



Rangitikei District Council

Ratāna Community Board Meeting

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

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Present: Mr Charlie Mete (Chair)
Mr Jamie Nepia
Mr Lequan Meihana
Mr Charlie Rourangi
Cr Brian Carter
Cr Jane Dunn

In attendance: Cr Waru Panapa (for His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson)
Ms Grace Tairao
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager

1 Whakamoemiti

Jamie Nepia provided the Whakamoemiti.

2 Public Forum

None

3 Apologies

The Board accepted apologies of absence from Ms Soraya Peke-Mason, His Worship the Mayor Andy Watson and Chief Executive Peter Beggs.

4 Members' Conflict of Interest

Board members noted 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

There was no change to the Order of Business.

The Chair accepted as late items the locking of the gates to the urupā and promotion of the Government's rates rebate scheme.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes from 11 February 2020 were tabled at the meeting.

Resolved minute number: 20/RCB/034

That the minutes of the Rātana Community Board meeting held on 11 February 2020 (without amendment) be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

7 Chair's report

Charlie Mete provided a verbal report:

- He acknowledged those many people who had provided essential services to the Ratana community during the Covid-19 lockdown – including spiritual welfare.
- The Ratana playground group has been active, with useful discussions with Lucy Skou of the Marton Development Group (working on a substantial upgrade of the playground beside Marton Memorial Hall).
- Ratana Rugby Club was fielding a team this year. The club had been a massive part of the Ratana community and would be celebrating its centenary in 2024.

Resolved minute number: 20/RCB/035

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

Cr Carter / Mr Rourangi. Carried

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

Soraya Peke-Mason had attended the Te Rōpu Ahi Kā meeting on 7 July 2020 but was unable to attend the Board's meeting. Lequan Meihana provided a verbal update.

- Blair Jamieson from the Ministry for Primary Industries provided a presentation on Maori Agribusiness.
- Nga Puna Rau O Rangitikei made a request for its one billion tree programme.
- The Maori Responsiveness Framework was discussed, and a further workshop on this topic was held on 13 July 2020.
- The Youth Council was participating in this year's Festival for the Future- a virtual event because of Covid-19.

Resolved minute number: 20/RCB/036

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

The Board noted the commentary in the agenda. Members would consider what changes might be recommended for discussion at the next meeting.

Resolved minute number: 20/RCB/037

That the current delegations to the Rātana Community Board be received (and further considered at the Board's meeting on 8 September 2020).

Mr Rourangi / Cr Carter. Carried

12 Intermediaries

The Board noted the commentary in the agenda.

The proposed intermediary role was not a mediator; it was to offer a second opinion. This was important as people within a particular community typically knew one another and could be close neighbours. Charlie Mete considered he was already undertaking such a role

Resolved minute number: 20/RCB/038

That, the Chair of Rātana Community Board agrees to be an Intermediary on behalf of Council and the community they service.

13 Proposed Online Community Radio for Morehu

Lequan Meihana outlined the results of his discussions with Noel Edmonds, based at Matakana Island, Tauranga, who had offered to set up 100 online community radio stations throughout New Zealand. This provided an opportunity to reach out to the Morehu (who had been invited to send in 30 second recordings) and to engage with young people.

The online community radio would be associated with a Facebook page and website.

While currently administered by Noel at Matakana Island, the radio station would eventually be transferred to Ratana with the relevant equipment. A contract had been signed.

The date for the station to go live had yet to be fixed.

Lequan had briefed both the Ratana Communal Board of Trustees and the Reserves Trust.

14 Update on Rātana playground project

The Board noted the commentary in the agenda. Josephine Renata had been unable to attend the meeting to give an update on the project.

Undertaking

Michael Hodder to ask Murray Phillips to meet Charlie Mete and Lequan Meihana at the Ratana playground site to progress the tidying up of the area, identification of what equipment could be repaired, and the removal of the broken irreparable equipment,

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.

The Board was informed that further discussion with the Council was on hold until some matters had been resolved between the Ratana Communal Board of Trustees and the Reserves Trust.

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

The Board noted the commentary in the agenda. They understood that, although the Ministry for the Environment has agreed in principle to funding being made available for a long-term lease rather than outright purchase of land to receive wastewater from the Ratana treatment plant this had yet to be cleared by Horizons.

Undertaking

Michael Hodder to check the current status of the negotiations for land to receive wastewater from the Ratana wastewater treatment plant.

17 Mayoral Update

The Board asked how the average rate increase for 2020/21 played out at Ratana.

Undertaking

Michael Hodder to circulate the relevant page from the adopted 2020/21 Annual Plan which showed the rate increase on properties at Ratana.

Resolved minute number: 20/RCB/039

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

18 Rangitikei Youth Development Update July 2020

Lequan Meihana asked all members of the Board to promote the Rangitikei Youth Awards (just opened) within the community so that there were nomination of Ratana youth.

Resolved minute number 20/RCB/040

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

Mr Nepia / Mr Rourangi. Carried

19 Placemaking

Cr Jane Dunn explained how the concept of placemaking worked at Bulls. Applications would proceed through the Board to the Council's Chief Executive. The Board saw there could be potential at Ratana.

20 Community Grants

The Board noted the commentary in the agenda. A market day at Ratana would be eligible for consideration in the Events Sponsorship Scheme.

21 Cemetery register alignment

Lequan Meihana noted corrections to the commentary in the agenda.

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

The LIDAR scanning had not yet been done because of the Covid-19 response alerts. The Board confirmed that the scanning was to be over both the cemetery and urupa.

Undertaking

Michael Hodder to confirm with Alicia Hansen (Parks Administration Officer) that the LIDAR scanning over the cemeteries at Ratana would be completed.

22 Late Items

Community housing

The Board noted the report from Gaylene Prince on the condition of the community housing at Ratana – in particular the comments about intended painting.

Resolved minute number 20/RCB/041

That the Ratana Community Housing Condition Report be received.

Cr Carter / Mr Meihana. Carried

Rates rebate

Board members were willing to approach individuals within the Paa to ensure they were aware of the availability of the rates rebate and to help them complete the application.

Undertaking

Michael Hodder to provide the details of the Internal Affairs rates rebate scheme to each Board member.

Maintenance of urupā

Council's contract with the Ratana Communal Board of Trustees for various services around the Paa included the cemetery but not the urupa. Since this contract was currently being renegotiated for a further two years, there was an opportunity to see whether it could be extended to include the urupā. (Clarification on the public toilets was also needed.)

Undertaking

Michael Hodder to liaise with Murray Phillips and Lequan Meihana over a revised scope for the Council's contract with the Ratana Communal Board of Trustees for services within the Paa.

23 Future Items for the Agenda

Locking of the gate by the road entrance to the urupa – this was intended to be the subject of a community hui before the Board's next meeting

24 Next meeting

Tuesday 8 September 2020, 6.30pm

25 Future Meeting dates for 2020

Tuesday 10 November at 6.30 pm

The sequence of meetings for 2021 would follow the usual pattern, i.e. the first meeting would be in February.

26 Whakamoemiti/Meeting Closed

Jamie Nepia provided the Whakamoemiti.

8.00 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: