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ORDER PAPER

RĀTANA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 4 October 2022

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
Mrs Soraya Peke-Mason (TRAK representative)
Cr Waru Panapa
HWTM 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, 4 October 2022 at 6.30 pm.

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2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

No 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 Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from the Rātana Community Board Meeting held on 9 August 2022 are attached.

Attachments

1. Rātana Community Board Meeting - 9 August 2022

Recommendation

That the minutes of Rātana Community Board Meeting held on 9 August 2022, **[as amended/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.

MINUTES

ITEM 6.1

ATTACHMENT 1



RANGITIKEI
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UNCONFIRMED: RĀTANA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 9 August 2022

Time: 6.30 pm

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

Present Mr Charlie Mete
Mr Jamie Nepia
Mr Lequan Meihana
Cr Waru Panapa

In attendance Ms Melanie Bovey, Manager – Library Services
Mr Reuben Pokiha, Roding Advisor
Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

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1 Whakamoemiti

The meeting opened at 6.33 pm. Cr Panapa read the whakamoemiti.

2 Apologies

The apologies for His Worship the Mayor and Ms Peke-Mason were noted.

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.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/020

That the minutes of the Rātana Community Board meeting held on 08 February 2022, 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.

Cr W Panapa/Mr L Meihana. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/021

That the minutes of the Rātana Community Board meeting held on 14 June 2022, 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.

Cr W Panapa/Mr L Meihana. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Ratana Community Board Meetings

Regarding action item 2 (proposed 10 year plan for a roundabout), Mr Pokiha advised that staff were unaware of this and were unable to provide any reporting on it.

Regarding action item 3 (water access at the cemetery extension), the Board advised that they were unsatisfied with the response provided by staff and asked that the issue be reconsidered. The Board advised that there is an existing water line on the adjacent farm and the owner has verbally given approval. The water does not need to be drinkable. Ms Bovey undertook to follow-up on this request and provide a response to the Board.

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/022

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

Mr C Mete/Cr W Panapa. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - August 2022

Mr Mete advised that the gym have received the \$500 from the Board's 2021/22 discretionary fund. The Council has replaced the fencing at the kaumatua flats.

Ms Josephine Renata spoke to the Board about the progress on the Ratana playground. The park is 90% finished, with all construction completed and some planting and painting still to be done. A formal opening will be held in September 2022, and dates for this will be advertised once confirmed. Mr Mete advised that the Board's received confirmation from Council that they will take responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the playground.

Ms Renata suggested that Council consider installing rubbish bins and picnic tables. Ms Bovey undertook to look into this request.

The Board acknowledged the mahi completed by the Playground Group. The Board also acknowledged Council's contribution to this project.

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/023

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

Cr W Panapa/Mr L Meihana. Carried

9 Mayoral Update

9.1 Mayoral Update - July 2022

Mr Mete noted that several individuals from the Pā were employed by Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa during their work at the Harakeke Farm.

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/024

That the Mayoral Update – July 2022 be received.

Mr C Mete/Mr L Meihana. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Lowering of the Speed Limit on Ratana Road and within the Ratana Township

Mr Pokiha explained that there has been a significant change in process from Waka Kotahi around speed limits and this is the reason for the delays.

Cr Panapa requested that Council look into putting road markings outside Te Kura O Ratana to designate it as a drop-off area only (not for parking). Mr Pokiha undertook to look into this request.

Mr Nepia arrived at 7.05 pm.

Cr Panapa requested that Council measure the speed of vehicles entering and exiting the Pā, to see to what degree the speed limits are being obeyed. Mr Mete agreed that this would be a good idea, as he believes that is potentially a safety hazard at the bus stop with children crossing the road. Mr Pokiha undertook to look into this request.

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/025

That the report 'Lowering of the Speed Limit on Ratana Road and within the Ratana Township' be received.

Mr C Mete/Cr W Panapa. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/026

The Ratana Community Board recommends that Council approves the lowering of the speed on Ratana Road to 80kph and within the Ratana township to 40kph.

Mr C Mete/Cr W Panapa. Carried

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project - Update

Mr Meihana advised that Horizons Regional Council are looking to set up a group of community members to undertake restoration at Lake Waipu. Mr Meihana has passed on Mr Nepia's details to HRC.

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/027

That the report 'Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project – Update' be received.

Mr C Mete/Mr J Nepia. Carried

11.2 Cemetery Update - June 2022

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/028

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

Mr L Meihana/Cr W Panapa. Carried

11.3 Funding Schemes Update - August 2022

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/029

That the Funding Schemes Update – August 2022 be received.

Mr J Nepia/Mr L Meihana. Carried

11.4 RDC Engagement and Consultations

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/030

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

Cr W Panapa/Mr C Mete. Carried

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ATTACHMENT 1

11.5 Update on Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti

Mr Meihana advised that the TRAK meeting held earlier in the day was a productive one, with the main kaupapa being the relationship between Council and iwi. Also discussed was the responsibilities of TRAK members.

Resolved minute number 22/RCB/031

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

Mr C Mete/Mr J Nepia. Carried

11.6 Late Item - Water Connection at Kaumatua Flats

Cr Panapa enquired about the water connection to the kaumatua flats, and whether the water supply is connected to the town supply. Ms Bovey undertook to look into this.

Cr Panapa also suggested that partitions be erected between the kaumatua flats, for both privacy and wind protection. Ms Bovey undertook to pass this onto the appropriate staff member.

11.7 Late Item - Driveway

Mr Mete advised that there is a resident in the Pā who does not have a driveway. He provided the address to Mr Pokiha, who undertook to look into this.

The meeting closed at 8.33 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ratana Community Board held on 4 October 2022.

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Chairperson

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Ratana Community Board Meetings

Author: Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

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 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

| Item | From Meeting Date | Details | Person Assigned | Status Comments | Status |
|------|-------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|-------------|
| 1 | 9-Aug-22 | Mr Mete advised that there is a resident in the Pā who does not have a driveway. He provided the address to Mr Pokiha, who undertook to look into this. | Reuben Pokiha | This request is currently being investigated. The section has two entrances and one only is permitted. | In progress |
| 2 | 9-Aug-22 | Cr Panapa also suggested that partitions be erected between the kaumatua flats, for both privacy and wind protection. Ms Bovey undertook to pass this onto the appropriate staff member. | Mel Bovey | The Property Team are looking at options around this and will liaise directly with the tenants with solutions. | Closed |
| 3 | 9-Aug-22 | Cr Panapa enquired about the water connection to the kaumatua flats, and whether the water supply is connected to the town supply. Ms Bovey undertook to look into this. | Mel Bovey | It has been confirmed that the kaumatua flats are to be connected to the town supply. | Closed |
| 4 | 9-Aug-22 | Cr Panapa requested that Council measure the speed of vehicles entering and exiting the Pā, to see to what degree the speed limits are being obeyed. Mr Mete agreed that this would be a good idea, as he believes that is potentially a safety hazard at the bus stop with children crossing the road. Mr Pokiha undertook to look into this request. | Reuben Pokiha | We met with Cr Panapa had gave him the relevant information pertaining to the speeds along Ratana road. The report indicates that speeds are overall basically compliant, also with in the 50kph of Ratana Road. The count station was 100 meters past the bus stop. | Closed |
| 5 | 9-Aug-22 | Cr Panapa requested that Council look into putting road markings outside Te Kura O Ratana to designate it as a drop-off area only (not for parking). Mr Pokiha undertook to look into this request. | Reuben Pokiha | This request is currently being investigated. Discussions also to include the School Principal. | In progress |
| 6 | 9-Aug-22 | Ms Renata suggested that Council consider installing rubbish bins and picnic tables at the new playground. Ms Bovey undertook to look into this request. | Mel Bovey | Murray Phillips from the Parks Team met with Charlie Mete on site and the replacement of the bins has been confirmed. The Parks Team will also investigate the option of a picnic table. | Closed |
| 7 | 5-Oct-21 | <p>With regards to the Ratana Cemetery Extension: Staff to consider providing better facilities for volunteers who dig new plots.</p> <p>Update 08 Feb 22: The Board clarified that the request was for water access, for both contractors and visitors. The Board advised that they would like a water source that is aesthetically pleasing (i.e., not just a tap in a post).</p> <p>Update 09 Aug 22: The Board asked that this be reconsidered, as the owner of the adjacent farm has given verbal approval for the existing water line on his property to be used (the water does not need to be drinkable). Ms Bovey undertook to follow-up on this request.</p> | Mel Bovey / Arno Benadie | This request is being investigated by the Parks Team who will look at potential options in conjunction with a similar request from Taihape residents for their cemetery. | In progress |

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - October 2022

Author: Charlie Mete, Chair

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 A verbal report will be provided during the meeting.

Recommendation

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

9 Mayoral Update

9.1 Mayoral Update - September 2022

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

The passing of our Queen, Elizabeth the Second, dominates our thoughts. All of us have grown up under her rule as Head of State. Never has there been a greater example of service - as a young Queen in 1953 Queen Elizabeth pledged a lifetime of service to her people and she lived to fulfil that promise. First and foremost, our thoughts are of course with her family. We join the world in mourning that loss and we have pledged our allegiance to King Charles III as our King. I have been asked as Mayor to attend the Remembrance Service to be held in New Zealand on 26 September to add our district's voice to the commemoration.

This Council meeting is the final meeting for the triennium. As such it is fitting that those Councillors who are not standing are acknowledged and have the right to have a valedictory speech to express their views of the past, present and future for Council. Council farewells Councillors Ash, Panapa, Gordon and Belsham - all of whom have served this district with distinction. Councillor Gordon and Deputy Mayor Councillor Belsham have had the added responsibility of chairmanship where their input has been invaluable. For those of us standing who may or may not be returning to this table, good luck. Congratulations to Councillors Coral Raukawa, Brian Carter, Tracey Hiroa and the incoming new Councillor Jarrod Calkin.

Often there are thoughts and criticisms that the last Council should not make decisions that could or should be made by the new Council. This is something that Councillors should consider but the reality is that many of the decisions before us today need to be made before Council effectively rests for the next two months.

On 21 September I will be one of six Mayors throughout the country taking our concerns over roading to the Board of Waka Kotahi in Wellington. Mayors meeting with the Board is unusual and signifies our concerns over the maintenance state of both local and national roading networks. We also question that successive Governments follow a three-year cycle with limited long term views over roading priorities. Hopefully this meeting will result in a closer future working relationship with Waka Kotahi and Government.

I have attended a number of Fire Brigade events over the last few weeks honouring the service of our volunteers. One of the highlights was going to the opening of the new Fire Station in Taihape. My congratulations go to Chief Fire Officer Curly Troon and the brigade for the business case work to make this happen.

My congratulations also to the organisers and presenters of the Bio-Polymer seminar held at Te Matapihi on 8 September. The information was well presented and painted a potentially fantastic future for our district and the environment.

On 30 August at Rangatira the Rangitikei River Catchment Collective held their AGM. The number of collectives is growing and the work that they do for the environment is spectacular. Roger Dalrymple, Mark Chrystall and the team need to be applauded for their efforts.

I have been approached by Mayor Don Cameron, Ruapehu District Council (copy of letter attached – Attachment 1) requesting funding from councils relating to the North Island Main Trunk Railway. Funding is for an application to government agencies to fund the bulk of the North Island Regional Passenger Rail (NIRP) Indicative Business Case. Rangitikei District Council's share would be \$3,500.

Finally, my last message to the community is to please vote. Too often we don't engage but criticise later.

Mayors Engagement

September 2022

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| 1 | Attended Reforms Update Zoom Attended BA5 at Pokapu Gallery Bulls |
| 2 | Attended Ngati Hauiti Planting Day in Taihape Attended Accelerate25 Lead Team Zoom Meeting |
| 5 | Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended Audit & Risk Meeting Attended Climate Action Joint Committee Meeting Attended Regional Chiefs Meeting |
| 6 | Attended RCA Forum in Wellington |
| 7 | Attended monthly Executive Leadership Team Meeting for Q&A Attended Taihape Network Meeting Attended CE Performance Review Process Meeting |
| 8 | Attended Goodbye to Plastic Packaging Symposium |
| 9 | Attended PTWG Co-Chairs Briefing Attended PTWG ZOOM meeting |
| 10 | Attended Taihape Fire Station Opening |
| 12 | Attended meeting with new Rural Police Officer |
| 13 | Attended Taihape Rotary Meet the Candidates Public Meeting |
| 14 | Meet & Greet: RDC MRH Project Director Attended Celebrating Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori: Aotearoa Reorua - Bilingual Towns and Cities |
| 15 | Attended Council Workshop Attended PTWG Final Endorsement Zoom Attended Reforms Update Zoom |
| 16 | Attended TRAK Workshop Attended Review of Presentation to Waka Kotahi Board Meeting Zoom |
| 17 | Attended Bunnythorpe Volunteer Fire Brigade Service Honours |
| 19 | Attended monthly breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys Attended NZDF Base Ohakea Meeting re Defence Issues relevant to Manawatu |
| 20 | Attended Regional Transport Matters/Regional Chiefs Fortnightly Zoom Meeting Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended MRH Board Meeting – Environment Court Update |

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| | Attended BonnyGlen Trust Meeting – Funding Applications Attended Scotts Ferry Rural Women Meet the Candidates Evening |
| 21 | Attended Waka Kotahi Board Meeting in Wellington Attended Meeting at Mokai Station Taihape Attended Bulls & District Historical Society informal community meeting |
| 22 | Attended Whanganui Community Foundation Annual Zoom Meeting Attended St Joseph’s School Taihape – mural unveiling Attended BA5 Meeting in Marton |
| 23 | Attended LGNZ Zoom Workshop on Transport issues |
| 24 | Attended Taihape Spring Fling |
| 25 | Attended Rotary Meeting |
| 26 | Attended State Memorial Service for Queen Elizabeth II in Wellington |
| 27 | Attended Council Workshop Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended 3W Reform Impact on Rural Water Schemes Zoom (Clive Manley) Attended Meet the Candidates Evening at RSA & Citizens Memorial Hall |
| 28 | Attended 4 Weekly RDC/Police ZOOM Update Attended Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee Meeting |
| 29 | Attended Finance/Performance Committee Meeting Attended Council Meeting Attended End of Triennium Dinner |

Attachments:

1. Ruapehu District Council letter to Mayors and Chairs re funding for NIRP [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the Mayoral Update – September 2022 be received.



RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

4 August 2022

Dear Mayor or Chair

Application for funding from Councils

Ruapehu District Council delivered and distributed the NIRP (North Island Regional Passenger) Rail High-Level Feasibility Study to the 20 Councils of the North Island Main Trunk (NIMT) Railway group at the end of 2021. Many thanks go to the Councils who all funded the High-Level Feasibility Study.

The study builds upon earlier work by KiwiRail, and the recently completed Lower North Island Rail Integrated Mobility (LNIRIM) Rolling Stock Project Detail Business case (DBC). Together, these documents make up the initial NIRP Strategic Assessment, with key deliverables being (a); an outline of the for change, and (b); an overview of the strategic context.

Since December 2021, we have had multiple discussions with the Ministry of Transport, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and with Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) over the last couple of months. The purpose for the meetings, was to understand our required actions, timetable and funding options available to progress the NIRP business case development. From out of those meetings, we have an understanding of required actions and a timetable.

Following New Zealand government 'Better Business Case' guidelines, and the advice received through our engagement with funders, the recommended pathway is for NIRP to proceed to an Indicative Business Case (IBC), followed by a Detailed Business Case (DBC).

Time constrained opportunities

NIRP must align with the LNIRIM Rolling Stock Project timeline to create synergies and economies of scale. That timeframe is explained in detail within chapter 12 of the LNIRIM DBC and section 5.3 of the NIRP High Level Feasibility Report.

To maximise the 'value' opportunity, the NIRP project must be adequately defined, to enable input into the LNIRIM procurement and design, from early 2024. The investment proposed for NIRP must be formally approved by funders by mid-2025 to align with LNIRIM.

Past a certain point of progress of the LNIRIM procurement, the NIRP opportunity to benefit from economies of scale will quickly erode. The lengthy Detailed Business Case and Indicative Business Case timeframes, prior to project funding approval, ultimately drive the requirement to submit the Indicative Business Case funding application, with urgency in September 2022.

Scale of Next Steps

The projected estimation for a NIRP Indicative Business Case (IBC) is likely between \$500,000 and \$1 million but will depend greatly on its scope, as the outcomes of other passenger rail initiatives currently studied from Auckland to Wellington and the Minister of Transport's position on the next

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New Zealand Rail Plan review will likely influence funding agencies' requirement with regards to NIRP.

Key government funding sources for the IBC and DBC, include the Climate Emergency Response Fund (CERF), and Local authorities have their own planning processes in 2023/2024 for funding passenger transport studies through the 2024-2034 Regional Land Transport Plans (RLTPs).

To meet the proposed timetable, we must apply for government funding of the NIRP Indicative Business Case (IBC) by mid to end of September 2022. To support the IBC funding application, a scope of work has been identified as requiring a budget of \$80,000. The scope includes:

- Technical Strategic Summary
- High Level NIRP Benefits Framework
- High-Level Patronage Demand Forecast
- Iwi/hapū Engagement

Further details on these elements of scope are provided below:

High Level NIRP Options Analysis and High level Benefits Framework

This will be informed by previous works carried out on the initiative, neighbouring rail planning projects, and an institutional knowledge base related to passenger rail worldwide. This framework will provide a comprehensive list of benefit categories that regional rail services are likely to produce. Each category of benefits will be categorised between tangible and intangible benefits. The framework will document accepted standard and practice for benefit measure, and opportunities to integrate environmental and social benefit quantification along with transport's benefits.

The framework will be documented on an excel spreadsheet, supported by technical notes, and will be reflective of funder's expectations. For example, environmental benefits could be expressed in the format prescribed by the CIPA team of the Ministry for the Environment, to easily inform a CERF funding bid.

Initial High-Level Patronage Demand Forecast

Most benefits linked to passenger rail will have to be quantified as function of patronage. The Patronage Demand Forecast will be based on a simple population and uptake models applied on a limited arbitrary set of service patterns. The aim of this initial demand forecast will be to validate the benefit framework and instil confidence in funders that further study of the opportunity is warranted.

For clarity, this does not include the validation via stakeholder engagement, nor does it include any longitudinal analysis of trends. While limited in the depth of its approach to meet timing and budget constraints, this initial approach to the quantification of benefits will set the foundation for all future Cost Benefit Analysis on the initiative.

Iwi/hapū Engagement

Ruapehu District Council will be in the process of engaging with iwi/hapū along the North Island Main Trunk (NIMT), using consultants who work in this field. The role of the consultants will be to provide information on the NIRP project, including progress through the business case process. This process in turn, allows for iwi/hapū to partner in the NIRP project in a Rangatiratanga role. Funding for a consultant at this initial stage, will allow for engagement to begin, including agreement on a deliverables template.

NIRP can encourage an alternative pathway to 70+ years of "urbanism". As a result, Māori communities that allowed access to their land from 1885 to build the railway, in exchange for the promise of economic benefits, may have a chance to see their tamariki grow and flourish on their land, rather than in a distant city.

The \$80,000 interim funding gap

Ruapehu District Council has committed \$10,000 towards the Indicative Business Case funding application. There is therefore a balance of \$70,000 needing to be funded by the 20 Councils on the

North Island Main Trunk (NIMT). A one-off cost of \$3,500 per Council will allow for the Indicative Business Case (IBC) application to proceed in time to meet the September 2022 deadline.

Value for Money

Ruapehu is proposing to re-engage our technical advisory resources on a direct appointment basis. Direct appointment results in a time saving of between 3 and 6 months, in comparison with a tender process. Our current high-calibre team have a proven track record on domestic and international rail projects. As well as detailed “nuts-and-bolts” knowledge of technical aspects, the team has demonstrable capabilities in the economic assessment methodologies for rail projects.

The rates used in the high-level NIRP programme and scope of works estimates, were benchmarked on competitively tendered rates, carried forward from LNIRIM. Value for money on pricing and methodology, has been demonstrated by the successful delivery of the LNIRIM DBC. The LNIRIM DBC has been peer reviewed and technically reviewed by multiple government agencies.

In earlier correspondence (20220121 NIRP Tech Team Mtg MINUTES), it was proposed that an indicative budget of \$1.5 million be set for producing the NIRP DBC. It also noted that Greater Wellington had a budget of \$5 million for the LNIRIM DBC, subsequent procurement and delivery process, approved through Waka Kotahi’s NLTF in Budget 2020.

Ruapehu’s technical advisor team have responded to our request for pricing with a proposed baseline NIRP IBC/DBC budget that is substantially less than the \$1.5 million proposed. As we develop the IBC application, we will be in a position to disclose further budget details, and proposed scope of work.

In summary, Ruapehu calls upon our fellow Councils of the North Island Main Trunk (NIMT) Railway, to agree to each put in an equal contribution of \$3,500 / Council, towards an application to government agencies, to fund the bulk of the NIRP Indicative Business Case (IBC).

Ngā mihi nui



Don Cameron JP
MAYOR

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project - Update



Author: Adina Foley, Senior Project Manager




Authoriser: Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 This update has been extracted from the Project Management Office report that is going to Council 29 September 2022.
- 1.2 It is provided here for the Board's information.

2. Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project

| Project Status | | | |
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| <p>This project has been a collaborative effort involving local iwi, RDC, HRC and the community of Ratana, and is partly funded (46%) by Ministry for the Environment (MfE). The project is to remove treated effluent from Lake Waipu and to dispose of it to land. The project started on 1 July 2018 with an agreement with the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) and has an estimated duration of 5 years. Construction is expected to complete in December 2023.</p> <p>An application for a new consent was lodged in April 2018, and this application allows RDC to proceed under existing use rights with the current consent conditions to discharge treated wastewater into lake Waipu until such time as a new consent application for land disposal can be submitted.</p> <p>The scope of this project includes purchase of land for disposing of treated wastewater (instead of discharge to Lake Waipu), the installation of irrigation equipment and an upgrade of the existing Rātana Pā wastewater treatment plant.</p> <p>Further information is contained in Section 9 of this report.</p> | | | |
| Project Budget | \$2,425,000 | Spend to Date | \$252,614 |
| Estimated Costs to Complete | Unknown | Forecast Cost at Completion | Unknown |
| % Spent of Forecast Cost | Unknown | Variance: Forecast Cost / Budget | 0% |
| Project Start Date (MM-YY) | 07-18 | Project Completion Date (MM-YY) | 12-23 |
| Metric | Trend | Comment | |
| Health and Safety |  | No near misses or lost time injuries to report. | |
| Programme |  | The irrigation methodology and programme are being planned now. Construction is expected to be completed by December 2023. | |

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| <p>Cost</p> |  | <p>The 2020-21 Annual Plan and the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan included \$1.55m budget spread across various line items for this project. \$875,000 is being granted to RDC by Horizons Regional Council out of the funding they will receive from the Ministry for Environment, which is included in the budget.</p> <p>Actual construction costs can only be finalised once all detail has been specified or designed. The costs are expected to be more than the current estimates when looking at cost escalation trends of the construction market in the last couple of years, however staff are evaluating all potential solutions to minimise (or eliminate) any budget overspend.</p> |
| <p>Quality</p> |  | <p>No concerns to date.</p> |
| <p>Risk</p> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wetland Delineation Report confirmed two natural wetlands • Tight timeframe to get work completed by December 2023, for MfE funding for the project. Council is working with consultants to assist with planning the forward works programme. • Land constraints to be worked through as part of design. • Proximity to Whangaehu River, degree of interconnection between groundwater and the river to be worked through as part of the Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE) work as could have implications for degree of nutrient removal from effluent that may be required • Ongoing discharge to waterway and ultimately Lake Waipu raised by Regional Council may be grounds for public notification of the consent application • Best location for the storage reservoir, understanding implications of site selection and avoiding additional consent requirements • Horizons Regional Council have indicated that they consider the discharge to the unnamed tributary which ultimately discharges to Lake Waipu to be part of the application for Ratana WWTP. As environmental effects associated with this are considered to be more than minor raises risk of public notification of the consent application which could extend timeframes associated with receiving a decision for the application. • The approved budgets might not be sufficient to cover the full cost of the upgrade. |
| <p>Tasks Completed Last Month</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • | <p>Installation of the monitoring bores has been completed. This will help to get clarification on the existing environmental conditions and help with on-going monitoring</p> <p>Drafting of the preliminary irrigation design including sizing of storage.</p> <p>Pipeline initial design and progress the wastewater design, working on additional cost estimates</p> |
| <p>Tasks Forecast This Month</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • • | <p>Finalise preparation of the Ecological Impact Assessment, Restoration Plan, and Irrigation Design.</p> <p>Drafting of the resource consent application/ AEE</p> <p>Onsite groundwater sample collection to be completed</p> <p>Submit the resource consent application</p> <p>Iwi hui to be organised for October</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financial guidance from councillors for the preferred way forward |
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Recommendation

That the report 'Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project – Update' be received.

10.2 Cemetery Update - October 2022

Author: Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

1.1 This is a standing report that will update the Board on new burials within the Rātana Cemetery. This particular update covers the period 03 Aug – 20 Sep 22.

2. New Burials

2.1 There are no new burials during this period.

Recommendation

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

10.3 Funding Schemes Update - October 2022

Author: Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

1. Overview

1.1 Council currently administers five funding schemes for the Rangitikei District:

- a. Community Initiatives Fund
- b. Events Sponsorship Scheme
- c. Parks Upgrades Partnership Fund
- d. Creative Communities Scheme
- e. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

2. Community Initiatives Fund

- 2.1 This is a Council fund intended to support community-based projects in the Rangitikei District that develop community cohesion and community resilience.
- 2.2 Council allocates \$30,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 2.3 The current funding round (Round 1, 2022/23) is CLOSED for applications. Round 2 of 2022/23 opened for applications on 03 October 2022.

3. Events Sponsorship Scheme

- 3.1 This is a Council fund intended to support events in the district that help to develop community cohesion and reinforce economic growth.
- 3.2 Council allocates \$50,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 3.3 The current funding round (Round 1, 2022/23) is CLOSED for applications. Round 2 of 2022/23 opened for applications on 03 October 2022.

4. Parks Upgrades Partnership Fund

- 4.1 This is a Council fund and is the only one available for capital purchases. The Council provides up to 33% in cash of the value – in cash or in kind - of the contribution from the community for small-scale, community-led, capital projects.
- 4.2 Applications may be submitted at any time and will be considered at the next available Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting.

5. Creative Communities Scheme

- 5.1 This fund is supplied by Creative NZ and administered by Council. Applications are encouraged from community groups and individuals whose projects:
 - Demonstrate growth over time
 - Develop and support local artistic communities
 - Encourage a transfer of artistic skills
 - Support diversity and inclusion

- Projects with a youth focus are also encouraged

- 5.2 Creative NZ typically allocates \$24,090 (+ GST) to the Rangitikei District Council on an annual basis, and this is distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 5.3 The current funding round (Round 1, 2022/23) is OPEN for applications and closes 13 October 2022.

6. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

- 6.1 This fund is supplied by Sport NZ and administered by Council. The fund is targeted at young people aged between 5 and 19 years, and is open to rural sport club teams and rural school club teams with eligible members who require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions.
- 6.2 Sport NZ typically allocates \$9,500 (+ GST) to the Rangitikei District Council on an annual basis. There is one funding round per year.
- 6.3 The funding round opened for applications 17 May 2022 and will close 13 April 2023. The Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund Committee will meet to consider applications on 27 April 2023.

7. Further Information

- 7.1 More details about these funding opportunities can be found on the Council website (link below) and this is also where applications can be submitted:
<https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/district/community/grants-funding>

Recommendation

That the Funding Schemes Update – October 2022 be received.

10.4 RDC Engagement and Consultations**Author:** Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 Attached is the most recently updated schedule for RDC Engagement and Consultations. This schedule is updated on a monthly basis, prior to going to full Council for receipt.

2. RDC Website

- 2.1 Council's website lists all open and recently closed consultations (see the below weblink). This is also where individuals can make submissions.

<https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/council/consultation/current-consultations>

Attachments:


1. RDC Engagement and Consultations Schedule - Updated September 2022 [↓](#)

Recommendation



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



Engagement / Consultations - 2022/23



RANGITĪKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL

| TOPIC | Staff (Lead) | Elected Member (Lead) | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN |
|--|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-----|-----|------------------------|--|-----|---------------------|---------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|-----|
| Marston Buildings | Adina | Cr Wilson | | | | | | | | | Public Consultation | | | | |
| Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond - Spatial Plan | Katrina | Cr Gordon | | | | | | | | Public Consultation | | | | | |
| Future of Local Government | Peter | | Stakeholder Engagement | | | | | | | | Public Consultation | | | | |
| Three Waters | Arno | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RMA Reforms | Katrina | | | | | | Public Consultation | | | | | | | | |
| Annual Plan 2023/24 | Carol | | | | | | | | | | | | Public Consultation | | |
| Forestry Differential | Dave | | | | | | | Public Engagement | | | | | | | |
| Traffic and Parking Bylaw | Georgia | | | | | | | | | | | | Public Consultation | | |
| Local Body Elections | Carol | N/A | Local, Regional and National Campaign | | | | |  | | | | | | | |
| Business Baseline Survey | Jo | | Public Engagement | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Primary Producers' Needs Assessment | Jo | | | Public Engagement | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Welcoming Communities Rangitikei | Rhianna | | Public Engagement | | | | Stakeholder Engagement | | | | | | | | |

Key

-  Stakeholder Engagement (by other orgs)
-  Stakeholder Engagement (RDC)

-  Public Consultation
-  Public Engagement

-  Public Consultation (by Central Government)
-  Local and national campaign - Enrolments, Standing for Council, Voting



Election Day

10.5 Update on Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti

Author: Soraya Peke-Mason, TRAK representative

1. Reason for Report

1.1 A verbal report will be provided during the meeting.

Recommendation

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

11 Next Meeting

The inaugural Board meeting for the 2022-25 triennium will take place Tuesday, 13 December 2022 at 6.30 pm.

12 Meeting Closed