

**POLICY/PLANNING
COMMITTEE MEETING**

ORDER PAPER

Thursday, 6 August 2020, 1.00pm

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Membership

Councillors Cath Ash, Nigel Belsham, Fi Dalgety, Gill Duncan, Jane Dunn, Richard Lambert, Waru Panapa and Dave Wilson.

Mr Chris Shenton (Te Roopu Ahi Kaa representative).

His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson.

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Rangitikei District Council

Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

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1 Welcome

2 Public Forum

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for absence of Councillor Hiroa be received.

4 Members' conflict of interest

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, be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of the Policy/Planning Committee meeting from 9 July 2020 are attached.

File ref: 3-CT-13-2

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the 'Policy/Planning Committee' meeting held on 9 July 2020 [as amended/without amendment] be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

7 Chair's Report

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

File ref: 3-CT-15-1

Recommendation:

That the verbal 'Chair's Report' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 6 August 2020 be received.

8 Legislation and Governance update – August 2020

A report is attached.

File: 3-OR-3-5

Recommendation:

That the report 'Legislation and Governance Update – August 2020' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 6 August 2020 be received.

9 Update on Communications Strategy

A report is attached.

File: 3-CT-15-1

Recommendation:

That the report 'Update on Communications Strategy' Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 6 August 2020 be received.

10 Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report – July 2020

A report is attached.

File ref: 1-CO-4-8

Recommendation:

That the 'Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report March – July 2020' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 6 August 2020 be received.

11 Activity Management

A report will be tabled at the meeting.

File: 5-EX-3-2

Recommendation:

That the report 'Activity Management' to the 6 August 2020 Policy/Planning Committee be received.

12 Late items

As agreed in Item 5.

13 Future items for the agenda

Effectiveness of the Traffic and Parking By-Law

Feral, Wild and Stray Cats

14 Next meeting

Thursday 10 September 2020, 1.00pm

15 Meeting closed

Attachment 1



Rangitikei District Council

Policy and Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 9 July 2020 – 1:00 p.m.

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Present:

- Cr Angus Gordon
- Cr Tracey Hiroa
- Cr Cath Ash
- Cr Nigel Belsham
- Cr Fiona Dalgety
- Cr Gill Duncan
- Cr Jane Dunn
- Cr Richard Lambert
- Cr Waru Panapa
- Cr Dave Wilson
- His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
- Mr Chris Shenton (Te Roopu Ahi Kaa representative)

In attendance:

- Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
- Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
- Ms Carol Gordon, Manager – Executive Office
- Mr Arno Benadie, Principal Advisor – Infrastructure
- Ms Nardia Gower, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
- Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor
- Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator

Tabled Items:

- Item 7** Chair's report
- Item 14** Appendix to Mokai Patea Services Quarterly Report
- Item 14** Project Marton Quarterly Report
- Item 15** 'Just up the Road'
- Item 15** Outcome from Business Survey for Marton Township Signs

1 Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting at 1.05pm

2 Public Forum

Nil

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

Nil

Cr Dalgety, Cr Ash and the Chief Executive informed they may need to leave early due to other meeting commitments.

4 Members' conflict of interest

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda. Three members (Cr Ash, Cr Duncan, and Cr Hiroa) have a potential conflict because of their association with one of the MoU partnering organisations.

5 Confirmation of order of business

There were no changes to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number	20/PPL/026	File Ref	3-CT-13-2
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That the Minutes of the 'Policy/Planning Committee' meeting held on 19 March 2020 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Duncan. Carried

7 Chair's Report

Cr Gordon took his tabled report as read and reflected on the past few months of changes that have happened with COVID-19, specifically requiring permission to hold meetings electronically. Cr Gordon queried what policies and bylaws are in place should a similar event happen in future.

Cr Belsham noted that due to the risks involved, this would be a discussion for the Audit/Risk Committee.

Resolved minute number **20/PPL/027** **File Ref** **3-CT-15-1**

That the tabled 'Chair's Report' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 9 July 2020 be received.

Cr Gordon/Cr Belsham. Carried

8 Review of Parks Upgrades Partnership policy

Mr Hodder presented the Review of Parks Upgrades Partnership policy to the Committee, noting options to consider in the review, such as costs to Council with ongoing maintenance to upgraded parks.

His Worship the Mayor suggested including the option of holding the Parks Upgrade Partnership policy at set times within the year, similar to Councils grants schemes rounds.

Committee members are to provide feedback to Mr Hodder to report back to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee.

Undertaking Subject

Staff to include the option of having rounds, similar to Councils current grants schemes, in the report on the Parks Upgrades Partnership policy, to be reported back to a subsequent Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting.

Resolved minute number **20/PPL/028** **File Ref**

That the presentation of 'Review of Parks Upgrade Partnership policy' be received.

Cr Duncan/Cr Hiroa. Carried

9 Rates remission policy for incentivising residential development – clarification in terms of operational procedure

Mr Hodder spoke to the memorandum.

Resolved minute number **20/PPL/029** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-18**

That the memorandum 'Rates remission policy for incentivising residential development – clarification in terms of operational procedure' to the 9 July 2020 Policy/Planning Committee meeting be received.

Cr Belsham/Cr Panapa. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/PPL/030** **File Ref**

That the Policy/Planning Committee approve as amended ("Section 4, final sentence - The remission available for new or relocated homes will apply after that year, if eligible.") the proposed alternative wording of the Rates remission policy for incentivising residential development which preserves the intent of the policy and enables it to be wholly administered within the Council's rating system.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Hiroa. Carried

10 Council's process for contracted Minor Works

Mr Forster took the memorandum as read and briefed Committee members on the background of the memorandum, specifically noting Minor work is the job, not the monetary value.

Committee members agreed that, due to health and safety risks, all contractors undertaking work on Council sites must be pre-approved, irrespective of the scale of work being undertaken.

Resolved minute number **20/PPL/031** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-7; 5-HR-8-4**

That the memorandum 'Council's process for [contracted] Minor Works' to the 9 July 2020 Policy/Planning Committee be received.

Cr Wilson/Cr Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/PPL/032** **File Ref**

That the Policy/Planning Committee endorses Council's policy of requiring all contractors undertaking work on Council sites to be pre-approved under the Health & Safety at Work Act 2016, irrespective of the scale of the work being undertaken.

Cr Wilson/Cr Gordon. Carried

11 Sport Whanganui Event Sponsorship

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

Through the Event Sponsorship Round 2 2019-2020, assessed on 15 April 2020, Sport Whanganui was granted \$1580.45 for the Rangitikei Tough Kid event. Subsequent to COVID-19 this event have not been able to obtain a business sponsor as done in previous years. As such, a business sponsor would cover the cost of timing bibs, timing chips and the timing team to a total budget of \$5365.70. In order to still hold the event Sport Whanganui plan to run the event without the timing component. However, this results in

Council being the primary sponsor and the funding more than 50% of eligible funds, as per the funding criteria.

The Committee agreed to fund the event, excluding the beverage costs and requested that Elected Members be advised of the event date.

Undertaking

Subject

Staff to email Elected Members the date of the Rangitikei Tough Kid event.

Resolved minute number

20/PPL/033

File Ref

That the Policy/Planning Committee agree to Sport Whanganui using the previously approved Event Sponsorship Grant of Round 2 of 2019/2020 worth \$1550.00 excluding the beverage costs, with consideration given to the new budget and lack of other sponsorship due to COVID-19 economic hardship.

Cr Belsham/Cr Dalgety. Carried

12 Legislation and Governance update - July 2020

Mr Hodder took his report as read, updating members that with changes to the Privacy Act – a workshop to review our systems will be required.

His Worship the Mayor advised the Potable Water briefing is 30 July 2020, with reporting to go to Council.

Cr Hiroa left 2.33pm-2.35pm.

Resolved minute number

20/PPL/034

File Ref

3-OR-3-5

That the report 'Legislation and Governance Update – July 2020' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 9 July 2020 be received.

Cr Gordon/Mr Shenton. Carried

13 Update on Communications Strategy

Ms Gordon took her report as read, highlighting the following:

- No actions are included in the update, as a new strategy is being worked on and will be reported to the Committee when completed.
- Have commissioned the artist who designed the Hunterville township map to do key townships in the district and the goal is to have a district map in future. Business information will be revised annually.
- As at 9 July 2020, 322 residents have participated in the Annual Residents Survey.

Resolved minute number**20/PPL/035****File Ref****3-CT-15-1**

That the report 'Update on Communications Strategy' Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 9 July 2020 be received.

Cr Duncan/Cr Panapa. Carried

14 Quarterly Report from MoU Partner Organisations for February - April 2020

Ms Gower took the memorandum and tabled documents as read. She highlighted that the deliverable for the previous quarter are different due to COVID-19 and the standing report will be built on each quarter (different colours), where reporting will be easily identified at the end of each year. She will reinstate regular joint meetings of all the co-ordinators.

The Committee queried the gender balance at the Taihape Lobby. Ms Gower explained that the Rangitikei Youth Council identified activities at both Lobbies are male centric and have taken on the feedback for a need for gender neutral activities.

His Worship the Mayor requested that Welcome Packs include a joint letter signed from both the Mayor and Chief Executive, including an introduction to the local ward councillors.

Councillor Ash, Councillor Duncan and Councillor Hiroa declared conflicts of interest and perceived conflicts.

Undertaking**Subject**

Staff to liaise and organise a joint letter from the Mayor's Office, signed from both His Worship the Mayor and Chief Executive in Welcome Packs.

Resolved minute number**20/PPL/036****File Ref****4-EN-10-2**

That the memorandum 'Quarterly Report from MoU Partner Organisations for February - April 2020' to the 9 July 2020 meeting of the Policy Planning Committee be received.

Cr Belsham/Cr Dunn. Carried

Meeting adjourned 2.58pm-3.17pm.

Cr Dunn left 3.17pm-3.17pm.

His Worship the Mayor left 3.17pm-3.18pm.

15 Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report March – June 2020

Ms Gower took the report as read and provided the following updates:

- New fixed term staff members Candice Prideaux and Jen Britton have joined the Strategy and Community Planning team to assist with Economic Development.
- Along with 23 other Councils, Rangitikei District Council has been confirmed to receive further funding for Mahi Tahi for the next 12 months.
- The Shop Local video has seen over 100 shares in under 24 hours and 30 new members to the Facebook page.
- Promotional video “Just up the Road” presented to the Committee is to target local tourists from Manawatu and Wellington to explore the Rangitikei.
- Marton businesses have been surveyed in regards to icons for the Marton Town Signage, this will be reported to Council along with recommendations.

Resolved minute number

20/PPL/037

File Ref

1-CO-4-8

That the ‘Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report March – June 2020’ to the Policy/Planning Committee on 9 July 2020 be received.

Cr Ash/Cr Belsham. Carried

16 Activity Management

Ms Gower took the report as read.

His Worship the Mayor noted he is often contacted regarding cats that have been dumped rurally and what can Council do to assist.

Mr Cullis advised that Council has no powers to euthanise cats, as well as no powers to impound / hold on to a cat.

It was noted that Environmental and Regulatory Service report incorrectly refers to the trial period of 4 weeks to euthanise cats, this should be desexing (for which there was no uptake)

Cr Dalgety left 3.49pm.

Cr Ash left 3.54pm.

Undertaking

Subject

Staff to amend the Environmental and Regulatory Services report to state “Trial period of four weeks (up to \$1,600) covering the full cost of desexing cats trapped in Council traps”

Resolved minute number**20/PPL/038****File Ref****5-EX-3-2**

That the report 'Activity Management' to the 9 July 2020 Policy/Planning Committee be received.

Cr Ash/Cr Panapa. Carried

17 Late items

Nil

18 Future items for the agenda

Effectiveness of the Traffic and Parking By-law

19 Next meeting

Thursday 6 August 2020, 1.00pm

Cr Hiroa advised the Committee of her absence for the August meeting.

20 Meeting closed

4.05pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date:

Attachment 2

Report

Subject: Legislation and Governance Update – August 2020

To: Policy/Planning Committee

From: Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager

Date: 30 July 2020

File: 3-OR-3-5

1 End of Parliamentary session

- 1.1 The Government's intention is that the House will rise on Thursday, 6 August 2020 and Parliament will be dissolved on Wednesday, 12 August 2020.

2 Reform of the Resource Management Act

- 2.1 The Government has welcomed the most comprehensive review of New Zealand's resource management system since the Resource Management Act (RMA) was passed in 1991. The report, New Directions for Resource Management in New Zealand, was commissioned by Environment Minister David Parker and prepared by an independent review panel led by retired Court of Appeal Judge Tony Randerson QC after extensive consultation.
- 2.2 The panel received a range of submissions, engaged widely and was supported by reference groups within natural and rural, built and urban, and te ao Māori, as well as a range of working groups from within central government.
- 2.3 Among its recommendations is the replacement of the existing RMA by two separate pieces of legislation; a Natural and Built Environments Act and a Strategic Planning Act.
- 2.4 The view of the Minister for the Environment is that "the RMA has doubled in size from its original length. It has become too costly, takes too long, and has not adequately protected the environment. There are significant pressures on both the natural and built environments that need to be addressed urgently. Urban areas are struggling to keep pace with population growth and the need for affordable housing. Water quality is deteriorating, biodiversity is diminishing and there is an urgent need to reduce carbon emissions and adapt to climate change.
- 2.5 It will be for the next Government to consider the report, and decide which aspects to adopt and decide whether to implement it in whole or in part."

- 2.6 The review panel said the proposed new Natural and Built Environments Act (NBEA), taking a substantially different approach from the RMA, would focus on enhancing the quality of the environment, housing and achieving positive outcomes to support the wellbeing of present and future generations.
- 2.7 The proposed Strategic Planning Act would embed integrated spatial planning across all regions of New Zealand. It would set long term strategic goals and help integrate legislative functions across the resource management system including the proposed NBEA, the Local Government Act, the Land Transport Management Act and the Climate Change Response Act. This will allow a broad range of matters to be reconciled to ensure better future planning, including for infrastructure and housing.
- 2.8 The panel also
- recommends greater use of national direction by the Environment Minister and a more streamlined process for council plan-making and a more efficient resource consent process, and
 - proposes a new separate law to address issues related to climate change adaptation and the managed retreat from areas threatened with inundation.
- 2.9 The full report is available here <https://www.mfe.govt.nz/rmreview>.

3 Water Services Bill

- 3.1 On 28 July 2020, the Government introduced legislation to Parliament that will transform drinking water safety in New Zealand and improve environmental outcomes for our wastewater and stormwater networks. This follows the passing of the Taumata Arowai - the Water Services Regulator Act forming the new water regulator.
- 3.2 The Government's view is that this new legislation will give Taumata Arowai the legislative tools for the new regulatory regime for drinking water. In addition the legislation is intended to make a significant contribution to urban and coastal water quality through a national oversight role of wastewater and stormwater.
- 3.3 The Bill comprises a significant part of the Government's response to the Havelock North inquiry report and is modelled on the core fundamental principles of drinking water safety as identified by the Inquiry. These include:
- A high standard of care must be embraced in relation to drinking water
 - The protection of source water is of paramount importance;
 - Multiple barriers against contamination of drinking water must be maintained;
 - Water contamination is almost always preceded by some kind of change and these changes must never be ignored;

- Suppliers must guarantee the safety of drinking water; and
- A preventative risk management approach must be applied in relation to drinking water.

3.4 The Bill will go through a select committee process with time for public submissions to be heard; however that is likely to be after the September elections. This means there will be more time than usual for key stakeholders, including the local government sector and iwi/Māori to consider the detail of the Bill.

4 Local Government (Rating of Whenua Māori) Amendment Bill

4.1 The bill was introduced into Parliament on 27 February 2020. It is still at Select Committee stage, with a due date of 3 August 2020. It will be a Business Committee Determination as to how the Bill is handled in the few remaining sitting days of Parliament.

5 Rates Rebate (Statutory Declarations) Amendment Bill

5.1 The objectives of this bill are to make it easier for eligible applicants to apply for a rates rebate, to replace the requirement to make a statutory declaration with a requirement to verify the application, and to allow authorities to design application forms for the purposes of the Rates Rebate Act 1973.

5.2 The Bill has had royal assent.

6 Land Transport (NZTA) Legislation Amendment Bill

6.1 This omnibus bill (amending the Land Transport Management Act 2003, the Land Transport Act 1998, and the Railways Act 2005) strengthens the regulatory leadership of the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) by setting up a new regulatory structure, establishing the position of Director of Land Transport (who must not be the Chief Executive), centralising regulatory authority, and strengthening the NZTA's role in relation to key regulatory interventions including speed management and enforcement.

6.2 The bill proposes that NZTA establishes a register to record any decision 'or any other thing' done under the Act. Speed limits and designation of a cycle path are given as two instances of this. The register will be publicly searchable. The Bill does not affect the ability of local authorities to make speed-limit bylaws – unless they are inconsistent with any land transport record in the register.

6.3 The bill was introduced into Parliament on 2 December 2019. It had its third reading on 22 July and will receive royal assent. I

7 Health (Fluoridation of Drinking water) Amendment Bill

- 7.1 This bill, introduced on 17 November 2016, amends Part 2A of the Health Act 1956 by inserting a power for District Health Boards to make decisions and give directions about the fluoridation of local government drinking water supplies in their areas. It has been at the second reading stage since May 2017. It will not be further dealt with in this Parliamentary session. .

8 Recommendation

- 8.1 That the report 'Legislation and Governance Update – August 2020' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 6 August 2020 be received.

Michael Hodder
Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager

Attachment 3

Update on Communication Activities – July 2020

This report provides the Committee with an update on communications and media activity.

July 2020 Media Activity

The table below outlines the media activity during July; printed media articles published during the month and website activity:

- Rangitikei Connect was published in mid-July and covered Council's public notices, Message from the Mayor, project updates, updates from the Council meeting, and other relevant news articles.
- Council contributed articles to the monthly community newsletters in Taihape, Hunterville and Bulls.

Date	Media Channel	Article Heading and Topic
02/07/2020	Feilding-Rangitikei Herald District Monitor	Cook out of the box, staying put Captain cook freed from his box Council agreed to remove the boxing from Captain Cook statue and remove the plaque. Wider discussion between Council and Iwi will take place on a public campaign to highlight and honour Rangitikei Maori and European heritage on an equal footing.
02/07/2020	District Monitor	Rates to rise - but not so much Council adoption of the 2020-21 Annual Plan.
07/07/2020 & 9/07/2020	Manawatu Standard Feilding Rangitikei Herald District Monitor	Council fined after raw sewage pumped into river Council fined over raw sewage flow Council fined for wastewater spills Relating to the \$60,000 fine for discharges into the Hautapu River at Taihape, charges brought by Horizons.
16/07/2020 30/07/2020	District Monitor Whanganui Chronicle	100 year old stand Taihape divided over what to do with Memorial Park Grandstand Discussion around the Taihape grandstand and proposal for Memorial Park. A petition will be presented to Council on this issue.
23/07/2020	District Monitor	Mahi Tahi Gets Rangitikei working The Mahi Tahi programme has placed 30 Rangitikei residents into new jobs in a month.
23/07/2020	District Monitor	Let there be light The restored Boer War memorial at Marton Park was lit up last week for the first time in decades.
July	Articles on our website / Facebook:	Prosecution for untreated wastewater discharge in Taihape (and sentencing notes)

Date	Media Channel	Article Heading and Topic
		<p>Vacancies (GM Finance & Business Support, Parks Assistant, Project Manager, Senior Project Manager, Project Manager – Information Services)</p> <p>Mayor agrees to salary reduction</p> <p>Annual Plan 2020-21 – Following adoption the Plan is now available to view</p> <p>Promotion of deadline to pay dog registration fees</p> <p>Mahi Tahi Update</p> <p>Taihape Hautapu River – clarification regarding allegations</p> <p>Rangitikei Youth Awards – promotion of these awards</p> <p>Pride in our Land Muster – promotion of this free event</p> <p>Road closures due to snow on the Taihape – Napier Rd</p> <p>Business Support Survey – from CEDA</p>

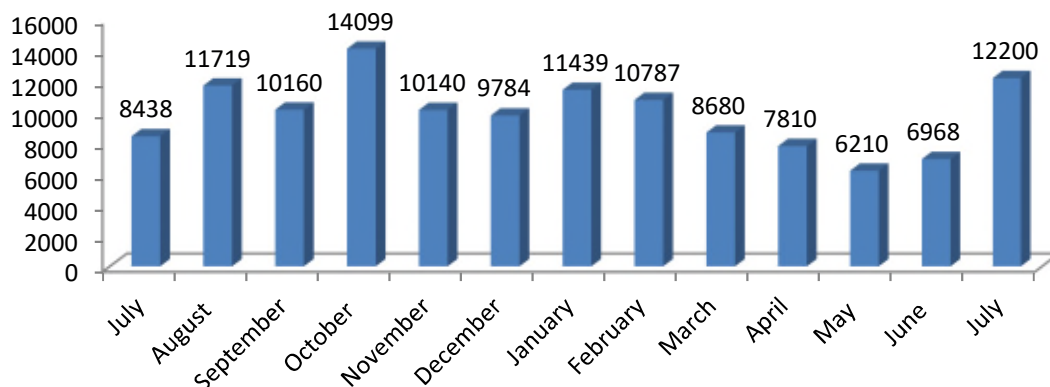
Requests under Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA)

At the end of July, 34 requests for official information have been received.

Website Statistics

Activity on Council's website for 1 July 2019 – 29 July 2020:

Website Visits 2020-21



In July 76% of those who visited Council's website were new visitors to the site.

Top Council Webpages Visited (July)

1. Library
2. Rates
3. Cemeteries
4. Road closures
5. Current vacancies
6. Contact us

Upcoming Activities

A proposal for options for early engagement on the Long Term Plan (LTP) will be discussed by the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) and then presented to Council for their review and input. This will include engagement on options for the proposed Marton Civic Centre.

As agreed earlier this year a community newsletter is being produced which will be delivered to every household in the District. It is expected this will be distributed by the end of August. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide an update on major projects underway, explanation of the rates position for the 2020-21 year, an outline of what's been happening over the year and information on the 2021-31 Long Term Plan.

A review of the Communications Strategy will take place in the second half of 2020.

Recommendation:

That the report 'Update on Communications Strategy' to the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 6 August 2020 be received.

Carol Gordon

Manager – Executive Office

Attachment 4

Report

TO: Policy/Planning Committee

FROM: Nardia Gower, Strategy & Community Planning Manager

DATE: 30 July 2020

SUBJECT: Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report July 2020

FILE: 1-CO-4-8

1 Background

- 1.1 This report summarises the programmes, activities and focus areas of staff within the Policy & Community Planning Team. Added commentary is provided where necessary.
- 1.2 This report also covers applications for external funding made by Council.
- 1.3 This report covers the month of July 2020.

2 Economic Development


- 2.1 At the 20 November 2019 Council workshop the Economic Development Strategy was reviewed by Councillors. While at the time Councillors agreed to the draft strategic direction presented, the COVID-19 pandemic event has since changed the landscape of the economy. The alignment of the draft Economic Development Strategy with Council's 30 year Strategic Vision is being considered by the Executive Management team, and will be presented to Council through the Long Term Plan workshops.
- 2.2 Below are activities undertaken or initiated as part of Council's COVID-19 Recovery.

Programme/Activity	
Business and Community Support	United in Recovery page Business Support page created on Council's website https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/covid-19/united-in-recovery is a resource for businesses and community to find the latest support from Government, Economic Development Agencies and information relating to recovery.
Surveys	Central Economic Development Agency (CEDA) requested we circulate a fourth survey in there series "Understanding the Impact of Covid-19 on our Business Community". Of the 186 Respondents across the Whanganui – Rangitikei – Manawatu region 38 (20.4%) were from Rangitikei. The results of that Survey are expected in mid-August.

Programme/Activity											
Shop Local Rangitikei	<p>During Level three lockdown Council started the Shop Local Rangitikei Facebook Group. The purpose of this group is to promote local business and encourage community to shop local first.</p> <p>The page continues to be updated with reposting of current businesses and loading new business.</p>										
Branding	<p>At the 28 May 2020 Council meeting Crs Duncan, Lambert, Dalgety, Dunn and Ash were delegated to work with Council staff in finalising and approving the branding for the District promotional video and www.rangitikei.com. Staff are working on the branding concept for further discussion with the subcommittee and Te Roopu Ahi Kaa representatives while simultaneously redeveloping the Rangitikei.com website to be more appealing to the tourism market.</p>										
Mahi Tahi	<p>In May 2020 Rangitikei District Council was successful in securing funding for the Mayor's Task Force for Jobs (MTFJ) Community Recovery Pilot supported by the Ministry of Social Development (MSD). On the back of the success of the pilot, 23 Councils have been offered the programme for 2020-21 financial year, of which Rangitikei is one. This comes with funding of \$250,000 - \$500,000. Rangitikei Employment Programme is being delivered in partnership with Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa and their Te Puna - Education, Training and Employability branch, Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs and the Ministry of Social Development (MSD), with potential for further relationships to develop with other organisations.</p> <p>The below graph shows the total work placement as at 29 July 2020, including the pilot placements.</p> <div data-bbox="539 1299 1503 1877"> <p>MTFJ - 43 Work Placements as at 29/07/20</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Category</th> <th>Count</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Youth</td> <td>13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CV 19 Displaced</td> <td>21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other</td> <td>9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>43</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div>	Category	Count	Youth	13	CV 19 Displaced	21	Other	9	Total	43
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3 Community Engagement & Development

3.1 The following highlights the key programmes, activities and progress of staff in this area.

Programme/Activity	Progress For This Period
Township Signage	<p><u>Taihape</u> Completed.</p> <p><u>Mangaweka</u> Staff await the Heritage Committee to provide their chosen icon/symbol for Mangaweka. They have been requested to offer icon suggestions before the end of July. Completion is anticipated to be end of August 2020.</p> <p><u>Huntermville</u> Completed.</p> <p><u>Marton</u> The process of engaging landowners on the State highways has commenced, for the placement of the sign structures. The Marton Community Committee has requested that Council staff work with Project Marton to utilise their structures to display upcoming events in the town. This has been agreed to in principle by the Project Marton Co-ordinator.</p> <p>The Lions Club of Marton have agreed to the use of their brick frames on the inward bound roads to house the new signs. In order to fit the space as requested by Lions the below sign will be used, that excludes the imagery.</p> 

Programme/Activity	Progress For This Period
	<p><u>Bulls</u> Staff await the design of the Bulls Signage from the Bulls Community Committee/Bulls and District Community Trust co-design; as approved by Council. Feedback from the design group is that new town logo design is anticipated to be ready for presentation to Council's August 27 meeting.</p> <p><u>Turakina</u> Completed.</p> <p><u>Koitiata</u> Completed.</p> <p><u>Rātana</u> Completed.</p> <p><u>Whangaehu</u> The community have been presented with visual options of their conceptions for community consideration. Staff are seeking a decision from the community by end of July 2020.</p> <p><u>Scott's Ferry</u> Completed.</p>
Programme/Activity	Upcoming
Township Signage	All township signage to be complete and installed by September 2020.
District Signage	Develop District Signage concepts to Council for comment.

4 Youth/Rangatahi Development

4.1 The following highlights the key programmes, activities and progress of staff in this area.

Programme/Activity	Progress For This Period
Youth Space - Taihape	The Lobby Taihape is run through the MoU agreement with Mokai Patea Services. 3-5 each weekday.
Youth Space - Marton	The Lobby Marton is run by staff and volunteers, 3-5pm each weekday.
Youth Council	Youth Council training day and inaugural meeting was held on 4 July in Marton, followed by a scheduled Youth Council meeting held on 21 July in Taihape.

Programme/Activity	Progress For This Period
Youth/TRYB Website	RYC Insta/FB - Updated. TRYB - Scheduled for an update.
Networking Meetings	Local skills and talent hui – Whanganui Youth Council Collaboration MDC - Feilding Young people in apprenticeships – Nga Wairiki O Ngati Apa
Youth Opportunities and Support	The John Turkington Rangitikei Youth Awards 2020 open for nominations 13 July – 10 August. Youth Awards evening to be held 27 August.
Programme/Activity	Upcoming
Youth/TRYB Website	Continue to update and promote.
Youth Council	Youth Council have agreed to partake in three main events for the remainder of 2020. These being the John Turkington Forestry Rangitikei Youth Awards, Meet the Candidates – General Election and Te Wiki O Te Reo Maori (Maori language week).
Youth Opportunities and Support	The John Turkington Rangitikei Youth Awards 2020 open for nominations 13 July – 10 August. Youth Awards evening to be held 27 August. Business sponsorship for each category sourced, with the addition of a new category sponsor – Rangitikei Anglican Parish. Meet the Candidates – 1 September. Youth Council are working in collaboration with Project Marton to deliver this event ahead of the 2020 elections. This event is open to all community members, including youth. Youth Council will be rallying other youth networks to assist with the project.

5 Iwi/Hapū Engagement & Development

5.1 The following highlights the key programmes, activities and progress of staff in this area.

Programme/Activity	Progress For This Period
Internal Organisation development	Working with Council's Strategic Property Advisor, Graeme Pointon, regarding the Bulls Surplus Property (Lands For Disposal in Bulls) noting Councils 2015 Policy on Disposal of Surplus Land and Buildings requires consideration of "cultural significance to Hapū and Iwi". In many circumstances Council seeks knowledge and input from Iwi to carry out projects. Requests have been made for reimbursement when

Programme/Activity	Progress For This Period
	<p>Iwi provide their time and knowledge. A Cultural Reimbursement policy is currently being investigated.</p> <p>A Māori Cultural Competency Framework is currently being developed which will guide staff and elected members to engage, interact and communicate confidently and more effectively with iwi representatives, Māori clients, Māori communities, Māori stakeholders and Māori colleagues. This will help deliver positive outcomes for Māori.</p> <p>A Māori Cultural Competency Framework is currently being developed which will guide staff to engage confidently and effectively with iwi representatives, clients, communities, stakeholders and colleagues. This will help deliver positive outcomes for Māori and non-Māori.</p> <p>Participated in the TRAK Workshop at Te Poho o Tuariki to review the Māori Responsiveness Framework. The draft amendments will be circulated to Te Roopu Ahi Kaa for their comment before being coming before Council.</p> <p>Working with Council's Policy Advisor, George Forster, engaging with the Climate Change Regional Group at Horizons.</p>
Oranga Marae Programme	<p>Council will continue to investigate what support is needed for each marae following their Provincial Growth Fund outcomes.</p> <p>The on-going support, commitment and dialogue with marae and hapū continues and dates are being sought to schedule meetings with one marae each month of the year. This is an opportunity for each marae and hapū to share their plans and aspirations identifying areas Council could potentially contribute and support.</p> <p>The full process for each Oranga Marae project takes approximately 10 – 12 months depending on the commitment level and capacity of each marae.</p>

6 Policy and Bylaw Programme

- 6.1 The following highlights activities of staff in this area. The work programme for Policy and Bylaw 2020 is attached at **Appendix 1.**

Programme/Activity	Progress For This Period
Annual Residents Survey	Staff have undertaken the analysis on the Annual Residents Survey.

7 Funding

- 7.1 An update on all funding applications is summarised in **Appendix 2.**

8 Recommendations

- 8.1 That the 'Policy & Community Planning Project and Activity Report July 2020' to the Policy/Planning Committee on 6 August 2020 be received.

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Appendix 1

Policy Work Schedule 2019-2022

KEY					
Complete					
Underway					
Upcoming					
Future work					
Policy/Bylaw/Work	Responsible	Rationale	Main Legislation	Dates	Workshop/Comment
Rates Remission Policy	Policy/Finance	Operational	Local Government Act 2002	Council adopted 25 June 2020	
Rates Postponement Policy	Policy/Finance	Operational	Local Government Act 2002	Council adopted 25 June 2020	
TAB Venue Policy	Policy/Regulatory	Statutory	Gambling Act 2003	Council adopted September 2019	
Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy	Policy/Regulatory	Statutory	Gambling Act 2003	Council adopted December 2019	
Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy	Policy/Regulatory	Statutory	Building Act 2004	Council adopted 25 June 2020	
Water Related Services Bylaw	Policy/Infrastructure	Statutory	Local Government Act 2002	Council adopted April 2020	
Local Approved Products Policy	Policy/Regulatory	Operational	Psychoactive Substances Act 2013	Early 2020 Policy Planning	
Annual Residents Survey	Policy	Operational/Research		Mid 2020	
Flying Drones on Council Parks - Interim Guideline	Policy/Roading/Regulatory	Operational	Civil Aviation Authority	Late 2020	
Significance and Engagement Policy	Policy	Statutory	Local Government Act 2002	2020/21	
Speed Limits Bylaw	Policy/Roading	Statutory	Land Transport Act 1998	Late 2020 Policy Planning	Yes - Dates TBC
Food Business Grading Bylaw	Policy/Regulatory	Statutory	Local Government Act 2002	Late 2020 Policy Planning	
Youth Strategy	Policy/Youth Advisor	Strategic Direction for Youth	N/A	Initial Staff Scoping	Yes - Dates TBC
Naming of Streets and Roads	Policy/Roading/Regulatory	Operational	Local Government Act 1974	2020 Policy Planning	Consult on names for a register
Street Tree Policy	Policy/Parks and Reserves	Operational	N/A	Late 2020	

Appendix 2

Fund	Project description	How much	Desired outcomes and milestones	Lead Agency	Council role	Policy Team Role	Status	Final report due
Community Facilities Fund, Lottery	Capital contribution to the Bulls multi-purpose community centre (\$700,000 applied for)	\$500,000	To develop the centre in Bulls	RDC	Lead agency, fundholder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	Successful - Reporting Required. Grant paid once evidence of Council having land title.	30-Jun-20
JBS Dudding Trust	Capital contribution to the Bulls multi-purpose community centre	\$200,000	To develop the centre in Bulls + ongoing support to libraries	RDC	Lead agency, fundholder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	Successful - Reporting Required	To be advised
Freshwater Improvement Fund	Contribution to the Upgrade of the Ratana Wastewater treatment	\$875,000	To dispose of treated effluent to land rather than Lake Waipu	Horizons	Support Agency	None	Successful - Pending Works	To be advised
Lottery Heritage	Proposed new Marton Civic Centre - contribution to heritage assessment in preparing concept designs	\$ 50,000.00	Design options for Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams include assessment of heritage (external and internal)	RDC	Lead agency, fundholder	None	Successful (but a lesser amount than requested)	Following project completion
Te Uru Rākau	Marton B&C Dam Development	\$ 73,000.00	Contribution for a native planting restoration programme	RDC	Lead agency, fundholder	None	Successful - Pending Works	To be advised
Whanganui Community Foundation	Swim 4 All Programme	\$5,000 requested \$10,000	Contribution to schools transport costs	RDC	Lead agency, fundholder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	Successful	To be advised
Mayors Task For Jobs / MSD	Community recovery Programme (Mahi Tahī)	\$100,000	30 employment placements by end June 2020 pPrimary focus Youth not in employment or Education (NEETS) and those displaced by COVID	RDC	Lead agency, fundholder	Prepared application, holds funds, manages project, reports back to funder	Successful	Jun-21