



# Rangitikei District Council

## Santoft Domain Management Committee Meeting

Agenda – Tuesday 2 October 2018 – 7:00 pm

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The quorum for the Santoft Domain Committee is 6.

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 3 November 2016) 10.2 provide: The quorum for Council committees and sub-committees is as for Council, i.e. half the number of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even or a majority if the number of members is odd.

## **1 Welcome**

## **2 Apologies**

## **3 Members' conflict of interest**

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

## **4 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, ..... be dealt with as a late item at this meeting

## **5 Confirmation of Minutes**

The Minutes from the meeting held on 31 July 2018 are attached.

File ref: 3-CT-18-3

### **Recommendation:**

That the Minutes of the Santoft Domain Management Committee meeting held on 31 July 2018 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

## **6 Chair's report**

A verbal report will be provided at the meeting.

## **7 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee**

There were no recommendations made to Council at the previous meeting.

## **8 Questions put at previous meeting for Council advice or action**

There were no questions for Council advice or action.

## **9 Financial report**

The opening balance of the Santoft Domain Reserve account on 1 July 2018 was \$91,459.80 (GST exclusive). This includes rent and interest earned during 2017/18.

So far, \$900 has been spent in removing the internal fencing (done by Kevin Blackie).

## **10 Further consideration of the draft Management Plan**

Discussion item. The plan provided to the previous meeting is attached.

## **11 Further consideration of needs and priorities (Heather Thorby's paper)**

Discussion item. The paper tabled at the previous meeting is attached for reference.

## **12 Clean up**

A report will be tabled by Ms Thorby. Matters included in this report will include:

- Forestry fencing
- Burn-up
- Spraying

## **13 Outcome of Tourism Infrastructure Fund Bid – possible alternative in closed Santoft School**

The application to the Tourism Infrastructure Fund for a grant to build new ablution facilities at Santoft Domain was declined. The stumbling block seems to have been the lack of statistical data on visitors passing through the area from Te Araroa.

There may be an alternative, at least in the short term. On the other side, at 10 Beamish Road, is the site of the Santoft School, closed in April 2001, and held in the Treaty settlement landbank (as are a few other properties in the Ngati Apa area). Informal conversation with the Ministry of Education confirms that the school is not occupied, although there is an informal arrangement with an adjoining landowner for storage. The Ministry would consider an application from Council for a licence to occupy, potentially on the same basis as that granted for the former Taihape College buildings on Rauma Road.

An aerial of the school site is attached.

Extract from Chief Executives report 'Administrative Matters submitted to Council's meeting on 27 September:

*'As the Santoft Domain Management Committee meets on 2 October 2018, it is recommended that Council give approval in principle to the Chief Executive giving consideration to entering into a licence to occupy from the Ministry of Education for the Santoft School buildings or part of them. This would provide a mandate for two key investigations. First, the buildings need to be inspected to determine their safety and suitability. Secondly, there needs to be interest from designated members of the Santoft Domain Management Committee to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Council for day-to-day responsibility for the facilities (or that part to be covered by the licence) in a similar way as at Rauma Road. If this recommendation is agreed to, a report on progress with the two suggested actions will be provided to the Council's meeting on 25 October 2018.'*

Council's decision will be reported to the meeting. If in principle agreement is given to consider a licence to occupy, the Committee is asked to confirm its interest in using the facilities at the closed school and nominate some members to help progress the matter.

**Recommendations:**

That the Santoft Domain Management Committee:

- 1 Confirms/does not confirm [delete one] its interest in seeing the facilities of the closed Santoft School available for use associated with the Santoft Domain and;
- 2 (if confirming) nominates..... to work with the Council's Chief Executive and designated staff to progress consideration of a licence to occupy the closed Santoft School.

**14 Other matters**

Discussion item.

**15 Next meeting**

To be established.

**16 Meeting Closed**