

MINUTES

MARTON COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 12 February 2025

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: 18 Humphrey Street
Marton

Present

- Ms Carolyn Bates
- Mr David Christison
- Ms Lyn Duncan
- Ms Jennifer Greener
- Ms Belinda Harvey-Larsen
- Ms Sally Moore
- Mr John Whittaker
- Cr Dave Wilson

In attendance

- Ms Melanie Bovey, Manager- Heritage and Culture
- Ms Dell Bettridge, Grey Power
- Mr Greg Smith, Bulls Community Committee
- Ms Michelle Malcolm, Age Concern Whanganui

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1 Welcome

Ms Bates opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance at the meeting.

2 Apologies

That the apologies be received from His Worship the Mayor Andy Watson, Cr Maughan and Peter Farrell.

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflict of interests declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Moved to item 10.2 Age Concern Whanganui for Ms Malcolm after item 7 Follow-up Actions.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 25/MCC/001

That the minutes of Marton Community Committee Meeting held on 11 December 2024 **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.

Mr D Christison/Mr J Whittaker. Carried

7 Follow-up Actions

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Marton Community Committee Meetings

Item 1- Tutaenui Hall

Ms Bovey responded to questions that this is on the Tutaenui Hall committees list to do and is subject to funding. Therefore, this is no longer an item for council officers to follow up on. Ms Bovey noted she can check in later in the year to confirm this work is happening. The committee noted this item is now completed.

Resolved minute number 25/MCC/002

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

Mrs C Bates/Mr D Christison. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - February 2025

Mrs Bates noted that she has requested through IT staff at council for cyber security. There has been no progress at this stage. Cr Wilson suggested Michael Dittmer to provide a programme.

Ms Bates updated the committee on the Brain Injury liaison officer has changed to Donna Hyland and she has a children's background and is hoping to provide some sessions in childhood centres.

Resolved minute number 25/MCC/003

That the Chair's Report – February 2025 be received.

Mr J Whittaker/Ms S Moore. Carried

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Mayor's Report - 12 December 2024

Mrs Bates was impressed with the results of the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs.

Resolved minute number 25/MCC/004

That the Mayor's Report – 12 December 2024 be accepted.

Mrs J Greener/Mrs L Duncan. Carried

9.2 Consultation Tracker - December

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/MCC/005

That the report 'Consultation Tracker - December' be received.

Ms S Moore/Mrs J Greener. Carried

9.3 Funding Schemes Update - February 2025

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/MCC/006

That the Funding Schemes Update – February 2025 be received.

Ms S Moore/Mrs J Greener. Carried

9.4 Small Projects Fund Update - February 2025

This item was skipped at 9.3 to wait for Toaiva Lauano - Tuani

Returned to at the end of the meeting however, Ms Lauano- Tuani was not in attendance and the amount was unknown for the request. Therefore, the committee was unable to make a decision on this item.

Resolved minute number 25/MCC/007

That the report 'Small Projects Fund Update – February 2025' be received.

Mrs L Duncan/Cr D Wilson. Carried

10 Discussion Items

10.1 Rangitikei District Council Consultation: Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy and TAB Venue Policy

Cr Wilson updated the committee that there are no major changes from the past three years on this policy.

The committee noted the importance of the pub charity grants for community initiatives; however, gambling is a problem.

10.2 Age Concern Whanganui

Michelle Malcolm from Age Concern in Whanganui- the committee moved to this item after item 7 Follow-up Actions.

Ms Malcom spoke of the services Age Concern provide to the community, especially in the Rangitikei, there are approximately 390 volunteers who support this service in Whanganui and wider area. Ms Malcom spoke of the services that change depending on demand, such as services through the covid pandemic.

Ms Malcom spoke of funding for the services and noting this is limited, especially in the Rangitikei District due to the contracts.

Ms Malcom provided the newsletter and advocated that there is more information on their website.

10.3 Marton Community Committee Workshops

The committee will hold a workshop on the 26 March on the purpose of this committee and then discussion on the promotion of the committee after this.

10.4 Further business raised by the committee

Corner Buildings

There are not updates for the committee on this item.

Toilets Lower High Street

These were used by the public opened for the shearing. There was discussion by the committee on this item.

It was noted the issues with the signage for the toilets for those arriving at the bus stop in this area.

Fluoride in the Water

Cr Wilson responded to questions that there are no conversations at council about adding fluoride in the water.

Cooks Wall

Cr Wilson responded to questions that a contractor is doing the work for this, and council will pay for the wall.

Infrastructure Reports

The projects update report is a standing item to council which can read this.

Mrs Bates raised that when looking at Te Rōpū Ahi Kā order paper that there is information in their order paper but not in the Marton Community Committee. Cr Wilson responded this is included in the council order paper.

Mrs Bates requested that any updates on the Marton Water Strategy be included in the Marton Community Committee order paper. It was noted the benefit of a link to the projects update in the council reported to understand all this information.

Resolved minute number 25/MCC/008

The Marton Community Committee request council answer the reasons for the closure for the lower high street toilets and the costs associated with having these open.

Mr J Whittaker/Mrs C Bates. Carried

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Marton Community Committee held on 9 April 2025.

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Chairperson