

MINUTES

RĀTANA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 8 February 2022

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Ture Tangata Office
Ihipera-Koria Street
Rātana Pa

Present Mr Charlie Mete
Mr Jamie Nepia
Mr Lequan Meihana
Mr Charlie Rourangi
Mrs Soraya Peke-Mason (TRAK representative)
Cr Waru Panapa
HWTM Andy Watson

In attendance Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

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1 Whakamoemiti

Mr Nepia spoke the whakamoemiti and the meeting began at 6.31 pm.

HWTM arrived at 6.33 pm.

2 Apologies

Mr Meihana is an apology.

3 Public Forum

No public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

No changes to the Order of Business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/001

That the minutes of the Rātana Community Board meeting held on 07 December 2021, without amendment, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Mr C Rourangi/Cr W Panapa. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Ratana Community Board Meetings

The Board noted that they wanted a water source at the cemetery.

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/002

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

Cr W Panapa/Mr C Mete. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - February 2022

Mr Mete noted that the civil works at the new playground had begun. The finishing time may be extended due to COVID-19.

Ms Peke-Mason noted that the playground group had received more funding than anticipated. They have written to funders advising them of this and the group is hoping that they will be able to retain surplus funds for extra work at the playground.

Mr Mete tabled a letter from the Rātana Pā Reserves Trust, confirming that the playground group had the right to construct a playground on the site.

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/003

That the 'Chair's Report – February 2022' be received.

Mr J Nepia/Cr W Panapa. Carried

9 Mayoral Update

9.1 Mayoral Update - January 2022

The Mayor noted that Waka Kotahi are considering changing the speed limit from Bulls through to Whanganui, from 100 km to 80 km. Council is submitting feedback to say that this is an excessive change. It was noted that funding for road maintenance had been decreased by Waka Kotahi, and that this should not be an excuse to lower speed limits.

The Mayor advised that there is a Council workshop on the 17th February to discuss the Annual Plan 2022/23. Council will discuss the difficulties with capital works, specifically the physical ability for contractors to complete the work and the cost implications that are arising out of increasing construction costs.

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/004

That the Mayoral Update – January 2022 be received.

Mr C Mete/Mr J Nepia. Carried

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Welcoming Communities Update for Community Committees & Boards - January 2022

The Mayor advised that the funding for this programme is from the Department for Internal Affairs (DIA). It is not only aimed at immigrants to NZ but also to citizens who are moving to the district from other locations, such as the group of people who will be arriving from RNZAF Base Whenuapai when RNZAF Base Ohakea expands.

Ms Peke-Mason advised that the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa komiti had felt that the document was lacking acknowledgement of Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Ms Thompson accepted this feedback and has passed it onto DIA.

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/005

That the report 'Welcoming Communities Update for Community Committees & Boards - January 2022' be received.

Mr C Rourangi/Mr J Nepia. Carried

10.2 Cemetery Update - February 2022

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/006

That the report 'Cemetery Update – February 2022' be received.

Mr C Mete/Mr J Nepia. Carried

10.3 Update on Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti

Ms Peke-Mason briefly went through the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Order Paper. She noted that Horizons Regional Council have plans in place for any COVID outbreaks, and that they are establishing two Māori wards – Rātana will reside within the northern ward.

The Mayor noted that Council still falls short of our communication with iwi at times. There has been poor communication with local iwi regarding the Mangaweka bridge opening ceremony, and a similar issue has been encountered with the Taihape Memorial Park developments.

Cr Panapa advised the board that he has resigned from the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa komiti, as he felt that it would be important for a non-Māori councillor to be the chief liaison with the komiti. The Mayor agreed, noting that joining the komiti was a good immersion process for non-Māori.

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/007

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

Mr J Nepia/Mr C Mete. Carried

10.4 Discretionary Fund Update - February 2022

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/008

That the 'Discretionary Fund Update – February 2022' report be received.

Mr C Rourangi/Cr W Panapa. Carried

10.5 Funding Schemes Update - February 2022

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/009

That the Funding Schemes Update – February 2022 be received.

Cr W Panapa/Mr J Nepia. Carried

11 Late Items

11 Advertising of Board Meeting Dates

The Board requested that their meeting dates for 2022 be advertised in the two shops at Rātana.

The meeting closed at 7.29 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ratana Community Board held on 12 April 2022.

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Chairperson