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**Wednesday 9 September 2020
5.30pm**

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Taihape Community Board Meeting

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The quorum for the Taihape Community Board is 3.

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 31 October 2019) 11.2 provide: The quorum for Community Boards, 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 Public Forum

3 Apologies

4 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.

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

6 Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes from the meeting held on 8 July 2020 are attached.

File ref: 3-CB-1-2

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Taihape Community Board meeting {as amended/without amended} held on 8 July 2020, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

7 Chair's report

A report is attached.

Recommendation:

That the 'Chair's report' to the 9 September 2020 meeting of the Taihape Community Board be received.

8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Board

Variation to the Taihape Squash Club deed of lease

At its 27 August 2020 meeting, Council resolved the following:

"That Council support a variation to the Taihape Squash Club Deed of Lease for an area of approximately 280m² for the purpose of additional squash courts."

9 Council responses to queries raised at previous meeting

There were no queries made to Council at the last meeting.

10 Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-5

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update' to the 9 September 2020 Taihape Community Board meeting be received.

11 Update from MoU partnering organisations

Verbal updates are to be provided from MoU partnering organisations Taihape Community Development Trust and Mōkai-Pātea Services.

Recommendation:

That the verbal updates from 'MoU partnering organisations Taihape Community Development Trust and Mōkai-Pātea Services' to the 9 September 2020 Taihape Community Board be received.

12 Council's delegations to the Taihape Community Board

At its meeting of 31 October 2019 Council resolved to invite the Community Boards in early 2020, to consider and recommend on any changes to their delegations for Council to consider. Clause 32(6) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 requires the Council to "consider whether or not to delegate to a community board if the delegation would enable the community board to best achieve its role".

The current delegations are attached.

Recommendation:

That the Taihape Community Board, in response to Council's invitation to consider and recommend any changes to the Board's delegations....

13 Taihape Event Signage Boards

Discussion item.

14 Dog Park

Discussion item.

15 Safety fence for existing playground at Taihape Memorial Park

Discussion item.

16 Upgrade to Outback

Discussion item.

17 Heritage Plaques

Discussion item

18 Mayoral Update

A report is attached.

Recommendation:

That the 'Mayoral Update' to the 9 September 2020 Taihape Community Board be received.

19 Rangitikei Youth Development Update August 2020

A memorandum is attached.

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Rangitikei Youth Development Update August 2020' to the 9 September 2020 Taihape Community Board meeting be received.

20 Community Grants

The Events Sponsorship Scheme closed on 21 August 2020, with a total of 12 applications received, the deliberation meeting will be held 22 September 2020.

The following funding schemes are due to open as follows:

- The Creative Communities Scheme will be open from 29 August – 18 September 2020.
- Community Initiatives will be open from 3 October – 23 October 2020.

Applications are being received and processed through the online portal SmartyGrants.

<https://rangitikei.smartygrants.com.au/>

21 Placemaking

Discussion item.

22 Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – September 2020

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CB-1-2

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – September 2020' to the 9 September 2020 Taihape Community Board be received.

23 Requests for service – First Response, Taihape - May – August 2020

An extract is attached.

File ref: 5-CS-1-9

Recommendation:

That the extract 'Requests for service – First Response, Taihape – May – August 2020' to the 9 September 2020 Taihape Community Board be received.

24 Late items

As agreed at item 5.

25 Future items for the agenda

26 Next meeting

Wednesday 11 November at 5.30 pm

27 Meeting closed

Attachment 1



Rangitikei District Council

Taihape Community Board Meeting

Minutes– Wednesday 8 July 2020 – 5:30 p.m.

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Present: Mrs Ann Abernethy (Chair)
Mrs Michelle Fannin
Ms Gail Larsen
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Tracey Hiroa

Also Present: Cr Angus Gordon

In attendance: His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
Ms Gaylene Prince, Community & Leisure Services Team Leader
Mrs Sheryl Srhoj, Administration
Mrs Ngawini Martin, Mokai Patea Services

Tabled Items: Item 2 Letter from Angela Oliver- vandalism of grassed area,
junction of SH1 and Otaihape Valley road (photos)
Project Proposal from Peter Kipling-Arthur - Heritage Plaques
Item 11 Report from Taihape Community Development Trust
Item 12 Council's Delegations

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Public Forum

Mrs Angela Oliver, Vandalism of the grassed area, junction of SH1 and Otaihape Valley Road

Mrs Oliver spoke to the tabled letter regarding the continual vandalism to the grassed area on the corner of State Highway 1 and Otaihape Valley road. She was seeking the Board's support in requesting that Council provide a permanent solution to this ongoing issue. Photos of the damage were circulated. The meeting agreed that this was not a welcome sight for travellers coming into town. The issue of safety was taken into consideration due to large trucks and trailer units travelling at speeds of 100 km/h close by. The surrounding roads also got quite greasy with the mud that was transferred by the offending vehicle. It was determined that this site was part of NZTAs network, although was maintained at no cost by a member of the public. To date there had been no response from the Police.

Mr Peter Kipling-Arthur, Heritage Plaques highlighting people from Taihape

Mr Kipling-Arthur spoke to his proposal to install heritage plaques in the main streets of Taihape. It was intended that the plaques would highlight the contribution to New Zealand and/or the world of people who had been born, lived or worked in Taihape at a time in their lives prior to their death. Along with all the key information, the A4 sized plaques would include a huia logo and a small gumboot outline. Mr Kipling-Arthur had sought support from the Taihape Museum and Mokai Patea Services. It was proposed that a small local committee be formed together with a senior historian from Massey University to approve the names for the plaques.

The Chair thanked both speakers and suggested that further discussion on these items be held during Late items of the agenda.

Resolved minute number	20/TCB/012	File Ref
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That the two items, vandalism of the grassed area, corner SH1 and Otaihape Road and the Heritage plaque proposal be discussed under Late items (Item 24 of the Agenda)

Mrs A Abernethy/Ms G Larsen. Carried

3 Apologies

Resolved minute number	20/TCB/013	File Ref
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That the apology for absence for Mrs Emma Abernethy be received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr Hiroa. Carried

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.

Conflicts of interest were declared by Cr Hiroa for Item 11, Mrs Fannin for Item 21 and a perceived conflict of interest by Mrs Abernethy for Item 2.

5 Confirmation of order of business

The order of business was confirmed, with Item 11 to be taken as the following item.

11 Update from MoU partnering organisations

Mokai Patea Services

Mrs Martin gave a short summary of the Work Plan report for the period February to April 2020.

On behalf of Council and the community, His Worship the Mayor wished to acknowledge Mokai Patea Services for their immediate response and work during the Covid-19 period.

Taihape Community Development Trust

Cr Duncan spoke to the Trusts tabled report. She advised that they were still in the interviewing process for a new Co-ordinator.

Cr Hiroa advised that she thoroughly enjoyed Gumboot Day and wished to acknowledge the Trust for all the work that had gone into organising this event.

Resolved minute number	20/TCB/014	File Ref
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That the update from 'Mōkai-Pātea Services and Taihape Community Development Trust February, March, April 2020' to the 8 July 2020 Taihape Community Board be received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr Hiroa. Carried

6 Minutes of previous meeting

Amendment

Item 28 Next meeting

The Board noted the incorrect date of the meeting due to Covid-19.

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/015** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the Taihape Community Board meeting as amended held on 12 February 2020, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mrs A Abernethy/Ms Larsen. Carried

7 Chair's report

The Chair took her report as read.

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/016** **File Ref**

That the 'Chair's report' to the 8 July 2020 meeting of the Taihape Community Board be received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr Duncan. Carried

8 Taihape Squash – Deed of Lease

Mr O'Hara, president of the Taihape Squash Club spoke to this item. He said that the sport had grown in popularity with their club now currently having 124 members. Along with weekly business house competitions they offered a junior squash programme and the Taihape Area School had just started using the facility. With this in mind, the club was keen to build a further two courts complete with a moving internal wall that could be pushed out to make one full sized doubles court. This would allow them to hold national events.

The Squash Club was seeking Council's approval for a land extension to the club's lease as their current land area cannot accommodate their proposal.

Mr O'Hara wished to acknowledge Ms Prince for all her work and support for this proposal.

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/017** **File Ref**

That the report 'Taihape Squash – Deed of Lease' to the 8 July 2020 Taihape Community Board is received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Ms Larsen. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/018** **File Ref**

That the Taihape Community Board recommend to Council that a variation to the Taihape Squash Club Deed of Lease be granted for an area of approximately 280m² for the purpose of additional squash courts.

Mrs A Abernethy/Ms Larsen. Carried

9 Council decisions on recommendations from the Board

This item was taken as read.

10 Council responses to queries raised at previous meeting

The Board noted the commentary in the agenda.

The Chair advised that she had logged a Request for Service regarding the building work that was encroaching onto the footpath outside of 81 Hautapu Street, Taihape. There was also some concern about the amount of rubbish and old building materials at the back of their section which could present a health & safety issue.

12 Council's delegations to the Taihape Community Board

The Board noted that the current delegations were in need of updating. It was agreed that this item be discussed at their next workshop.

Resolved minute number	20TCB/019/	File Ref
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That the Taihape Community Board, in response to Council's invitation to consider and recommend any changes to the Board's delegations, agree that this item be carried forward in order for further discussions at their workshop.

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr Hiroa. Carried

13 Intermediaries

The Board were all in favour of this recommendation.

Resolved minute number	20/TCB/020	File Ref
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That, the Chair of Taihape Community Board agrees to be an Intermediary on behalf of Council and the community they service.

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr Hiroa. Carried

14 Update on new amenities block on Taihape Memorial Park

His Worship the Mayor advised that a new toilet facility within the Taihape Memorial playground vicinity had not been allowed for in this year's budget; however, this could be considered in Council's Long Term Plan.

Resolved minute number	20/TCB/021	File Ref
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That the draft minutes of the Taihape Memorial Park User and Management Group meetings 26 February 2020 and 16 June 2020 be taken as read.

Mrs A Abernethy/Ms Larsen. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/022** **File Ref**

That the update on new amenities block on Taihape Memorial Park to the meeting of the Taihape Community Board's meeting of 8 July 2020 be received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Ms Larsen. Carried

15 Update on Mangaweka Bridge replacement

The Board noted the commentary in the agenda.

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/023** **File Ref**

That the 'Update on Mangaweka Bridge replacement' to the Taihape Community Board's meeting on 8 July 2020 be received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr Hiroa. Carried

16 Options for toilet facilities near Mt Stewart Reserve

Following a site visit to Mt Stewart Reserve, the Board agreed that the Mobil Service Station would be the preferred option in regards to providing toilet facilities for visitors to the Reserve. There was some concern that building a toilet facility within the Gumboot vicinity would not only be an eyesore but there was also the historical significance to consider in regards to the Tamatea Pokai Whenua Cairn that was sited there.

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/024** **File Ref**

That, having regard for the options for toilet facilities' near Mt Stewart Reserve, the Taihape Community Board recommends to Council that as an interim measure access to the Taihape Mobile Service Station facilities be negotiated for visitors to the Reserve and a letter advising of this be sent to Taihape Rotary.

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr Hiroa. Carried

15 Update on rubbish collection in Taihape

It was confirmed that Council had agreed that rubbish bags would be sold at Council offices.

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/025** **File Ref**

That the 'Update on rubbish collection in Taihape' to the Taihape Community Board's meeting on 8 July 2020 be received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr Duncan. Carried

16 Placemaking

The Chair noted that she had responded to the Taihape Community Development Trust regarding working together on town signage and the event notice boards.

17 Mayoral Update

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/026** **File Ref**

That the 'Mayoral Update' to the 8 July 2020 Taihape Community Board be received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr Hiroa. Carried

18 Rangitikei Youth Development Update July 2020

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/027** **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Rangitikei Youth Development Update July 2020' to the 8 July 2020 Taihape Community Board meeting be received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Ms Larsen. Carried

19 Community Grants

The commentary was noted in the agenda.

20 Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – July 2020

Mrs Fannin noted that the new lock boxes for the AED units had been ordered which would require an adjustment to the total allocation.

Resolved minute number **20/TCB/028** **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – July 2020' to the 8 July 2020 Taihape Community Board be received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Mrs Fannin. Carried

21 Requests for service – First Response, Taihape - January – April 2020

Resolved minute number

20/TCB/029

File Ref

That the extract 'Requests for service – First Response, Taihape – January – April 2020' to the 8 July 2020 Taihape Community Board be received.

Mrs A Abernethy/Cr Hiroa. Carried

22 Late items

The Board agreed that they would discuss the following items at their next workshop

- Vandalism of grassed area, junction of SH1 and Otaihape Valley Road
- Heritage Plaques highlighting people from Taihape
- Dog Park
- Taihape Events Signage Boards

23 Future items for the agenda

- Dog Park
- Taihape Event Signage Boards
- Upgrade to Outback
- Safety fence for existing playground at Taihape Memorial Park

24 Next meeting

Wednesday 9 September 2020, 5.30pm

25 Future Meeting date for 2020

Wednesday 11 November at 5.30 pm

26 Meeting closed

7.40 pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date:

Attachment 2

TCB September Meeting

Chairs report.

I do believe that the current resurgence of Covid 19, although very disappointing, was not unexpected. All we can do, as a community, is to “play by the rules”, take care and look out for each other. It is re-assuring to know that should the situation worsen Taihape has a great response team ready to spring into action. Our Taihape Community Response Team impressed us all and the Board felt it was worthy of a nomination for the Community of the Year award – this has been done.

The Community Board’s August workshop generated a lot of constructive discussion and I thank members for their input. TCB has supported The Taihape Heritage Trust’s proposal for the complete refurbishment of our grandstand inclusive of new amenities —this resulted from the response to the Trust’s petition. Together with our Northern Ward Councillors I have participated in the Talking Table – a great avenue to engage with the public. The following concerns were raised – the Tui Street site, the future of the Hospital, the muddled surrounds of the gumboot sculpture, the disappearance of the name plaques for the native trees in the Memorial Park walkway, the issue of truck parking – the question was asked “could Taihape be known as a ‘truck friendly’ town?”, the obstruction of the footpath at a construction site in Hautapu St. and many residents referred to the state of the Memorial Park playground.

I linked into the Webinar on the Three Waters- a three year project looking at multi-regional entities to manage the three waters –fresh, waste and storm, and plan to attend the RDC seminars on the same topic later in the month. I attended the AGM of the Taihape Neighbourhood support Group and have continued to push for the completion of the many projects that TCB is currently involved with.

And finally, the Council’s Long Term Plan has been released and is rather time consuming.

Ann

Attachment 3

Memorandum

To: Taihape Community Board

From: Carol Gordon – Project Manager

Date: 28 August 2020

Subject: **Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update**

File: 3-CB-1

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Taihape Community Board an update on the development of the 2021-31 Long Term Plan.

2 Context

- 2.1 Every Local Authority must at all times have a Long Term Plan (LTP) which covers a period of not less than 10 consecutive years and is formally consulted on using the special consultative process outlined in the Local government Act.
- 2.2 The purpose of the LTP is set out in section 93(6) of the Local Government Act and includes:
- Describes the activities of the Local Authority (LA)
 - Describes the community outcomes of the District
 - Provides integrated decision-making and co-ordination of the resources of the LA
 - Provides a long-term focus for the decisions and activities of the LA
 - Provides a basis for accountability of the LA to the community.

It also provides Elected Members the chance to make a major difference during their three year term.

- 2.3 Council has begun its process to develop and produce its Long Term Plan. A Project Team has been established, **Appendix 1** shows the makeup of the project team and their responsibilities.
- 2.4 So far Council has held three Workshops specifically on the development of the Long Term Plan, these were held on 23 July, 20 and 27 August.
- 2.5 An invitation has been made to the Chairs of each Community Committee, Community Board and Te Roopu Ahi Kaa to participate in subsequent LTP workshops, to provide input from their respective community.

2.5.1 Outcomes from Workshop 1 – 23 July

This workshop provided a full explanation of what an LTP was, its purpose, what information must be included, and the need to strike the right balance between “the

community needs and aspirations; services provided by Council and the willingness / ability to pay” of our community.

At this workshop Council agreed to engage early, on a more informal basis, with all sectors of our community to find out what’s important to them, and do this by going out to where our people are. This precedes formal engagement that needs to be done next year, using a formal Consultation Document (CD) and submission process.

Councillors also identified a list of “significant issues” that our communities could be facing and this list will be further developed to be included in the early engagement to generate discussion and opinions on where Council’s focus should be for the next 10 years.

Roading was also a focus for this workshop. The basis for the Asset Management Plan was presented to Councillors - this will be used for the initial application to the New Zealand Transport Agency for continuing co-investment.

2.5.2 Outcomes from Workshop 2 – 20 August

A large part of this Workshop focussed on the ‘forecasting assumptions’. These assumptions are produced using a risk and level of uncertainty approach. Councillors reviewed the previous assumptions (from the 2018-28 LTP) and suggested changes to these. These, along with demographic and population changes, will also inform the Financial and Infrastructure Strategy. The Government’s three waters reform programme announced by the Government presents a substantial uncertainty.

Councillors also started the review of the Revenue and Financing Policy – this Policy specifies how operating and capital expenditure will be funded from the sources available (i.e. general rates, uniform annual general charge, targeted rates, fees and charges, borrowing etc.). Work will now be done to review the current funding splits across some of the activities that Council carries out.

Early engagement was discussed and it was agreed this would be done using the phrase “Framing Our Future” with the objective being “To achieve greater input from all sectors of community to influence the Long Term Plan consultation to ensure the Rangitikei District Council has an LTP that incorporates the aspirations and needs of our various communities.” [Appendix 2](#) shows some of the colours and concepts which will be used as part of this engagement.

2.5.3 Workshop 3 – 27 August

This workshop expanded on a suggested outline for the early engagement process, based on the “Framing Our Future” concept that was presented in July.

The Council’s Performance Framework was also discussed, presenting the framework used for the 2018-28 LTP and an explanation of the mandatory measures and whether other measures would be included or altered for the 2021-31 LTP.

As part of the development of the LTP Council must consider whether Policies need to be updated, two policies were discussed at this workshop – these were, the Policy on development of Maori capacity to contribute to Council decision-making (also included as an item on this agenda) and the Significance and Engagement policy. The Development Contributions policy will be discussed at a future workshop.

3 Recommendation

- 3.1 That the memorandum 'Long Term Plan 2021-31 Update' to the 9 September 2020 Taihape Community Board be received.

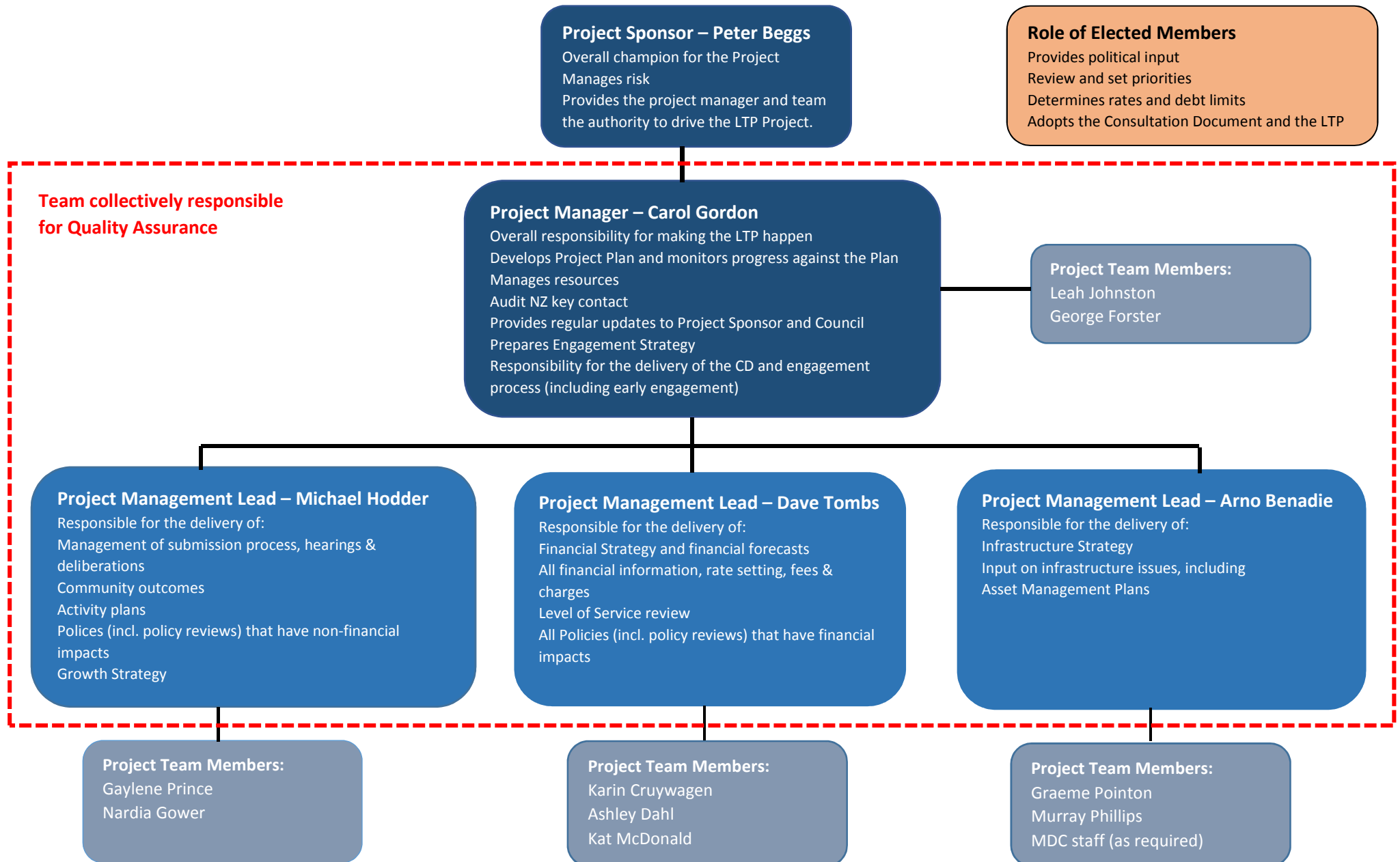
Carol Gordon

LTP Project Manager

Appendix 1

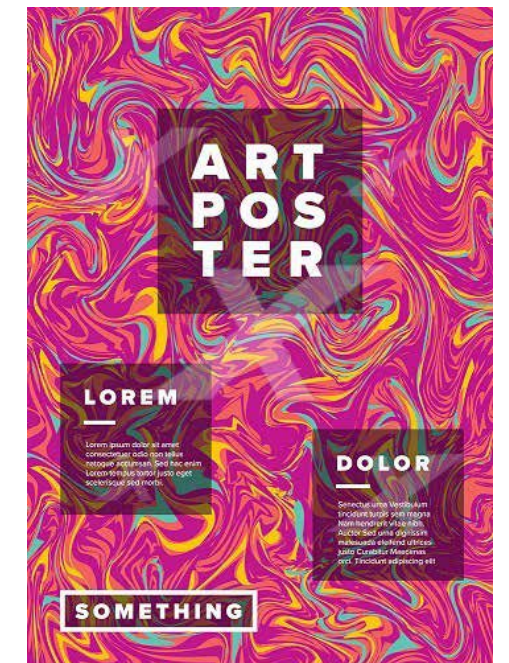
Long Term Plan 2021-31

Project Team Structure, Roles and Responsibilities



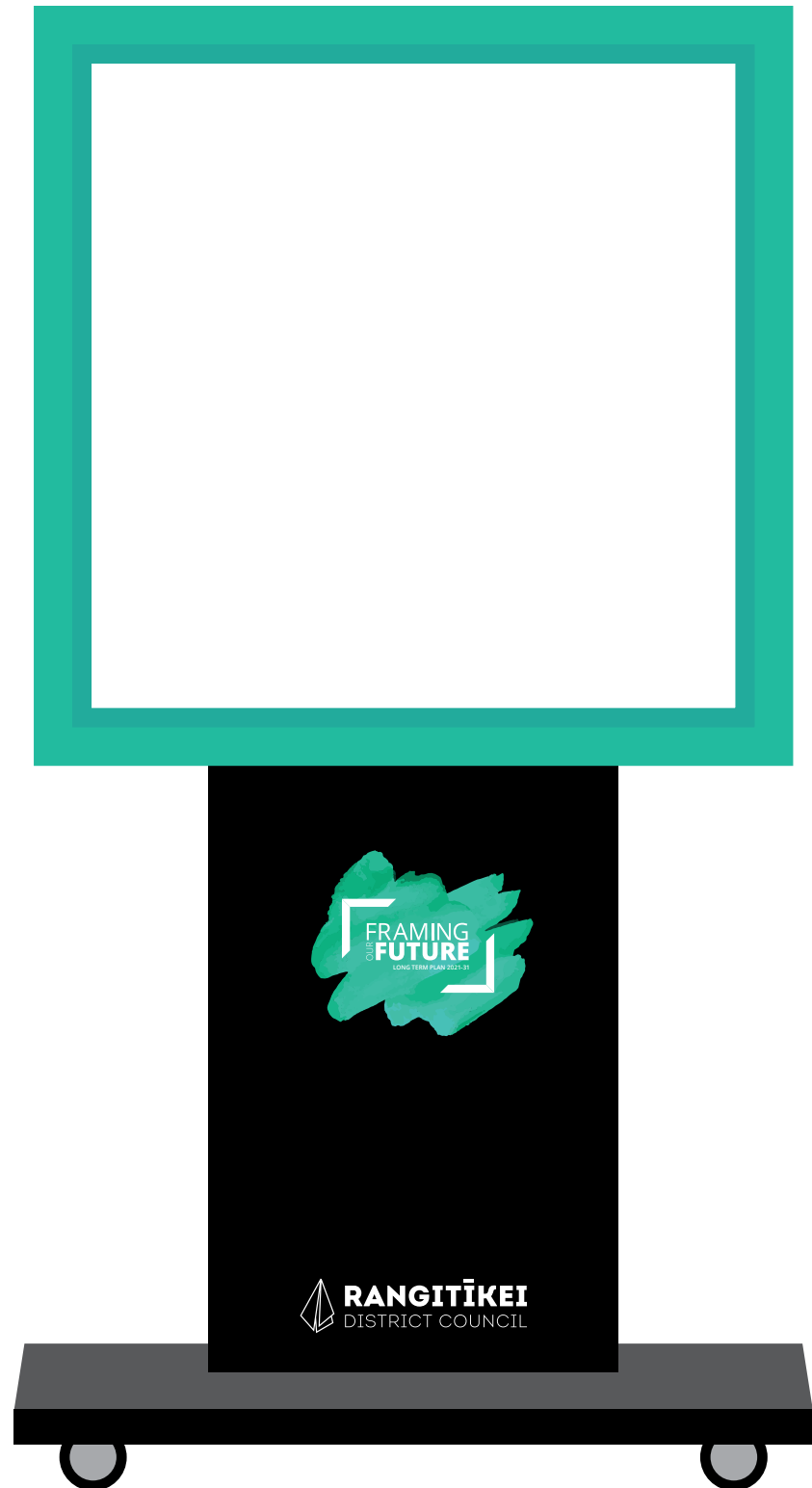
Appendix 2











Attachment 4

Taihape Community Board

Establishment	Delegations
<p><i>Purpose:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The role of community boards is set out in section 52 of the Local Government Act 2002. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community; and consider and report on all matters referred to it by the territorial authority, or any matter of interest or concern to the community board; and maintain an overview of services provided by the territorial authority within the community; and prepare an annual submission to the territorial authority for expenditure within the community; and communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community; and undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the territorial authority. To be the first point of contact (prior to Council) for community groups. Where this is not possible the Committee will be informed of the approach by the community group to the Council. Applications for the Parks Upgrade Partnership Fund are considered and commented on by the Committee prior to the application being considered by Council. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To authorise the allocation of funds from the Taihape Municipal Band Grants Account to the Taihape College in accordance with the Taihape Municipal Band Incorporated Dissolution Agreement.² To determine and set names for roads in their area of responsibility. Seeking community views on projects or initiatives requiring or allocated Council funding or other support within the area covered by the Board (including consultation on significant projects during their implementation phase). Managing specified community facilities and services within the area covered by the Board.³ Convening as a subcommittee any user group(s) at Taihape Memorial Park⁴ Local governance of the Taihape Main Street upgrade project through convening a steering committee⁵ Authority to make decisions on major tree removals in public spaces, taking into account community consultation processes', and the advice of the Parks and Recreation team leader.⁶ To nominate an assessor who will be a member of the Grants Sub-Committee along with a member

² Resolved by Council 24 November 1994.

³ Resolved Minute Number 07/RDC/359, 15 November 2007

⁴ Resolved Minute Number 18/RDC/018

⁵ Resolved Minute Number 08/RDC/155, 26 June 2008

⁶ Resolved Minute Number 17/RDC/264, 27 July 2017

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Placemaking initiatives that are taking place on Council land, will be considered and commented on by the Committee before the application is considered by the Chief Executive. To engage with wider/smaller communities of the ward represented. <p><i>Membership:</i> Four members elected from the Taihape Ward.</p> <p>Two councillors appointed by Council from the Taihape Ward.</p> <p><i>Current membership</i> Chair: Michelle Fannin Ann Abernethy Gail Larsen Yvonne Sicely</p> <p><i>Council Representatives:</i> Cr Angus Gordon¹ Cr Ruth Rainey</p> <p><i>Meeting Frequency:</i> Monthly or bi-monthly, as determined by the Committee</p>	<p>from each other community board and committee to decide on the amount to be granted to each applicant to the Community Initiatives Fund and the Events Sponsorship Scheme.⁷</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delegated authority to consider the annual work programmes, and make recommendations to Council from the Taihape MoU community partner(s) (to be reviewed January 2019).⁸ Council will provide staff for secretarial support on the basis that frequency of meetings being normally not more than every second month, and that the meetings start time are negotiated with Council and finish formally within two hours.⁹ Delegated authority for the \$5,000 annual allocation for “defined small local works” in line with the guidelines provided as follows:
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¹ Resolved Minutes Number 16/RDC/305 3 November 2016

⁷ Resolved Minutes Number 19/RDC/428 12 december 2019

⁸ Resolved minute number 18/RDC/019, 25 January 2018

⁹ Resolved Minute Number 19 RDC/274, 26 September 2019

GUIDELINES FOR DELEGATION TO COMMUNITY BOARDS FOR THE \$5,000 ANNUAL ALLOCATION AND TO COMMUNITY COMMITTEES IN COMMITTING THE \$1.00 PER RATEABLE PROPERTY FOR 'DEFINED SMALL LOCAL WORKS'¹⁰

1. The objective of the delegation is to allow Community Boards and Community Committees to fund purchases of small items or additional services which are not included in Council's operating budgets and which will benefit the local community. Examples would be signage, park furniture, plants, paint, a leaflet or other publication or an event, including implementing community-led place-making initiatives identified as priorities through the Town Centre Plan process (or some similar community consultation).
2. Proposed expenditure must be approved –
 - by resolution at a publicly notified meeting (and at a time when the public is not excluded from proceedings), or
 - (in the case of Rātana) through a community hui, from which a record is tabled and endorsed at the next available meeting of the Rātana Community Board, or
 - (for urgent matters) by documented communication to all Board/Committee members and appropriate staff for discussion and tabled and endorsed at the next available meeting so that a clear audit trail is evident.
3. Where the proposed expenditure will be paid to a community organisation, Council's reporting requirements for its Community Initiatives Fund must be met.
4. The delegation does not extend to proposed expenditure which –
 - provides training or conference attendance for one or more members, or
 - Is contrary to the recommendation contained in an officer's report to the Board or
 - constitutes an additional payment to an individual or organisation for goods or services subject to a contract with the Council, or
 - exceeds the annual allocation.Any such a proposal must be referred to Council for decision.

¹⁰ Resolved minute number 09/RDC/302, 27 August 2009

Attachment 5



Report

Subject: **Mayor's Report**

To: Council

From: Andy Watson
Mayor

Date: 21 August 2020

File: 3-EP-3-5

- 1 What a last fortnight it has been! There have been a series of announcements that have incredibly far reaching effects for our district.
- 2 I have spoken about the “three water” reforms that Government has initiated on several occasions. This is essentially the drive from Government to see waste water, drinking water and storm water being provided by a regional entity rather than individual councils. This would mean that the Council would hand over our assets such as wastewater plants and treatment stations to a conglomerate. Ratepayers would receive a bill in much the same way that you pay for electricity. All Councils are being offered a tempter from Government to start the collective conversation. For our Council that means a cash handout of \$4.8million. This money has very few tags associated with it, we should use it to improve our three water services on work that was not planned for in this year's annual plan and it could even be used for operational expenses. In exchange Council will agree to enter into a discussion with our regional partners and to provide the Government with data around the state and value of our three water networks. There is no compulsion to change our operation in the future. However in July next year we are required to make a decision as to the Rangitikei being into or out of an aggregated model. This is an enormous decision and it has major impacts, we would hand over our assets presumably in exchange for a shareholding in the new company and our share would be so small that we would in reality have very little say in the running of the company. Decisions would probably be made by a board in Wellington. How that board ran the company, which regional supplies were upgraded first and what the charges would be, would be out of our hands. Presumably the company would need to make a profit and make decisions around paying out any dividends. The difficulty is, that there is virtually no information on how it will work at this stage. As we are developing our LTP (long term plan) at the moment covering the next ten years, but focussing on the next three years heavily, we don't have the information to provide for detailed planning or to provide options for our communities to consider as part of the consultation process. If those core services were taken away from councils what would councils be expected to provide in the future, essentially what would be their role?
- 3 So why has the Government gone down this path? The conversation has been around for a number of years but was ramped up post the Havelock North water issue where potable water from a ground bore got contaminated and people fell ill in the hundreds. Government realized that this had been under investment by local authorities for many years and that there are many Councils who did not meet consents. This is true and our council is one of them. Essentially local authorities have been poor managers and had little knowledge of their assets. The liability or money needed to upgrade, runs into the tens of billions of dollars on a national basis and on a

council per capita basis rural authorities like ours face the biggest costs. Government believes that efficiencies would be gained by scale and that the large metro councils would be able to subsidise the smaller authorities. This is debateable, for it can be argued that we have seen little financial efficiency out of previous attempts to aggregate council functions both here in New Zealand and overseas. Local Government would probably also say that while there has been years of under investment, considerable gains have been made over the last few years against new standards imposed by both Government and Regional Authorities such as Horizons.

- 4 This is just the start of the conversation!!
- 5 Last week Government granted our Council \$9.1million, I repeat \$9.1million to fund the rail infrastructure and forestry development, dependant on resource consent in an area between Marton and State Highway One. We have seen the huge investment nationally by Government around the country. Our neighbouring councils have received tens of millions and finally on the last sitting day that Government had, it was our turn. This grant, which is not a loan, has taken literally years to win and I thank our new Chief Executive Peter Beggs for his part in making this happen. I would also like to thank the Government for recognizing the potential and the jobs that this will bring to our district. I would also like to thank and recognize Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa as a partner in the process.
- 6 Last week the Commissioner deciding the district plan application by Council released his decision in Councils favour to approve, subject to conditions, the plan change which will allow for the rail hub development. Again this has been a very lengthy process compounded by the pandemic and uncertainty as to exactly what the site could be used for in the future. We have a responsibility to work with the submitters around their concerns as part of the consenting process, we should not see this as purely a need to comply.
- 7 Once again the country is in some form of lockdown as the pandemic resurfaces in New Zealand. The regional authorities are stretched in dealing with this and our businesses continue to suffer. We have been fortunate that so far this year we have not had to deal with another type of major civil defence issue such as a flood because we would struggle to find the resources to deal with it.
- 8 Council has started work on our long Term Plan which will involve many discussions with sector groups and the community. One of the things we start with are the assumptions around what will be our population in the future and what will be the economic climate be over the next few years. The future for us looks strong we are undergoing rapid growth with hundreds of new houses, businesses are wanting to operate here and at a time where we need to borrow to invest, interest rates are at an all time low.

Andy Watson
Mayor

Attachment 6

Memorandum

To: Taihape Community Board

From: Kelly Widdowson, Strategic Advisor for Youth

Date: 31 August 2020

Subject: **Rangitikei Youth Development Update August 2020**

File: 4-EN-12-1

Yes Programme (Youth Employment Success)

Youth Employment Success (YES) is an online platform that launched in 2016 partnering with a variety of industries to offer free employment-based opportunities to 16-24-year-olds.

Since 2016, YES has seen 112 businesses across the country offering their time, close to 1,500 opportunity requests and nearly 20,000 unique visitors to their website across the country. The Whanganui/Rangitikei district platform was launched at the beginning of June, with 80 businesses so far on-board offering opportunities for our youth.

Council, along with 100% Sweet, are engaging with local businesses to offer the same opportunities to youth to connect to local businesses in a real world way. It involves a professional short video clip of business and their staff, talking about what the job entails and how the business and industry is a great career path option. Further the business can choose from a selection of real world help they can offer an interested youth. Such options include a coffee catch up, business walk through, CV review, desk shadow, internship and lots more. Each business decides what, from the offers, they can genuinely deliver.

100% Sweet further works with youth to help them successfully complete a work ready passport which covers a range of skills from the importance of turning up on time to begin drug free, first aid and basic health and safety.

<https://youthemployer.nz/>

Mahi Tahi

Mahi Tahi is the Rangitikei Employment Programme delivered through partnership with Rangitikei District Council, Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa and their Te Puna - Education, Training and Employability branch, Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs and the Ministry of Social Development (MSD). The programme is delivered district wide for both jobseekers and businesses looking for staff. The primary focus is for youth under 25 OR anyone who has lost their job due to COVID-19.

Funding is used in a bespoke manner and has a focus on working with individuals to make them job ready through upskilling, training, micro credentials and holistic wellbeing. Further Mahi Tahi can support businesses with support packages, onsite buddy training options, and more. Mahi

Tahi is committed to working with local employers and jobseekers to provide effective solutions and success for all.

<https://www.facebook.com/Mahi-Tahi-Rangit%C4%ABkei-Employment-Programme102880514799866/>

Youth Council

Youth Council finally attend their postponed training day and inaugural meeting. This Took place the 4th of July in Marton Chambers. Youth Council elected a chairperson, deputy chair set their vision for the remainder of the year, and implemented strategy on how to deliver their vision to their community.

Members of Youth Council, along with other youth in the district, attended Festival for the Future 2020 (FFTF). This festival is usually held in Wellington over a weekend, however due to the uncertainty of COVID-19, the event was moved to a digital platform. Although attendees were encouraged by FFTF to attend in the comfort of their own environment, Youth Council agreed they would gain more benefit from attending as a group, being able to bounce ideas and concepts off each other, with the Strategic Advisor for Youth creating a mini-festival atmosphere. Therefore this was held at Rangitikei College, 13 – 17 July in conjunction with the digital event. 8 Youths attended the week-long event, enjoying the atmospheric activities and social interactions with each other, with mixed reviews of the digital content. <https://www.festivalforthefuture.co/>

John Turkington Forestry Youth Awards 2020

The 2020 Youth Awards has been postponed twice, due to COVID-19, forcing us to think outside the box to ensure the awards can still take place. The event was set to take place on the 27th August.

Finalists were announced via Facebook and Instagram 30th August 2020. The Youth Council made the decision to hit the road and take the Youth Awards to the community, rather than planning yet another event that may not eventuate. This will take place September 7th, moving from Taihape, Marton, Bulls and Feilding, with winners, runners up and nominees being publically recognised through social media and newspaper outlets.

Lobby's

The Lobby Taihape has remained open during August and through COVID-19 Alert level 2. It is run through MOU with Mokai Patea Services, 3-5pm each day.

The Marton Lobby employed a new youth assistant to supervise the Lobby, 3-5pm each day, however was unable to be open due to social distancing space restrictions during August. Re-opening will take place once we return to level one guidelines.

Recommendation

That the memorandum 'Rangitikei Youth Development Update August 2020' to the 9 September 2020 Taihape Community Board be received.

Kelly Widdowson
Youth Development Advisor

Attachment 7

MEMORANDUM

TO: Taihape Community Board

FROM: Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator

DATE: 01 September 2020

SUBJECT: **Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – September 2020**

FILE: 3-CB-1-2

1 Allocation

- 1.1 The amount of the 2020/21 Small Projects Grant Scheme for Taihape Ward is \$5,379.
- 1.2 The allocation of the Small Projects Grant Scheme is for the period 1 July to 30 June each year. At its meeting on 29 February 2016, Council resolved to allow carry-forward from one financial year to the next of up to 100% of the annual allocation for any Committee's/Board's Small Projects Grant Fund, with the proviso that this be a specific resolution of the Committee/Board.
- 1.3 At its meeting 25 June 2020, Council resolved to carry-forward the full amount of unspent funds from the 2019/20 year of \$5882.18 to the 2020/21 year due to COVID-19 and the inability of the Committee to hold meetings and make their own carry forward recommendations.
- 1.4 This gives a total allocation for the 2020/21 year of \$11,261.18.

2 Breakdown

- 2.1 Nothing for the 2020/21 as yet.

3 Remaining Budget

- 3.1 This leaves a remaining budget for the 2020/21 financial year of \$11,261.18.

4 Recommendation:

- 4.1 That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update – September 2020' to the 09 September 2020 Taihape Community Board be received.

Bonnie Clayton
Governance Administrator

Attachment 8

Service Request Breakdown for Taihape May-August 2020 - First Response

Service Requests Department	Compliance current	overdue	responded in time	responded late	Grand Total
Animal Control		1	46	19	66
Animal control bylaw matter			1		1
Animal welfare concern			3		4
Barking dog			2	1	3
Dog attack			3		3
Dog property inspection (for Good Owner status)			8	3	11
Found dog			6		6
General enquiry				1	1
Lost animal			6		6
Microchip dog				1	1
Property investigation - animal control problem			1	1	2
Roaming dog		1	2	5	8
Wandering stock			14	6	20
Building Control				2	2
General enquiry				1	1
Property inspection				1	1
Council Housing/Property			5	6	11
Council housing maintenance			3	5	8
Council property maintenance			2		2
Graffiti/vandalism				1	1
Environmental Health		4	8	6	18
Abandoned vehicle		1	1	1	3
Dead animal		1			1
Dumped rubbish - outside town boundary (road corridor only)			1	1	2
Dumped rubbish - under bridges, beaches, rivers, etc		1			1
Dumped rubbish - within town boundary			1		1
General enquiry				1	1
Noise			4	3	7
Pest problem eg wasps		1			1
Vermin			1		1
Footpaths			2	2	4
Footpath maintenance			2	2	4
General enquiry				1	1
General enquiry				1	1
Parks and Reserves		1	2	4	7
General enquiry			1	1	2
Maintenance (parks and reserves)			1	2	3
Playground equipment		1			1
Water leak - parks and reserves only				1	1
Public Toilets		1		1	2
Maintenance (public toilets)		1		1	2
Roads		5	7	11	23
Culverts, drains and non-CBD sumps			2		2
Potholes		1	1	2	4
Road maintenance - not potholes		4	3	9	16
Vehicle crossings			1		1
Roadside Berm Mowing				2	2
Rural berm mowing (including Taihape - see map)				2	2
Roadside Trees, Vegetation and Weeds			1	1	2
Rural trees, vegetation and weeds			1		1
Urban trees, vegetation and weeds				1	1
Stormwater		1	3		4
General enquiry			1		1
Stormwater blocked drain (non urgent)		1	2		3
Street Lighting		4			4
Street lighting maintenance		4			4
Wastewater		1	2	3	6
Wastewater blocked drain			1	3	4
Wastewater odour		1			1
Wastewater overflow (dry weather)			1		1
Water		1	4	20	26
Dirty drinking water			1		1
General enquiry			1		1
Replace meter, toby or lid			4		4
Water leak - council-owned network, not parks or cemeteries		1	2	11	14
Water leak - parks and reserves only			1		1
Water leak at meter/toby			1	3	5
Grand Total		1	22	96	178

Service Request Breakdown for Taihape May-August 2020 - Feedback

Feedback Required (Multiple Items)

Service Requests	Feedback						
Department	Email	In Person	Not able to contact	Telephone	Not provided	Grand Total	
Animal Control		6		4	11	2	23
Building Control		1			1		2
Council Housing/Property					1		1
Environmental Health						5	5
Footpaths				1	1	1	3
Parks and Reserves					1	1	2
Public Toilets						1	1
Roads				1	3	1	5
Roadside Berm Mowing	1			1			2
Roadside Trees, Vegetation and Weeds				1			1
Stormwater				1			1
Wastewater						1	1
Water		3			1		4
Grand Total		1	10	9	19	12	51