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# ORDER PAPER

## MARTON COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, 12 June 2024

**Time:** 6.00pm

**Venue:** 18 Humphrey Street  
Marton

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**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 provided<sup>1</sup>.
- 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.
- To engage with wider/small communities of the ward represented.

## Quorum

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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<sup>1</sup> Appended to the Delegations Register

**Notice is hereby given that a Marton Community Committee Meeting of the Rangitikei District Council will be held in the 18 Humphrey Street, Marton on Wednesday, 12 June 2024 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 10 April 2024** are attached.

#### Attachments

1. **Marton Community Committee Meeting - 10 April 2024**

#### Recommendation

That the minutes of Marton Community Committee Meeting held on 10 April 2024 [**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

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## **UNCONFIRMED: MARTON COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Date: Wednesday, 10 April 2024**

**Time: 6.00pm**

**Venue: 18 Humphrey Street  
Marton**

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Present

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

In attendance

Ms Mel Bovey, Manager Heritage & Culture  
Ms Deb Haworth, Administrator  
Mr Willie Abraham, Rangitikei Wheelie Bins/ Member of the Community

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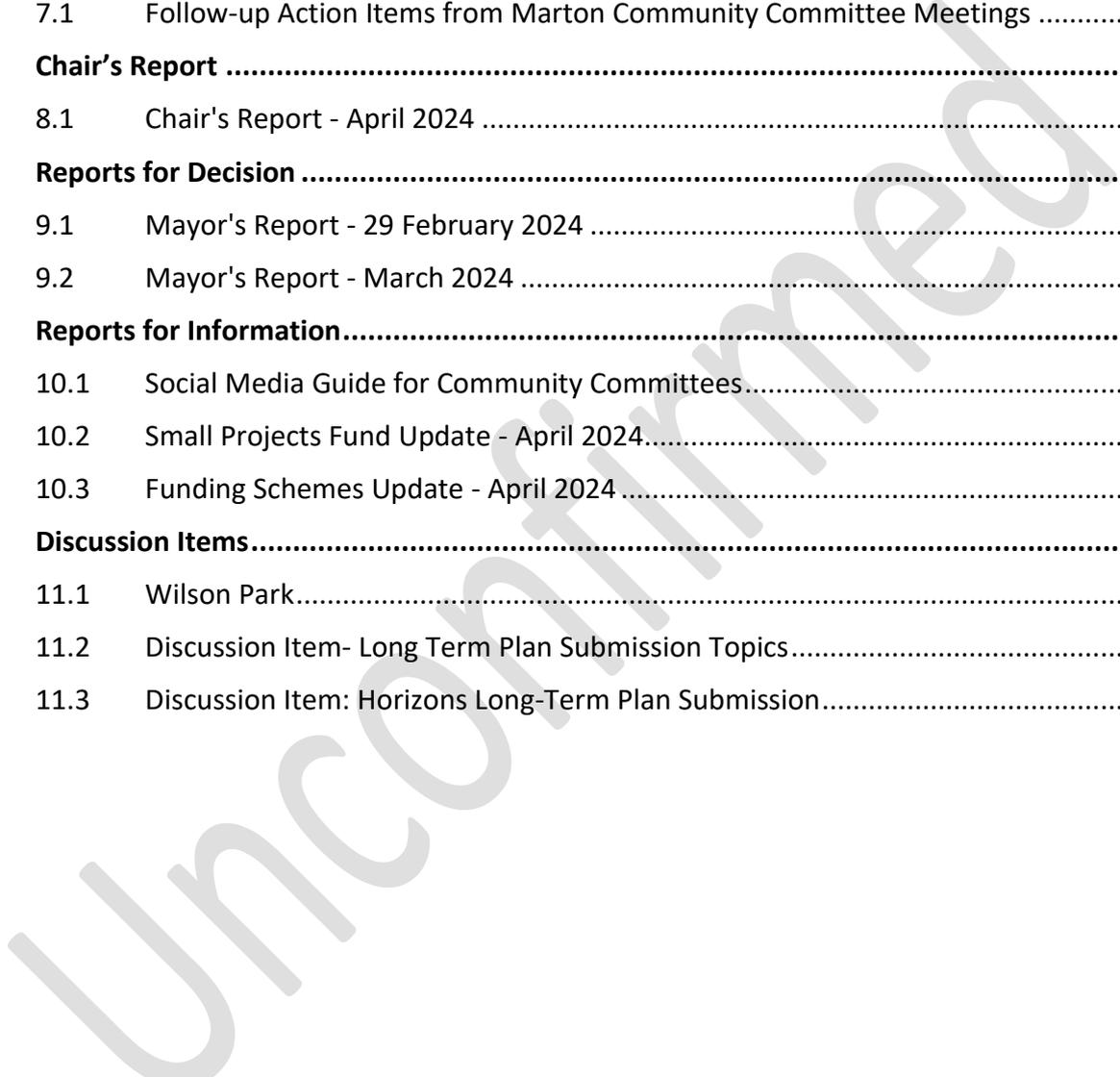
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## 1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting which started at 6.01pm.

## 2 Apologies

Apologies received from HWTM Andy Watson, Ms Jennifer Greener and Mrs Joanne Manuel.

## 3 Public Forum

Willy Abraham presented his view on the rubbish and recycling in the area, giving some background into his experience over the years and the Rangitikei District and Ratana issues.

He has provided a submission to the LTP and will be verbally presenting it.

Mr Abraham considers Council is in a unique position for a big effort into the waste diversion effort and has been in discussion with Council previously.

The Committee moved to investigate what Council have and make it better.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **24/MCC/012**

That the minutes of Marton Community Committee Meeting held on 14 February 2024 **without amendment** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Ms S Moore/Cr D Wilson. Carried

## 7 Follow-up Action Items

### 7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Marton Community Committee Meetings

#### Item 1- Flooding Wellington Road

The Committee discussed the issues with flooding in these areas, particularly with the time of year, weather and leaves. If there are issues, anyone can raise a Request for Service (RFS).

Follow up - The Committee requests a schedule from Council detailing how often Higgins are in the area cleaning the roads and drains.

**Item 3 – Items at the Op Shop**

The Chair reported this is in progress.

**Item 4 – Parking in Broadway and Follett Street**

The Committee discussed the issues with trucks and vehicles parking on Follett Street and Broadway for extended periods of time.

If they are not breaching any parking regulations, nothing can be done about it

If they are breaching the parking regulations, a Committee member recommended raising an RFS.

**Item 5 – Update on Calico Line footpath installation**

There is no further update or action.

**Item 6- Cobber Kain Parking**

There is concern with vehicles parking on the grass where they drive over the kerbing and potentially damaging it. A Committee member recommended raising an RFS when this occurs.

**Item 7 – Criteria for getting events/activities promoted via Council.**

Follow up - Mel Bovey will follow up and email the details to the Committee members

**Resolved minute number 24/MCC/013**

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

Mr P Farrell/Ms S Moore. Carried

**7 Chair’s Report**

**8.1 Chair's Report - April 2024**

**Resolved minute number 24/MCC/014**

That the verbal Chair’s Report –April 2024 be received.

Mr J Whittaker/Ms L Duncan. Carried

**8 Reports for Decision**

**9.1 Mayor's Report - 29 February 2024**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 24/MCC/015**

That the Mayor's Report – 29 February 2024 be accepted.

Cr D Wilson/Ms S Moore. Carried

**9.2 Mayor's Report – 28 March 2024**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 24/MCC/016**

That the Mayor's Report – 28 March 2024 be received.

Cr D Wilson/Ms S Moore. Carried

**9 Reports for Information****10.1 Social Media Guide for Community Committees**

The Committee discussed what the procedure is to send through information to Council to be promoted.

Follow up - Mel Bovey will follow up and email the details to the Committee members

**Resolved minute number 24/MCC/017**

That the Social Media Guide for Community Committees report be received.

Mrs C Bates/Mr D Christison. Carried

**10.2 Small Projects Fund Update - April 2024**

No applications have been received

The Committee discussed how to ensure any funding is uplifted within a suitable period of time as the funds allocated to the Marton Community Garden in August 2023 had not been uplifted.

The Committee acknowledged it may take some time for projects to be completed so this could be done with a conversation at the time the funds are allocated or an expected completion date on the application form.

The Chair will follow up with the existing outstanding funding allocated.

**Resolved minute number 24/MCC/018**

That the report 'Small Projects Fund Update – April 2024' be received.

Cr D Wilson/Ms B Harvey-Larsen. Carried

### 10.3 Funding Schemes Update - April 2024

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 24/MCC/019**

That the Funding Schemes Update –April 2024 be received.

Mrs C Bates/Mr P Farrell. Carried

## 10 Discussion Items

### 11.1 Wilson Park

Sally Moore reported that there has been no progress, the Walking Track Agreement has not been signed and there is no start date.

**Resolved minute number 24/MCC/020**

Ms S Moore/Mrs C Bates. Carried

### 11.2 Discussion Item- Rangitikei District Council Long Term Plan Submission Topics

The Committee will verbally present its LTP submission to Council on 18 April 2024.

**Resolved minute number 24/MCC/021**

Mrs C Bates/Mr D Christison. Carried

### 11.3 Discussion Item: Horizons Regional Council Long Term Plan Submission

The Committee noted there was nothing Marton specific. A Committee member noted that Council also submits to the Horizons LTP.

**Resolved minute number 24/MCC/022**

The Committee will send in a submission. Each Committee member is to send their feedback through to the Chair by 22 April 2024, even if they have no feedback.

Mrs C Bates/Mr P Farrell. Carried

### 11.5 Discussion Item: Centennial Park Sign

The Centennial Park Sign is faded. A Committee member recommended raising an RFS.

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**11.6 Discussion Item: Follett Street Toilets**

The stickers noting who to contact if there are any issues have been cleaned away. A Committee member recommended raising an RFS.

**The meeting closed at 8.05pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Marton Community Committee held on 19 June 2024.**

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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

#### 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	10-Apr-24	The Committee requests a schedule from Council detailing how often Higgins are in the area cleaning the roads and drains.	Philip G	The Marton kerb and channel is swept weekly by a sweeper truck however only 50% of the town is swept at a time.	Complete
2	14-Feb-24	Parking in Broadway and Follet Street and frequency of drivers parking for extended time	HWTM	HWTM has gone and looked at the situation and doesn't think there is a congestion issue. He will revisit at another time to see this issue	In progress
3	14-Feb-24	Update on Calico Line footpath installation	HWTM	This was to be asked at the next AIN meeting by HWTM.	In progress
4	14-Feb-24	Cobber Kain avenue what action can be done to minimise any harm (e.g. to kerbing or lawn) caused by vehicles if they park on the grassed area	Arno/Crystal	Council have not received any RFS or complaints received on this item. Further information would be needed from the committee to further action.	Complete.

## **8 Chair's Report**

### **8.1 Chair's Report - April 2024**

**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 –April 2024 be received.

## 9 Reports for Decision

### 9.1 Mayor's Report - April 2024

**Author:** Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

As part of our Long Term Plan (LTP) process we held a huge number of community meetings throughout the district to gain feedback and submissions on the plan. We now have over 450 submissions which I believe is easily the record. I would say however that the number of people engaging in the process in our main towns continues to be disappointing. The turnouts in the rural meetings have been fantastic with meetings held at Scotts Ferry, Koitiata, Omatane and Papanui being particularly successful. These meetings have been well supported by Councillors and I give particular credit to Councillor Duncan for personally calling community members to encourage the turnout. The social media team approach at Council has been great and has encouraged conversations and engagement. I think in hindsight, which is always a great thing, that we should not have relied on the community committee meetings in Taihape, Marton and Bulls just being open to the public for the LTP process. We should have advertised at least two separate public meetings. Yes, they bring challenges but our communities are quite conservative and expect Council to front them by way of “old school meetings”.

I would have to say that the mood of many of the public meetings was respectful but extremely concerned about the ability to pay significant rate increases. Many of our people and employment sectors are struggling. Already we are seeing our businesses saying non-critical expenditure should be foregone at the moment.

The recent weather could not have been better for the Rangitīkei, first the Harvest Festival was a stunner of a day, attracting huge crowds and either side of that time we had the very much needed autumn rain. The rural community has, and is, facing challenging times with production, prices and costs and while the rain does not provide protection against these things it brings optimism, relief and hope.

The Harvest Festival was such a huge success, free entry, free attraction rides and huge crowds. Thanks Kym for the organising and thanks to the host of volunteers who made the festival the success that it was. For those fit and healthy people who on festival day rode in the Marton Rotary “Pedal for Pleasure” bike ride, congratulations and thanks to Tony Ward the principal sponsor. I guess that the prize of a La-Z-boy chair is a great reward after what may have been an 80 km ride.

The results are in, Council welcomes Paul Sharland as the new Southern Ward Councillor. Paul comprehensively won the election and is due our congratulations, but I would also like to acknowledge Mark Anderson, Gail Reid and Dave Christison for standing. The challenge will now be for Paul to get up to speed ahead of the Council Long Term Plan deliberations that have to be made.

The rate of change by Government is still challenging both for councils and the community. Several of these changes are signalled for future years such as 2025 through to 2027. These include policies on Three Waters, Freshwater Management, Resource Management Reform (RMA), Fast Tracking Legislation and how differing land classes are managed. We as Council have to act under existing laws and policies so the end result is that farms and business owners are caught up in compliance processes that will be changed. It is a pity that properties and businesses could potentially fail because of these issues. Council will of course continue to submit with regard to these issues.

On 6 April I attended the Scotts Ferry Beach and Forest Cleanup organised by Matt Hynes from Scotts Ferry. There was very little rubbish to be found on the beach which was incredibly pleasing, however when we moved into the forest access roads, of which there are several, it was incredibly disappointing to find it has become a communal rubbish dump for people who can't be bothered or refuse to use a Transfer Station. My hat goes off to the community who attended in large numbers and collected an enormous load of rubbish – they made a point of thanking Council for providing the facilities to make this happen.

On 13 April I attended the Ordination and Installation of Anashuya “Ana” Fletcher as Assistant Bishop of the Anglican Church at the Cathedral in Wellington. Ana is from Whanganui, small in stature but of very firm voice and was received well by the huge church community. This is a significant appointment and it is important that as communities we support these processes.

On 11 April I was scheduled to attend what is called the Rural and Provincial meeting of Local Government in Wellington. This includes all of the rural councils and provincial towns and makes up the bulk of the Local Government membership. Unfortunately I had a funeral that I needed to attend on the first day so I was always going to arrive late. On the second day I was asked to be one of two presenters on the Local Government Focus Group for Roothing which encompasses how we work with NZTA Waka Kotahi and Government. I am privileged to be able to provide the rural voice in these forums which I think is incredibly important. Carol Gordon, as Acting Chief Executive, on those days also travelled to Wellington as part of this process and I thank her for her attendance. Carol and I have had insufficient time at the moment to provide a full report – I have reached out to Helen Worboys, Mayor of Manawatu District Council for her briefing notes so that I can report back in detail at a later date. I will forward those notes to Councillors as they come in and I will look to include them in a future Mayoral Report.

I have spent a couple of days this month representing the Horizons region listening to submissions on the Regional Land Transport Plan. This is quite a mouthful. What it means is that NZTA tries to allocate the money that Government has put into roading and looks at what major expenditure is required throughout the country. The Horizons region does not have any new roads of national significance. An example of a new road of national significance would be the road over the Brynderwyns linking Northland to Auckland. We have decided as part of this process that the first two priorities for regional funding in our area will be a joint Number One priority for an alternative to the Utiku road slumping which potentially could have a budget at the moment of \$108m and the Rail Hub Ring Road Complex in Palmerston North City. There were many submissions on where money should be spent and potential cost savings. There are a number of people that raised submissions around the cost of road maintenance, the safety provisions and for example the wire-rope division on the road between Bulls and Whanganui. Ultimately of course NZTA could continue to assign the priorities as they see fit but this is our feedback into that process.

It seems when a new (in this case coalition) Government is formed that their immediate priority is to engage with the major metros such as Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch and this is totally appropriate as the Government tries to work its way through its immediate program and assigning ministers. There are many new ministers who then need to be brought up to date about how their portfolios will work. What I am now seeing is a number of ministers who are looking to engage with our district, for example we have Minister Jones who has reached out to me and wants to be in our district and have a conversation and this week we had Minister Lee who has a focus on media, communications and especially economic development in Marton. I have also just heard that the Prime Minister wishes to come here for a dinner to engage with some of our leading businesses and industries.

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What is concerning to me, and I speak from my personal perspective, is that the Coalition Government has gone down the path of reviewing the status of Maori Wards. As I understand it our Council has two Maori Wards, an inland (Tiikeitia ki Uta) and coastal (Tiikeitia ki Tai), that Council had decided on. We now have to go out, as part of our 2025 electoral cycle, with a binding referendum on whether they should continue to exist. The alternative to that poll is they could be abolished by way of Council vote which would mean they would stop in 2025. If the binding referendum suggested that they should stop they would cease in 2028. What concerns me about this is the disharmony that this sort of process brings.

I have received a request from Whare Kura Morehu o Ratana School Board (Attachment 1) seeking financial assistance for the School's 100 Year Centennial Celebration taking place 31 May - 2 June 2024. Refer to Recommendation 2 below.

With regard to Ratana, I have just received the resignation from Lequan Meihana as a community board member which will require another by-election within our district. I know that Lequan would not have made this decision lightly and I would like to take the chance to wish him well and thank him for his service on the community board and also acknowledge his previous role as a Council employee in terms of Iwi Liaison matters. I respect the knowledge and connections that Lequan has.

And "lest we forget" I would like to recognise the importance of ANZAC Day and acknowledge the numbers of people who continue to turn out for services, especially for those young people who get a chance to understand the sacrifice that was made by our very young country in respect to the two world wars especially. I am attending dawn service in Marton, a morning service in Turakina and an afternoon service at Marton Park tomorrow and I know that most of our Councillors are also attending services throughout their particular wards.

**Attachments:**

1. **Letter from Whare Kura Morehu o Ratana** [↓](#)
2. **Elected Member Attendance** [↓](#)

**Recommendation 1:**

That the Mayor's Report – 24 April 2024 be received.

## Mayors Engagement

April 2024

2	<p>Attended Connection Meeting with MSD Staff</p> <p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p> <p>Attended Koitiata LTP community meeting</p>
3	<p>Attended Governors Q&amp;A meeting with Executive Leadership Team</p> <p>Attended fortnightly economic development meeting with staff</p>
4	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Regional Transport Committee RLTP Hearings</p> <p>Attended Turakina LTP community meeting</p>
5	<p>Attended Regional Transport Committee RLTP Hearings</p>
6	<p>Attended Scotts Ferry Beach &amp; Forest Cleanup Day</p>
7	<p>Attended Marton Harvest Festival</p>
8	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended LTP update meeting with staff</p> <p>Attended Hunterville Rural Water Scheme Meeting</p>
9	<p>Attended Regional Transport Matters   Regional Chief's Fortnightly Meeting</p> <p>Attended Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting</p> <p>Attended Defence Meeting</p>
10	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended meeting with ratepayer</p> <p>Attended Taihape Community Board Meeting</p>
12	<p>Attended LGNZ Rural &amp; Provincial Meeting Wellington</p>
13	<p>Attended Ordination and Installation of Anashuya Fletcher as Assnt Bishop of Diocese of Wellington</p>
15	<p>Attended MTFJ Governance Group Online Meeting</p>
16	<p>Attended Regional Transport Committee RLTP Deliberations</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
18	<p>Attended LTP Verbal Hearings in Taihape &amp; Marton</p> <p>Attended LGNZ Roundtable Zoom – Online Harassment &amp; Safety</p> <p>Attended BA5 Marton</p>
19	<p>Attended fortnightly economic development meeting with staff</p> <p>Attended MTFJ meeting with staff and youth in work at Taihape</p> <p>Attended webinar on Maori Wards</p>
22	<p>Attended catchup with newly elected Southern Ward Councillor Paul Sharland</p>

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	<p>Attended Lunch Meeting with Minister Melissa Lee, MP Suze Redmayne and Elected Members</p> <p>Attended meeting with Minister Melissa Lee, Suze Redmayne and staff at Council Offices</p> <p>Attended weekly LTP meeting with staff</p>
23	<p>Attended Regional Transport Matters   Regional Chief’s Fortnightly Meeting</p> <p>Attended Road Controlling Authorities Forum Wellington</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
24	<p>Attended Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund Meeting</p> <p>Attended Finance/Performance Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended Council Meeting</p>
25	<p>Attended ANZAC Day Services in Marton and Turakina</p>
28	<p>Attended Suzuki Extreme 4x4 Challenge Event in Turakina</p>
29	<p>Attended weekly LTP meeting with staff</p>
30	<p>Attended workshop with Veolia</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>



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10/04/2024 March 2024

Tēnā koutou,

Re: Te Kura O Ratana School 100 Year Centennial Celebration, 31 May – 2 June, 2024.

On behalf of our school Board and the Centennial Committee, we are pleased to invite your organisation to be a sponsor of our upcoming event to celebrate the 100 Year Centennial of Whare Kura Morehu O Ratana previously known as Te Kura O Ratana.

We envisage to host a large audience of current and past students, staff, board members and whanau of our kura to celebrate this memorable occasion. The Centennial programme is an exciting opportunity for participants to rejoice and reconnect in this nostalgic event, reliving a walk down memory lane!

Your sponsorship comes with advertising and promotional opportunities of your organisation's brand in all event material including social media platforms, the official sponsors list in the Centennial programme and multi media platforms.

We look forward to your response and hope that you may join us in making the celebration a success. Please feel free to make contact should you require more information or wish to discuss the sponsorship further.

Ngā manaakitanga nui,

Kind regards,

Whare Kura Morehu o Ratana

School Board

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ITEM 9.1 ATTACHMENT 2

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
	Date	Meeting	HWTM	Wilson	Calkin	Carter	Dalgety	Duncan	Hiroa	Lambert	Loudon	Maughan	Raukawa	Wong	Notes
146	15-Feb-24	Turakina CC	PR			PR									
147	21-Feb-24	Taihape CB						PR						PR	
148	29-Feb-24	Finance/Performance	CB	PR		PR	PR				PR	AP		PR	
149	29-Feb-24	Council	PR	PR		PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	
150	5-Mar-24	ERWS	PR									AP		PR	
151	6-Mar-24	SDMC	PR			PR									
152	13-Mar-24	Bulls CC	PR			PR							PR		
153	14-Mar-24	AIN Workshop	PR	PR		PR	PR	PR		PR	PR	PR		PR	
154	20-Mar-24	RA Meeting	PR	PR			PR		PR		PR				
155	28-Mar-24	Finance/Performance	PR	AP		PR	PR				PR	AP		PR	
156	28-Mar-24	Council Meeting	PR	PR		PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	
157	4-Apr-24	Turakina CC	PR			PR									
158	8-Apr-24	HRWS	PR				PR			PR		AT			
159	9-Apr-24	TRAK Meeting	PR					AP							
160	9-Apr-24	Ratana CB	CB						PR						
161	10-Apr-24	Taihape CB													Minutes not yet received
162	10-Apr-24	Marton CC	CB	PR								PR			
163	11-Apr-24	PPL Meeting	CB	PR			AT	PR	PR	PR		PR		AT	
164															
165															
166															Present (and is a member of the committee) PR
167															Apology AP
168															Absent - no apology received AB
169															
170															Not a member of the committee
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## 9.2 Mayor's Report - 30 May 2024

**Author:** Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

### 1. Reason for Report

On 8 May local volunteers from Forest & Bird together with the National Office opened a new access bridge at Mangahoe, Sutherlands Bush Reserve. The bridge was financed and constructed by Forest & Bird nationally but a huge number of hours have been spent by volunteers rebuilding the tracks. I have walked the reserve and it certainly is a special place.

Our district is well known for its events and the Cowper's Suzuki Extreme 4x4 challenge held last month in Turakina was exceptional – it was a stunning day that drew huge crowds of thousands and is filmed for TV which highlights our district nationally - what could be better.

Winter netball has kicked off and on 5 May I went north for the Open Day at Taihape and the first use of the Nga Awa building. Teams from Hunterville, Taihape and Ohakune areas meant the place was packed. My congratulations to the organisation committees that run these days.

Speaking of sport, on the weekend I attended the "Women in Sport Aotearoa" fundraising function in Palmerston North hosted by John and Angela Turkington. Around 400 people attended to listen to panels of high profile people talking about things such as encouragement to women to be involved in sport and coaching. A highlight for me was to listen to a Q&A session with Barbara Kendall our Olympic icon of New Zealand and IOC board member. I believe, with the auction, the night raised in excess of \$60,000 for women in sport. Angela and John support so much in our district and deserve our congratulations.

### Roading

On 23 April I attended a Road Controlling Authority meeting in Wellington. This gave an indication of the new Government's thinking around roading. The meeting was significant so I am reporting on it with my thoughts.

The meeting started with a panel discussion including Nick Leggett (CE of Infrastructure New Zealand), David Gordon (Chief Planning Officer Assets KiwiRail and Liam Hodgetts (Chief Infrastructural Moderator Wellington Council). The standout points were –

#### 1. David Gordon

- Under the new GPS (Government's Policy Statement) rail will not be subsidised by the Government.
- He noted that rail throughout the world is generally subsidised by Governments.
- There is no profitability in rail lines north of Napier or the West Coast of the South Island.
- Rail has been told by Government to reduce its costs.
- He made comment that rail has not gone deliberately with Tier 1 contractors to maintain the rail network. (Note: Tier 1 contractors are companies like Fletchers, Downers, Higgins), but rail use local contractors to help drive down costs and increase competition. The point is that roading authorities/NZTA should do the same.

2. All the panel agreed that the standard of New Zealand infrastructure, especially roading was deteriorating.
3. All agreed that the Government is looking to long term planning, i.e. beyond three year terms of Government, which is a massive step forward.
4. **Minister Simeon Brown** – Minister of Energy, Transport, Infrastructure & Local Government
  - Under this Government the GPS roading/transport is of the highest priority.
  - Spending of the Government will be focussed on economic growth.
  - Safety – we will look for value for money. The focus here is on reducing the safety costs/traffic management in roading.
  - Transport is an economic enabler which also facilitates housing.
  - Maintenance of roads increases the safety of roads.
  - Road User Charges will increase based on the size of the vehicle and distance travelled including cars and EV vehicles.
  - The Minister made the point that “over the last few years there have been huge increases in the spend of cycling but the percentage of people cycling has not changed” and he questioned if this is value for money. He noted that “75% of New Zealanders get into a vehicle to go to work and only 2% get on a bike to do that and funding should reflect that percentage”.
  - The Minister reflected that as a country we dream up 67 ways (note, there are 67 Councils in New Zealand) of doing things. There is a need to standardise within reason, drainage, bridge building and roading solutions.
5. **Nicole Rosie** – Chief Executive of NZTA
  - The Government has very clearly laid out their expectations (noting that this is a welcoming position and hasn’t always been the case).
  - Nicole points out the need for consistency of governance within NZTA. In four years she and the organisation have had multiple ministers and chairs.
  - The increase on focus of maintenance of roads is welcome but notes that we do not have the capacity in New Zealand to carry out work for a dramatically increased spend. The work programmes needed will need to be ramped up over time.
  - We also have variable performance from personnel/contractors in New Zealand. Ideally the roading issue on SH25A should be replicated in New Zealand (this is where a new bridge was designed and built in record time to enable the road to be reopened).
  - We, NZTA, believe in private/public partnerships.
  - NZTA, like all Government Departments, have to reduce costs by 7.5%. Nicole also accepted that there were, and still are, inefficiencies in public service.
  - We, as an agency, are becoming more efficient, call waiting times on phones has moved from an average of 20 minutes to 2 minutes.
  - Closing some roads to do maintenance work would reduce traffic management costs (Nicole is aware that traffic management adds in the order of 35% to roading costs).
  - Agrees that Tier 2/3 contractor use should increase and that NZTA needs to increase the capability of Councils to use their 2/3 contractors.

- Road User Charges (RUCs) based on distance travelled will be an issue of equity. What she is saying here is that wealthy people tend to live closer to work/cities and therefore will pay less.
6. **Minister Shane Jones** (via Zoom) – Minister for Oceans & Fisheries, Regional Development, Resources and Associate Minister of Finance and Energy
- “NZ First is here to make things happen and do it quicker”.
  - We are hindered as a country by ecologies – “one frog can add \$6m to the cost of infrastructure”. I think this is a reference directly to roadworks on Mt Messenger and the need for fast-track legislation.
  - Wildlife Acts will be replaced by business cases, i.e. cost benefit analysis.
  - “We, NZ First, campaign on statutory reforms and this is reflected in the fast-track legislation now in the Select Committee”.
7. **Andrew Clark** – National Manager of Maintenance Operations NZTA
- Cost increases on delivering road resurfacing have increased by 21% since 2021.
  - All other costs associated with roading are increasing as well.
  - Traffic management thoughts –
    - 20% of traffic management costs are not needed;
    - 69.8 of sites have traffic management in place while work is not proceeding.
  - Our roading network continues, and will continue, to decline in standard.
  - The need to move to rollout a new risk based approach to traffic management.
  - We need to consider –
    - Closing roads and using detours;
    - Dealing with multiple roading issues at the same time (e.g. mowing/maintenance/rubbish/Powerco issues etc).
  - There needs to be a shift in thinking to a ‘whole of life’. Building stronger in the first instance = a longer service life and therefore less maintenance.

On 2 May I received from NZTA the Government’s position on funding of emergency roading works. Emergency work is done where our roading networks are hit with climatic events such as cyclones resulting in unprogrammed repairs beyond maintenance. These events have become more common as everyone is aware. NZTA proposed changes include –

1. Changing the qualifying trigger for emergency event funding from a 1 in 10 year event to a 1 in 20 year event.
2. A reduction in the FAR assistance above our existing FAR (Financial Assistance Rate) from +20% to a +10%.
3. Restricting further bespoke assistance rates where a much larger assistance could be given.

These changes would, if adopted, take place in July 2025.

We must submit to this consultation process!

The history of events in our district would indicate that this would probably add millions of dollars of costs to our ratepayers over a period of the LTP and/or result in roads either not being serviced or poorly maintained. Attached is the Memorandum from Nicole Rosie, CE of NZTA.

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Council deliberated last week on our Long Term Plan. We firstly acknowledge a record number of submitters and thank people for their interest in Local Government and their concerns around rating positions and affordability which was reflected often in the submissions. I and Council would also like to acknowledge the huge amount of work that was done by staff in preparing an amazing document of submissions and the suggestions made in responses to submitters. Certainly one of the drivers of Council during the day was to reduce the rate burden. We are still yet to calculate the final rates position however the indications are that rates may come down slightly on the forecast within the consultation document. In part, this has been achieved because of the lack of need to depreciate fund some of our earthquake prone Council buildings. This decision makes commonsense. Probably one of the most contentious decisions was the decision not to open the swimming pool in Marton over the winter months. To open the pool over those months would have come at considerable expense and Council has also been informed by staff that considerable money may have to be spent on the maintenance of the pool and building. The decision process is not yet complete, Councillors asked for more information on a few issues, including the ability to change the UAGC (Uniform Annual General Charge). These issues will go back to Council at their meeting at the end of May. To test who is still reading this lengthy report, there is a chocolatey prize for the first Elected Member/Staff Member who sees this.

Accelerate25 is the regional body promoting economic growth within the Horizons area that was set up several years ago as a regional voice for Government. This body consists of some of the regional Mayors and has external independent membership representing iwi and industry. Accelerate25 resulted in our region being given Government assistance through the PGF (Provincial Growth Fund) Government funding initiative, administered largely by Minister Shane Jones. Recently Accelerate25 and the Mayors met in Wellington followed by a Meet & Greet with Minister Jones. Minister Jones took that opportunity to pledge to come to our district to talk about our industrial initiatives and also have a discussion around Ratana. We were the only Council highlighted in this way, so I look forward to that discussion. He has promised to bring other Government people that he considers relevant and that may include Minister Bishop who sits alongside him on funding decisions.

The delivery of three waters services and roading contracts is performed by a shared service provided by Manawatu District Council in a relationship that has existed for many years. There has been a decision made by both councils to bring that relationship to an end. As of 1 July, Rangitikei will be responsible for three waters and roading and the operators of our wastewater and water plants will transfer to being our staff. We absolutely welcome them as part of our team and their wonderful service will continue. Rangitikei will inevitably need some assistance at senior levels or by way of outside assistance to transition this process. We believe that we need to be responsible for our own destiny and efficiencies which may come at a cost neutral or cost saving.

The three waters discussion with Government is still complex. New Zealand authorities will retain ownership of our water assets but are being encouraged and possibly legislated by Government to form regional groupings. These groupings will probably be in the form of CCOs (Council Controlled Organisations) at a regional level. The Government has also said that no council will be left alone and may well legislate to make sure that each Council has "a home".

These discussions are slow in our region but are progressing. Chief Executives and staff are analysing the costs for compliance and growth that each council will face now and in the future. These discussions will include Iwi and all Mayors as it progresses. It should be noted that we still waiting on Government's position especially in regard to price setting or standardisation. Inevitably the discussions will come down to which councils will work together. At present we are taking an Horizons regional approach but there will be consideration by councils to look at splits within the Horizons region or to look outside our boundaries.

I know that three waters has become an everlasting story but work is progressing and we need to discuss our decisions with our community as they develop so where I have said that we will be responsible for our own destiny in the stopping of shared services, this may well be an intermediate step to the final direction the Government is pointing us in.

Last weekend was the Rangitikei Heritage Weekend for all the museums in our district. I am a volunteer at Marton so Saturday and Sunday mornings I, like many other Marton volunteers, were needed. However in the afternoons I visited all but one of the museums in our district. My apologies to Mangaweka – I intended to be there but ran out of time with all the travelling. I will try and remedy that in the future. All of our museums are different - Marton focusses on the cottage, stables and prison jail that we have and the archival section being incredibly strong, Bulls is the museum that is open more than any other museum in our district, always available during the day for the travelling public, and has continued to grow. They now effectively have 3 sites – the main museum, the stables behind it and are working in conjunction with the old Bulls Library. Taihape is a real favourite of mine, partly because so many of the old vehicles, tractors and implements parked out the back of the museum I seem to have personally used at some stage or another in my life. Do pop in and have a look at some stage, it's fascinating. For those who are not aware the Hunterville Museum quietly sits in beside and behind the café and I spent some time talking on the Sunday before they closed with a couple of volunteers there. I guess the key message is these are the real gems of our district and I thank the museums for being open and the number of people who went out of their way to see more than one museum over the weekend.

The Coalition Government, led in this case by ACT, have questioned the process around the appointment of Maori Wards within local authorities. As a sector, LGNZ have real concerns about the referendum process that we are going to be forced into undertaking. As such, it believes the Government's decision to remove decision-making from councils by mandating that polls be run on Maori wards and constituencies is an overreach on local decision-making when current legislation already requires councils to seek community views. LGNZ's position is that Maori wards should be treated like all other wards and that decisions should be made at the council level, and urges Government to reconsider its position and let local councils made decisions about appropriate representation arrangements in partnership with iwi and their communities. After circulation and discussion with Elected Members, we have signed the letter in support of LGNZ's position and refer to the attached document.

My congratulations to Paul Sharland being appointed to Council. As part of that process Paul has asked if he can be on the Assets/Infrastructure and Finance Committees so I am directly appointing him to those committees.

### **Rural & Provincial**

On 11 April the Rural & Provincial Councils met in Wellington. Normally I would see that as a priority engagement but this time it clashed with our own important Assets & Infrastructure and Policy & Planning Meetings. I compromised by travelling down late and missing some of the first day's sessions. My thanks to Mayor Helen Worboys for providing some of her notes to assist my explanations. These notes are as follows –

1. There was discussion around the increasing levels of aggression by people on social media and in person against staff and councillors. This is concerning and we need to support each other.
2. It is noted that the average New Zealand household pays \$2,900 in rates and \$37,000 in tax. Internationally this is an unusual balance. Councils are being asked to provide more and more services without increased budgets highlighting the need for financial funding reform. These reforms could include a return of GST on rates and a portion of the GST on district generated GDP. Other measures could include congestion funding and accommodation levies etc.
3. Councils collectively at the meeting were asked to rate their concerns and the help that they would need from Local Government. That rate is as follows for the first 3 areas –
  - a) To look at funding levels and financial sustainability
  - b) The need for a 4 year term for Councils and Government
  - c) City and regional deals as a way for engaging with Government
4. There was a discussion regarding Akona, the training arm of LGNZ, which was a chargeable function back to each Council that used it. It is now "free" to all members but the costs of LGNZ membership have been increased by 15% to cover it. At present there are several Councils who are now not members of LGNZ which is concerning.
5. There was a presentation by Matt Doocoy, Minister of Tourism, who highlighted –
  - a) We need to prioritise the tourism spend and cut our cloth to match the available funds.
  - b) Tourism is our No.2 ranked export earner.
  - c) We need to look at how Government can support Councils to grow/promote tourism. New Zealand is 0.03% of global tourism.

#### Fast Track Consenting Bill – What it Means

- i) The driver for this is that large projects take too long to consent/permit. There are multiple avenues for litigation and duplication between regulatory authorities.
- ii) The Bill will –
  - a) Be a free-standing statute that does not rely on other Acts;
  - b) Have its own over-riding purpose (which seems to be economic gain);

- c) Be a single process to obtain multiple environmental approvals, permissions, permits.
  - d) Does not over-ride the Building Act.
- iii) Lists of projects will be in the Bill.
- iv) Limited rights of objection through appeal.
- v) Local Government will get opportunities to comment on the Bill.
- vi) Next steps for the Bill –
  - a) Has passed first reading 7 March
  - b) Submissions have now closed
  - c) Advisory panels to be appointed in the future and applications for Schedule 2A completed
  - d) Advisory panels will finalise the list of projects.

Concerns re the Bill –

1. Timeframes are tight.
2. Role of Council is threatened?
3. Environment takes a back seat?
4. The role of Iwi?
5. Timing and links to regional district plans will be challenging.
6. Who sits on the panel?

**Drivers of increased costs for Local Govt and therefore rate increases** - presented by Economist Brad Olsen

- Average Local Government rate increase last year were 9% reflected by significant increases in civil construction, the transport sector and especially bridge construction where rates had risen by 30%.
- A huge amount of spending in the sector is needed, the planned Local Government capital expenditure 2021-2031 is \$77.42b.
- Councils faced with higher interest rates and labour costs for authorities and wages has gone up 13% in the last three years.

## Mayors Engagement

May 2024

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1	<p>Attended monthly ELT meeting for Governor’s Q&amp;A</p> <p>Attended Radio Interview re solar farms</p> <p>Attended Horizons Regional Council Oral Submission to Long Term Plan</p>
2	<p>Attended Manawatu-Rangitikei Federated Farmers 2024 AGM</p>
3	<p>Attended catchup with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended fortnightly Economic Development meeting with staff</p> <p>Attended Zoom Call with MSD</p>
5	<p>Attended Taihape Netball Opening Day</p> <p>Attended Jets v Saints game in Palmerston North courtesy of Mayor Grant Smith</p>
6	<p>Attended catchup with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Zoom meeting Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs/MSD</p> <p>Attended weekly LTP meeting with staff</p> <p>Attended meeting with LGNZ President Sam Broughton &amp; CE Susan Freeman-Greene</p>
7	<p>Attended Accelerate25 Meeting in Wellington including meeting with Minister Jones</p>
8	<p>Attended Opening of Mangahoe Reserve Bridge Opening</p> <p>Attended Bulls Community Committee Meeting</p>
9	<p>Attended Assets &amp; Infrastructure Meeting</p>
10	<p>Attended catchup with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended meeting with Minister Andrew Hoggard</p> <p>Attended annual interview meeting with Audit NZ</p> <p>Attended TUIA Wananga Powhiri with Nyssa Nepe at Rotorua</p>
11	<p>Attended working bee at Marton Museum</p> <p>Attended Turkington Women in Sport Aotearoa</p>
13	<p>Attended catchup with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended weekly LTP meeting with staff</p>
14	<p>Attended Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Workshop</p> <p>Attended meetings with ratepayers in Taihape</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
15	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended meeting with RDC and TIGL and Staff</p>
16	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended meeting with Councillor Sharland</p> <p>Attended Council Meeting – LTP Deliberations</p>
17	<p>Attended relationship meeting with DIA</p>

	<p>Attended Fortnightly Economic Development Meeting with staff</p> <p>Attended monthly RDC/Police catchup meeting</p> <p>Attended meeting with CE and Bryan Rendle re Otara Bridge</p> <p>Attended meeting with ratepayer in Hunterville</p>
19	<p>Attended Museum Open Day in Marton, Bulls, Hunterville and Taihape</p>
20	<p>Attended breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys</p> <p>Attended online MTFJ Governance Group meeting</p> <p>Attended Regional Relationship Meeting with NZTA</p> <p>Attended weekly LTP meeting with staff</p> <p>Attended Council Agenda meeting with staff</p>
21	<p>Attended NZ Tiny House Association online meeting</p> <p>Attended SLUI Advisory Group Meeting</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
22	<p>Attended catchup with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended onsite meeting at Putorino Landfill with staff and Horizons</p>
23	<p>Attended Council Workshop</p> <p>Attended LGNZ Transport Forum online meeting</p> <p>Attended BA5 – SAJE Web Marton</p>
24	<p>Attended catchup with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Western Architecture Awards (Nga Awa Nomination) at Massey University</p>
26	<p>Attended Pink Ribbon High Tea Fundraiser in Marton</p>
27	<p>Attended catchup with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended weekly LTP meeting with staff</p>
28	<p>Attended meeting with Taihape ratepayers</p> <p>Attended Taihape Playground Group Meeting</p>
29	<p>Attended Creative Communities Meeting</p> <p>Attended Hunterville Community Meeting to discuss Civil Defence Community Response Plan</p>
30	<p>Attended Finance/Performance Meeting</p> <p>Attended Council Meeting</p>
31	<p>To attend catchup with Chief Executive</p> <p>To attend fortnightly economic development meeting with staff</p> <p>Attend Talking Table at Taihape</p>

**Attachments:**

1. **NZTA Letter re consultation on Emergency Works FAR** [↓](#)
2. **Letter from LGNZ Mayors and Chairs on Maori wards and constituencies - May 2024** [↓](#)

**3. Elected Member Attendance** [↓](#)

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**Recommendation**

That the Mayor's Report – 30 May 2024 be received

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2 May 2024

Kia ora,

**Emergency works investment policies consultation – seeking organisational feedback by 19 June 2024**

One of the key challenges for NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) and approved organisations (AOs) in managing New Zealand's land transport network is the impact of sudden events that damage transport infrastructure and require emergency works response and recovery activities.

NZTA needs to manage the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) so that it can sustainably fund these emergency works in 2024-27.

In recent years, more frequent and intense weather-related events have put pressure on available funding for emergency works response and recovery.

Substantial Crown funding has been required for severe nationally significant weather events, such as Cyclone Gabrielle in the upper North Island in February 2023.

We've carried out a review of NZTA's emergency works investment policies and funding assistance rates (FARs) with a goal of reducing the financial burden on the NLTF and providing greater funding certainty for AOs.

Proposed changes to emergency works investment policies, including work category 141 and the uneconomic transport infrastructure policy, are set out in our consultation document for Emergency works policies - review and consultation feedback from the sector. This can be read in full at: [www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/emergency-works-policies-review-and-consultation](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/emergency-works-policies-review-and-consultation).

Key proposed changes to FARs and associated thresholds, include:

- changing the qualifying trigger for an emergency event attracting an enhanced FAR to a minimum frequency 1 in 20-year event, from the current 1 in 10-year event.
- reducing the enhanced FAR from normal FAR +20% to normal FAR +10%.
- restricting provision of a bespoke FAR (i.e., greater than an enhanced FAR) to only those extreme events for which Crown funding is made available.

The proposed FAR changes would take effect on 1 July 2025 to allow AOs time to adapt to these changes.

Other changes to make the policies clearer and easier to interpret, and better aligned with legislative requirements are proposed to take effect on 1 July 2024.

Your organisation's feedback is sought on the proposed changes. This feedback will help us finalise proposals for NZTA Board and managerial endorsement.

Please send feedback to [EmergencyWorksReview@NZTA.govt.nz](mailto:EmergencyWorksReview@NZTA.govt.nz) by **19 June 2024**.

If you have any questions, please contact your NZTA Investment Advisor or Director of Regional Relationships or email [EmergencyWorksReview@NZTA.govt.nz](mailto:EmergencyWorksReview@NZTA.govt.nz)

Ngā mihi



Nicole Rosie  
Chief Executive - NZTA



20 May 2024

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon

Hon Simeon Brown

Hon Tama Potaka, Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti

Rt Hon Winston Peters, Leader, New Zealand First

Hon David Seymour, Leader, ACT

Kia ora Prime Minister, Ministers, and party leaders

**Changes to Māori ward and constituency poll provisions**

Local Government New Zealand and the Mayors and Chairs that have signed this letter are opposed to the changes the Coalition Government is proposing to Māori ward and constituency poll provisions.

The Government's decision to remove decision-making from councils by mandating that polls be run on Māori wards and constituencies is an overreach on local decision-making when current legislation already requires councils to seek community views. We are disappointed this is in contrast with the commitments the Government made during the election campaign to empower local government to make decisions about its own communities.

Our position – a position that has been held by Local Government New Zealand since 2018 – is that Māori wards and constituencies should be treated like all other wards and that decisions should be made at the council level. Polls aren't required on any other wards or constituencies, and requiring them will add increased costs to councils.

We are concerned that the Government's decision is a distraction from the hard work that councils are doing to deliver infrastructure and keep costs down for their communities. It also undermines the important contributions that Māori are making to local government.

We urge the Government to reconsider its position and leave it to local councils to make decisions about appropriate representation arrangements in partnership with iwi and their communities.

Ngā mihi nui

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ATTACHMENT 2



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158	8-Apr-24	HRWS	PR				PR			PR		AT				
159	9-Apr-24	TRAK Meeting	PR					AP								
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161	10-Apr-24	Taihape CB	PR					AP							PR	
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163	11-Apr-24	PPL Meeting	CB	PR			AT	PR	PR	PR					AT	
164	15-Apr-24	Hunterville CC	CB				PR			AP						
165	18-Apr-24	LTP Hearings	PR	PR		AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR			PR	PR	
166	24-Apr-24	Sport NZ RTF	PR	PR										PR		
167	24-Apr-24	Finance/Performance	PR	PR		AP	PR	AT			PR	PR			PR	
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## 10 Reports for Information

### 10.1 Funding Schemes Update - June 2024

**Author:** Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

#### 1. Overview

- 1.1 Council currently administers four funding schemes for the Rangitikei District, these are:
- 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 opened on the 02 October 2023 and closed on the 31 March 2024.
- 2.5 Decisions on allocation of funding were made at the Finance and Performance committee meeting on the 24 April totalling \$9,357.
- 2.6 Round one for 2024/25 will open 01 August 24 and closes 30 September 24.

#### 3. Events Support 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.
- 3.4 Round two for 2023/24 opened on 01 February 2024 and closed on the 31 March 2024.
- 3.5 Decisions on allocation of funding were made at the Finance and Performance committee meeting on the 24 April at totalling \$4,902.
- 3.6 Round one for 2024/25 will open 01 August 24 and closes 30 September 24.

#### 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.

4.3 Round two for 2023/24 opened on 03 November 2023 and closed 01 May 2024.

**5. Creative Communities Scheme – CCS Festivals Fund**

5.1 Council has received an additional \$7,861.70 to go towards established festivals, this funding round will align with round two of the 2023/24 financial year.

5.1.1 The CCS Festival Fund can *only* support **established** festivals that celebrate the life experiences, stories, cultures, and regional identities of New Zealanders.

5.1.2 Applicants must have delivered a festival at least once in the previous five years (this may include digital presentation). Applicants should include evidence of previous delivery in their application.

5.2 The round for 2023/24 opened on 03 November 2023 and closed 01 May 2024.

**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. This year the fund increased to \$12,825.

6.3 The funding round is open for applications 19 May 2023 and closed on the 04 April 2024.

6.4 The allocation of funds was made at the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund meeting on the 24 April.

**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 –June 2024 be received.

**10.2 Small Projects Fund Update - June 2024****Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor****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 been paid.

2.2 The remainder of the fund allocation is \$2,667.19.

**3. Marton Food Pantry**

3.1 Application for the committee to consider from the Marton Food Pantry

**4. Carry-forward**

4.1 Below is a recommendation for the Marton Community Committee to carry forward the remaining funds. This recommendation will go to the next Council meeting for approval.

**Attachments:**

1. **Application from the Marton Food Pantry** [↓](#)
2. **Income and Expenses** [↓](#)

**Recommendation**

That the report 'Small Projects Fund Update – June 2024' be received.

**Recommendation**

That the Marton Community Committee request the remaining allocation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is carried forward to the following financial year 2024/25.

**Application to Marton Community Committee Small Projects / Grants Fund**

Submissions deadlines: 28<sup>th</sup> of Jan / Mar / May / Jul / Sep / Nov for consideration at the next Committee Meeting.

<b>Applicant</b>	Sue Wells
<b>Organisation</b> (if applicable)	<b>Marton Food Pantry</b>
Contact Address	<b>51 Harris St, Marton 4710</b>
Telephone	021 201 4483
Email	bswells83@gmail.com
<b>Amount Requested</b>	\$2,000
<b>Project Title</b>	Brief title eg Paint road side wall of Community Hall / Promote a "Have a go day" / Set Up "...." Activity.  <b>Marton Food Pantry Sustainability</b>
<b>Detail</b>	Please provide an overview / explanation of what you hope to achieve with this request. To maintain sustainability and viability of FP. This means that we will be able to continue to provide the basic food necessities to the most vulnerable in our community. This funding would contribute towards van operational costs, eg insurance, Rego, RUC; shelving; power; incidental operating costs, cleaning/sanitising products. It enables us to spend other money we have that is not ring-fenced for other purposes on grocery staples, to complement the free food we receive.
<b>Beneficiaries</b>	Who / how many people do you anticipate could benefit from this support? We fed 2,207 households comprising 6,486 people in the past 12 months, ranging from households of 1, generally elderly and struggling to manage, to larger families of up to 7, where both parents are working and still struggling to meet costs.
<b>Supporting Documentation</b>	Are quotes or estimates attached? If quote(s) or estimate(s) are not available or relevant, an indication of costs would be useful – eg screen shots from websites or links to them. Our Income and Expenditure balance sheet for 2023/2024 is attached which shows our income and costs in that period.
<b>Alternative Funding</b>	What efforts have been (or will be) made to source funding? What level of success has been achieved? If the total amount requested is not approved, how will you make up the shortfall? <small>Applications have been made as follows: Community Initiatives fund - \$930 granted and pending receipt, for packaging Pub Charity - \$1,600 - granted and pending receipt, for large freezer JBS Dudding Trust - \$6,000 - ongoing use, for food storage facility If we do not have sufficient funds, we will either purchase less food, our core business, and not be able to operate as we are now, eg collecting free food, making deliveries. We are trying to be financially sustainable.</small>
<b>Bank Details</b>	Please attach confirmation of your bank account, eg provide a deposit slip or an screenshot / image showing your bank account name and number (no transactions need to be provided).

The purpose of the fund is to assist entities with the purchase of small items or additional services which are not included in Council’s operating budgets and which will benefit the local community. Examples would be signage, park furniture, plants, paint, a leaflet or other publication or an event, including implementing community-led initiatives.

Applications are normally expected to be for the benefit of the whole Community (not for individuals or small groups eg only club members). More than one application can be submitted in any financial year.

Applications cannot be for:

- Provision of training or conference attendance.
- Additional payment(s) for goods or services subject to a contract with Rangitikei Council.
- Amounts which exceed the Committee’s annual allocation.

If you have any queries regarding your application please contact a committee member (or call 021-342-524).

Send request to: Marton Community Committee: [martoncc.cab@gmail.com](mailto:martoncc.cab@gmail.com) or deliver c/o 7 Dalrymple Place, Marton.

ITEM 10.2 ATTACHMENT 2

Income and Expenses 23 - 24														
	April	May	June	July	August	Sept	October	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	YTD	TOTAL
<b>Food and Packaging</b>														
Mad Butcher	1143.56			871.4		659.4			189.5				3463.86	
plastic bags	10.5			36.27									212.81	
NZ Food Network		4616.55				4775.49					123.5	42.54	9392.04	
Farmland Foods						457.06					615.83		1992.89	
Vision Comm Trust - Xmas Boxes				907.67		5891.95		2570	189.5		739.33	42.54	1050	16111.6
<b>TOTAL FOOD Expenses</b>	<b>1154.06</b>	<b>4616.55</b>		<b>907.67</b>		<b>5891.95</b>		<b>2570</b>	<b>189.5</b>		<b>739.33</b>	<b>42.54</b>	<b>1050</b>	
<b>Vehicle</b>														
fuel	69.63	61.89	109.17	45.9	78.55	78.13	69.19	74.12	56.44	55.14	124.17	61.9	884.23	
Road User Tax/ Rego			252.8						207.83				460.63	
Repairs and Maintenance					330.4	1386.18	172.5					619.28	2508.36	
Insurance							461.15						461.15	
<b>TOTAL Van Expenses</b>	<b>69.63</b>	<b>61.89</b>	<b>361.97</b>	<b>45.9</b>	<b>408.95</b>	<b>1464.31</b>	<b>702.84</b>	<b>74.12</b>	<b>264.27</b>	<b>55.14</b>	<b>124.17</b>	<b>681.18</b>	<b>461.15</b>	<b>4314.37</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>														
Power (St. Stephens)	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	240
Stationery														40.56
Grey Storage Box Rent						250	250	200	250	250	200	200	1600	1600
Food Collection volunteer food								153.86					153.8	153.8
Volunteer expenses/vouchers							100						950	950
Container padlock									850				24.99	24.99
bank fee										5		10	15	15
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>373.86</b>	<b>1165.55</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>3024.41</b>	<b>3024.41</b>
<b>Grand totals</b>														<b>23450.38</b>
<b>Expenses</b>														
<b>Income</b>														
RDC - Van - May		2000												2000
M/CW - food - July				5000										5000
LB - Nov				1000										1000
Lions - Nov				2000										2000
Exercise Group - Dec				358.5										358.5
Dudding Trust - Dec		6800												6800
Wishowsky - March				200										200
Bank Interest					42.47	64.22	57.39	55.5	65.38	76.73	664.53	70.59	1096.81	1096.81
<b>Total Income</b>														<b>18455.31</b>
<b>Bank Account Balances 31 March</b>														
					Business on Call			18001.01						
					Everyday			894.68						
					Term Deposit			20594.85		Interest @ 31 March	\$153.62			

*Handwritten notes:*  
 Chair - [Signature]  
 Secretary - [Signature]  
 Treasurer - [Signature]

**10.3 Submission: Harmony Energy Solar Farm**

**Author:** Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 The Marton Community Committee has been invited to comment on the Harmony Energy Solar Farm.
- 1.2 The email invitation will be sent out to committee members alongside this order paper.
- 1.3 The form below has been included as an attachment.

**Attachments:**

- 1. **Comment Form for Invitees** [↓](#)

**Recommendation**

That the item 'Submission: Harmony Energy Solar Farm' be received.

## Invitation for Comment on Harmony Energy Solar Farm - Marton

### Harmony Energy Solar Farm - Marton is a Referred Project under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020

<b>Application name</b>	Harmony Energy Solar Farm - Marton
<b>EPA reference</b>	FTC000094
<b>Applicant/s</b>	Harmony Energy NZ #3 Limited
<b>Comments due by</b>	<b>19 June 2024</b>
<b>Accessing the application</b>	<a href="https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/referred-projects/harmony-energy-solar-farm-marton/the-application/">https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/referred-projects/harmony-energy-solar-farm-marton/the-application/</a>

An application has been made by Harmony Energy NZ #3 Limited (the applicant) under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (the act) for resource consent for project description (the project).

To comment on the project application, please fill in the details on the attached form and:

- **Email** the form to [harmonysolarmarton.fasttrack@epa.govt.nz](mailto:harmonysolarmarton.fasttrack@epa.govt.nz). Please mark in the subject line: "Comments on Harmony Energy Solar Farm - Marton Fast-track Application (Your name/organisation) by 19 June 2024; or
- **Post** the form to Harmony Energy Solar Farm - Marton Fast-track Application, Environmental Protection Authority, Private Bag 63002, Waterloo Quay, Wellington 6140 in time for the form to be received by the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024; or
- **Deliver in person** to Environmental Protection Authority, Grant Thornton House, Level 10, 215 Lambton Quay, Wellington by 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024.  
**Note:** from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June the Environmental Protection Authority changes address so please deliver to Stewart Dawson's Corner, 366 Lambton Quay, Wellington 6011 from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June onwards.

Comments must be received by the EPA, on behalf of the Harmony Energy Solar Farm - Marton Expert Consenting Panel, no later than **19 June 2024**

If your comment is not received by the EPA by 19 June the Panel is not required to consider your comment (although it may decide to). Under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 there is no right to seek a waiver of the time limit.

If you are an iwi authority you may share the consent application with hapū whose rohe is in the project area in the application and choose to include comments from the hapū with any comments you may wish to provide.

Important information

Your personal information will be held by the EPA and used in relation to the project consent application process. You have the right to access and correct personal information held by the EPA.

A copy of your comments, including all personal information, will be provided to the Expert Consenting Panel and the applicant.

**If you are a corporate entity making comments on this application, your full contact details will be publicly available.**

**For individuals, your name will be publicly available, but your contact details (phone number, address, and email) will not be publicly available.**

**A copy of your comments will also be published on the EPA website. If you believe any of the information you have provided is confidential or sensitive and should be withheld from publication, please highlight the information concerned and provide an explanation to support your request for withholding it. Your comment and explanation will be provided to the Panel for them to decide whether to withhold the information from publication.**

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All information held by the EPA is subject to the Official Information Act 1982.

More information on the fast-track consenting process can be found at <https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/about/>.

More information on the commenting on a fast-track consenting application can be found at <https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/commenting/>.

► Expert Consenting Panel

**FAST-TRACK CONSENTING**

Harmony Energy Solar - Marton

# Your Comment on the Harmony Energy Solar - Marton

All sections of this form with an asterisk (\*) are mandatory.

**1. Contact Details**

Please ensure that you have authority to comment on the application on behalf of those named on this form.

<b>Organisation name (if relevant)</b>			
<b>*First name</b>			
<b>*Last name</b>			
<b>Postal address</b>			
<b>*Home phone / Mobile phone</b>		<b>*Work phone</b>	
<b>*Email (a valid email address enables us to communicate efficiently with you)</b>			

**2. \*We will email you draft conditions of consent for your comment**

<input type="checkbox"/>	I can receive emails and my email address is correct	<input type="checkbox"/>	I cannot receive emails and my postal address is correct
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**3. Please provide your comments on this application**

If you need more space, please attach additional pages. Please include your name, page numbers and the project name on the additional pages

**Thank you for your comments**

ITEM 11.1

## 11 Discussion Items

### 11.1 Rangitikei District Council Bylaw and Policy Consultations

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

#### 1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The Chair requested this item be included in the order paper.
- 1.2 Attached is the email that was sent to the Community Committee.

#### Attachments:

1. Rangitikei District Council Bylaw and Policy Consultations [↓](#)

#### Recommendation

If needed:

Rangitikei District Council is Consulting on the Draft Smokefree and Vapefree Policy 2024, and the Draft Signs and Public Places Bylaw 2024.

Consultation will run until 5pm Monday 1 July 2024, with the hearing scheduled for Thursday 25 July 2024.

Rangitikei District Council would like to invite your committee or board to make a submission.

Submissions can be made:

- Online at Consultations: Rangitikei District Council
- By emailing [info@rangitikei.govt.nz](mailto:info@rangitikei.govt.nz)
- Or by completing a hard copy form available on our website and service centres.

#### **Draft Smokefree and Vapefree Policy 2024**

Council has a statutory obligation under the Public Health Act 1956 'to improve, promote and protect public health within its district'. The Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990 covers Council's workplaces but does not extend to outdoor areas under Council control. Smoking tobacco is the leading cause of lung cancer. The incidence of smoking in the Rangitikei District is higher than the national average. Vaping is one way in which smokers can end their addiction, but its long-term effects are unknown. However, unlike Australia, the availability of vapes in New Zealand is not confined to pharmacies. Vaping is being promoted to non-smokers and sometimes leads to people starting smoking. Most councils in New Zealand have such a policy.

Summary of the Policy:

- Prohibits smoking and vaping in all Council-owned or controlled parks, playgrounds, reserves, skateparks, swimming pools, bus stops, and beaches.
- Prohibits smoking and vaping in all Council owned or controlled facilities including when hired or occupied by other people.
- Prohibits smoking and vaping in all footpath dining areas in town centres and within four metres on footpaths adjacent to Council building entrances.
- Allows Council's Chief Executive to establish a designated area for Council staff who are smokers or vapers.
- Requires all Council-funded events to be smokefree and vapefree.
- Anticipates Council working alongside agencies like Te Whatu Ora | Health New Zealand, the Cancer Society and the Asthma and Respiratory Foundation to discourage smoking and vaping.

The full policy and a summary of information can be found on our website: [Draft Smokefree and Vapefree Rangitikei Policy: Rangitikei District Council](#)

#### **Draft Signs and Public Places Bylaw 2024**

Council is proposing to replace the Public Places Bylaw 2013, Trading in Public Places Bylaw 2013, and Control of Advertising Signage Bylaw 2013 with the Draft Signs and Public Places Bylaw 2024.

Council Bylaws are a set of rules that are created to control specific activities within the Rangitikei District. Bylaws are a way the Council can address nuisances and health and safety concerns. Bylaws focus on the issues that Council has determined can be dealt with appropriately using regulatory enforcement.

The purpose of this draft Bylaw is to:

- Protect the public from nuisance and maintain public safety in public places,
- Regulate trading in public places, and
- Regulate signs in public places.

In particular, this Bylaw addresses:

- Damage to public facilities which may have an adverse effect on other users,
- Obstruction of public access and projections onto public spaces,
- Use of public places that have a detrimental effect on the ability of the use of public places,
- To regulate the conduct of people selling goods and services in public places,
- To regulate the conduct of people using vehicles, trailers or relocatable structures to sell goods and services in public places, and
- To regulate signs to ensure the safety of vehicles and pedestrians using public places.

The statement of proposal and the draft bylaw can be found on our website: Draft Signs and Public Places Bylaw 2024: Rangitikei District Council

**11.2 Request for Service**

**Author:** Carolyn Bates, Chair

**1. Reason for Report**

1.1 This item was requested by the Chair.

**Recommendation**

If needed:

**ITEM 11.3**

**11.3 Annual / Long Term Plan Input**

**Author:** Carolyn Bates, Chair

**1. Reason for Report**

1.1 This item has been requested by the Chair as a standing item.

**Recommendation**

If needed:

## **12 Meeting Closed.**

## **13 Open Meeting**