



Rangitikei District Council

Ratāna Community Board Meeting

Agenda – Tuesday 14 July 2020 – 6:30 p.m.

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The quorum for the Rātana Community Board is 3.

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 31 October 2019) 11.2 provide: The quorum for Community Boards, Council committees and sub-committees is as for Council, i.e. 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

That the apology of absence from Ms Soraya Peke-Mason 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 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 11 February 2020 will be tabled at the meeting.

File ref: 3-CB-1-1

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Rātana Community Board meeting held on 11 February 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 report will be provided at the meeting.

Recommendation:

That the verbal 'Chair's report' to the 14 July 2020 meeting of the Rātana Community Board be received.

8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Board

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

9 Council responses to queries raised at previous meeting

There were no queries made to Council at the last meeting.

10 Update from Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

Recommendation:

That the verbal 'update on Te Roopu Ahi Kaa' Komiti meeting on 7 July 2020 be received.

11 Council's delegations to the Rātana Community Board

At its meeting of 31 October 2019 Council resolved to invite the Community Boards in early 2020, to consider and recommend on any changes to their delegations for Council to consider. Clause 32(6) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 requires the Council to "consider whether or not to delegate to a community board if the delegation would enable the community board to best achieve its role".

The current delegations will be circulated prior and tabled at the meeting.

Recommendation:

That the Rātana Community Board, in response to Council's invitation to consider and recommend any changes to the Board's delegations....

12 Intermediaries

From time to time, an individual resident or business is dissatisfied with how Council has addressed an issue which they have raised, even though Council considers that the actions taken are reasonable and fair. While such people have a right to request the Ombudsman to investigate the matter, that may be seen as evading the issue and will certainly take time.

An alternative mechanism is to invite the chairs of the Community Boards and Community Committees to act as intermediaries. Such people are more distant from Council than the Mayor and Councillors which means governance-management boundaries are less of an issue. Their role would be to listen to both sides of the story and convey their view. It would not be binding, but it could help increase mutual understanding by both parties.

At its 25 June 2020 meeting, Council endorsed this principle, and invite Chairs of each Community Board and Community Committee to be intermediaries to assess whether Council has been reasonable in fair in responding to a particular issue from a resident or business within the District, and (if the chairs agree) setting that within a broader complaints policy to be considered by the Policy/Planning Committee.

Recommendation:

That, the Chair of Rātana Community Board [agrees/does not agree] to be an Intermediary on behalf of Council and the community they service.

13 Proposed Online Community Radio for Morehu

Mr Lequan Meihana will lead the discussion.

14 Update on Rātana playground project

Last year, Charlie Mete had an informal conversation with Mayor Andy Watson and previous Chief Executive Ross McNeil, which resulted in agreement that, if Rātana provided the voluntary labour etc. to remove the damaged play equipment, Council would dispose of it. Murray Phillips, Team Leader, Parks & Reserves, has been advised that this will be happening shortly. He has visited the area.

Council has agreed to a financial commitment through the Parks Upgrade Partnership Fund of currently \$50,000 to the playground upgrade.

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

There was a meeting to progress this on 21 March 2020.

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

The reference advisory group has not met for during the first part of the year due to the Covid 19 lockdown period and the limitations on gatherings after that. RDC is in negotiation with MfE (Ministry for the Environment) to get clarity on the funding options for the purchase of land. The outcome of these negotiations will direct the future actions and progress of the project.

17 Mayoral Update

A report is attached.

Recommendation:

That the 'Mayoral Update' to the 14 July 2020 meeting of the Rātana Community Board be received.

18 Rangitikei Youth Development Update July 2020

A report is attached.

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Rangitikei Youth Development Update July 2020' to the 14 July 2020 Rātana Community Board meeting be received.

19 Placemaking

Discussion item.

20 Community Grants

Round 1 for the 2020/21 year for Councils funding schemes are due to open as follows:

- Events Sponsorship Scheme will be open from 1 August – 21 August 2020.
- The Creative Communities Scheme will be open from 29 August – 18 September 2020.

Applications are being received and processed through the online portal SmartyGrants.

<https://rangitikei.smartygrants.com.au/>

Posters are attached advertising the upcoming funding schemes.

21 Cemetery register alignment

Council's records show two new burials, HOHEPA Tahupotiki Werahiko Paneere, row 13, interred in plot 283, on 25 March 2020 and MEAD Kenneth, row 6, interred in plot 152, on 14 April 2020.

This has been confirmed.

22 Late Items

As accepted in Item 5.

23 Future Items for the Agenda

24 Next meeting

Tuesday 8 September 2020, 6.30pm

25 Future Meeting dates for 2020

Tuesday 10 November at 6.30 pm

26 Whakamoemiti/Meeting Closed