



Rangitikei District Council

Rātana Community Board Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 16 February 2021 – 6:30 pm

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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.

Present: Charlie Mete (Chair)
Jamie Nepia
Lequan Meihana
Charlie Rourangi
Cr Brian Carter
His Worship the Mayor
Chief Executive Peter Beggs
Cr Waru Panapa

Also Present: Ms Grace Taiaroa
Ms Josephine Renata
Ms Doreen Gardner
Ms Carolyn Bates
Mrs Janine Simpson, Governance Administrator

1 Whakamoemiti

Mr Nepia provided the Whakamoemiti.

2 Public Forum

Ms Gardner mentioned an issue with the road leading up to the cemetery, driving up there is difficult in a car, there are numerous pot holes and you have to drive very slowly. Mr Mete advised that some work was being done, that road is on the agenda to have some gravel put down.

It was also noted that it is a one-way road and needs widening, however it is not a Council Road it is privately owned by the Waipu Trust. Mr Mete is having a meeting with the Waipu Trust on other matters and will raise this issue then.

3 Apologies

An apology was received by Soraya Peke-Mason.

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That the apology from Ms Peke-Mason be received

Cr Carter/Mr Rourangi Carried

4 Members' Conflict of Interest

Nil.

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, Council Proposal on Frequency of Community Board Meetings, be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes from 10 November 2020 are attached.

It was noted that the minute's header had the date 8 September 2020, the correct date is 10 November 2020.

Resolved minute number **21/RCB/056** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the Rātana Community Board meeting held on 10 November 2020 {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

The Chair took his report as read.

Mr Mete attended a wastewater meeting and had a look over the plans, and also visited the site. It is considered that a Rātana wastewater plant is a priority, but there needs to be a consultation process prior.

Mr Mete met with Carol Gordon from Rangitikei District Council last week and discussed the Community Board becoming a mediator between Council Contractors and the Council. They could ensure everything is being done as per the contract, and it was noted that technically if it involves Council then it goes through the Community Board.

Undertaking **Subject** **Rātana Community Board Recommendation**

Mr Peter Beggs to take the following to the Council:

Recommend that the Rātana Community Board be a mediator between Council Contractors and Council.

Resolved minute number **21/RCB/057** **File Ref**

That the verbal 'Chair's Report' to the 16 February 2021 Rātana Community Board meeting be received.

Cr Carter/Mr Nepia Carried

8 Update on Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

An update was provided by Mr Meihana.

At the meeting last week there was a discussion on two reports, Government supports Council for Maori Representation and Three Waters Reform and Taumata Arowai.

The Chairman of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti shared his thoughts on the Maori wards, and it was agreed that members would go back to their people and it would be discussed at the next meeting.

The Three Waters Reform is in process and will be transformational, there is another meeting being held in March and Mr Beggs encouraged Committee members to attend so they are fully informed and will be involved in any discussions.

The Marquee exemption policy was discussed with the Committee and a document was given to the Chair by way of explanation. The cost for this building consent was advised at \$210.00. Mr Beggs advised that should an application go in to cover a whole year, it would still be \$210.00.

Resolved minute number **21/RCB/058** **File Ref**

That the verbal 'Update on Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti' to the 16 February 2021 Rātana Community Board meeting be received.

Mr Mete/ Cr Carter Carried

9 Update on Rātana Playground Project

The financial status of this project, as at the end of January, is:

Total Funding Required	\$470,656
Give A Little Fundraising	\$1,692
Grants Confirmed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$50k from Four Regions Trust • \$50K from the JBS Dudding Trust • \$50K from the Rangitīkei District Council 	\$150,000
Total Funding Secured	\$152,773
Remaining Funding to be secured	\$317,883

Ms Renata advised that they'd had a community working bee, some mulching was done and the netting was removed as it was considered dangerous. Also, the fence has been lowered which makes it look more inviting.

They have just had the \$50k grant confirmed from the JBS Dudding Trust. In January an application was submitted to the Wanganui Community Foundation, they will find out on 24th February if their request has been granted. Every 6 months newsletters are being delivered to the community, rather than using social media.

Resolved minute number **21/RCB/059** **File Ref**

That the update on the 'Rātana Playground Project' to the 16 February 2021 Rātana Community Board meeting be received.

Mr Mete/Mr Meihana Carried

10 Update on the Proposed MoU between Council and the Rātana Communal Board of Trustees

A meeting was held on Friday 15 January with Rangitīkei District Council representatives, including the Mayor, Chief Executive, Members of the Executive Team and Lequan Meihana along with members of the Rātana Communal Board, where good progress was made on the proposed MoU. Amendments are being made to the MoU and will be presented back to the Rātana Communal Board for their feedback.

Mr Beggs will clarify all the various agreements we have and take them to the Council asking if the elected members are okay him signing the agreements, each agreement is unique to the

area. There is an evolving relationship with the Council and Rātana, who have the same goals in mind but need to be on the same page.

Grace Taiaroa advised that at a previous meeting there was a discussion on rates rebates. A Rangitikei District Council staff member was going to take Grace through the process so she could then assist those in the community applying for the rebate. The staff member is believed to be Graeme Pointon.

Undertaking Subject Rates Rebate Applications

Mr Meihana to follow up with Mr Pointon to set up a meeting with Grace Taiaroa.

Resolved minute number 21/RCB/060 File Ref

That the update on the 'Proposed MoU between Council and the Rātana Communal Board of Trustees' to the 16 February 2021 Rātana Community Board meeting be received.

Mr Nepia/Cr Carter Carried

11 Rātana 25th Celebrations - Covid Management Response

A verbal update was provided by Deputy Chair Mr Nepia.

The Rātana 25th Celebrations went well and was a great success.

The Wanganui DHB supported our celebration and set up a testing area for Covid. There had been some recent cases in Whangarei but it was all managed well and there were no issues. Also, everyone who attended from Whangarei had a Covid test prior to leaving.

On behalf of the Community Board Mr Nepia wanted to thank everyone who took part and also those who were involved with all the work prior to the event.

Grace Taiaroa acknowledged all the workers of the event for all their hard work and commitment to keeping every safe and well.

Mr Mete advised there were some issues in regards to the road closures and the fact that the surrounding community had not been advised (despite this being accepted as normal practice for the yearly celebrations). Those manning the road closures were advised by Mr Nepia that if any milk tankers, tractors etc drove up then they were to be let straight through.

Mr Beggs agreed that the Council could notify the district, in the local paper, what the plan is in regards traffic management and/or road closures.

Resolved minute number 21/RCB/061 File Ref

That the verbal update on the 'Rātana 25th Celebrations' to the 16 February 2021 Rātana Community Board meeting be received.

Mr Meihana/Mr Mete Carried

12 Rātana Ringaringawaewae (Workers) 25th Celebration Report

A verbal update was provided by Mr Rourangi.

There was a checkpoint set up at the Rātana bus stop where a Covid team checked passengers in every vehicle. Volunteers/Nurses were testing everyone doing rotating 8 hours shifts for 4 days.

It was very well planned and executed and although the numbers were not as expected, everyone enjoyed the celebrations.

Resolved minute number **21/RCB/062** **File Ref**

That the verbal update on the 'Rātana Ringaringawaewae (Workers) 25th Celebration Report' to the 16 February 2021 Rātana Community Board meeting be received.

Mr Meihana/Mr Mete Carried

13 Mayoral Update

His Worship the Mayor took his report as read.

The Council will look to adopt the Long Term Plan and it will then go to public consultation on 25th March 2021 and submissions can be made. His Worship said this LTP has been one of the most difficult processes the council has ever worked through, and there will be more money spent in the district than has ever been spent before. There will be 30–40 public meetings to engage ratepayers, discuss and share information.

The new housing valuations are calculated completely independent of Council; however you can challenge a valuation if you disagree. With these increased valuations, households will face a rate increase.

Resolved minute number **21/RCB/063** **File Ref**

That the 'Mayoral Update' to the 16 February 2021 Rātana Community Board meeting be received.

Cr Carter/Mr Nepia Carried

14 Cemetery Register Alignment

Council's records show one new burial, ROURANGI Sagger Kilza-Lee, Row 13, interred in plot 288, Block 1 on 26 December 2020.

There has been an additional burial into the old part of the Rātana Cemetery, but no records have been supplied.

15 Late Items

Council Proposal on Frequency of Community Board Meetings:

Mr Mete commented on the reduced Council support for Board Meetings. Mr Beggs admitted that it was not done well and he has had to send apology letters. Mr Mete proposed that the Committee would meet on 11th May 2021, as per the schedule, and then decide on the frequency of meetings.

16 Future Items for the Agenda

Nil.

17 Next meeting

Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 6.30 pm.

18 Whakamoemiti/Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.