



Rangitikei District Council

Rātana Community Board Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 15 December 2015 – 6:30 p.m.

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Present: Ms M Thompson

Ms N Rawhiti

Mr T Biddle

Cr S Peke-Mason

Also present: Mr Pai Maraku, Rātana Community representative on Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

Ms Doreen Gardiner

Mr Steve Nelson

In attendance: Ms Denise Servante, Strategy and Community Planning Manager

1 Public Forum

2 Whakamoemiti

Ms Rawhiti performed the opening Whakamoemiti.

3 Apologies/Leave of absence

Mr T Biddle (for lateness).

The Chair noted that Mayor Andy Watson was unable to be present at the meeting because of a prior commitment.

4 Confirmation of order of business

There being no late items to consider, the order of business was confirmed.

5 Chair's report

Ms Thompson noted positive comments about the speed humps but also acknowledged the Fire Chief's concerns about the delay incurred by the fire engine in leaving the community to respond to emergency calls.

She also regretted the ongoing issue of offensive rubbish being left on the roads.

The Board commented that mostly feedback from the community about the speed humps was very good. People felt that improved safety of tamariki was the priority and that this was being achieved. It was also felt that the speed humps discouraged anti-social driving behaviour from local young drivers. It was agreed that the humps should be reviewed after 6 months.

The Board confirmed its support for continuing to raise the issue of dumping of offensive materials in FB and letting people know of the potential fine if the person/people are caught.

Resolved minute number **15/RCB/015** **File Ref**

That the Chair's report to the Rātana Community Board's meeting on 15 December 2015 be received.

Ms Thompson/Ms Rawhiti. Carried

6 Confirmation of minutes

Exploring Possibilities workshop with Creative Communities was confirmed for 30 January. Mr Biddle was confirmed as the contact for the Board for this project and the Ture Tangata office on Ihiperia-Koria Street would be the venue.

Resolved minute number **15/RCB/016** **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Rātana Community Board meeting held on 18 August 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Peke-Mason/Ms Rawhiti. Carried

7 Consideration of consensus at inquorate meeting on 20 October 2015

It was noted that the consensus from the inquorate meeting had been considered by Council (see Item 8). A resolution was required to confirm that the Board approved of these recommendations.

Resolved minute number **15/RCB/017** **File Ref**

That the Rātana Community Board confirms its consensus on the decisions taken at the inquorate meeting held on 20 October, subsequently accepted by Council at its meeting on 29 October 2015.

Mr Biddle/Mr Maraku. Carried

8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Board

It was noted that the following recommendations from the Board at its inquorate meeting on 18 October 2015 had been accepted by Council on 29 October 2015:

- a. that Council –
 - i. authorise the installation of a converted shipping container located inside the Rātana Waste Transfer Station site to allow additional items to be recycled during opening hours, with capital funding from the 2015/16 waste minimisation budget;
 - ii. agree that the opening hours at the Rātana Waste Transfer Station remain as they are (Wednesday 2.30pm-4.30pm and Saturday 9.00am – 12noon); and
 - iii. agree that the fly tipping issue at the Rātana Waste Transfer Station continue to be managed as it is presently.
- b. that \$500 be granted towards the Mahi Toi (Bus shelters art project) from the unallocated sum remaining in the Māori Community Development Fund.

9 **Commentary on Te Roopu Ahi Kaa's meeting of 8 December 2015**

Mr Maraku reported from the recent meeting of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa.

He had expressed his thanks from the Community to Council at the Ahi Kaa meeting for the allocation of the funding for Mahi Toi art project.

The future of the Maori Community Development Scheme had been discussed and Mr Maraku expressed his desire to see the applicants "income tested" to ensure that the funding was being allocated to the most needy applicants.

The draft Heritage Strategy had been considered and recommended to Council for consultation.

Resolved minute number **15/RCB/018** **File Ref**

That the verbal report from the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa meeting held on 8 December be received.

Mr Maraku/Ms Rawhiti. Carried

10 **Urupa Update**

The Board noted that an order has been issued to the Rātana Communal Board to lay a new berm at the Urupa, and that this work is currently underway. It was also noted that the Communal Board have been asked to provide quotes for the fence and shed works. Cr Peke-Mason confirmed that where there is additional work such as berm building, which lies outside of the maintenance contract between Council and the Communal Board, then the Communal Board is asked to quote. This is part of the new contract for works agreed between Council and the Communal Board very recently.

Mr Nelson requested clarification over the breakdown of costs and expressed his concern that some of the costs charged to whanau were not being allocated for work carried out by the grave-diggers. Particularly, the costs of petrol for the generator to drive the jack hammer. Ms Thompson reminded the Board that it was essential that the volunteers who are digging graves do not pay the petrol money from their own pockets. She suggested that whoever is dealing with the koha on behalf of the whanau needs to be made aware of the need to allocate some petrol money. Ms Rawhiti will try to include this on the form that is given out when the plot is registered.

Ms Rawhiti further noted that recently a single family has purchased multiple plots and this went against the policy previously agreed that whanau could only register one plot at a time. The loophole - if people from the same whanau come in one after the other to book plots next to each other – needs to be closed. It was agreed to request a meeting with Ms Vicki Hodds from Council.

11 **Update on housing development**

Ms Servante advised that there is nothing further to report: Council is awaiting notification from the Waipu Trust of the outcome of the funding via Te Puni Kokiri.

The Board noted that it could seek further feedback from Ricky Taiaroa who is project manager for the Trust.

12 Rātana Water Treatment Plant Update

Resolved minute number **15/RCB/019** **File Ref**

That the report 'Rātana Water Treatment Plant Update' dated December 2015 be received.

Ms Rawhiti/Mr Biddle. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RCB/020** **File Ref**

That the information contained in the memorandum, Rātana Water Treatment Plant Update, dated 8 December 2015 be circulated to the community as the next newsletter.

Cr Peke-Mason/Ms Rawhiti. Carried

Mr Maraku raised the issue of the wastewater treatment plant. An update on the wastewater treatment plant upgrade is requested for a future meeting.

13 Late Items

14 Next meeting

Tuesday 16 February 2016, 6.30 pm

15 Closing Whakamoemiti

Mr Biddle performed the closing Whakamoemiti.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____