

MINUTES

RĀTANA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 9 June 2026

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Rātana ICT Hub
4 Taihauauru Street
Rātana Pa

Present Mr Charlie Mete
Ms Grace Taiaroa
Mr Jason Hihira
Ms Ruthie Lawrence

In attendance Cr Paul Sharland
HWTM Andy Watson
Ms Melanie Bovey, Heritage, Culture and Committee Support Officer

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1 Whakamoemiti

Ms Taiaroa spoke the whakamoemiti and the meeting opened at 7.00pm.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **26/RCB/026**

That the apology from Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa be received.

Mr C Mete/Mr J Hihira. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

The were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **26/RCB/027**

That the minutes of Rātana Community Board Meeting held on 14 April 2026 as amended 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 Mete/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Ratana Community Board Meetings

The follow up actions were discussed.

Item 2 - the graffiti on the bus shelter has now been painted out so can be removed from the follow-up actions list.

Item 3 - Ms Bovey presented some drafts of new signage for the urupa for the Board to look at. Some edits were suggested by the Board and will be taken back to staff to reflect the changes. The new drafts will be emailed to Board members for comment.

Resolved minute number 26/RCB/028

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

Mr J Hihira/Ms R Lawrence. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - June 2026

The Chair provided copies of the following written report:

Tēnā koutou katoa,

I would like to begin by acknowledging the positive work that has been completed around our community over the past month.

Firstly, I am pleased to report that the graffiti on the bus stop has been removed, and the bus stop has since been repainted by Council. The fresh paintwork has significantly improved its appearance, and it is encouraging to see our public spaces being maintained to a good standard. I would like to thank Council staff for responding promptly and helping to keep our community looking presentable.

Secondly, Council has recently laid gravel on the road leading up to the cemetery. This work has improved access to an important area of our community and will be appreciated by those visiting the urupā, particularly during periods of wet weather. We acknowledge and thank Council for undertaking this work.

I would also like to acknowledge the positive atmosphere around the Rātana sports grounds. The Rātana Rugby Club season is well underway, and it has been great to see regular sporting activity taking place on our fields. The grounds have been busy with rugby and other community sports, bringing people together and creating a vibrant and active environment for our whānau, tamariki, and wider community. Sport continues to play an important role in strengthening community connections, promoting wellbeing, and providing positive opportunities for our young people.

Finally, I would like to raise the issue of the Government's proposed changes relating to local government and the potential amalgamation of councils. While details are still being considered, it is important that the Rātana Community Board remains informed and engaged in discussions around how any future changes may affect our community.

Some of the concerns we may wish to consider include:

- Maintaining local representation and ensuring the voice of Rātana is not diminished.
- Protecting community decision-making and local priorities.
- Ensuring continued investment in infrastructure and services within our community.
- Understanding what any governance changes could mean for future funding opportunities and relationships with Council.

As more information becomes available, I believe it will be important for the Board to actively participate in consultation processes and advocate strongly for the interests of the Rātana community.

I would also like to thank all Board members, community groups, volunteers, and residents who continue to contribute their time and energy towards the wellbeing and development of our community. Your commitment is greatly appreciated and helps make Rātana a strong and connected place for everyone.

Ngā mihi,

Charlie Mete

Chairman, Rātana Community Board

Resolved minute number 26/RCB/029

That the Chair's Report – June 2026 be received.

Mr C Mete/Ms R Lawrence. Carried

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Mayor's Report - June 2026

HWTM Watson was happy to take the report as read but highlighted a few items:

- Central District Water
- Rates Capping
- Local Government Reform – the Head Start programme

Resolved minute number 26/RCB/030

That That the Mayor's Report – May 2026 be received.

Mr C Mete/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

9.2 Rangitikei at the table: June Engagement on Simplifying Local Government

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 26/RCB/031

That the report Rangitikei at the table: June Engagement on Simplifying Local Government be received.

Mr J Hihira/Mr C Mete. Carried

9.3 Update on Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti

Ms Taiaroa gave an update on items discussed at the TRAK meeting earlier in the day:

- The National Environmental Stands for Papakainga Housing
- The newly appointed Strategic Advisor Mana Whenua had attended the meeting and would be commencing his role with Rangitīkei District Council in a couple of weeks time.
- As the Northern Marae tour had been so successful a Southern Marae tour has been organised and the date has been set for the 17th of September.

Resolved minute number 26/RCB/032

That the Update on Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti be received.

Mr C Mete/Mr J Hihira. Carried

9.4 Cemetery Update - June 2026

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 26/RCB/033

That the report Cemetery Update – June 2026 be received.

Mr J Hihira/Ms R Lawrence. Carried

9.5 Funding Schemes Update - June 2026

The report was taken as read. The Board was keen to be informed when the funds opened and closed to be able to promote the funds to the community.

Resolved minute number 26/RCB/034

That the Funding Schemes Update – June 2026 be received.

Mr J Hihira/Mr C Mete. Carried

9.6 Rātana Wastewater Discharge to Land - Update

The report was taken as read but it was noted that there did seem to be progress on this project.

Resolved minute number 26/RCB/035

That the Rātana Wastewater Discharge to Land - Update be received.

Mr C Mete/Mr J Hihira. Carried

The meeting closed at 8.04pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ratana Community Board held on 11 August 2026.

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Chairperson