

# ORDER PAPER

## RĀTANA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, 10 August 2021

**Time:** 6.30 pm

**Venue:** Ture Tangata Office  
Ihipera-Koria Street  
Rātana Pa

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**Chair:** Mr Charlie Mete

**Deputy Chair:** Mr Jamie Nepia

**Membership:** Mr Lequan Meihana  
Mr Charlie Rourangi  
Mrs Soraya Peke-Mason (TRAK representative)  
Cr Waru Panapa  
HWTM Andy Watson

**Attending:** Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner  
Ms Jen Britton, Strategic Advisor – District Promotions

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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, 10 August 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 with as a late item at this meeting.

## **6 Confirmation of Minutes**

### **6.1 Confirmation of Minutes**

**Author:** Ash Garstang, Governance Administrator

#### **1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 The minutes from the Rātana Community Board meeting held on 18 May 2021 are attached.

#### **Attachments**

1. **Rātana Community Board Meeting - 18 May 2021**

#### **Recommendation**

That the minutes of Rātana Community Board Meeting held on 18 May 2021 [as amended/without amendment] be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

# MINUTES

## **UNCONFIRMED: RĀTANA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING**

**Date:** Tuesday, 18 May 2021

**Time:** 6.30 pm

**Venue:** Ture Tangata Office  
Ihipera-Koria Street  
Rātana Pa

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**Present:** Mr Charlie Mete  
Mr Lequan Maihana  
Mr Charlie Rourangi  
Cr Brian Carter  
Cr Waru Panapa  
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

**In attendance:** Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Administrator

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## 1 Whakamoemiti

Mr Meihana provided the Whakamoemiti and opened the meeting at 6.30pm.

## 2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **21/RCB/001**

That the apology for Mr Jamie Nepia be received.

Mr Meihana/Mr Rourangi. Carried

## 3 Public Forum

Ms Irirangi Wiringi suggested that the speed limit should be lowered along the main road into Ratana, as some vehicles are travelling too quickly, especially down the hill. The Board agreed that the current speed limit (100 kms) was too high, and noted that it is going to be reduced in future to 70 kms along the main road into Ratana, and 40 kms within the pa.

Ms Wiringi asked if there are plans to replace the temporary judder bar along the main road entrance into Ratana. The Board noted that it was difficult to know where to install a permanent judder bar due to the ongoing housing development. It was also noted that it would be difficult to install a concrete judder bar as there is only one road entrance to Ratana, and a concrete installation would require time to set (with no traffic).

Ms Wiringi also raised an issue with lighting down by the field. She regularly finds broken bottles when mowing the lawns, and this could be reduced if the field had sufficient lighting, similar to the lighting at the park. Cr Panapa noted that it was not Council owned land and that the Board will look at marae funding for this.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Mr Mete declared a potential conflict of interest with regards to item 10.3 (Public Toilets). The Mayor acknowledged Mr Mete's declaration, but advised that in his opinion this did not warrant a conflict of interest.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Item 10.1 (Update on Ratana Playground Project) was unable to be discussed.

Item 10.2 (Maori Wards) was discussed during item 9 (Mayoral Update).



A late item was discussed (alternative venue for future meetings)

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number** 21/RCB/002

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

Mr Rourangi/Mr Meihana. Carried

## 7 Follow up Action Items from Previous Meetings

### 7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

Mr Mete noted that with regards to item 2 of this report (that the Ratana Community Board be a mediator), he acknowledged Councils decision and stated that he should have worded the original request better.

Cr Panapa noted that the road up to the cemetery has since been gravelled.

**Resolved minute number** 21/RCB/003

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

Mr Rourangi/Mr Mete. Carried

## 8 Chair's Report

### 8.1 Chair's Report - 11 May 2021

#### NZ Community Board conference

Mr Mete provided a verbal report. He attended the NZ Community Board conference. He noted that some of the upcoming changes, especially with regards to Three Waters, are looking gloomy and there is a lack of information.

#### Wastewater Treatment Upgrades

Mr Mete raised the topic of future wastewater treatment upgrades at Ratana. Currently there is no progress with this as they have been unable to find any suitable land.

Cr Panapa noted that one piece of land had been identified as potentially usable, but they had been forced to abandon this idea as Horizon's Regional Council stated that it was not suitable due to the plants that grow there. There was an indication from Horizon's that the Ministry for Primary

Industries would not allow any development there. The Board discussed the validity of this, and whether any future environmental concerns that may arise due to the lack of wastewater treatment facilities should outweigh current environmental concerns with plants at this site.

The Mayor provided advice to the Board on the consenting process for wastewater treatment. If the current consents expire and no new consents are able to be attained, Ratana could continue discharging but may be subject to repeated fines, at the discretion of Horizon's Regional Council.

Mr Mete noted that the new housing development is likely to compound this issue. The Mayor stated that in some cases Council is able to negotiate cost-shares for utilities with developers. Mr Mete asked Council to look into this.

#### Rates Increases

The Board held a hui on 06 May 21 for the community to discuss the draft LTP. A big concern was the rates increases for Ratana ratepayers. The average increase for Ratana was nearer the higher end of rates increases across the district.

The Mayor advised that this was largely due to valuation increases in Ratana, and noted that valuations are based on both land prices and improvements (e.g. houses).

The Board noted that nearby farms are not being subject to the same rates increases. The Mayor advised that rural and urban properties are assessed within different categories across the district – farms have not increased in value to the same degree that urban properties have. There are very few houses for sale in Ratana, and so the valuations for Ratana properties was likely generalised across multiple geographic communities.

Mr Meihana advised the Board that only two ratepayers in the community had applied for a rates rebate. Mr Mete advised that people looked over the eligibility criteria at the hui and many were not eligible. The Board agreed that it would be positive for community members to share this criteria with their neighbours and other community members.

**Resolved minute number** 21/RCB/004

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

Mr Mete/Mr Meihana. Carried

## 9 Mayoral Update

### 9.1 Mayoral Update - April 2021

#### Maori Wards

The Mayor provided advice on the process moving forwards for Maori wards. Now that Council has voted to establish a Maori ward, a full representation review will need to take place. Council would



**Resolved minute number 21/RCB/006**

That the 'Maori Wards' report be received.

Mr Mete/Mr Rourangi. Carried

**10.3 Public Toilets**

Mr Meihana raised the issue of members of the public being unable to access the public toilets. Currently a key to the toilets is held by Josephine Hotu who owns the shop closest to the public toilets, but there have been occurrences where she has refused to give the key out to visitors.

Ms Wiringi advised that she has a key and opens the toilets up for visitors if she notices them, as she cleans the toilets on a weekly basis.

The Board discussed the possibility of making a second copy of the key and having it held by Mr Mete's family shop. It was noted that this has been tried several times in the past, but the key gets changed and the problem re-occurs.

The Mayor advised that he will communicate with the Chief Executive to have a look through the contract the Council currently has with the Board regarding the opening hours and ongoing maintenance and cleaning of the toilets. If the contract stipulates the opening hours of the toilets, this should be enforced.

The board agreed that the toilets should be open for public access.

**Resolved minute number 21/RCB/007**

That the 'Public Toilets' report be received.

Mr Rourangi/Mr Mete. Carried

**10.4 Cemetery - Access and Signage**

The Board noted that the gates to the cemetery should remain locked, unless there is a tangi. This is to prevent unregistered burials. The Board would like increased signage at the cemetery that explains to people how to register with Council for burial plots.

Mr Meihana will follow up on this.

The Board also discussed the underground scanning that had been done at the cemetery. This had helped individuals locate their family members and was well received by the community.

**Resolved minute number 21/RCB/008**

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

Mr Rourangi/Mr Meihana. Carried

### 10.5 Frequency of Meetings

The Board will re-visit a decision on the frequency of meetings at the 10 Aug meeting.

**Resolved minute number**                                 **21/RCB/009**

That the 'Frequency of Meetings' report be received.

Mr Rourangi/Mr Meihana. Carried

### 11 Late Items

Mr Meihana suggested to the Board that they think about having an alternative venue for the meetings, in case they are unable to hold the meeting within the pa due to a tangi. Cr Panapa will investigate the option of having the Seamer house as an alternative venue and report back to the Board.

Cr Panapa and Mr Mete acknowledged and thanked Cr Carter for his involvement and contribution to the Ratana Community Board meetings.

### 12 Future Items for the Agenda

- Alternative venue for future meetings.
- Frequency of meetings.

### 13 Next Meeting

Tuesday, 10 August 2021 – 6.30pm.

**The Meeting closed at 8.22pm.**

ITEM 6.1 ATTACHMENT 1

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ratana Community Board held on 10 August 2021.

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Chairperson

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## **7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings**

### **7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Ratana Community Board Meetings**

**Author:** Ash Garstang, Governance Administrator

#### **1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 On the list attached are items raised at previous Ratana Community Board meetings. Items indicate who is responsible for each 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.

#### **Attachments**

1. **Follow-up Actions Register**

#### **Recommendation**

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Ratana Community Board Meetings' be received.

## Current Follow-up Actions

From Meeting Date	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments	Status
18-May-21	<p>Mr Mete asked Council to look into whether developer contributions to wastewater treatment upgrades could be included within an MoU between Council and contractors for the new housing development.</p> <p>This query arose out of concerns that the new housing development was going to compound current issues with wastewater treatment at Ratana.</p>	Arno Benadie	No capital contributions will be required for this development as the current Infrastructure services have sufficient capacity. The new Ratana Wastewater scheme will incorporate additional capacity for future growth and developments.	Closed
18-May-21	<p>The Mayor will communicate with the CE and ask staff to look through the contract that Council has with the Ratana Community Board to check what the opening hours should be, as the toilets are cleaned and maintained by Council. Staff will then confirm to the Board via email what the stipulated opening hours of the toilets are in the contract.</p>	Gaylene Prince / Alicia Hansen	<p>The toilets are not cleaned and maintained by Council staff, and the toilet block is also not owned by Council. However Council does contribute funding for the operation of these toilets as part of the Ratana Parks &amp; Town Maintenance Contract, overseen by the Manager - Parks. There is nothing specific in this contract about the toilet opening hours. Council staff are aware the contract was lacking regarding specifications in this area, and that was to be updated the next time the contract was reviewed. A date is not yet set for the contract renewal, but it will be in the near future.</p> <p>Forwarded to Murray Philips for further investigation.</p>	Closed
18-May-21	Investigate options for increased signage at the Ratana cemetery.	Lequan Meihana	<p>Alicia Hansen has confirmed that signage for the Ratana Cemetery will be on the radar to be done following 1st July when we get into our new budgets/new financial year.</p> <p>Alicia also confirmed that her team will work closely with myself and the Chair of the Ratana Community Board to get the wording on the information signage up to speed.</p>	In progress



18-May-21	Cr Panapa will investigate the option of having the Seamer house as an alternative venue for future meetings and report back to the Board	Cr Panapa	Cr Panapa has sent an email to the Secretary of the Communal Board to request both the venue as a meeting place as well as following up on using Seamer House as accomodation for the Kaumatua residents during the renovations planned in October.	In progress
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	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 - August 2021**

**Author: Charlie Mete, Chair**

**ITEM 8.1**

#### **1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 The Chair will provide a verbal report during the meeting.

#### **Recommendation**

That the 'Chair's Report – August 2021' be received.

## 9 Mayoral Update

### 9.1 Mayoral Update - July 2021

**Author:** Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

#### Local Government New Zealand Conference 2021

I went, I saw, I thought, I report.....

Last week I spent time in Marlborough at the Local Government Conference where all the Mayors, Chief Executives and many Councillors gathered to discuss the issues of the day. I would like to congratulate the Mayor of Marlborough John Leggett and his team for the incredible way that they put the conference together. I also compliment John on how he seamlessly moved from running the major conference of the year in a small community to dealing with a significant weather event and widespread flooding.

Councillors Fi Dalgety, Tracey Hiroa and Gill Duncan, together with myself and the Chief Executive attended the conference. The advantage of attending the Local Government Conference is really about networking and understanding other authorities' positions, as well as the Government's direction. The conference also finished with an AGM where remits were discussed, including Local Government's position to the three waters aggregation Government is proposing. Local Government passed a motion by the narrowest of margins stating that the three waters should not be legislated by Government – that Councils should still have the opportunity to opt out of these reforms.

The issue of the day was always going to be the Three Waters discussion and updating people on the Government's decision. They came incredibly close to saying they will mandate the aggregation of the three waters changes. The Minister was asked directly whether opting out could still be an option and her response was "the conversation has moved on since then". Read into that statement what you may.

Government released a second tranche of money to Local Authorities and one must question whether that is a bribe. Our Council gets nearly \$14m to spend over the next couple of years. I had anticipated that this second tranche of funding would probably heavily favour Auckland and Christchurch, because without them being in the aggregated model one would have to question whether the efficiencies are there to be gained. The Government also released their decision on where the boundaries for the four entities would lie. Rangitikei is placed in Entity B along with 22 other Councils. This region includes everything north of us and to the south of Auckland including Taranaki. Notably this area does not include Wellington, Palmerston North or Manawatu as I had previously anticipated. I would have to say that my personal preference would be that we do end up in entity B rather than C. We know that Wellington City and Palmerston North City have a huge amount of money to be spent and would probably have the weight of numbers to say it may indicate that they will take first priority. The National Party spoke about "not taking the Local Government out of Local Government" while seemingly accepting that reform is necessary. Their position is about 'how' rather than a 'no'.

**ITEM 9.1**

The Government has indicated that the timeframes for Councils to make a decision on the aggregation still remains, which limits the opportunity for discussion or consultation within our district.

I have asked for this Council meeting so that we can update Councillors on the three waters and to strategise how we can involve the community in this decision. To consult on the three waters we have to, in my opinion, understand the offer and the benefits of aggregation that may be brought, along with the risks, costs and lack of control. We have budgeted heavily in the Long Term Plan to make Council compliant and to solve water and wastewater issues. One of the many questions under the new regulations will be what is exactly required, in terms of future compliance and levels of service. I believe we must inform the community as widely as possible using media and probably letter drops to individual properties on the options we face. Undoubtedly the decision made by Council in October will be the biggest decision we have ever made and probably the biggest in Local Government since the 1989 amalgamations.

My apologies for not chairing this meeting. The Council meeting was not planned for and I am away on Council business attending the Institute of Directors course. I accepted this position in the knowledge that the Deputy Mayor Nigel Belsham is well informed and has my absolute confidence to progress this matter.

Mayor Andy Watson

## Mayors Engagement

July 2021

1	Attended farewell for Katie Brosnahan MSD
6	Worked from Taihape Office Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
7	Attended Future of Local Government workshop
8	Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended Council Meeting to adopt Long Term Plan Attended Representation Review Council Workshop Attended 2021 Rangitikei Youth Awards
9	Attended meeting with NZDF Director of Housing
12	Attended meeting with Ministry of Education re education pathway
13	Worked from Te Matapihi Office Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor Attended Rangitikei Youth Council meeting
14-17	Attended Local Government 2021 Conference & AGM in Blenheim Attended Mayor Task Force for Jobs AGM
20	Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
21	Attended meeting re RMA Reforms with Opus staff Attended Marton Rail Hub – Project Board Meeting #7
22	Attended Whanganui Community Foundation Panel Discussion with Mayors from Whanganui and Ruapehu re regional housing issues
23	Attended new staff whakatau Visited Edale resident for 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday celebration
25-30	Attended Institute of Directors course in Wellington

### Recommendation

That the Mayoral Update – July 2021 be received.

## **10 Reports for Information**

### **10.1 Update on Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti**

**Author:** Soraya Peke-Mason, Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti representative

#### **1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 Ms Soraya Peke-Mason will provide a verbal update.

#### **Recommendation**

That the report 'Update on Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti' be received.

**ITEM 10.1**

## 11 Discussion Items

### 11.1 Rangitikei Beyond 2050

**Author:** Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner

**Authoriser:** Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy & Planning

#### 1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 To provide an overview of the Rangitikei Beyond 2050 project and seek feedback from Committee members about the key issues currently facing the Ratana area.

#### 2. Project Overview

- 2.1 The Rangitikei Beyond 2050 project is the development of a spatial plan for the district. It will provide a spatial roadmap for how the Rangitikei will prosper to 2050 and beyond by:

- Providing clear objectives/outcomes for future landuse and growth.
- Guiding infrastructure investment decisions and enable targeted future proofing.
- Reflecting community cultural, economic, environmental and social values and priorities.
- Informing and shaping the District Plan Review and Council's other plans and strategies.
- Building confidence and identifying potential for industrial, commercial, and residential development.
- Achieving intergenerational equity and sustainable environmental development.

- 2.2 The development of a spatial plan is important for taking a strategic approach to the future and supporting informed long-term decision making. The project will include the development of outcomes/objectives for the district and settlements, and actions to achieve those objectives and includes consideration of residential, commercial and industrial development.

#### 3. Project Schedule

Project Stage / Phase	Timeline
Background research / technical assessment	Now – December 2021
Develop Discussion Document	August 2021 – January 2022
Community Engagement	February – March 2022
Develop Draft Spatial Plan	April – May 2022
Community Consultation	June 2022
Adoption	August 2022

**4. Project Status**

- 4.1 The project is currently in Phase 1 – background research / technical assessment. The project scope has been endorsed by Council and an Advisory Group has been established. Background research into housing, residential land availability and climate change has commenced.

**5. Discussion Questions**

- 5.1 Staff will be present at the meeting to ask for feedback on current issues and future goals for land use in the area.
- 5.2 It would be useful for Board members to think about the following questions prior to the meeting:
- What are the issues facing the area now, and into the future?
  - What has been happening with demand and supply of housing?
  - What has changed for commercial development?
  - What are the opportunities for the future?
  - What is important that should be protected?
  - Thinking about 2050, what would a successful community look like?

**Recommendation 1**

That the report 'Rangitīkei Beyond 2050' be received.



## **11.2 Destination Management Plan Update**

**Author:** Jen Britton, Community Projects Officer

### **1. Reason for Report**

1.1 Jen Britton will discuss the Destination Management Plan with the Board.

### **Recommendation**

That the verbal 'Destination Management Plan Update' be received.

## **11.3 Alternative Venue for Future Meetings**

**Author:** Ash Garstang, Governance Administrator

### **1. Reason for Report**

1.1 This has been included to discuss any updates around sourcing an alternative venue for future Board meetings.

### **Recommendation**

If required:

**11.4 Frequency of Meetings**

**Author:** Ash Garstang, Governance Administrator

**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 At its meeting on 18 May 21, the Board decided to delay the discussion on the frequency of meetings until August.

**Recommendation**

If required:

## **12 Future Items for the Agenda**

## **13 Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 09 November 2021.

## **14 Whakamoemiti / Meeting Closed**