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Taihape Community Board

Order Paper

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Peter Oliver
Yvonne Sicely

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1 Welcome

2 One minute silence in memory of former Board member, Councillor and Borough Mayor Ed Cherry

3 Apologies

4 Public Forum

5 Confirmation of order of business

That taking into account the explanation why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be dealt with until a subsequent meeting... be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

6 Members' conflict of interest

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

7 Minutes of the previous meeting

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Taihape Community Board meeting held on 2 December 2015, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

8 Chair's report

A report will be tabled at the meeting

Recommendation

That the Chair's report to the 3 February 2016 meeting of the Taihape Community Board, as presented, be received.

9 Council decisions on recommendations from the Taihape Community Board

There were no recommendations from the Board's meeting on 2 December 2015 which required approval form Council at its meeting on 17 December 2015. However, at that meeting Council approved the award of contracts C1009A and C1009B, supply of a lamella clarifier to both the Taihape Wastewater Plant and the Taihape Water Treatment Plant, to Service Engineers Ltd. The total cost is \$435,720.

10 Update on the Small Projects Fund

The current commitments on the Fund are \$1,109.60. At its previous meeting, the Board agreed to fund the Community Christmas Dinner up to \$200. If that is required, the Board is asked to confirm by resolution.

11 Parks management

Athol Sanson, Parks & Reserves Team Leader, will be in attendance, to talk about the new team, its current programme of work, and future plans.

12 Proposed new amenity block on Taihape Memorial Park

A report will be tabled at the meeting. This is a proposal which Council is considering for inclusion in the draft 2016/17 Annual Plan.

Recommendations

- 1. That the report 'Proposed new amenity block on Taihape Memorial Park' be received.
- That the Taihape Community Board
 EITHER supports
 OR does not support
 the inclusion of the proposed new amenity block on Taihape Memorial Park in the
 2016/17 Annual Plan.

13 Overview of the Council-initiated District Plan review

A report is attached

Recommendation

That the report 'Overview of the Council-initiated District Plan' review be received.

14 Consultation on the draft heritage strategy

A memorandum is attached

Recommendation

That the memorandum 'Consultation on the draft heritage strategy' be received.

15 Update on place-making initiatives

The Board has previously signalled support for the Taihape Town Co-ordinator to attend the Makeover workshop in Marton, starting 8 February 2016. Following that, the next step

would be for the Community Board to meet with the Taihape Community Development Trust Board to agree priorities.

Outcome of consultation with residents of Dixon Way and Mangaone Valley Road on options for reticulated water supply

The meeting with 20 affected property owners took place on 21 December 2015. Those present at the meeting expressed satisfaction with the level of service currently provided (other than issues with very slow replenishment of their tanks over summer) and considered that their tank supplies could be used by the fire service if necessary. Those property owners not present were invited to contact the Chief Executive, the Mayor or a Councillor to express their views but none has done so. A report has been prepared for the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's next meeting (11 February 2016) to confirm the budgets and timing for the renewal work.

Winiata Marae was not able to be represented at the meeting, but the Chair of the Marae has since confirmed it has sufficient water supply and does not seek an extension of the Council's main.

17 Requests for service in the Taihape Ward (November-December 2015)

A report is attached.

Recommendation

That the report 'Requests for service in the Taihape Ward, November-December 2015) be received.

18 Youth Hutt report

A report is attached.

Recommendation

That the Youth Hutt report be received.

19 Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities in the Taihape Ward.

This update is taken from reports provided to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee, which last met on 11 November 2015 and which meets again on 11 February 2016. This timing means an update is not available to the Board's meeting. However, it will be circulated to members on 9 February 2016.

20 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda – progress update

A report is attached.

Recommendation

That the report 'Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda – progress update' be received.

21 Late items

Consideration of any items during Confirmation of order of business (item 3)

22 Future items for the agenda

23 Date of next meeting

The next meeting to be held on 6 April 2016

24 Meeting closed

Rangitikei District Council



Taihape Community Board Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday 2 December 2015 – 5:00 p.m.

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Present:

Mrs Michelle Fannin (Chair)

Ms Gail Larsen Dr Peter Oliver Cr Richard Aslett

Cr Angus Gordon (arrived at 5.15pm)

Mrs Yvonne Sicely

Also Present:

His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

Cr Ruth Rainey

In attendance:

Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager

Mrs Sheryl Srhoj, Administration

Tabled documents:

Item 6:

Chair's report

Item 16:

Late Item submission- Te Moehau Road signage

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

3 Confirmation of order of business

The Chair agreed to take the following as late items on the basis that they had arisen after the Order Paper had been compiled and a decision was required at this meeting.

- Town hall hireage for Taihape Market Day
- Taihape Community Christmas dinner
- Memorial Park issues
- Taihape urban berm mowing
- Te Moehau Road signage

4 Members' conflict of interest

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest that they may have in respect of the items on this agenda.

5 Minutes of previous meeting

Resolved minute number

15/TCB/084

File Ref

That the Minutes of the Taihape Community Board meeting held on 7 October 2015, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Ms Larsen/Dr Oliver. Carried

6 Chair's report

The Chair spoke to her report.

Resolved minute number

15/TCB/085

File Ref

That the Chair's report to the 2 December 2015 meeting of the Taihape Community Board, as presented, be received.

Mrs Fannin/Ms Larsen. Carried

7 Rural Directions – Wanganui Rural Community Board Strategic Plan 2014-2023

The Board agreed to discuss this item at their next workshop.

8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Taihape Community Board

Resolved minute number

15/TCB/086

File Ref

That the report on Council decisions on recommendations from the Taihape Community Board be received.

Mrs Fannin/Cr Aslett. Carried

9 Update on the Small Projects Fund

Etain McDonell from Birds on signs gave a presentation to the Board's workshop on 4 November 2015. The consensus was that \$1,000 be granted from the Small Project Fund, to be ratified at this meeting and that the Board would write a letter of support for further funding applications for a walking map and information booklet about the project and the artists involved in it.

Resolved minute number

15/TCB/087

File Ref

That the Taihape Community Board grants \$1,000 from the Small Projects Fund to support the Birds on Signs project.

Ms Larsen/Mrs Sicely. Carried

Resolved minute number

15/TCB/088

File Ref

That the Chair of the Taihape Board sends a letter of support for further funding applications by the Birds on Signs project in Taihape for a walking map and information booklet about the project and the artists involved in it.

Mrs Fannin/Dr Oliver. Carried

Mangaweka Hall hireage

During the weekend 14-15 November 2015 the Mangaweka Hall was used for Fakes and Forgeries and the Christmas Fair. At workshop, the Board considered it reasonable to cover the hall hireage costs, which (taking into account the discount for local, non-profit organisations) is \$109.60.

Resolved minute number

15/TCB/089

File Ref

That the Taihape Community Board pays \$109.60 from the Small Projects Fund to cover hireage costs for the Mangaweka Hall during 14-15 November 2015, while used for Fakes and Forgeries and the town Christmas Fair.

Dr Oliver/Ms Larsen. Carried

Town hall hireage for Taihape Market Day

The Board decided against covering the Taihape Town Hall hireage costs for the Market Day on 5 December 2015. Proceeds were to go to the Facebook page 'Pay it forward': not all Board members were familiar with this.

Community Christmas Dinner

The Chair reported that there may be a shortage of funds for the Taihape Community Christmas Dinner. The Board agreed to fund this event up to \$200 from the Small Projects Fund, if necessary.

Resolved minute number

15/TCB/090

File Ref

That if required, the Taihape Community Board agree to fund the Community Christmas Dinner up to \$200 from the Small Projects Fund

Dr Oliver/Ms Larsen. Carried

His Worship the Mayor advised that he would be an apology for the Taihape community dinner this year; he would be at the Marton community dinner.

10 Requests for service concerning the Taihape Ward (October-November 2015)

Resolved minute number

15/TCB/091

File Ref

That the report 'Requests for service concerning Taihape, October-November 2015 be received.

Mrs Fannin/Dr Oliver. Carried

11 Management of Parks and Reserves

His Worship the Mayor reported that an Eagle Street resident had requested that the sycamores trees opposite their property be removed as they were blocking their view. As the trees are on Council land, the Board to pass this matter onto the Parks & Reserves Team Leader for his consideration.

Ms Larsen reported that locals were driving their vehicles onto the playing fields at Memorial Park as well as parking up and drinking by the trees. She said that this due to a lack of security measures not being adhered to. This included missing rails not being reinstated and gates being left unlocked.

Mr Hodder to pass her concerns onto the Community & Leisure Services Team Leader.

Also discussed was the issue of members of the public playing golf on the park despite signage advising that this was not permitted. Mrs Sicely suggested that in future the police be contacted if such incidents occur.

12 Youth Hutt report

No report was available for the meeting. Council staff to email it out to Board members.

13 Town Centre Plan update- November 2015

His Worship the Mayor advised that the Ministry's draft licence to occupy for the old College site along with a covering report would be an item on Council's agenda for 17 December 2015.

The draft licence to be emailed to Board Members for their comments.

14 Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities in the Taihape Ward

Resolved minute number

15/TCB/092

File Ref

That the memorandum 'Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities in the Taihape Ward' together with information on the roading resurfacing programme be received.

Mrs Fannin/Ms Larsen. Carried

15 Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda- progress update

Improved drainage at Gumboot throwing lane

Mr Hodder reported that the gap in the pipes needed to be investigated further before any money is spent on remediation.

Banner over Hautapu Street

Mr Hodder advised that this item had not progressed as further reconsideration and assessment by an engineer is required.

There was further discussion on the number of issues that had not been followed up. One of which included the disabled signage which was still to be installed. His Worship the Mayor

said he understood the Board's frustration, pointing out that it was up to Council to follow up with the contractors if they had not delivered the service within the time frame allocated.

Profile for the Board on Council's website

It was agreed that individual photos of Board members would be taken.

Resolved minute number

15/TCB/093

File Ref

That the report 'Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda – progress update' be received.

Mrs Fannin/Cr Aslett. Carried

16 Late items

Taihape urban berm mowing

Ms Larsen reported that she had received a number of complaints regarding the overgrown berms around town. Of concern was the long grass on the top corner of Swan Street which was obstructing visibility.

Mr Hodder to determine which contractor was responsible for the mowing of berms in Swan Street and Ruru Road.

Te Moehau Junction signage

Cr Aslett tabled design options and information regarding the proposed Taihape sign which is to be erected by the Te Moehau junction.

The Board preferred the landscape option and suggested that the phone icon be replaced with toilet and distance icons.

Walkway

The Chair advised that there had been no further progress with the walkway from Dixon Way into town. She suggested that the Board come up with some ideas and then present them to Council.

Availability of croquet ground for motorhome parking

Members sought clarification on this, in the context of the provisional lease to Clubs Taihape. Mr Hodder to investigate and advise.

17 Future items for the agenda

None.

18 Date of next meeting

3 February 2016

19 Meeting closed

Meeting closed at 6.15pm.

Confirmed/Chair:	
Date:	

Ronsitikei Ronsitikei

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Taihape Community Board; Ratana Community Board; Turakina

Community Committee; Bulls Community Committee; Marton Community

Committee

FROM:

Katrina Gray

DATE:

26 January 2016

SUBJECT:

Proposed District Plan Changes

FILE:

2-PL-2

1 Background

1.1 The Rangitikei District Plan is the main document which influences land development throughout the District. The current plan has been in place since October 2013, following a full review.

2 Proposal

- 2.1 As with any large document issues are likely to arise. The proposed Plan Changes will seek to address these issues. The current issues being investigated are:
 - Natural hazards (liquefaction, ground shaking, refinement of flooding areas in Bulls and Hunterville)
 - Zoning of commercial properties for small settlements such as Mangaweka and Turakina.
 - Heritage
 - Rural boundary setbacks
 - Administrative errors
- 2.2 It is important to note that these topics are being investigated and changes may not ultimately be proposed.

3 Comment

- 3.1 The proposed District Plan changes are largely an administrative tidy up of provisions which are causing implementation issues. The changes aim to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the District Plan, removing barriers where they unnecessary, while ensuring that amenity values are retained.
- 3.2 There will be opportunity for the community to be involved in the process, with the proposed changes scheduled to be publicly notified during March. The chair of the Community Committee/Board will be notified of the consultation period.

4 Recommendation

4.1 That the memorandum 'Proposed District Plan Changes' be received.

Katrina Gray Policy Analyst/Planner

MEMORANDUM



TO:

Ratana Community Board, Taihape Community Board, Bulls Community

Committee, Hunterville Community Committee, Marton Community

Committee, and Turakina Community Committee

FROM:

Alex Staric

DATE:

13 January 2016

SUBJECT:

Consultation - Draft Heritage Strategy

FILE:

1-CP-5-2

1 Background

- 1.1 Council has developed a draft Heritage Strategy to replace the outdated Heritage Protection Strategy 2008. While consultation is not mandatory for this strategy, Council would like to ensure that decision-making is open and transparent and that the community's views are well represented on this issue.
- 1.2 As of 18 January 2016, the draft Heritage Strategy is open for public consultation until 12pm 19 February 2016 (see Appendix 1 for the draft Strategy). Oral submissions are scheduled for 29 February 2016. A summary has been produced which outlines the key aspects of the draft Strategy and submission methods and is attached as Appendix 2. In addition, a submission form is attached as Appendix 3.

2 Recommendation

2.1 That the memorandum 'Consultation - Draft Heritage Strategy' be received.

Alex Staric Policy Analyst

Appendix 1

RANGITIKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL





1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Rangitikei District has a vast range of heritage resources which contribute to the well-being of the community. These resources range, from outstanding natural landscapes, places of natural beauty, to areas of cultural significance and physical resources. All of these heritage features tell stories of the past and provide an important link through the present and into the future.
- 1.2 It is recognised that our heritage assets provide benefit for the community, creating communities and a District with a distinct identity. They are also potential attractions for visitors and thus may contribute to growth of the District's economy. However, the District has a wide range of other factors which contribute to community well-being. Ensuring communities are vibrant places of economic and social activity is essential. Importance needs to be placed on consideration of the management of heritage resources within the wider context of overall well-being of local communities and the potential end use of the site.
- 1.3 Heritage is also preserved, promoted and supported through the documentation of narratives and stories. These can be the stories of the lives, or traditions of local communities and tangata whenua or the social or cultural context surrounding built and natural heritage. These oral histories and experiences contribute to an important part of Rangitikei's heritage resource which, if not documented, may be lost over time.
- 2 Rangitikei Tangata Whenua Perspective Heritage Protection
- 2.1 Toi tu te kupu, toi tu te mana, toi tu te whenua a plea to hold fast to our culture, for without language, without mana, and without land, the essence of being Maori would no longer exist but be a skeleton which would not give justice to the full body of Maoritanga.
- 2.2 This well-known saying reflects upon heritage being an important aspect to the overall drive for the sustainability of iwi Maori in general and also to hapu and iwi within the Rangitikei District. This is demonstrated by the extensive involvement of local hapu and iwi in ensuring their respective korero is nurtured for future generations.
- 2.3 In all gatherings of our people whakatauki and pepeha are recited and speakers are supported by waiata which all have elements of korero that link the people to the land and the rivers. They also refer to events in our history which also provide insight into our respective relationships within this land. Physically protecting places

of significance helps sustain the korero further whilst also giving it greater meaning and understanding to whanau, hapu, iwi and non – iwi within the District. The pending settlement of historic Treaty of Waitangi claims will clear a pathway for hapu and iwi to fulfil ambitions in heritage protection to take those responsibilities further to engage with their respective whanau and to an extent with all people.

2.4 Having a leading hand within this process is vital as the role of kaitiaki underpins the integrity of such pursuits to make it sustainable from a perspective of responsibility and also based upon a reciprocal relationship between people and place as well as with taonga and resources.

3 What is heritage?

- 3.1 Heritage is a term which is applied to buildings, sites, places, objects and other features of historical significance which are valued by people and communities. Heritage is inherited from the past and handed on for the benefit of future generations and includes:
 - Built heritage buildings and structures, such as those listed by the Heritage New Zealand.
 - Natural heritage natural places, objects and intangible attributes, such as identified outstanding natural landscapes and notable trees.
 - Cultural heritage objects and artefacts, places, language, stories, customs, protocols, knowledge and skills communities, groups and individuals recognise as part of their cultural heritage, such as sites of Waahi tapu.
 - Social heritage the history, traditions, knowledge and identities of local communities, such as the stories behind built heritage.

4 Statutory context

- 4.1 Rangitikei District Council has responsibilities for managing heritage within the District as follows:
 - Resource Management Act 1991 as a matter of national importance¹ to ensure heritage is recognised, provided for and protected from inappropriate subdivision, use and development.
 - Reserves Act 1977 reserves may be classified as historic reserves and vested
 in local authorities to control and manage.
 - Building Act 2004 the need to facilitate the preservation of buildings of significant cultural, historical or heritage value needs to be taken into account². The Building Act 2004³ also contains a number of provisions regarding the need to ensure public safety and the priority to remedy issues with dangerous and insanitary buildings⁴.

¹ Section 6(f)

² Section 4(2)(I)

³ Subpart 6 of Part 2

⁴ The Buildings (Earthquake Prone Buildings) Amendment Bill will prescribe more vigorously how dangerous buildings should be treated, including heritage buildings.

- Public Records Act 2005 the requirement to ensure adequate protection and preservation of 'protected records'⁵.
- Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 promotes the identification, protection, preservation and conservation of the historical and cultural heritage of New Zealand. It specially seeks to register historic buildings, sites or areas, or Waahi tupuna, Waahi tapu sites or areas, and to protect archaeological sites.
- 4.2 There is no specific mention of heritage in the Local Government Act 2002. However, when 'well-being' of the community formed part of the purpose of local government, this was generally viewed as including a heritage dimension.⁶

5 Purpose

- 5.1 This strategy provides the long term vision to guide Council's management of heritage resources throughout the Rangitikei District.
- 5.2 Heritage should be managed in accordance with the following goals.
 - Goal 1: Document cultural and local histories.
 - Goal 2: Promote cultural and local histories of the Rangitikei.
 - Goal 3: Support tangata whenua to discover and document their physical, natural and intangible heritage.
 - Goal 4: Recognise the local context, providing management options which consider the overall and long term well-being of the community.
 - Goal 5: Consideration of the past use, current use and condition of the heritage resource⁷ and the potential long term use of the heritage resource and/or site.
 - Goal 6: Partner with the community in the preservation and management of heritage resources.
 - Goal 7: Seek opportunities for regional/national collaboration and funding to assist with the protection of the District's heritage.

6 Challenges

6.1 The management of heritage resources presents a wide range of challenges for both the Council and the community. The main challenges include:

⁵ Section 40

⁶ Original purpose statement in section 10.

⁷ Heritage resource can refer to a variety of heritage aspects such as; built heritage, cultural sites and natural landscapes.

<u>Tension between the public benefit of heritage protection and the private cost of doing so</u>

6.2 Often the cost or disadvantages associated with protecting heritage resources falls on the private property owner, hapu group, museum or historical society. However, the overall benefit of protecting the heritage resources may accrue to the wider community.

Cost of earthquake strengthening built heritage

6.3 The majority of heritage buildings are earthquake prone and require strengthening. Many are under-used. Often the cost of this strengthening work is prohibitive, with rents gained from tenants in the renovated building not able to cover that cost. It may be preferable to demolish such under-used buildings in the District's CBD areas and replace them with structures which are more efficient and meet the needs of local businesses. Not doing this runs the risk of such buildings being abandoned and eventually being demolished and not replaced.

The economic and demographic context

6.4 Rangitikei is a District which is experiencing a slow population decline, with economic activity within the town centres also declining. This has resulted in an oversupply of commercial buildings. These factors, combined with the costs of earthquake strengthening can result in vacant buildings. Main streets with empty buildings reduce the amenity of these areas and can adversely affect community well-being.

Capacity of Tangata Whenua

6.5 Tangata whenua often have limited capacity for identifying, managing and enhancing their cultural heritage. There are a large number of Waahi tapu sites which are known only to the tangata whenua, and often the public recognition of these sites is not desirable.

Capacity of Council

6.6 Council has limited resources to identify, manage and enhance heritage resources. However, because of its leadership role in the community, it has some ability to attract sponsorship and relationships which support heritage initiatives.

Capacity of local museums

6.7 The Rangitikei District's five museums are operated solely by volunteers⁸. This provides a number of challenges for long term sustainability of the management of the heritage resources the museums care for. These challenges include: the number of volunteers available, obtaining funding (funding is often sought via external funders), adequate facilities to care for collections and ongoing training of volunteers.

⁸ Bulls, Marton, Hunterville, Mangaweka and Taihape.

Present heritage can obscure past heritage

6.8 Often buildings, now considered as heritage, have replaced older buildings, whose appearance and use is effectively lost. In some situations it may be more important to resurrect some tangible evidence of the earlier structure or use.

7 METHODS

- 7.1 There are a wide range of possible methods for heritage management. The main methods Rangitikei District Council seeks to use through this strategy are:
 - Rangitikei District Plan
 - Rates Remission Policy
 - Heritage Inventories
 - Waiving of internal consenting fees
 - Information education and support
 - Advocacy for external sponsorship/funding

8 Rangitikei District Plan

- 8.1 A key method for the management of heritage resources throughout the District is the Rangitikei District Plan. The District Plan provides for protection of natural, cultural and physical heritage through identification of valuable heritage resources and controls surrounding their use and development.
- 8.2 The District Plan provides the strategic direction for the management of heritage resources to provide for the reuse of heritage in a manner which is appropriate for the particular context. It also seeks to ensure that the considerations surrounding the destruction of heritage resources involves how the replacement activities will provide for social, cultural and economic well-being of the affected community.
- 8.3 The relevant provisions from the District Plan are provided as Appendix 1.

9 Rates Remission Policy

- 9.1 Rangitikei District has a Rates Remission Policy which provides remissions for owners of earthquake prone buildings. As most heritage buildings are highly likely to be earthquake prone, this policy is highly relevant to the District's physical heritage resources.
- 9.2 The Rates Remission Policy provides remissions for up to six months during strengthening/construction works, as well as up to three years upon completion of the building work. These provisions seek to encourage property owners to develop the building so that they can be better used.

10 Heritage Inventories

10.1 The District's museums already have inventories of their own collections, increasingly available online. The inventory process, however, is not limited to what

is collected but rather what should be known: the development of a comprehensive heritage inventory increases the documentation and understanding about heritage resources throughout the District. Creating an inventory ensures that heritage resources are remembered, without necessarily requiring the physical resource to remain in perpetuity. It will be a continually evolving document, with new sites and items added as they are recognised and new information added when discovered.

- 10.2 Two heritage inventories could be developed, one for the built heritage resources and one for Māori heritage. Having a separate inventory for Māori sites would ensure that it would remain a confidential document where appropriate. The development of a Māori heritage inventory would need to occur in partnership with lwi and hapu. This will include discussions with Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, as well as with individual lwi and hapu. There is also the opportunity to develop further inventories for the District's natural heritage resources.
- 10.3 The heritage inventory process naturally extends to collecting information on narratives and associated collections from locals. These narratives and collections will provide an insight into Rangitikei's early history. Where possible such collections should digitised for long-term protection and access.

11 Waiving of Internal Consenting Fees

- 11.1 The waiving of internal consenting fees for work on heritage buildings will be determined on a case by case basis by Council⁹. The internal consenting costs are the staff time required to process building and planning related consent applications¹⁰. To provide some guidance, the areas of consideration by Council when deciding whether to waive fees could be, but are not limited to:
 - The extent to which heritage values will be retained or reused.
 - The end use of the proposed development.
 - The benefits of the proposed development.
 - The significance of the heritage resource for the community.
 - The significance of the social context behind the heritage resource and how it could be preserved.
 - The degree of impact (positive/negative) for tangata whenua.

12 Information Education and Support

12.1 Information and education are useful methods to increase awareness of heritage in the District and to engage communities with these resources. Information and education will be provided to local communities through the following methods.

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¹⁰ Costs not included as part of this provision are; external experts, such as fire safety experts, geotechnical advisors, heritage experts or the costs related to hearings processes.

Support for the Rangitikei Heritage Group¹¹

12.2 Provision of resources to support the ongoing activities of the Rangitikei Heritage Group. This support will be through providing administrative assistance, assistance applying for grants, or assistance through the Community Initiatives Fund.

Information about heritage resources

12.3 The Heritage Inventory will provide this information which could be supplied to property owners and interested community members. It will be available (once published) in the District's libraries, information centres and museums as well as being uploaded to the Council's website.

Support for the Treasured Natural Environment Group

12.4 Continue to provide administrative support and assistance for applying for grants for projects which enhance community engagement with the natural environment.

Use of the District libraries

12.5 The libraries hold a small collection of historical published works on the District. The databases accessible through the libraries are a key resource in finding historical information held in other places.

Archives Central

12.6 The Council's archives are housed in a purpose-built public facility shared with neighbouring councils in Feilding. An online database is available and there is an ongoing programme of scanning of high-use records such as rating books.

13 Advocacy for external sponsorship/funding

- Council is able to provide co-ordination for major projects, and develop relationships with major heritage and funding agencies. For some initiatives this will be critical.
- 13.2 Council is also well-placed to be aware of regional or national programmes which could have potential application to assist with heritage identification, preservation and access within the Rangitikei.

14 Action Plan

Goal	Activity	Groups Involved	Completion
Development of a	Research into heritage	Rangitikei District	2016
heritage inventory of	resources (as identified by the	Council	
built heritage.	Rangitikei Heritage Group).		
		Rangitikei	

¹¹ The Rangitikei Heritage Group consists of representatives from the District's museums and historical societies (Bulls, Marton, Hunterville, Mangaweka, Taihape, Turakina), from Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, and from other interested heritage groups (Whanganui Regional Heritage Trust).

	Publication of research.	Heritage Group	
Development of a heritage inventory of Māori narratives and collections	Research, interviews and publishing of stories.	Rangitikei District Council Local Iwi/hapu Ratana Community	2016/17
Development of a heritage inventory of European / non-indigenous settler narratives and collections.	Research, interviews and publishing of stories.	Rangitikei District Council Rangitikei Heritage Group	2017/18
Joint place naming	Using both the English and Māori place names in key Council correspondence/documentation.	Council Iwi groups	2016

15 Review

The strategy will be due for review 1 December 2018.

Appendix 1 – Relevant provisions from the Rangitikei District Plan 2013

NOTABLE TREES AND CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT FLORA

Objective.

Notable Trees and culturally significant flora are identified, conserved and maintained, and their amenity values are recognised.

Policies

Require the protection and conservation of significant notable trees, as identified in Schedule C2 of the District Plan, from inappropriate subdivision, use and development.

Require the conservation of flora that has cultural significance for Māori and is within the conservation estate or is on publicly owned land.

Encourage public awareness and recognition of notable trees.

TANGATA WHENUA

Objective

To recognise and provide for the relationship of Tangata Whenua with their ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi tapu and other taonga.

Provide for the relationship between Tangata Whenua and landscapes of cultural significance within the district through the development of non-statutory methods that ensure associative values are recognised and protected long-term.

Recognise the role of Tangta Whenua as kaitiaki of key natural and physical resources with which they have a strong ancestral relationship, by ensuring that their views are sought on applications that may materially affect key natural and physical resources, particularly those sites identified in Schedule C1.

Enable development to encourage lwi, hapu and whanau to resettle within the District and reconnect with the land, provided that the adverse of development, subdivision and use are avoided or appropriately managed.

Collaborate with Iwi on the identification and appropriate protection of sites of significance to Tangata Whenua.

HERITAGE PROTECTION

Objective

Identify examples of historic, cultural, and other sites that reflect the District's heritage and cultural amenity, and provide for the management of those resources in a way that sustains the social, cultural and economic well-being of communities.

Policie

Ensure known examples of historic heritage are recognised in the District, and listed in Schedule C3.

Enable the protection, conservation or adaptive reuse of historic heritage listed in Schedule C3 of the Plan.

Evaluate in any application for the destruction or modification of heritage, the extent to which the replacement activities provide for the economic, social and cultural wellbeing of the affected community.

Appendix 2



Rangitikei District Council

Community Feedback

Draft Heritage Strategy

Council wishes to seek the views of the community on the draft Heritage Strategy, specifically:

- Whether the draft strategy is clear, unambiguous and easy to understand
- Whether the draft strategy reflects the community's views of how heritage should be managed.
- Whether the draft strategy is appropriate for the Rangitikei context.
- Whether they would like to see any changes to the draft strategy

Background

The draft Heritage Strategy replaces the Heritage Protection Strategy 2008, taking a more holistic approach by considering heritage resources to include built, natural, cultural and social characteristics.

The strategy recognises heritage plays an important role in the overall wellbeing of the community and in the creation of communities and a District with a distinct identity. In developing the draft heritage strategy, Council has taken into account the current and ongoing associated challenges including costs and capacity for Council, lwi, and local museums and heritage organisations.

By using the six methods outlined in the draft strategy, Council believes the goals of promoting, documenting, supporting, and recognising heritage within the Rangitikei District will be achieved. These methods include Council's District Plan and Rates Remission Policy, waiving internal consenting fees, enhancing heritage collections, and Council co-ordination for major projects with major heritage and funding agencies.

Council proposes to work alongside key stakeholders, enabling activities such as research, interviews, and publishing of stories for delivery of key short term actions.

Further information

The draft Heritage Strategy is available from the Marton, Bulls, and Taihape Libraries, and the Council Office in Marton. It is also available from www.rangitikei.govt.nz or you may ask for a copy to be sent to you.

Feedback

Consultation on the draft Heritage Strategy is open from 18 January 2016 until 12noon 19 February 2016.

You can provide your feedback to Council via:

- 1. **Weblink** Click this link and you will be invited to complete the consultation online without the need to print, post, or email.
- 2. Posted: Rangitikei District Council

Attn: Katrina Gray

46 High Street, Private Bag 1102

Marton 4741

- 3. Emailed: info@rangitikei.govt.nz
- 4. In person- Dropped into the Marton, Bulls, or Taihape Libraries or Marton Council Offices.

If you have questions or would like to further assistance with regards to this consultation, please contact **Katrina Gray** on 06 327 0099 or 0800 422 522.

Appendix 3



SUBMISSION FORM DRAFT HERITAGE STRATEGY 2016

Submissions close at 12 noon on 19 February 2016

Return this form, or send your written submission to:

Draft Heritage Strategy Rangitikei District Council Private Bag 1102 Marton 4741

Email: info@rangitikei.govt.nz

Fax: (06) 327 6970

Any questions phone:

Katrina Gray Policy Analyst/Planner 0800 422 522

Oral submissions

Oral submissions will be held at the Marton Council Chambers on 29 February 2016. I wish to speak to my submission

Ten minutes are allowed for you to speak, including questions from Elected Members. If you have any special requirements, such as those related to visual or hearing impairments, please note them here:

Privacy

All submissions will be public, please tick this box if you would like your name withheld

Name: Organisation: (if applicable) Property address: Postal address: Email: Question 1: Do you think the draft Strategy is clear, unambiguous and easy to understand? O Agree O Disagree Comment: Question 2: Do you think heritage, defined as built, natural, cultural, and social, is important to the Rangitikei District? O Disagree O Agree Question 3: Are you supportive of the draft Strategy's Goals? O Disagree O Agree

Please complete the remaining questions on the reverse side of this page.

Question 4: Are you supportive of Co	un	cil's role as outlined in the draft Strategy?
O Agree	0	Disagree
Heritage Strategy?		mment you wish Council to consider in relation to the draft
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Attach additional information or pages if ne	cess	sary
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Breakdown of Service Requests for Taihape for November 2015

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Found dog	2		-	2
Lost animal	2			2
Wandering stock	3			3
Wandering stock Wandering/stray dog	2			2
Council Housing/Property	5	1	2	{
Council housing/property maintenance	4	1	2	and the sum of the sum
Maintenance (parks and reserves)	1	*	_	
Environmental Health	6			
	2			
Dumped Rubbish (outside town boundary)	2			•
Noise - day and night	2			
Untidy/overgrown section				:
Footpaths	1			
Maintenance (footpaths)	1	1		
Halls		1		
Maintenance (halls)		1		
Parks and Reserves		3		
Maintenance (parks and reserves)		2		
Water leak - Parks and Reserves only	•	1		
Public Toilets	1	3	and the second s	
Maintenance (public toilets)	1	3		
Road Signs	1			
Maintenance (road signs)	1	_		
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Maintenance (roads - not potholes)	10			1
Maintenance (roads - potholes only)		1		
Roadside Berm Mowing	3	1		
Rural berm mowing	2			
Urban berm mowing (not parks and reserves)	1	1		
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Location of meter/toby/other utility	1			
Replace lid (urgent)		1		
Water leak - council-owned network, not parks or cemeteries	3			
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Feedback Required

(Multiple Items)

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Wastewater	1				1	
Grand Total	2	2	2	5	11	

Service Request Breakdown for Taihape for December 2015

Service Request Breakdown	Compliance			
Department	Completed in time	Completed late	Overdue	Grand Total
Animal Control	13	-	1	14
Animal Control Bylaw matter	2			2
Barking dog	2		1	3
Found dog	1			1
Lost animal	3			3
Wandering stock	3			3
Wandering/stray dog	2			2
Cemeteries	1			1
Cemetery maintenance	1			1
Council Housing/Property	3		1	4
Council housing/property maintenance	3	:	1	4
Environmental Health	5		1 :	1 7
Dead animal	1			1
Food premises health issue	1			1
Livestock (not normally impounded)			;	1 1
Noise - day and night	3	;	1	4
Footpaths			2	2
Maintenance (footpaths)			1	1
Maintenance (roads - not potholes)		:	1	1
General enquiry	3	;	2	5
General Enquiry			2	5
Halls	1		1	2
Maintenance (halls)	1		1	2
Parks and Reserves	3		1	4
Maintenance (parks and reserves)			1	4
Public Toilets			1	1
Maintenance (public toilets)			1	1
Road Signs	1			1
Maintenance (road signs)	1	•		1
Roads	2			2
Maintenance (roads - not potholes)	1	•		1
Maintenance (roads - potholes only)	1			1
Roadside Berm Mowing	5	,	3	1 9
Rural berm mowing	4		1	5
Urban berm mowing (not parks and reserves)	1		2	1 4
Roadside Weeds/Vegetation/Trees	1			1
Maintenance (roadside weeds/vegetation/trees)	1			1
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Water leak - council-owned network, not parks or cemeteries		2		2
Water leak at meter/toby		2		2
Grand Total	44	1	5	2 61

Feedback Required

(Multiple Items)

Count	Feedback	Method				
Department		After hours	Email	In Person	Letter	Telephone
Animal Control	and a sight provide the sight of the control of the second control of the sight of			2	1	
Cemeteries						1
Environmental Health		2				
Footpaths						
General enquiry			4			1
Identified Non-Council Issue						
Roadside Berm Mowing						
Street Lighting			1			
Water						1
Grand Total		2	5	2	1	3



'The Hutt' Taihape

DECEMBER-JANUARY 2016

Holiday fun.....

The Youth Hutt successfully ended the year with a delicious Xmas spread, activities, fun and games for the kids. Its heartening to see the smiles on some of these kids faces, it certainly was a treat well received.

Christmas and New Year has flown by so quickly, with good numbers attending, no issues or concerns and brilliant weather. The kids were between the Swim Centre and The Hutt with the regular visit to the Library to get their internet/face book fix whilst waiting for The Hutt to open at 1pm.



However, January started relatively slow with only a few kids in Attendance for the first week back with some kids

from out of town. This didn't last long before the Hutt was back to normal as families came back from holiday and parents reluctantly returning work.

Kui, Caleb and Rose have done an amazing job keeping the kids entertained during the majority of the holidays. The kids really warm to them with a large percentage being connected to their whanau or through community contacts and friends. They are well known and respected by all the kids. Perhaps we have found our local team to continue with The Youth Hutt during the year if we are fortunate enough to secure funding to keep the doors open.

We held a karaoke/disco on the 15th January 2016, again a lovely afternoon tea was provided. I think some of the adults had more fun then the kids, there is certainly some awesome talent out there. Look out Rangitikei's Got Talent 2016 if this goes ahead this year.

The uncertainty with the sustainability of The Youth Hutt is a little worrying with our thoughts of how this will impact on the regular users. The kids love the facility, the warmth of the volunteers and believe it or not the discipline they get which helps them to be more respectful, grateful and well behaved. Fingers crossed 2016 see's The Youth Hutt in a position to further develop and remain open for our youth.



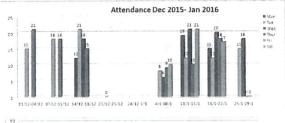
Membership

We had good numbers attending in Dec, approx 18 kids each day. A total of 138 kids used the facility in December. The Youth Hutt re-opened on Tues 5 Jan 2016 with 231 kids having used the facility this month, that's a total of 369 for Dec/Jan and 3125 in total since opening in July 2014. Please note attendance numbers for Jan 28,29 was not available at time of publication.

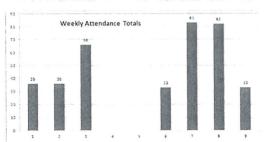
These are great numbers and shows the popularity of this service in Taihape over the holiday period.

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11/1-15/1	83	19	12	21	10	21	Y. 45
18/1-22/1	82	15	12	20	16	17	46000
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Total Dec 2015 - Jan 2016	369						

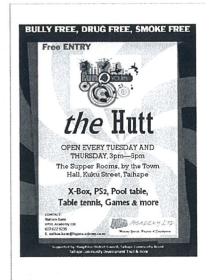














HOURS:

School Term:

Tuesday and Thursday-3pm to 5pm

School Holidays:

Monday to Friday - Ipm to 5pm

Closed public holidays

Summary

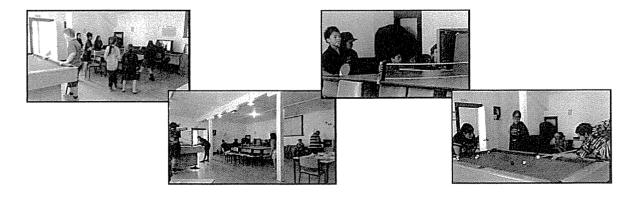
The focus at this stage is to keep The Youth Hutt open. There are a number of positives aspects that this facility and youth coordinators bring to the local youth. The additional point to remember is the potential to expand the use of the Hutt with the view of trying to generate other revenue to offset overheads.

The Youth Hutt is available for meetings and other gatherings i.e. Birthdays, other celebrations, community or business meetings etc. If the Hutt remains open then a marketing plan and advertising will need to be worked on to encourage other groups, locals and committees to utilise this facility as well. A pricing structure and stock take of what gear/equipment we have will also need to be updated.

On a maintenance note, sanitising tablets for the urine in the gents toilet and a quantity of spare light bulbs are required as for some reason we seem to go through these quite a bit.

Overall 'The Hutt' is proving to be a great space to keep the kids entertained and safe. The kids have enjoyed the warm weather, the availability of the facility and the safe, relaxed atmosphere the Hutt provides.

On behalf of myself, the team and youth from The Youth Hutt we wish you all a Happy New Year and prosperous 2016.



Taihape Community Board, 3 February 2016: Item 20

Matters arising not elsewhere on the Agenda: Progress reports

1. Alex Wong corner

A response is awaited from the New Zealand Transport Agency about its requirements for upgrading this corner, and the terms on which the land not needed for this would be made available to the Board.

2. Improved drainage at Gumboot throwing lane

The investigation of possible damage to a water-pipe under the throwing land (and the possible cause of constant ponding) is expected to be complete. Some drainage will still be necessary, and Council's Parks & Reserves Team Leader and the Utilities Asset Manager have been collaborating on this. The matter should be resolved by the end of February.

3. Disposal of surplus buildings on the former Taihape College site, Rauma Road

Following receipt of the draft licence from the Ministry of Education to occupy the site of the former Taihape College, Council's building officers made an inspection to be sure that compliance requirements, especially fire safety, are met. Estimates of costs are being sought for the work.

There are other details to be worked through before the implications and costs of the proposed licence are fully understood: once that is done, as previously advised (if realistic to do so), Council will be asked to authorise signing as licensee.

4. Fence line with KiwiRail from Kiwi Road Bridge to Eagle Street

The replacement fence has been erected.

5. Main Street footpath surface

At its December 2015 meeting, the Board was advised of the outcome of slip testing by Opus and the conclusion that waterblasting to approximately 3000psi showed the greatest slip resistance. As noted then, it is intended to provide this treatment to all smooth concrete footpaths in the Taihape CBD. Contract specifications for this work are being prepared.

The six-month cleaning of the CBD footpath will occur during February.

6. Access off Toroa Road to Taihape Kindergarten

This upgrade work, approved during the Long Term Plan process, is now complete.

7. Sycamore trees in Eagle Street

These trees are in sound condition. It is not proposed to top or fell them at this time – there are other more pressing priorities for managing the trees in the District.

8. Water source for irrigation at Taihape Memorial Park

The Taihape Memorial Park User Group, through the Taihape Community Development Trust, will be submitting applications for funding shortly – to the Whanganui Community Foundation and the Powerco Wanganui Trust. As noted at the last meeting of the Board,

Council has a clear understanding of how it will provide the necessary supply, through storage tanks, and tenders will be called for this work during February.

9. Banner over Hautapu Street

Work is in progress for the installation of a pulley system extending from the Town Hall.

10. Taihape Pool

The remedial work was completed just before Christmas. As anticipated, the Pool remained open while the work was done. The cost of inspection, drawings and repairs was \$19,000.

Since then, investigation has been undertaken on the loss of water from the learners' pools but this is not yet conclusive. So far, this has incurred additional cost of \$5,000. Closure of these two small pools has had limited effect on attendance: Council's decision to allow preschoolers and their caregivers free entry has meant caregivers going into the main pool with their little ones.

11. Availability of croquet ground for motorhome parking

In the Deed of Assignment to Clubs Taihape, nothing is said to vary clause 3 in the original lease 'That the lessee will use the said land solely to provide facilities for the sport of croquet....' and gives the Council the ability to terminate the lease if the land is not being used (or sufficiently used) for that purpose.

In addition

- Clause 4 prohibits transferring and sub-leasing (which is why the Deed of assignment was needed).
- Clause 23 provides "the right or option" on written notice no later than three months written before 22 August 2017 for one renewal of the term for a further ten years.

This means that Clubs Taihape would need to surrender the lease for the croquet land to be used as a motor home park.

12. Profile for the Board on the Council website

A new page has been made in the website for the two Community Boards, with the suggested text following this update. A group photo of the Board will be taken at the 3 February 2016 meeting to be included on that page.

13. Te Moehau Junction sign

Cr Aslett may wish to report further on this.

14. Walkway from Dixon Way to the CBD

Board members agreed to consider possible actions at this meeting. .

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Community Boards

Updated on January 27, 2016

Since established in November 1989, the Rangitikei District has had two Community Boards – one for the Taihape Ward and one for the Ratana community. Each Board meets every second month.

Four members for each Board are elected at each triennial local government elections. In the case of Taihape, Council appoints two further members, currently rotated annually around the three Taihape Ward Councillors. For Ratana, Council appoints the Turakina Ward Councillor to the Board.

Members are:

Taihape	Ratana
Michelle Fannin (Chair) thefanninas@xtra.co.nz Gail Larsen (Deputy Chair) Peter Oliver Yvonne Sicely	Maata Kare Thompson (Chair) potaka.cindy@hotmail.com Nadine Rawhiti (Deputy Chair) Bjorn Barlien Tama (Ringa) Biddle
Two of the three Ward Councillors Richard Aslett Angus Gordon Ruth Rainey	Turakina Ward Councillor Soraya Peke-Mason

The Boards have a number of statutory responsibilities.

- · Representing an acting as an advocate for the interests of their community
- · Considering and reporting on any matter referred to it by the Council and any issues of interest or concern to the Community Board
- · Making an annual submission to Council on expenditure in their community
- · Maintaining an overview of Council services within their community
- · Communicating with community organiations and special interest groups within their community

Council may also delegate other responsibilities to either Board.