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MARTON COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: **Wednesday, 12 August 2026**

Time: **6.00pm**

Venue: **Council Chamber**
Rangitīkei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present
Ms Sally Moore
Mrs Carolyn Bates
Mr John Whittaker
Mr David Woodbridge
Mr David Stantiall
Mr Evan McIntyre
Cr Dave Wilson

In attendance
S Blakelock
Reg Dulieu
Mr Jarrod Calkin, Manager Community and Economy
Ms Melanie Bovey, Heritage, Culture and Committee Support Officer

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1 Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting at 6.00pm.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 26/MCC/018

That the apologies from Mr David Christison, Mrs Lyn Duncan, Mrs Jennifer Greener, Mrs Belinda Harvey-Larsen, Ms Philippa Hancock, and HWTM Watson, be received.

Mr J Whittaker/Mr Stantiall. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

The committee moved an item requesting support for “Ducks crossing” signs for Mill Street in Marton forward. The attached letter was summarised for the committee and Ms Blakelock answered questions from the committee members.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 26/MCC/019

That the minutes of Marton Community Committee Meeting held on 10 June 2026 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.

Cr D Wilson/Mr Stantiall. Carried

7 Chair’s Report

7.1 Chair's Report - August 2026

The Chair gave a verbal report advising that she had met with Dion Cowley from FRV NZ regarding the proposed solar farm North of Marton.

Resolved minute number 26/MCC/020

That the Chair's Report – August 2026 be received.

Ms S Moore/Mrs C Bates. Carried

8 Reports for Decision

8.1 Election of Deputy Chair - Marton Community Committee

Due to the large number of apologies for the meeting the present members decided to defer appointing a new Deputy Chair until the next meeting.

Resolved minute number 26/MCC/021

That the Marton Community Committee will defer appointing a new Deputy Chair until the next scheduled meeting in October.

Mr J Whittaker/Mr Stantiall. Carried

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Mayor's Report - July 2026

The Mayor's Report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 26/MCC/022

That the Mayor's Report – July 2026 be received.

Cr D Wilson/Mr J Whittaker. Carried

9.2 Verbal update - Better Off Funding for Marton Town Centre

Mr Calkin spoke to the committee about plans for upgrading and updating the main streetscape in Marton.

Resolved minute number 26/MCC/023

That the 'Verbal Update - Better Off Funding for Marton Town Centre' be received.

Mr J Whittaker/Cr D Wilson. Carried

9.3 Funding Schemes Update - August 2026

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 26/MCC/024

That the Funding Schemes Update – August 2026 be received.

Ms S Moore/Mr E McIntyre. Carried

9.4 Small Projects Fund Update - August 2026

The committee discussed the attached letter from S Blakelock regarding issues with ducks being injured and killed by cars in Mill Street, Marton. The committee agreed to fund 2 signs in Mill Street from the Small Projects funding and will request Council install appropriate signage.

Resolved minute number 26/MCC/025

That the report Small Projects Fund Update – August 2026 be received.

Mr J Whittaker/Mr E McIntyre. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/MCC/026

That the committee request that Council erect appropriate "Slow down – Ducks crossing" signage in Mill Street in Marton. The committee approves up to $1,000.00 for 2 signs to be erected from its Small Project Fund.

Cr D Wilson/Mr J Whittaker. Carried

10 Discussion Items

10.1 Meet the candidates event

There was no decision made. The committee discussed involvement in a "Meet the candidates" event in Marton. The members present felt it wasn't a role for the Community Committee and wanted to note that they had no interest in being involved in that space.

10.2 Mt View Cemetery - Entry/Exit

Mr McIntyre spoke to the committee about his serious concerns around safety for people entering and exiting the Mt View cemetery, both on foot and by car. Visibility was especially bad if there was a large funeral, or multiple funerals on at one time. The committee agreed that the road layout and visibility made safe exit very difficult and cars parking along State Highway 1 meant people were having to walk along the highway to return to their vehicles. The committee agreed to request Council investigate safety improvements and would add this item to their follow-up actions.

Resolved minute number 26/MCC/027

That the Marton Community Committee requests that Council investigate options for signage and safety improvements for the entry/exit points for Mt View cemetery. The committee request to be kept informed of the progress of this investigation.

Mr E McIntyre/Mrs C Bates. Carried

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Marton Community Committee held on 14 October 2026.

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Chairperson