayors, councillors and chief executives were looking for clarity on policy and positions especially on the Water and RMA Reforms. The Conference opened with the outgoing president of LGNZ Stuart Crosby giving his address focusing on the challenges of social media and that Local Government is poorly regarded and poorly funded. His view was that "Local Government was not designed for New Zealand as it is now". I tend to agree – we are being asked to do more and take on many new roles however the accolades given to us by the Government over the Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs were vocal and genuine. We have performed well and it is widely acknowledged. Stuart ended by saying that the LGNZ Board is too large and needs reforming. The question I have is if that is the case, and I support that position, surely he as President had the opportunity to drive that reform. I am hoping that reform does happen and the new President will see to it as a priority.

The next part of the Conference was to elect a new president for LGNZ. This position is critical, LGNZ is our conduit to Government and the President is heavily involved with senior ministers and the Prime Minister representing us. The presidency was hotly contested with Sam Broughton the Mayor of Selwyn winning a close fought race. I would like to acknowledge the other candidates Dan Gordon (Waimakariri Mayor) and Neil Holdom (New Plymouth Mayor). Neil in particular has done some incredible work with Waka Kotahi and has influenced recent shifts in their thinking regarding road maintenance.

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Christchurch welcomed delegates with open arms, and it truly is a city reborn, the new conference centre is exceptional and the transformation of the central city, while not complete, is amazing.

The breakfast session on the 27th presented by Francis Valintine was incredible and a Conference highlight. Francis gave insights into New Zealand as it will be. New Zealand is under-populated and will be a haven for new immigrants as the global temperatures rise, essentially people will move north and south to escape heat and we are an incredibly attractive destination. Global birth-rates will continue to decline with couples in many countries electing to have fewer than two children. In New Zealand that trend is true for our European or Pakeha populations however our Pasifica and Maori populations are almost unique in reversing that trend. As our population ages by the increase in life expectancy we will be heavily reliant on the Maori and Pasifica workforces. The ageing population is a significant issue - when the Government of the day put in national super the life expectancy on “super” was not much more than a couple of years, however it is now I think around about 11 years.

Francis also spoke about artificial intelligence which has appeared over not much more than the last couple of years. The discussion is now not if it should happen but how it will affect us, the genie is truly out of the bottle. ChatGPT4 programmed initially in one computer language and in English can now converse in 95 languages including Te Reo and understands every known computer language and it has acquired these skills itself. What is even more scary is that it has learned to manipulate human behaviour to accomplish physical actions that it can't perform.

Dave and I split up to take in different breakout sessions to get the best use of our time. As such I attended the Good Governance for CEO Pay Workshop run by Strategic Pay and took in the notes from Implementing the new RMA Reform from another session. There were several good points made by Strategic Pay but generally the system we used in the Annual Plan process was best practice. The points that we should consider are-

- a. When setting KPI's for a new chief executive ask the chief executive for their opinions (something we do).
- b. Typically there should be a six month performance review although a yearly one should be more formal and structured.
- c. Best to avoid a bonus payment.
- d. Standard leave is four weeks.
- e. The need for a policy on review periods for chief executive pay backed by data received March and September.
- f. It is wise to include a policy that job sizing/salary is reviewable (this is important if Three Waters goes).
- g. Don't have too many KPI's, 6-8 are usual and there were a number of suggested KPIs included in the workshop.

The Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs breakfast session was well attended and as I said incredibly acknowledged by Government and the opposition. We now have two years funding guaranteed. I have attached to my report the end of year Financial Report for the Rangitikei, something that I am obliged to do but also something our district can be proud of. Attached are photos of the MTFJ Roadshow bus.

I am not wanting to steal all of Dave's Local Government Conference points that he wishes to raise and will leave some of the other reporting on sessions to him. Conference is about conversations

that happen between elected members, colleagues, government officials and a host of other businesses, NGOs etc. This is the true value for me, the time speaking to Nicole Rosie for example the Chief Executive of Waka Kotahi and other districts about roading concerns holds the highest value. I would encourage all councillors to attend Conference in their term of office.

On Saturday 12 August I opened the new Nga Awa Block (Taihape Amenities Block) in Taihape. In doing so I apologised to Taihape Rugby, we had hoped that the facilities would be open for this season however Covid and Cyclone Gabrielle delays held us up. It was opened within budget and looks fabulous. My sincere thanks go to many people, but I wish to especially thank past councillors Angus Gordon and Ruth Rainey for driving the project, initiating the conversations and insisting on action rather than words. Once the decisions were made staff member Adina Foley acted as Project Manager and her commitment was total, thankyou Adina for the result. We also need to acknowledge our principal funders Lotteries and Four Regions Trust and ratepayers of the entire region.

On the same day we planted a beautiful totara tree to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III in Taihape. Unfortunately it was pulled out post-ceremony but will be replanted.

Marton RSA have asked if a similar coronation tree could also be planted at Marton Park which, together with a plaque of acknowledgement, would need to be funded by council rather than the DIA (Department of Internal Affairs). I have put a recommendation to council as part of my report and attach the letter of request.

Government has now enacted or made into law the Three Waters legislation. The revised legislation has “stood up” 10 different water entities of which we are in Entity E made up of the Horizons Regional authorities. Who knows what will happen following the election? If National wins or forms Government in a negotiated partnership they have said that they will repeal and replace however as we don’t know quite what that means all I can say is that interesting and challenging times lie ahead of us. Putting together an LTP in this uncertainty will be difficult.

Our district as part of Local Government are in what is called Zone 3. This includes councils from Gisborne/Wairoa down to Tararua and councils from Horowhenua to New Plymouth. Many of these councils were significantly affected by Cyclone Gabrielle. The next Zone meeting, which I co-Chair, will be in Central Hawkes Bay and I encourage this council to consider attending, although accommodation in Central Hawkes Bay is a challenge. The conversations at Zone will include the proposed Government/Local Government buyout of cyclone affected properties – a conversation that may set precedence for New Zealand. I have attached the draft Zone 3 agenda as a guide to councillors to consider.

I attended the Marton Volunteer Fire Brigade Awards Night 10 days ago, something that I try to do each year. Unfortunately I missed the Bulls Awards Night and I would like to apologise for that, there is no excuse I can only apologise. These awards nights are the recognition of thousands of hours of service to the community and our thanks should be recorded not only to the membership but the families and employers that allow it to happen. I have attached a photo of the Marton Fire Brigade, the last Fire Brigade event that Ian McKelvie will attend.

One of the most challenging issues we have at the moment is the state of our roading network and our need to complete a roading procurement, in other words which company maintains our network. The Government have also just released for consultation the GPS for Roding (Government Policy Statement) which gives an indication of where they see roading priorities being. Within the Government roading considerations are the promotion of EV vehicles, safety with the Road to Zero campaign, rail, shipping, light rail spend in Auckland and maintenance amongst others. It is important that we submit on this - we constantly need to argue that maintenance should come

first. We have just had an increase in the FAR roading rate (financial assistance rate) which means that 66% of our roading network costs will be met by Waka Kotahi on work that we both agree to. This is a win for us and I have thanked Waka Kotahi.

On 17/18 September LGNZ is holding a Choose Localism Hui in Wellington where they will discuss a consensus position on the Future for Local Government Report. We need to be able to have our say on what Local Government should be delivering and voice this to the new incoming Government and as such I would strongly encourage elected members to attend this hui.

I will now briefly highlight a number of local issues -

1. Congratulations to past Deputy Mayor Nigel Belsham and the team at BJW Motors for the opening of their extended workshop and the rebranding to AC Delco.
2. Please wherever you can promote the “Connect the Dots” Regional Transport Priority document. Councillor Jeff Wong is being fantastic in this space arguing for an improved local transport network connection. Contact him if you need help.
3. I asked in my last update to support the Women’s Football World Cup and I attended the regional welcome to the Spanish Team. If New Zealand couldn’t win it is it great that a team stationed in our region did.
4. On 8 September Mangaweka School will have a day at the Mangaweka Campground and will be presented with an Environ Award. My thanks to the principal Memory Lyons for the invitation to myself and any councillors who wish to attend.
5. Attached is a photo of the Memorial Hall in Marton being used for the recent “Toy Dog Show” and yes they are real small dogs. The reason for the photo and my comment is that they went to great lengths to protect the floor by putting mats under every cage and walkway. Thank you for this consideration and I now know a little more about the different types of spaniels.
6. I attended a vaping/smoking workshop recently. Vaping has become an enormous social, health and educational issue. Government is looking to lower to the number of vaping outlets which is great but the risk is in my opinion that they will just be sourced on the internet and procurement will be driven underground which may not be a great result.
7. An update was received by my office from Rangitikei College scholarship recipient Erin Wigglesworth during the month. Erin is studying engineering at the University of Canterbury and is finding her studies challenging but enjoyable. It is always pleasing to hear reports back from our rangatahi about how they are succeeding as a result of our scholarships.

Finally, there has been a request to work with TAS (Taihape Area School) as they rebuild their school. Their request potentially asks for use of some of our park space and as such we will engage with park users to talk further. Ours and the community’s overriding considerations should be to support the school.

Mayors Engagement

August 2023

1	<p>Attended meeting with Principal Rangitikei College</p> <p>Attended LGNZ Zoom re engineering issues</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
2	<p>Attended Finance mini-workshop on LTP</p> <p>Attended monthly Q&A session with Executive Leadership Team</p> <p>Attended meeting with Interim Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended farewell dinner function for Chief Executive with Elected Members</p>
3	<p>Attended LTP Workshop</p>
4	<p>Attended Accessing Central NZ Governance Group Meeting</p>
5	<p>Attended Hautapu River Parks Planting Day</p>
7	<p>Attended NZGIF visit and presentation to Marton with Kim Von Lanthen</p> <p>Attended Hunterville Community Committee Meeting</p>
8	<p>Attended Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended weekly LTP meeting with staff</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p> <p>Attended Ratana Community Board meeting</p>
9	<p>Attended Golf Day at Taihape Golf Club</p> <p>Attended meeting with Ministry of Education at Taihape Area School</p> <p>Attended Taihape Community Board Meeting</p>
10	<p>Attended Assets & Infrastructure Committee Workshop</p> <p>Attended Policy/Planning Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended Turakina Community Committee</p>
11	<p>Attended Fortnightly Discussions on Economic Development with staff</p> <p>Attended MTFJ Governance Group Zoom Meeting</p> <p>Attended Zone 3 Chairs Zoom meeting</p> <p>Attended meeting with Interim Chief Executive</p>
12	<p>Attended Opening of Nga Awa Block Taihape and King’s Coronation Planting Event</p> <p>Attended FENZ – Service Honours Night in Marton</p>
14	<p>Attended weekly LTP meeting with staff</p>
15	<p>Attended Defence Hub Meeting at Ohakea</p>
16	<p>Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive</p>
17	<p>Attended Vape Free Kaupapa Hui</p>
18	<p>Attended final weekly meeting with Chief Executive before his departure</p>

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19	Attended opening of AC Delco Marton
20	Attended planting day at Warrens Road
21	Attended Zone 3 Zoom Discussion Attended weekly catchup with Interim Chief Executive Attended Te Hou Farms – Opening of New Milking Shed Bulls Attended LGNZ Zoom meeting re engineering consenting issues Attended weekly LTP meeting Attended Youth Council Meeting
22	Attended Regional Transport Matters/Regional Chiefs Zoom meeting Attended weekly catchup with Interim Chief Executive Attended Waka Kotahi quarterly meeting Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
23	Attended Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs Zoom meeting Attended Ian McKelvie’s Valedictory Speech at Parliament
24	Attended LTP Council workshop Attended Nga Tawa Science Technology Roadshow Attended MDG AGM
25	Attended weekly catchup with Interim Chief Executive Attended Heartland Services Mud Shout in Taihape
28	Attended breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys Attended subcommittee meeting with Jackstone Stone recruitment agency Attended weekly LTP meeting
29	Attended monthly RDC/Police catchup Attended weekly meeting with Interim Chief Executive Attended How to the RMA, Emergency Works and Severe Weather Legislation Zoom Attended Citizenship Ceremony Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor Attended RRCC AGM
30	Attended Zone 3 Co-Chairs Zoom
31	Attended Finance/Performance Committee Meeting Attended Council Meeting

Recommendation 1:

That the Mayors Report – 31 August 2023 be received.

9.2 Mayor's Report - September 2023

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

It seems like Local Government is in a holding pattern ahead of the general elections. With Government having made many legislative changes in the last few weeks such as enacting the 10 Water Entities and the RMA (Resource Management Act) we as a Local Government sector are struggling to understand the effects that these changes bring and in the “blue corner” National has promised a repeal of most of those new laws. I feel for staff trying to understand and resource what is a very undecided future.

The way that Local Government operates also needs reform and for the last couple of years there has been a huge effort from working parties to look at the future of Local Government, how it is funded and what its role is in New Zealand. This work needed to be done. Local Government is being asked to do more and more over time. No longer is our work just about core services such as roading, rates and rubbish. We are responsible for the guardianship of our environment, coping with climate change and are involved with all sorts of social issues such as housing, health, economic development, and all of the “wellbeings” of our residents.

On 17 September myself and Councillor Fi Dalgety, along with most Mayors and many Councillors attended a meeting in Wellington to discuss the 17 recommendations on the Future For Local Government. Details of those recommendations can be found here – <https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/council/publications/the-future-for-local-government-report>

I have also attached an analysis that explains the FFLG Panel’s recommendations, summarises their pros and cons and poses some questions for consideration. This looks at how likely Local Government and Central Government support is for each recommendation and is based on member feedback over the past two years together with analysis of councils’ submissions.

Many of these recommendations have merit but the difficulty is for Local Government to adopt them, they have to be funded. One of the recommendations suggest that funding could be delivered by a percentage of the GST gathered, to be returned to the district. My concern is that both Government and the opposition have been aware of and involved in the discussions around these recommendations for some time and neither party has been willing to support them as part of their election manifesto. So it is quite possible that there may be no change at all.

Along with Alan Buckendahl, President of Marton RSA, I attended a memorial service in Australia recently for Danniell Lyon or “Diesel” as he was known. Danniell died piloting a helicopter in Australia flying for the Australian Defence Force in July. The local connection is that for some time he was posted to Ohakea on secondment flying for No.3 Squadron here. Danniell joined our RSA, became involved in our district, attended our events and fully involved himself within our patch. New Zealand Defence offered Alan and I the chance to fly to Australia along with members of the No.3 Squadron to represent New Zealand at the memorial service via a C130 (Hercules) flight. I would like to thank both the Australian and New Zealand Defence Forces for making that happen.

Unfortunately, while I was involved with the Australian memorial service on the 13th and 14th of September I was unable to attend a series of events back home. I am yet to catch up on the RRCC (Rangitikei River Catchment Collective) AGM that was held while I was away. It is a pity I wasn’t there, but I was represented by Councillor Dalgety and I will ask her to comment as part of my

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Mayor's Report. The RRCC does some amazing work that they fund themselves on improvements to our waterways and they deserve recognition. I also missed the Opening of the Military Working Dogs Facility at Ohakea which I understand is quite a significant step forward in the range of facilities offered by Ohakea. The last thing I missed was being part of Council's workshop on the Roading Procurement Contract options for Rangitikei District Council. I have spoken about this before but this is essentially a process where we decide who will maintain our district's roads over the next up to 9 years. At the time of writing this I am looking forward to a briefing by the Chair of Assets Dave Wilson and Senior Staff ahead of today's Council meeting. This is an issue that will be further discussed in Public Excluded as part of this Council meeting.

I did however get back in time on the 14th to attend an inaugural meeting of the Business Rangitikei Official Launch in Marton in the Opal Lounge at Cooks Bar. For some time the businesses in the Rangitikei have felt as though they haven't had a combined representation to Council. The turnout of local businesses to this event was phenomenal and I am looking forward to Council having the opportunity to work with that group. In some ways with the demise of Project Marton there has been no local voice in Marton and this is a significant step forward.

On the weekend I attended a cleanup in Bulls as part of the national weekend sponsored by Smart Environmental. I thank the members of the community who turned up to support this in Bulls. It gave me the opportunity, along with others, to pick up a huge amount of rubbish for example around the Bulls Bridge and correct what has been an eyesore for people visiting our community for some time. I have attached a photograph of the rubbish I collected on my own trailer.

Recently we had a resignation from Kelly Widdowson who led the formation and operation of the Youth Council for the Rangitikei. I appreciate the work that Kelly has done with youth from right across our district and the work that she has done with Forge Boxing in Marton and wish her well.

Recently Nga Wairiki Ngati Apa received a very large delegation from the followers of the Ratana faith that served as an introduction to the new Tumuaki of Ratana, Sonny Tumou. This took place at the Marton Memorial Hall and was a very significant occasion for both Ratana and our Iwi and I was pleased to be able to represent Council and sit alongside Iwi and support them.

During September I also attended the opening of the new interactive 3D squash court in Taihape. Tyson Burrows and Darryl O'Hara have been instrumental in securing funding for what is one of only three interactive squash courts in New Zealand. The court will provide squash and racquet-ball training for A-Graders as well as a virtual arcade for interactive junior level fun. I have included a photograph of the cutting of the ribbon by Chris Renshaw our local representative on the Four Regions Trust who provided funding towards the court.

Mayors Engagement

September 2023

1	Attended Tour of Marton/Bulls with Interim Chief Executive
3	Attended Church Service at Ratana
4	Attended weekly LTP meeting with staff Attended weekly meeting with Interim Chief Executive Attended Climate Action Joint Committee Meeting Attended Mayoral Forum
5	Attended Emergency Management Joint Standing Committee Meeting Attended Regional Transport Committee Meeting Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor Attended Marton Development Group AGM
6	Attended monthly ELT meeting for Governors Q&A Attended Funeral for Erina True Attended Bulls Museum progress update meeting
7	Attended Working Group Meeting – Review of Revenue & Financing Policy Attended LTP workshop
8	Attended Mangaweka School Environ Awards Attended Bio Forestry meeting in Wellington
10	Attended Taihape Squash Club Grand Opening of Interactive Court
11	Attended CE Recruitment meeting with Jackson Stone Attended weekly LTP meeting
12	Attended weekly meeting with Interim Chief Executive Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
13	Attended Memorial service for Capt Danniell ‘Diesel’ Lyon in Nowra Australia
14	Attended Business Rangitikei Official Launch
15	Attended Accelerate25 Lead Team meeting
17	Attended Te Matoro o te Tumuaki Tuawaru o te Haahi Ratana Attended Choose Localism – a Future by Local Government LGNZ Hui
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19	Attended Regional Transport Matters Fortnightly Zoom Attended weekly meeting with Interim Chief Executive Attended Three Waters Reform Provisions - Rural Water Schemes Meeting with DIA Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
20	Attended breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys Attended weekly LTP meeting

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	Attended meeting with Ministry of Education and Taihape Area School
21	Attended Risk/Assurance Committee Meeting Attended Assets & Infrastructure Workshop
22	Attended fortnightly discussion on Economic Development with staff Attended Chief of Air Force Change of Command Ceremony at Ohakea Attended Ceremonial Start of Daybreaker Rally in Feilding
23	Attended Spring Fling in Taihape
25	Attended Marton Christian Welfare Council AGM Attended weekly meeting with Interim Deputy Chief Executive
26	Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
28	Attended Finance/Performance Committee Meeting Attended Council Meeting Attended Manawatu-Whanganui Disaster Relief Fund Trust AGM
22	Attended fortnightly discussion on Economic Development with staff

Attachments:

1. **Interactive 3D Squash Court - Taihape** [↓](#)
2. **Bulls Clean Up Day - Rubbish Collected** [↓](#)
3. **Elected Member Attendance** [↓](#)
4. **FFLG Recommendations** [↓](#)

Recommendation

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



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10 Reports for Information

10.1 Update on the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan

Author: Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy & Planning

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1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with an update on progress with the 2024-34 Long Term Plan.

2. LTP Workshops

- 2.1 Since July 2023 Council has held six workshops with elected members.

- 2.2 Outcomes from these workshops include:

- Endorsed the officer suggestion to continue with a combined Finance / Infrastructure strategy.
- Council gave staff direction to not to have a formal pre-engagement process but to start socialising the LTP brand and messaging as soon as its developed.
- Population assumption - endorsed the Infometrics High scenario.
- Population distribution assumption - endorsed the distribution that aligns with the Community Spatial Plan.
- Commenced the review of the current strategic framework.
- Following a survey of elected members, the top two priorities identified were Roding and Town Centres.
- Agreed to form a Working Group to process the Marton Civic Centre process.
- Discussed future financial pressures and uncertainty.
- Set up a Working Group to review the Revenue & Financing Policy.
- Agreed on assumptions for the Future for Local Government (FFLG) review; 3 Waters and Resource Management Act (RMA) reforms.
- Gave input into the Environmental Scan document.
- Agreed on the LTP branding.
- Advised preference was to retain Developer Agreements and Council's current policy not to have a development contributions policy [noting this will be part of the simultaneous consultation in March].
- Noted there would be two externally facilitated workshops on 10 October for the review of the Significance & Engagement Policy.

3. Roadmap

- 3.1 Staff have developed an LTP roadmap, which is essentially a living document which gets updated regularly as priorities and tasks are completed or timing is altered. Refer to Attachment 1 for the latest copy of this roadmap.

4. Next Steps

- 4.1 During October staff will review all the capital and operational budgets. A first draft of these budgets will be presented to elected members in November.
- 4.2 In December elected members will review the first draft of the Consultation Document, with feedback due mid-late January.
- 4.3 The Audit team will start their review of the Consultation Document and all the supporting information at the end of January 2024.
- 4.4 It is envisaged that the formal submission period will be from 4 March to 31 March 2024.

5. Decision Making Process

- 5.1 There are no decisions to make in regard to this item, it is provided as an update to the Long Term Plan process currently underway.

Attachments:

1. **Roadmap to 2024 2034 LTP** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the Update on the 2024-34 Long Term Plan report be received.

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

1.1 Council currently administers four funding schemes for the Rangitikei District:

- a. Community Initiatives Fund
- b. Events Sponsorship Scheme
- c. Creative Communities Scheme
- d. 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 allocated \$30,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 2.3 Council allocated \$13,730 in round one at the Finance and Performance meeting on the 31 August 2023.
- 2.4 Round two for 2023/24 will open on 02 October 2023 and will close 01 March 2024.

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 has allocated \$25,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 3.3 Council allocated \$18,470 in round one at the Finance and Performance meeting on the 31 August 2023.

4. Creative Communities Scheme

- 4.1 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
- 4.2 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. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

- 5.1 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.

- 5.2 Sport NZ typically allocates \$9,500 (+ GST) to the Rangitikei District Council on an annual basis. There is one funding round per year. This year the fund increased to \$12,825.
- 5.3 The funding round is open for applications 19 May 2023 and will close 04 April 2024.

6. Further Information

- 6.1 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 – September 2023 be received.

10.3 RDC Engagement and Consultations**Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor****ITEM 10.3****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 August 2023** [↓](#)

Recommendation

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

10.4 Small Projects Fund Update - October 2023**Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor****ITEM 10.4****1. Allocation**

1.1 The yearly allocation of the 2023/24 Small Projects Fund for the Marton Community Committee is \$3,567.19.

2. Breakdown

2.1 The committee approved funding of \$500 for the Marton Community Garden at the meeting 09 August 23. This has not been paid yet.

2.2 The remainder of the fund allocation is 3,067.19.

Recommendation

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

11 Discussion Items

11.1 Signage (Toilets + Effluent Point on King Street)

Author: Carolyn Bates, Chair

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Discussion item: Signage (Toilets + Effluent Point on King Street).

Recommendation

If needed:

11.2 Meet the Candidates

Author: Carolyn Bates, Chair

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Discussion item: Meet the Candidates

Recommendation

If needed:

11.3 Spatial Plan

Author: Carolyn Bates, Chair

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Discussion item: Spatial Plan

Recommendation

If needed:

11.4 Horizons Transport Review

Author: Carolyn Bates, Chair

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Discussion item: Horizons Transport Review

Recommendation

If needed:

11.5 Infrastructure Reports

Author: Carolyn Bates, Chair

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Discussion item: Infrastructure reports.

Recommendation

If needed:

11.6 Street Lights

Author: Carolyn Bates, Chair

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Discussion item: Street lights

Recommendation

If needed:

11.7 RDC Facebook / Website / Newsletters

Author: Carolyn Bates, Chair

1. Reason for Report

1.1 Discussion item: RDC Facebook/ Website/ Newsletters

1.1.1 What is the criteria for getting things included / promoted?

Recommendation

If needed:

11.8 Christmas Tree

Author: Carolyn Bates, Chair

1. Reason for Report

1.1 Discussion item: Christmas Tree

Recommendation

If needed:

12 Meeting Closed.