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Rātana Community Board

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Membership
Lequan Meihana
Charlie Rourangi
Councillor Brian Carter
One Vacancy

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Rātana Community Board Meeting Agenda –

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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

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 10 November 2020 are attached.

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Rātana Community Board meeting held on 10 November 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 9 February 2021 Rātana Community Board meeting be received.

8 Update on Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

Recommendation:

That the verbal 'Update on Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti' to the 9 February 2021 Rātana Community Board meeting be received.

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 Rangitikei District Council 	\$150,000
Total Funding Secured	\$152,773
Remaining Funding to be secured	\$317,883

Recommendation:

That the update be received.

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

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

Recommendation:

That the update be received.

11 Ratana 25th Celebrations - Covid Management Response

Jamie Nepia will provide an update at the meeting.

Recommendation:

That the update be received.

12 Ratana Ringaringawaewae (Workers) 25th Celebration Report

Charlie Rourangi will provide an update at the meeting.

Recommendation:

That the update be received.

13 Mayoral Update

A report is attached.

Recommendation:

That the 'Mayoral Update' to the 9 February 2021 Rātana Community Board meeting be received.

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

As accepted in Item 5.

16 Future Items for the Agenda

17 Next meeting

Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 6.30 pm.

18 Whakamoemiti/Meeting Closed

Attachment 1



Rangitikei District Council

Rātana Community Board Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 10 November 2020 – 6:30 pm

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Present: Charlie Mete
Jaimie Nepia
Lequan Meihana
Charlie Rourangi
Councillor Brian Carter
His Worship the Mayor
Councillor Waru Panapa

Also present: George Forster, Policy Analyst, Rangitikei District Council

1 Whakamoemiti

Mr Meihana provided the Whakamoemiti 6:35

2 Public Forum

Nil

3 Apologies

That the apologies of Ms Peke-Mason be received and Mr Nepia for lateness.

Cr Carter/Mr Mete. Carried

4 Members' Conflict of Interest

Members were 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

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

6 Confirmation of Minutes and Follow-up Actions

Resolved minute number	20/RCB/050	File Ref	3-CB-1-1
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That the minutes of the Rātana Community Board meeting held on 8 September 2020 (without amendment) be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr Mete/Cr Carter. Carried
Mr Nepia 6.38

7 Chair's Report

Mr Mete informed the Committee that LIDAR scans show there are a number of undocumented burials at the Urua. Meetings with Murray and Alicia identified that further aerial work will need to be done on this site. Outside the fence line was scanned as well.

Remedial work has been done on the current playground to bring it up to standard and also visually look better.

Resolved minute number	20/RCB/051	File Ref
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That the verbal 'Chair's report' to the 10 November 2020 meeting of the Rātana Community Board be received.

Mr Meihana/Cr Carter. Carried

8 Update from Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa

Mr Meihana informed the Board about the Māori Responsiveness Framework and the work that has been done on it with members from TRAK and was being presented back to TRAK today.

There was a Ceremony being held today after TRAK attended by Elected Members and some members of the Public with the unveiling of the Cook Straight Treaty signings. This was gifted to Council on behalf of a resident from Taihape, Mr Michael Andrews.

His Worship thanked Mr Meihana for organising this event and Mr Andrews from Taihape for the gifting of the documents.

Resolved minute number **20/RCB/052** **File Ref**

That the verbal 'update on Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa' Komiti meeting on 10 November 2020 be received.

Mr Mete/Mr Rourangi .Carried

9 Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update

His Worship thanked staff for coming out to the Rātana pre-engagement event and also acknowledged the work of Ms Peke-Mason.

His Worship went over the process for the LTP and what the purpose of pre-engagement was aiming to achieve and also the formal consultation process.

Resolved minute number **20/RCB/053** **File Ref** **3-CC-1-5**

That the report 'Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update' be received.

Cr Carter/Mr Meihana. Carried

10 Update on Rātana Playground Project

The below was read to the Board.

Rātana Playground Update

- The steering group has finalised designs for the space with Playground Centre and is awaiting quotes for civil works from a couple of suppliers to finalise budgets. At the moment the budget is just under \$500,000 (including contingency and GST).
- The group is under the umbrella of Rātana Orakeinui Trust Incorporated who are supporting them with accounting services and allow to apply for funding reserved for registered charities.
- A project committee will be formed in the next month.
- Funding so far:
 - o 50K from JBS Dudding Trust,
 - o 50K from Council (?)
 - o 2.5K with a couple of fundraisers and a give-a-little page

- They are applying for various funding including but not limited to Whanganui Community Trust, four regions trust, McKenzie Trust, McCarthy Trust and will hold various events and increase marketing. They haven't really got started on the fundraising events yet until the plans and budget are fully finalised.

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

Mr Meihana provided an update:

- Liaising with Chair of the Board
- Met just before COVID-19
- Board has had a look at the draft MoU and it has gone back to Council staff

Cr Panapa

- Involved In part of the drafting for the updated MoU
- Asked Mr Benadie and Mr Pointon to follow up and hasn't heard back yet has now gone to Mr Beggs on where this is at
- It will need to go back to Council.

12 Mayoral Update

His Worship took his report as read and highlighted part of the report on the change in Government, Minister Nanaia Mahuta will hold the Local Government portfolio.

Informed the Board that Jane Dunn has resigned from her role as a Councillor. His Worship went through the process of how a new Southern Ward Councillor will be elected and that if the Board knew anyone who was thinking about it to encourage them to talk to a past or present Councillor or the Chief Executive on what the role would entail.

On behalf of the Board Mr Mete thanked Jane Dunn for her services to the Ward and District.

His Worship informed the Board how he has been heavily involved in treaty hearings in Taihape and Parewahawaha. His Worship tabled an un-reserved apology to the tribunal on what has happened to Māori land in the past.

Resolved minute number

20/RCB/054

File Ref

That the 'Mayoral Update' to the 10 November 2020 meeting of the Rātana Community Board be received.

Cr Carter/Mr C Raurangi. Carried

13 Cemetery Register Alignment

Noted the commentary on the Agenda.

There is another burial scheduled for 12 November 2020.

14 Late Items

Nil

15 Future Items for the Agenda

Nil

16 Next Meeting

Noted the commentary in the agenda.

17 Whakamoemiti/Meeting Closed

Mr Meihana provided the Whakamoemiti

The meeting closed at 7.27pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____

Attachment 2

Report

Subject: **Mayoral Update**

To: Rātana Community Board

From: Andy Watson
Mayor

Date: 22 January 2021

1. Welcome to 2021. I hope everybody enjoyed the Christmas break and spent a relaxing time with family and friends.
2. We have a number of contracts to fulfil this year and I might run through some of them to illustrate the workloads that we have.
3. The most significant is the contract that we have with our community called the Long Term Plan or LTP. This is where we set our aspirations and aims in the vision of Council, what our proposed work programme is and the budget that's required to drive it. The Long Term Plan as I've said previously is a 10 year document that is reviewed every 3 years. The challenges in the LTP are vast. On the positive side our district is changing dramatically. We are getting industry wanting to come here, we have hundreds of new houses going in and the much needed increase in population will make the rates affordable in the future. In the short term there comes some pain with this in terms of making sure that the infrastructure needs, to support the new communities of people, are up to speed. We will need to concentrate on things such as the provision of water by going through the Water Strategy and working out what the future is. One of the biggest decisions that Council will face during the Long Term Plan period is the decision that every Council in New Zealand is facing, around whether we will continue to provide for wastewater and water services or whether they will be taken over by a regional body such as Watercare Wellington, for example. This is the biggest decision that Local Government has ever faced and unfortunately we don't know enough about it to even be able to make a decision now or to talk to communities about the impacts yet. What it does raise is a lot of questions in the future around the role of Local Government.
4. The other major challenge to our LTP is that we have just been through the capital value revaluation of the district. In other words, what people's houses are worth on the market. Because Councils rate on a capital value as part of the rating mechanism this is important. I stress that if all capital values right across the region north, south, rural, urban increased at the same rate it would not be an issue. But what we are seeing is the dramatic increase in sectors of the market especially urban south in Bulls, Marton and coastal settlements. Houses that were worth perhaps \$100,000 three years ago have literally tripled in value. Inevitably some of those properties must face significant rate increases.

Staff and Councillors have spent a considerable amount of time in looking at how rates will be struck this year and if there are any ways that we can put in a smoothing effect through rate differentials for example. This is something we will continue to work on over the next few weeks. We aim to have a draft LTP document available for public consultation and submission

process in early March. I thank staff for the amount of effort that has gone into drafting the document as to where we are now.

5. There are a number of other significant contracts that we have. This year we will see the Mangaweka Bridge being replaced after several years of the decision making process. This is a major project that is funded both by Manawatu District Council and Rangitikei District Council together with the NZ Government through Waka Kotahi (the old NZTA or Transit). We will use the public consultation process across the district to engage with people over the future of setting up a Trust for the retention of the old bridge, the only cantilever road bridge left in NZ.
6. Other contracts will see the Putorino Landfill being remediated which involves digging out all the old historic rubbish and reforming the riverbank. To me this is a sign of things to come for New Zealand. We have multiple old landfills spread throughout the country and historically, farmers and communities of the time, literally decided to fill in the local gully's with rubbish because it was unproductive land. This is not a problem unique to our district.
7. This year will also see the construction of the new amenity block on Taihape Memorial Park. I understand the need for the wide public consultation that has occurred but it will be fantastic to get a facility that will enable sport to continue on the park.
8. Everyone in Marton has been watching the development of the new playground at Memorial Park and our thanks go to Lucy Skou and Brenna O'Neill and the Committee that have made this possible. We owe them a huge debt of thanks. We have other groups throughout the district that are interested in doing similar projects, groups in Taihape looking to upgrade the playground there, we have a group working on the Papakai Park Memorial Park Walkways, we have groups looking at Wilson Park in Marton and the Rātana Playground. As a Council we need to support these groups in their desires and commitment to improve our communities for sport and recreation.

Andy Watson
Mayor

Mayors Engagement

January 2021

4	Met with ratepayer re Koitiata Lagoon
6	Attended a local funeral at St Stephens
8	Attended a Capex budget meeting
13	Met with consultant to discuss LTP Consultation Document Worked with stakeholders on Country Music Festival
14	Attended LTP Council Workshop
15	Attended fortnightly discussion on Economic Development Attended Hui at Ratana to discuss Memorandum of Understanding with RDC Attended Marton Rail Hub Project Board Meeting #1
21	To attend LTP Council Workshop via Zoom
25	To attend regular breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys
26	To attend Regional Transport Matters/Regional Chiefs Session Teleconference To attend presentation on Councillors' Document Distribution Software Evaluation To meet with stakeholders regarding Te Matapihi boundary land
27	To meet with consultant to finalise foreword in LTP Consultation Document
28	To attend LTP Council Workshop To attend monthly Council Meeting
29	To attend fortnightly discussion on Economic Development To attend presentation on Councillors' Document Distribution Software Evaluation
30	To attend Turakina Caledonia Games To attend Taihape A&P Show and Gumboot Day To attend Winiata Marae – Waia Hoete 100 th Birthday To attend judging of duck costumes at the Rec