



Rangitikei District Council

Ratana Community Board Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 17 December 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

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Present: Mr Lequan Meihana
Mr Charlie Mete (Chair)
Mr Jemal Nepia
Mr Charlie Rourangi
Cr Brian Carter
Cr Waru Panapa

Also Present: Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Ms Grace Tairaoa
Ms Pauline Gardiner

1 Whakamoemiti

Mr Nepia provided the Whakamoemiti.

2 Public Forum

Ms Pauline Gardiner noted the extent of incomplete road repairs. Ms Grace Taiaroa noted her interest in several agenda items. Mr Mete indicated he would use his discretion as Chair to allow her to speak later in the meeting.

3 Apologies

The Board expressed their condolences to Ms Soraya Peke-Mason. The Board noted the apologies from that Mayor Andy Watson and Chief Executive Peter Beggs: they were attending another Council meeting in Taihape.

4 Members' Conflict of Interest

The Chair asked that Board members be provided with the opportunity to complete the register of interests maintained by the Council.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business and Late Items

The Chair confirmed that the Order of Business in the agenda was unchanged.

Mr Nepia flagged his wish to raise questions about the Council's community housing as a late item and this was accepted.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

The Board noted that 'whakamoemiti' should be used rather than 'karakia'

Resolved minute number	19/RCB/025	File Ref
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That the minutes of the Rātana Community Board meeting held on 12 November 2019 {as amended) be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting

Cr Carter / Mr Rourangi. Carried

7 Chair's report

Mr Mete spoke to the meeting. He wanted to see action over the future development of the cemetery. He was concerned about the impacts of the new subdivision on surrounding areas: drains had been blocked. Ms Taiaroa explained that the Ratana Ahuwhenua Trust was running the project: Mr Mete would talk further with her. The Trust would also be meeting with Council's Mayor and Chief Executive.

Resolved minute number **19/RCB/026** **File Ref**

That the verbal 'Chair's report' to the 17 December 2019 meeting of the Rātana Community Board be received.

Cr Carter / Mr Rourangi. Carried

8 Standing Orders

The Board noted the current Standing Orders guide.

9 Council's funding schemes

Resolved minute number **19/RCB/027** **File Ref**

That Lequan Meihana be appointed as the Rātana Community Board grant assessor for the Community Initiatives Fund and Events Sponsorship Scheme.

Cr Carter / Mr Nepia. Carried

10 Council decisions on recommendations from the Board

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

11 Update from Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

As Ms Peke-Mason had been at a tangi that day, Mr Meihana provided the update. The revised Tutohinga: Memorandum of Understanding was accepted. The Komiti had been provided with an update on key infrastructure projects. Council was committed to engage with iwi over the planned bioforestry operation.

Resolved minute number **19/RCB/028** **File Ref**

That the verbal 'update on Te Roopu Ahi Kaa' Komiti meeting on 17 December 2019 be received.

Cr Carter / Mr Nepia. Carried

12 Other matters raised at previous meeting

There were no other matters raised at the previous meeting.

13 Update on water supply upgrade

The Board noted that the impact of the lightning strike and considered that Council had communicated well with the Ratana community. However, sediment was still coming through taps so further flushing would be needed.

14 Update on wastewater treatment plant (and meeting of reference advisory group)

The Board noted that the issue was purchasing suitable land.

15 Update on Rātana playground project

Plan of the proposed upgrade had been circulated. The Board recognised that the Ratana community needed to be proactive on this project, particularly over fundraising

16 Update on the proposed MoU between Council and the Rātana Communal Board of Trustees

Clarification was provided to the Board that the meeting on 4 December 2019 was to consider how to engage with the Communal Board (which was seeking the MoU with Council).

17 Town Signage

The Board discussed the design variations included in the agenda. Further consultation with the community showed a desire to modify the design by including the koru.

Mr Nepia would get formal approval from the Church before action was taken over making and installing the sign.

The Board considered a new location (and garden) was preferable, so that the sign was before the new subdivision. However, safety was a crucial factor in deciding that.

18 Cemetery register alignment

The Board noted the information about new burials.

19 Late Items

Mr Nepia spoke about the Council's housing units at Ratana. They needed painting and he questioned whether they complied with current standards. The Board wondered whether there is a need for more such housing in the community.

20 Future Items for the Agenda

None identified

21 Next meeting

Tuesday 11 February 2020, 6.30pm

22 Whakamoemiti/Meeting Closed

Mr Nepia provided the Whakamoemiti.

8.35 pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: