

ORDER PAPER

RĀTANA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 18 May 2021
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Ture Tangata Office
Ihipera-Koria Street
Rātana Pa

Chair: Mr Charlie Mete
Deputy Chair: Mr Jamie Nepia
Membership: Mr Lequan Meihana
Mr Charlie Rourangi
Mrs Soraya Peke-Mason
Cr Waru Panapa
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

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Notice is hereby given that a Rātana Community Board Meeting of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Ture Tangata Office, Ihipera-Koria Street, Rātana Pa on Tuesday, 18 May 2021 at 6.30 pm.

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AGENDA

1 Whakamoemiti

2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

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

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, [enter item number](#) be dealt as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes from 16 February 2021 are attached.

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Rātana Community Board Meeting held on 16 February 2021 (as amended/without amendment) be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Rangitīkei 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

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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.

Resolved minute number

21/RCB/055

File Ref

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 Rangitikei 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 Rangitikei 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.

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7 Follow up Action Items from Previous Meeting

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

Author: Ash Garstang, Governance Administrator

Authoriser: Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy & Planning

1. Reason for Report

1.1 On the list attached are items raised at previous meetings that staff have followed up on. All items indicated who is responsible for follow up, and a brief status comment.

2. Decision Making Process

2.1 Staff have assessed the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to this item and have concluded that, as this report is for information only, the decision-making provisions do not apply.

3. Attachments

1. **Follow-up Actions Register - Ratana Community Board**

4. Recommendation

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings' be received.

Current Follow-up Actions

From Meeting Date	Details	Person Assign	Status Comments	Status
16-Feb-21	A meeting was held on Friday 15 January with Rangitikei 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.	CE	The MOU is currently being drafted, once its completed a draft will be provided to the Board.	In progress
16-Feb-21	Mr Beggs to take the following to the Council: Recommend that the Rātana Community Board be a mediator between Council Contractors and Council.	CE	This recommendation was presented to Council and declined (21/RDC/568).	Closed
16-Feb-21	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. Mr Meihana to follow up with Mr Pointon to set up a meeting with Grace Taiaroa.	Lequan Meihana	Graeme Pointon and Grace Taiaroa will meet sometime in the near future to discuss in person.	In progress

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - 11 May 2021

Author: Charlie Mete, Chair

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Mr Mete will provide a verbal report during the meeting.

2. Recommendation

That the 'Chair's Report – 11 May 2021' be received.

9 Mayoral Update

9.1 Mayoral Update - April 2021

Author: His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

1. Like the last few months my Mayoral Report is dominated by the Long Term Plan. Finally we got Audit approval and Council adoption of the LTP on Monday 12 April. The key notes in this are an average rate rise of just under 7%, however the variation is high. We will have some properties facing significant rate increases (up to 20%) and others facing a drop in rates. This has been brought about largely because we rate on capital value and the latest valuations by QV show significant valuation increases in rural north and urban south. The LTP also shows very significant infrastructure spends on the Three Waters provision of wastewater, drinking water and storm water as well as capital builds in our main centres. This will be reflected in debt. This Council, for the first time ever, will move into a position of significant debt over the LTP process. If we do everything that we say we are going to do, which may be problematic in terms of sourcing contractors, our debt will peak at nearly \$70m in the next few years then steadily decrease. For the first time since the adoption, we were able to go out and formally engage with our LTP meetings which to be honest have been going on for the last 6 weeks. I think that I have had around 25 LTP meetings with various groups either in the community or on maraes. For the first time we have been able to effectively use Live LTP presentations via Zoom which have been great with up to 60 people being online and feeding in via the chat function to ask questions.
2. I have also commented over several reports about the Government's vision on the delivery of the Three Waters. Their vision is one of aggregation where there will be either 5 or fewer companies in NZ delivering water services. So you may have, for example, a company in Wellington delivering water services for half the North Island. I previously expressed my concern over the lack of consultation on a choice that we are required to make this year that is

simply the biggest decision that local Councils will ever face. The aggregation concept involves us passing over all of our wastewater and water plants to a new company including the reticulation. This also raises the issue over what Local Government will be involved in, in the future.

3. Last week I attended Zone 3 meetings held in Hastings. Again Three Waters dominated the conversations with Mayors and CEs. The Minister of Local Government Nanaia Mahuta Zoomed in but added little more to the conversation than what we already know or don't know. The concern around the Local Government sector is real and the implications are high. While in Hastings as part of Zone 3 we were taken for a tour over the Hastings area. The most notable things were firstly, Hastings has around 900 people living in motels funded by the Government and has had tens of millions of dollars invested by the Government in terms of providing new housing. We were also taken for a tour of the Opera House that has just been refurbished in Hastings. We weren't given the costings for this but my guess would be in the tens of millions if not the hundreds of millions of dollars. As part of the tour we also went to Havelock North which was where the contamination of water supplies occurred. Effectively we went to Ground Zero. Enormous sums of money have been invested not only in cleaning up the processes and plants to deliver Hastings and Havelock North with water, but also in terms of duplicating the reticulation network so if a main water line ruptures they have back-up positions. My guess is that there would be very few Councils in the country that could afford to do this. If I was to be cynical this may be one of the advantages in sitting in an electorate which was targeted to change from National to Labour. At Zone 3 Stuart Nash the Minister of Economic Development also had a very frank conversation around economic development funding. He reiterated that the days of the PGF funding are gone but there is still the need for regional funding and it would probably be targeted at specific industries. He highlighted forestry as one of those key industries which opened the door to have a conversation with him offline around the Bio Forestry that is happening in our district. At the moment one of the difficulties we face is literally getting the right people into the country through immigration and Minister Nash has promised to act very quickly to solve that.

While at Zone 3 four remits were put to Zone seeking support to the Local Government Conference. All four remits were supported by Zone to progress. The remits included the Quorum and Voting Rights by Zoom rather than in attendance at Council. With regard to the remit from Manawatu District Council on Zoom attendance I have attached this to my Mayor's Report with the recommendation that we support MDC's remit.

4. On 8 April our Chief Executive and I had the opportunity to spend time with the NZ Heritage Board and the Maori Heritage Council in Wellington. This was an opportunity that I think would be incredibly rare to have in Local Government. I took to that meeting several things that I was interested in working with Heritage NZ on.
 - i) We will look at the options around replacing the Marton administration block with a new facility or a facility that retains some heritage aspects in the main street of Marton. My concern is that we can spend a lot of money drawing up all sorts of plans and diagrams etc and we could still then face a resource consent process with Heritage NZ. I have asked them to look at agreeing to a consultation process and then supporting the outcome of that process. This would be a ground-breaking position for Heritage NZ. The Board have agreed to have a formal discussion around the proposal in May and provide feedback to us from that.
 - ii) I have brought up the option of Council restoring and protecting the Grandstand in Memorial Park in Taihape. I have asked for financial assistance or at least support from

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Heritage NZ in applications that we may make for national funding through Lotteries. They seem to want to support this process.

- iii) We have pledged as a district to tell the story of both cultures, European and Maori, in terms of our early heritage. I think there is a huge partnership opportunity with Heritage NZ to seek their support, technical skills and possible funding.

We will await the outcome of the meeting with Heritage NZ with bated breath but I think it went very very well.

5. On 17 April we saw the formal opening of the new Marton playground Te Āhuru Mōwai. I have spoken previously about this. What an incredible outcome. Lucy Skou and Brenna O’Neill had a vision and the amount of support from the Committee and the community to make it happen has been incredible. The park has been entered into the Playground of the Year competition which will be decided on in May. The playground also featured on Seven Sharp on 19 April. As a community a heartfelt congratulations and thanks to all those involved.
6. Over the last month I attended UCOL graduations in Palmerston North and Whanganui. The future of UCOLs is in the balance with a reorganisation of the education sector imminent. Our Whanganui DHB is in a similar position with the restructuring of health boards on the horizon. As a Council we need to show support for these, not only as our local industries and employers but the service they provide for the district. Likewise, I congratulate Sue Wells for the work that she has done on the petition to retain banking services within our district. This will be a struggle but it is worth having our voice heard.

Mayors Engagement

April 2021

1	Attended UCOL Whanganui Graduation Ceremony Attended Turakina LTP Community Consultation Meeting
6	Attended TRAK Meeting Attended Horizons Tutaenui Flood Control Scheme Catchment Meeting Attended online seminar – Help Shape LGNZ’s Future
7	Attended Taihape Network Meeting Attended an Online Live Video LTP Consultation
8	Attended and presented to Heritage NZ Board and Maori Heritage Council in Wellington to discuss earthquake prone Heritage Buildings in Rangitikei Attended Tutaenui LTP Community Consultation Meeting
9	Attended Regional Land Transport Plan Hearings in Palmerston North
10	Attended Open Day at Marton Fire Station
11	Attended LTP Community Consultation Meeting at Whangaehu Marae Attended LTP Community Consultation Meeting at Winiata Marae

12	Attended Regional Land Transport Plan Deliberations in Palmerston North Attended Council Meeting to adopt Consultation Document and draft LTP (via Zoom) Attended Papanui Community LTP Consultation Meeting
13	Attended a site briefing at Kensington Road Attended Moawhango Community LTP Consultation Meeting
14	Attended Ratana Kura Junior Neighbourhood Support Awards Attended an Online Live Video LTP Consultation
15	Attended Zone 3 Meeting (co-Chair) in Hastings
17	Attended Grand Opening of Te Ahuru Mowai Marton Playground Attended Okaire District LTP Briefing
20	Attend meeting with Ngati Parewahawaha re Green Space Artwork at Te Matapihi Attend Omatane Rural Water Supply Meeting
21	Attend CouncilMark Webinar Attend Meet & Greet with Christopher Luxon MP and Ian McKelvie MP
22	Attend Ratana Marae LTP Consultation
23	Attended Marton Rail Hub Project Board Meeting #4
25	Attended various ANZAC Day services in the district
27	Attended monthly breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys
28	Attended Councillor Workshop – AON Insurance and Whanganui District Health Board
29	Attended Finance/Performance Committee Meeting Attended Council Meeting

1. Attachments

1. **Manawatu District Council Proposed Remit 2021 LGNZ AGM - Quorum and Meeting Attendance**

2. Recommendation

That the 'Mayoral Update – April 2021' report be received.

Proposed Remit – Meeting Quorum and Attendance

Remit: That LGNZ:

- Calls on the Government to introduce legislation that would update the Local Government Act 2002 to enable members attending meetings via audio link or audio visual link to be counted as forming part of the quorum of the meeting.

Proposed by: Manawatū District Council

Supported by:

Background Information and Research

1. Nature of the issue

The Local Government Act 2002 sets out requirements for members to attend and vote at Council and Committee meetings.

In August 2014, the Act was amended to allow for the attendance of members via audio link or audiovisual link. The purpose of this amendment was to allow for attendance via an electronic link, either generally or for a specific meeting, in situations where physical attendance was impracticable or impossible. For example, where a member was unwell, unable to attend due to an emergency, or where the member was at a location that made it difficult to attend in person.

Although this amendment enabled members to attend meetings remotely, and participate in proceedings, it prohibited any member who was not physically present at the meeting from being counted as part of the quorum.

This meant that the quorum needed to enable the meeting to take place had to be formed by those members physically present.

2. Background to it being raised

As part of the preparedness for the Covid-19 Alert Level 4 lockdown in New Zealand, the Government enacted the Covid-19 Response (Urgent Management Measures) Legislation Act 2020 on 26 March 2020. This Act made temporary changes to the relevant section of the Local Government Act 2002, to enable members attending via electronic means to be counted as part of the quorum for the meeting.

The clause enabling members attending via electronic means to be counted as part of the quorum will be repealed when either the Epidemic Preparedness (Covid-19) Notice expires or is revoked.

Since coming into force on 25 March 2020, the Epidemic Preparedness (Covid-19) Notice has been renewed on 23 June 2020, 21 December 2020 and 17 March 2021. The Notice has a three-month lifespan, and is due to expire on 21 June 2021 unless renewed prior.

During the Level 4 Lockdown, and to varying degrees within Level 3 and 2 alert levels, Councils held their meetings, transacting business and making decisions with all or some members attending remotely via an electronic link. During this time many Councils that had not previously done so, began livestreaming their meetings to their websites ensuring public accessibility for Council decision-making.

For the past year the requirement for members to be physically present at a meeting to enable them to form the quorum for any meetings has not been in force.

This Council proposes that the attendance at Council and Committee meetings via electronic means over the past year has not negatively impacted on the ability of Councils to transact business at their meetings. From this Council's perspective this flexibility in attendance method has enhanced this Council's decision-making ability, for example in instances where an elected member needed to work from home to care for a dependent, or was out of the district at the time of the meeting, they were still able to attend the meeting, form part of the quorum, and participate in the decision-making.

There is also benefit for elected members in large rural districts where the travel time from their residence to attend any committee or Council meeting can be up to an hour or more. Although planned meetings are scheduled to make effective use of members' time while they are in attendance, from time to time extraordinary meetings are required for specific decision-making purposes, and are often not expected to be of long duration. Attending meetings remotely in these instances can be a more effective use of time and resources.

Therefore the Manawatū District Council asks that the Government amend the relevant part of the Local Government Act 2002 to formalise the ability to attend meetings via electronic means and form part of the quorum for such meetings.

3. New or confirming existing policy

Proposed change to existing legislation.

4. How the issue relates to objectives in the current Work Programme

This issue relates to the objective of improving the local government legal framework.

5. What work or action on the issue has been done and what was the outcome

Since coming into force on 25 March 2020, the Epidemic Preparedness (Covid-19) Notice has been renewed on a quarterly basis on 23 June 2020, 21 December 2020 and 17 March 2021. It is due to expire on 21 June 2021 unless renewed prior.

6. Any existing relevant legislation, policy or practice

- Local Government Act 2002, Schedule 7, Clause 23 "Quorum of councils and committees"
- Local Government Act 2002, Schedule 7, Clause 25A (1) and (4) "Attendance at meetings by audio link or audio visual link"
- Local Government Act 2002, Schedule 7, Clause 25B "Modifications to Clause 25A While Epidemic Notice in Force for Covid-19"

7. Outcome of any prior discussion at a Zone or Sector meeting

8. Suggested course of action envisaged

That an amendment to the Local Government Act 2002 be made to remove the following clause from Schedule 7, 25A Attendance at meetings by audio link or audiovisual link:

“(4) Despite subclauses (1) and (3), a member of the local authority who is not physically present at the meeting is not to be counted as present for the purposes of clause 23.”

This would enable attendance by members via audio link or audiovisual link to count as part of a quorum as set out in clause 23 “Quorum of councils and committees”.

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Update on Rātana Playground Project

Author: Josephine Renata

1. Reason for Report

1.1 Ms Renata will provide a verbal update on the Rātana Playground Project.

2. Recommendation

That the 'Update on Rātana Playground Project' report be received.

10.2 Maori Wards

Author: Requested at previous meeting

1. Reason for Report

1.1 This is a discussion item.

2. Recommendation

That the 'Maori Wards' report be received.

10.3 Public Toilets

Author: Charlie Mete, Chair

1. Reason for Report

1.1 This is a discussion item.

2. Recommendation

That the 'Public Toilets' report be received.

10.4 Cemetery - Access and Signage

Author: Charlie Mete, Chair

1. Reason for Report

1.1 This is a discussion item.

2. Recommendation

That the 'Cemetery – Access and Signage' report be received.

10.5 Frequency of Meetings

Author: Charlie Mete, Chair

1. Reason for Report

1.1 This is a discussion item.

2. Recommendation

That the 'Frequency of Meetings' report be received.

11 Late Items

As accepted in Item 5.

12 Future Items for the Agenda

13 Next Meeting

Tuesday, 10 August 2021 – 6.30 pm.

14 Whakamoemiti/Meeting Closed