

MINUTES

RĀTANA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 14 June 2022

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Ture Tangata Office
Ihipera-Koria Street
Rātana Pa

Present Mr Charlie Mete
Mr Jamie Nepia
Mrs Soraya Peke-Mason (TRAK representative)
Cr Waru Panapa

In attendance Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

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1 Whakamoemiti

The meeting opened at 6.32 pm and Mr Nepia spoke the whakamoemiti.

2 Apologies

The apology for the Mayor was noted.

3 Public Forum

No public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

A late item (10.7 – Lake Waipu Update) was discussed.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

The Board noted that the minutes were not attached to the Order Paper. Staff apologised and advised that they will be included for confirmation at the next meeting.

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Ratana Community Board Meetings

It was noted that a list of properties at Ratana that are owned and/or administered by Council has been emailed to Board members (action item 3).

Ms Peke-Mason joined the meeting at 6.40 pm.

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/010

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

Cr W Panapa/Mr J Nepia. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - June 2022

Mr Mete acknowledged the passing of Mr Harerangi Meihana and Mr Charlie Rourangi.

Mr Mete advised that the road side kerbing has been completed and the water drainage is now improved. The rugby playing field now has less standing water.

The Board congratulated Ms Peke-Mason on becoming a member of parliament.

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/011

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

Mr C Mete/Cr W Panapa. Carried

9 Mayoral Update

9.1 Mayoral Update - May 2022

Undertaking:

That Council investigate the proposed 10 year plan for a roundabout on the corner of SH 3 and Ratana Road, that was promoted by Waka Kotahi, and provide a report back to the next Ratana Community Board meeting on this.

Mr Mete acknowledged the presence of the Mayor at Mr Meihana's tangi.

The Board discussed the work of Waka Kotahi on SH 3 between Bulls and Whanganui. Mr Nepia has been forwarded information that indicates that Waka Kotahi are considering installing a round about at the junction, and removing the passing lanes.

It was noted that Waka Kotahi have also been considering a speed reduction along the entire section of state highway between Bulls and Whanganui, although Council has not yet been consulted on this.

The Board noted that it was difficult to have an opinion on these proposals as they have not yet progressed for consultation.

The Board discussed the flooding issues at the Koitiata lagoon. Ms Peke-Mason advised that Tini Waitara Marae and Ngāti Apa are going to write letters to the Mayor, expressing their support in his interactions with Horizons Regional Council.

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/012

That the Mayoral Update – May 2022 be received.

Mr C Mete/Mr J Nepia. Carried

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Destination Rangitīkei - Destination Management Plan

The Board acknowledged the work done by Ms Britton.

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/013

That the report 'Destination Rangitīkei – Destination Management Plan' be received.

Cr W Panapa/Mr C Mete. Carried

10.2 Update on Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti

Ms Peke-Mason tabled the report from Lowe Environmental on the Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project. She advised that Lowe Environmental have indicated that they wish to engage with tangata whenua at the front end of the project. She further advised that the Chair of the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti expressed his view that the two most important iwi/hapu parties to be consulted for this project are Parewahawaha Marae and Ngāti Apa.

The Board discussed the Three Waters reform, noting that the Mayor has sent a letter to Local Government NZ expressing some of the concerns that the Council has with the way the reforms are being progressed.

Ms Peke-Mason advised that the number of councils that oppose Three Waters is minimal, and that councils across the country are by and large unable to properly fund water infrastructure.

The Board congratulated Council and support their position on the Three Waters reform.

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/014

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

Mr C Mete/Mr J Nepia. Carried

10.3 Funding Schemes Update - June 2022

The Board discussed several projects and opportunities within the pā that could be eligible for funding.

The Board requested that staff provide a building report on the Ratana Community Gym.

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/015

That the Funding Schemes Update – June 2022 be received.

Mr C Mete/Cr W Panapa. Carried

10.4 Discretionary Fund Update - June 2022

The Board asked what the best process would be for applying for 'Better Off' funding. Mr Garstang advised that this would best be progressed through a recommendation to Council.

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/016

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

Cr W Panapa/Mr J Nepia. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/017

The Board will allocate \$500 to the Ratana Community Gym Committee.

Cr W Panapa/Mr J Nepia. Carried

10.5 RDC Engagement and Consultations

The Board discussed the difficulty with garnering engagement from communities. They noted that it was important for authorities to make use of modern technology in order to increase engagement, and that certain methods of engaging were now obsolete.

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/018

That the report 'RDC Engagement and Consultations' be received.

Mr C Mete/Cr W Panapa. Carried

10.6 Cemetery Update - June 2022

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/019

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

Mr J Nepia/Mr C Mete. Carried

10.7 Lake Waipu Update

Ms Peke-Mason updated the Board on the Lake Waipu Improvements and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project. The Board requested that a standing item be included on future agendas for this (the relevant section of the Project Management Office report that goes to the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti).

The meeting closed at 8.26 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ratana Community Board held on 9 August 2022.

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Chairperson