



Rangitikei District Council

Rātana Community Board Meeting

Agenda – Tuesday 11 June 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

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The quorum for the Rātana Community Board is 3.

Council’s Standing Orders (adopted 3 November 2016) 10.2 provide: The quorum for Council committees and sub-committees is as for Council, ie half the number of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even or a majority if the number of members is odd.

1 Whakamoemiti

2 Public Forum

3 Apologies

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 and Late Items

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 from 09 April 2019 are attached.

File ref: 3-CB-1-1

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Rātana Community Board meeting held on 9 April 2019 {as amended/ without amendment} be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

7 Chair's report

A report will be provided at the meeting.

8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Board

There were no recommendations made to Council at the previous meeting.

9 Update from Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

Mr Mete will provide a verbal update from the Komiti's meeting earlier on 11 June 2019.

Recommendation:

That the verbal update on Te Roopu Ahi Kaa's meeting on 11 June 2019 be received.

10 Update on Water Supply upgrade

On the advice of treatment experts engaged to look at the water quality issues, two operational changes has been made to the treatment process with positive results. Although the water quality leaving the plant has improved, it will take some time for the supply network to adjust to the slight change in water quality. As discussed with many residents during house visits, it is important that residents run their taps daily for as long as possible to allow the new water quality to run through the network and improve the situation. Weekly flushing of the network will continue for as long as needed. If any residents notice any deterioration of the current water quality please contact the Council office and let us know

11 Update on wastewater treatment plant (and meetings of reference advisory group)

The update below (provided to the Board's last meeting) is still current:

The proposed programme to enable the installation of a land-based disposal of treated effluent (i.e. removal of discharge to Lake Waipu) started July 2018 (as per the agreement with the Ministry for the Environment). Consideration is now being given to identifying the most suitable land for this disposal, following which purchase will be negotiated with the owner. Discussions with landowners are now underway.

As noted in previous reports, an application for a new consent was lodged by 30 April 2018 (the extended timeframe agreed to by Horizons), which means the existing consent continues to apply until a new consent is issued.

Horizons consenting and land purchase are underway, there have been delays caused by land purchasing issues.

12 Update on Rātana playground project

A verbal update will be provided.

13 Development of road safety strategy

The Ministry of Transport will shortly be seeking public feedback on a new road safety strategy that aims to meaningfully reduce the trauma on our roads.

Currently, more than one person is killed every day on our roads, and another seven are injured. The effects of this trauma on families, communities, and the nation is devastating.

Our roads can be challenging and the consequences of small errors can be fatal. We need to improve the safety of our vehicles, our roads and our speeds, so that simple mistakes don't turn into tragedies.

The new strategy will propose a Vision Zero approach to road safety that says that deaths and serious injuries on our roads are unacceptable and preventable. Many countries that have taken a Vision Zero approach have significantly improved the safety on their roads over time.

We also know that travelling on our roads and footpaths can be stressful for many people at times, and we can do more to make this safer and more pleasant for all of us. A safe road transport system ensures that people feel safe to walk or bus or bike, and ensures we design our towns and cities as places people want to be in, not just to travel through.

The draft strategy will propose a vision, some principles for decision making and focus areas for action, and a list of priority interventions. The Ministry of Transport is keen to hear your views when the consultation opens mid-2019.

You can find out more at www.transport.govt.nz/roadsafetystrategy and sign up to stay informed about the consultation.

14 Outcome of SmartyGrants review

At its meeting on 30 May 2019, the Finance/Performance Committee considered a report on Smartygrants™ (the platform facilitating Councils community funding programmes). That report included input from the nominated assessors from each Community Board/Committee. The decisions taken were:

- That the Finance/Performance Committee endorses the continued participation by nominated members of Community Committees/Boards in the initial evaluation of grant applications.
- That the Finance/Performance Committee accepts the findings and remedial actions of staff to continue the use of Smartygrants™ for the 2019/2020 funding rounds.
- That a report be provided to the Finance/Performance Committee before the end of 2019 on using the Council's website to receive grant applications (and facilitating their administration) as an alternative to renewing the contract with Smartygrants™.

The following summarises the process improvements moving forward for the next funding round:

- Where Smartygrants™ is used, all nominated assessors will be contacted by phone or email when applications have been uploaded and are ready for assessment *and* at the start of the week when the assessments are due to be completed. This also will provide assessors with a chance to ask questions about the process or seek clarification about any of the applications. A meeting (including access by conference call) will be offered to the assessors.
- Staff will advise assessors that their commentary will form part of the public report that will be considered by the Finance/Performance Committee.
- The report to the Finance/Performance Committee will be included in the distributed Order Paper rather than being presented at the meeting.
- Applications for the next funding round will be brought forward by two weeks to ensure that assessors have access to the applications in Smartygrants™ together with an accompanying summary report and that the report to the Finance/Performance Committee is completed in time.

- An applicant will not receive funding if assessors support falls under 45%.

15 Update on Town Signage

Noting the recent social media postings and complaints received by staff, the newly installed Rātana township sign (as approved by Rātana Community Board Resolution: 18/RCB/024) has received requests for alteration. The requests stem from failing to include the word Pā on the sign, which unfortunately cannot be added by way of alteration. If the inclusion of 'Pā' was requested it would come at the cost of a replacement sign; being \$850 (for the sign, delivery and installation).

Additionally, on 2 May 2019, Council approved by way of resolution (19/RDC/104) the adoption of the Māori Language Commission's orthography for all its reports, publications and signage, through a soft rollout process. This means that the macron will be used where recommended by the Māori Language Commission. Council support of this reflects its position in playing its part in supporting the use of Te Reo Māori. A copy of the revised sign, reflecting the amendments and orthography is below.



16 Other matters raised at previous meeting

There were no other matters raised at the previous meeting.

17 Cemetery register alignment

Council's records show two new burials, HUIA Te Aroha, row 13, plot 292, on 13 April 2019 and WERETA Tumanako, row 13, plot 286, on 18 April 2019.

N.b Row 13 has the numbers stamped into the concrete berm. It doesn't coincide with our current GIS mapping system.

This has been confirmed.

18 Youth Update - May 2019

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 4-EN-12

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Youth Update – May 2019' to the Rātana Community Board 11 June 2019 be received.

19 Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the ward

An extract is attached.

File ref: 3-CB-1-1

Recommendation:

That the extract 'Current Infrastructure Projects/Updates and other Council Activities within the Rātana Ward' dated March - April 2019 to the 11 June 2019 Rātana Community Board be received.

20 Late Items

As accepted in Item 5.

21 Future Items for the Agenda

22 Next meeting

06 August 2019, 6.30 pm

23 Whakamoemiti/Meeting Closed