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## Rātana Community Board

# Order Paper

**Tuesday 18 August 2015,  
6.30pm**

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The quorum for the Rātana Community Board is 2

At its meeting of 28 October 2010 Council resolved that ‘The quorum at any meeting of a standing committee or sub-committee of the Council (including Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, the Community Committees, the Reserve Management Committees and the Rural Water Supply Management Sub-committees) is that required for a meeting of the local authority in SO 2.4.3 and 3.4.3.’

- 1 Public Forum**
- 2 Whakamoemiti**
- 3 Apologies/Leave of absence**
- 4 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.

## **5 Minutes of meeting on 21 April 2015**

### **Recommendation**

That the minutes of the Ratana Community Board meeting held on 21 April 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

(The meeting scheduled for 16 June 2015 was cancelled.)

## **6 Council decisions on recommendations from the Board**

There were no recommendations from the Board presented to Council's meetings on 30 April 2015.

## **7 Arrangements for parks and town maintenance services**

From 1 August 2015, the Council has assumed direct responsibility for providing these services. Mowing of parks and gardening will be undertaken by a small Council team, led by Athol Sanson. Separate contracts will be in place for sexton duties, CBD cleaning and urban berm mowing. The separate contract for Ratana has been reviewed and will continue for a further three years.

## **8 Waste Transfer Station**

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting on the opening hours for the waste transfer station and the proposed relocation of recycling facilities from Waste Transfer Station to within the village.

## **9 Single-day place-making workshop**

David Engwicht (Creative Communities) has provided the following dates to facilitate a single day Place making workshop for each of the following towns, Ratana, Turakina and also

Mangaweka. The dates on which David is available are the weekend of 16 and 17 or 30 January 2016.

The one day workshop will be facilitated by David with the goal of providing members of the community with ideas and a list of actions that the community can implement that would:

- Make the town a more attractive place for tourist to stop
- Increase residents pride in their town centre

The initiative to be identified may be something the community can do with their own resources or in partnership with the Council.

Attached is a copy of Creative Communities report following the Placemaking workshop held in Hunterville in 2014.

## **10 Speed humps**

These had been planned for 2014/15. The Council's Roading Operations Manager will discuss the precise locations with Cr Peke-Mason: one issue which will need careful consideration is the noise to people living near to the humps.

## **11 Update on housing development**

Board members may wish to comment.

## **12 Update on water supply upgrade**

An update report is attached.

File: 6-WS-3-9

### **Recommendation**

That the report 'Ratana Water Supply Upgrade' to the August 2015 meeting of the Ratana Community Board be received

## **13 Parks Upgrades Partnership Fund**

The consultation document associated with the draft 2015-25 Long Term Plan, What's the Plan, Rangitikei...?, outlined two options for the future upgrades to parks. Option 1 was to rely on community donated labour and materials for improving our parks. Option 2 was to make an annual provision of \$50,000 to upgrade facilities and equipment at our parks.

During submissions, there was a strong majority in favour of Council contributing funding to park renewals and upgrades and also a significant recognition of the value of community input. A substantial minority of submitters specifically suggested that a combination of both community and Council support was needed.

Council decided to allocate up to \$50,000 per year in a fund for park and reserve upgrades and has suggested that a 2:1 contribution from the community (in cash or in kind) to match Council's funding is appropriate. It has also agreed an upper limit to Council's contribution to each proposed upgrade of \$15,000, which would indicate that projects should be up to \$45,000 in total (cash and in kind contributions). Anything over this amount would be a significant upgrade for consideration through the Annual Plan process.

The Assets/Infrastructure Committee considered a process to allocate this funding at its meeting on 9 July 2015.

This process would be very much a partnership between Council and the community. It is likely that either a need, or a great idea, is identified in the community and someone from the community approaches Council to seek support. This could be at any time during the development of the project but it could be expected that if it concerned a Council-owned asset then Council would be engaged near the start.

The fund could be open for applications at any time and each application is treated on a case-by-case basis by the Assets/Infrastructure Committee.

An application form is attached. It takes the form of an "expression of interest" which is developed in conjunction with Council staff. The contribution from the community would be to describe the project, the community support/consultation that has taken place and a fundraising plan and the contribution from Council staff would be to describe the fit with Council's current objectives in managing its parks and reserves.

The Committee could then take a view on whether it wishes to support the project and to what extent. It would also give the Committee the opportunity to consider the phasing of these projects and to put a deadline for community fundraising to be completed.

The Assets/Infrastructure Committee would be unlikely to consider contributing to park upgrades which went against either:

- The objectives and/or action plan contained in the Parks and reserves management plan(s) or
- Council's intent to rationalise its parks and open spaces assets (fewer but better)

**Recommendation:**

That the information relating to the Park Upgrade Partnership Fund be received.

## **14 Proposed amendment to Council's rates remission policy – incentives for business expansion**

Attached is the public notice and draft proposed amendment to the Council's rates remission policy. The amendment will extend limited remissions to provide incentives for business expansion. Council is seeking feedback on this proposal by noon on 30 September 2015.

File ref: 3-PY-2

**Recommendation:**

That the Ratana Community Board provides the following feedback on the proposed amendment to the Rates Remission Policy to incentivise business expansion...

**15 Late Items**

**16 Next meeting**

**17 Closing Whakamoemiti**