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Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Meeting

**Tuesday 13 December,
11.00 am**

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Councillor Cath Ash

His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson, (ex officio)

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The quorum for the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa is 6.

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

1 Karakia/Welcome

2 Public Forum

3 Apologies

4 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Komiti's last meeting for the 2013-16 triennium, 9 August 2016, are attached for information.

5 Chair's report

A verbal report will be provided at the meeting.

6 Council decisions on recommendations from the Komiti

There were no recommendations from the Komiti presented to the Council meeting on 25 August 2016.

7 Appointment of representative to Council's Assets/Infrastructure Committee

At its meeting on 1 December 2016, Council agreed to invite Ahi Kaa to have a representative on the Assets/Infrastructure Committee with full voting rights. The remuneration would be on the same basis as attending a meeting of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa.

Meetings are held every month, from February to December. The terms of reference are attached.

Recommendation

That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa nominates ... to be its representative on Council's Assets/Infrastructure Committee for the 2016-19 triennium.

8 Feedback from Komiti's workshop

This is a discussion item.

9 Update from Council (October-November 2016)

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CT-8-1

Recommendation

That the

10 Ture Whenua Māori Bill

The Māori Affairs select committee has recently reported back on the Bill. In his statement, Minister Flavell said that:

As part of the wider Māori land reforms, work is continuing on key matters such as providing better solutions for landlocked Māori land, improving the way the rating system works for Māori land, addressing issues with the Public Works Act and designing the Māori Land Service.

11 Update on landlocked land

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

12 Te Pae Tawhiti

This is a discussion item.

13 Update on the Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative and other community development programmes – September to November 2016

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 1-CO-4

Recommendation

That the memorandum “Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative and other community development programmes – September to November 2016” be received.

14 Late items

15 Next meeting

Tuesday 14 February 2017, 11am

16 Meeting closed/Karakia

Attachment 1

Rangitikei District Council

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 9 August 2016 – 11:10 a.m.

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Present: Mr Pahia Turia (Chair)
Ms Barbara Ball
Mr Hone Albert
Mr Thomas Curtis
Ms Tracey Hiroa
Mr Peter Richardson
Mr Chris Shenton
Mr Terry Steedman
Cr Cath Ash
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

Also in attendance: Cr Soraya Peke-Mason

In attendance: Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Ms Katrina Gray, Policy Analyst/Planner
Ms Janette O'Leary, Administrator

1 Karakia/Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Public forum

Nil

3 Apologies

That the apologies for absence from Ms H Benevides, Mr P Maraku and Mr R Steedman be received.

Mr T Curtis / Mr P Turia. Carried

4 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Korero/Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number 16/IWI/019 **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 14 June 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr T Steedman / Mr T Curtis. Carried

5 Chair's report

A verbal report was given at the meeting.

The Regional Action Plan launch is occurring on 12 August in Whanganui. Ministers Guy, Flavell and Joyce will be there and several announcements will be made at the meeting. Ministry for Primary Industries minister Guy will visit the Glasgow property.

The Chair expressed a desire to hold a 1 hour hui before all Komiti meetings in future.

Resolved minute number 16/IWI/020 **File Ref**

That the Chair's report to the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting on 9 August 2016 be received.

Mr P Turia / Mr C Shenton. Carried

6 Council decisions on recommendations from the Komiti

The Komiti noted that there were no recommendations from the Komiti to Council's meeting of 28 July 2016.

7 Feedback from Komiti's workshop

The following points from the Komiti's workshop were further discussed:

- Strong focus between TRAKK/Council and Council/Iwi/Hapu/Whanau.
- Opportunities for input from Tangata Whenua during the induction process.
- Aspirational position statements.
- Strategic priorities for the Komiti
- Potential for Komiti representative on each Council Committee with full voting rights.
- Permanence of the Komiti.

8 Update from Council (June July 2016)

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the report.

The pre-feasibility study for a Tutaenui Community Water Scheme is progressing with the Governance Group membership being decided by the end of August. The Chief Executive and Mr D Miller recently met with representatives from the Ministry for Primary Industries. The Chair suggested that Ngati Hauiti needed to be involved in discussions on this project.

Mr McNeil informed the Komiti that a report on the future of Community Housing was due at the end of the month.

A public meeting was held relating to the Bulls Multi-Purpose Community Centre with the proposed design being presented for feedback. The capacity of the hall is being investigated. The fundraising programme in place, with 70% of the local and external funding needing to be in place before building will start.

Mr McNeil also spoke briefly on the item on Council's Earthquake-Prone Buildings Policy. The Heritage Minister I scheduled to make an announcement on Friday around incentives for earthquake strengthening of buildings. The Chair reinforced the need for there to be incentive for building owners to strengthen their buildings and enquired about the possibility of rates remissions. His Worship the Mayor informed that Komiti that there would be an avenue for building owners to seek a rates remission while completing the works and that there is also a mechanism to request a reduction or waiver of the internal consenting costs associated with strengthening work. He also suggested that there needed to be economic benefits to the community from these works.

Mr McNeil also spoke to the Komiti about the Resilience Fund Project, providing a brief update. This will be a 12 month project to improve resilience or move residents out of harm's way. \$29,000 has been received from the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management. The project could also cover the Lower Whangaehu Valley and possibly Kauangaroa as well; a questionnaire will be distributed to affected residents. The learnings from this project will be used to decide the outcomes and could be used across the country. There could be an impact on ratepayers depending on the outcome/recommendations of the project, but these are not known at this stage.

Resolved minute number**16/IWI/021****File Ref****3-CT-8-1**

That the report 'Update from Council's meetings in June and July be received.

Mr C Shenton / Ms T Hiroa. Carried

9 Update on landlocked land

The Chair provided a brief update to the Komiti.

\$30,000 has been pledged by Te Puni Kokiri with five sites selected as part of the study. He informed the Komiti that Mokai Patea had been selected as one of these sites.

10 Induction process for new Council following 2016 elections

His Worship the Mayor informed the Komiti that he would meet with staff to look at the induction process for the new Council, which will include members of the Komiti. He expressed a desire to see the creation of a resource folder about staff and who does what, as well as information on the individual wards, and the Kaumatua and council facilities within those wards.

11 Process for nomination of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Members following the October 2016 elections

Resolved minute number**16/IWI/022****File Ref****3-CT-8-1**

That the report 'Process for nomination of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa members following the October 2016 elections' be received.

TC/ TH

Resolved minute number**16/IWI/023****File Ref****3-CT-8-1**

That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa agrees that the preferred processes for selecting the Iwi members of the Komiti is via a letter to the Chair of the respective Marae Komiti or appropriate governance body to seek nominations for representation.

Ms T Hiroa / Mr P Turia. Carried

Resolved minute number**16/IWI/024****File Ref****3-CT-8-1**

That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa accepts the practice of electing the Rātana member of the Komiti from the community at large during the inaugural meeting of the elected members of the Rātana Community Board

Mr P Turia / Mr C Shenton. Carried

12 Update on Path to Well-being Initiative

The Komiti discussed the need for input from the Northern part of the District, specifically around the Youth Awards, successes need to be shared across the District. Planning for future events should be inclusive of those in the Northern part of the District. It was identified that there are Iwi-based leadership awards and mentoring happening in the North already. His Worship the Mayor informed the Komiti that the Youth Awards were open to anyone across the District, but suggested that the next Youth Forum could be held in Taihape.

Resolved minute number**16/IWI/025****File Ref****1-CO-4**

That the report 'Update on the Path to Well-being initiative and other community development programmes June/July 2016' be received.

Mr T Steedman / Mr C Shenton. Carried

13 Late items

His Worship the Mayor spoke to the Komiti on a recent meeting he had in Palmerston North with members of the agricultural sector in China to discuss their desire to have direct relationships with agricultural producers in New Zealand.

14 Next meeting

Date and venue TBC

15 Meeting closed/Karakia – 12.27pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____

Attachment 2

Assets / Infrastructure Committee¹⁰

Establishment	Terms of Reference
<p><i>Purpose¹¹:</i></p> <p>To ensure sustainable management of Council-owned assets/infrastructure which achieves compliance with government requirements and high community satisfaction</p> <p><i>Field of Activity:</i></p> <p>Outcomes</p> <p>The Council and the community are confident that.....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Council's continuing investment in its infrastructure is clearly supported by – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> accurate condition information and assessment, intelligent procurement, sound asset management practice, scheduled reviews of timeframes and priorities, and informed understanding of present and future demand, in terms of legal requirements, economic activity and demographic projections. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> opportunities for community management or ownership of Council facilities and local service contracts are thoroughly canvassed and implemented when demonstrably financially viable 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Infrastructure strategy Asset management planning Council owned infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water (including rural water supplies) Sewage and the treatment and disposal of sewerage Stormwater drainage Consents management Council roading and footpath network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme monitoring Emergency works New Zealand Transport Agency funding and requirements Council owned facilities – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> halls, toilets parks, reserves, swimming pools, community housing, libraries, information centres cemeteries Solid waste management <p><i>Exclusions</i></p> <p>Matters prohibited under clause 32(1) Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 from being delegated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the power to make a rate, the power to make a bylaw, the power to borrow money, or purchase or dispose of assets, other than in accordance with the long-term plan, the power to adopt a long-term plan, annual plan or annual report, the power to appoint a chief executive, the power to adopt policies required to be adopted and consulted on under this Act in association with the long-term plan or

¹⁰ Resolved Minute Number 13/RDC/260, Thursday 31 October 2013

¹¹ Resolved Minute Number 13/RDC/307, Tuesday 26 November 2013

<p><i>Membership¹²:</i></p> <p><i>Current membership:</i> Cr His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson – <i>ex-officio</i></p> <p><i>Chair</i> Cr Dean McManaway¹³</p> <p><i>Meeting Frequency¹⁴:</i></p> <p>Meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month and other times as business requires.</p>	<p>developed for the purpose of the local governance statement, or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the power to adopt a remuneration and employment policy. <p>Other matters to be dealt with directly by Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council’s governance structure, standing orders etc., • Council representation on external bodies, • Remuneration to Elected Members (including allowances and reimbursement of expenses), • Delegations to the Chief Executive and other staff, • Submissions (and deliberation on submissions), • Petitions and Public Forum, • Recommendations from the Community Boards or any Council committee (including Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, the community committees and the rural water supply management sub-committees), • Reports from the Chief Executive on staffing, internal capability, process and system improvements, and other operational matters, and • Any matter deemed necessary to be considered in a ‘public excluded’ meeting. <p>Any resolution at any Committee which three or more Elected Members vote against and ask for their votes to be recorded or which the Chair rules (on the basis of advice from the Chief Executive) as being substantially different from any option presented in the officer’s report – such resolutions to be recast as recommendations to the Council.</p> <p><i>Delegations</i></p>
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¹² Resolved Minute Number 13/RDC/308, 26 November 2013; 14/RDC/024, 30 January 2014

¹³ Resolved Minutes Number 16/RDC/287, 3 November 2016

¹⁴ Resolved Minute Number 13/RDC/324, Tuesday 26 November 2013

	Each Committee has the power to delegate to a sub-committee any authority or power to determine matters within its field of activity or responsibility, as covered by Section 32(3) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002
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Attachment 3



MEMORANDUM

TO: Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti

FROM: Samantha Kett, Governance Administrator

DATE: 2 December 2016

SUBJECT: **Update from Council's meetings in November and December 2016**

FILE: 3-CT-8-1

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report is to provide the Komiti with an update on issues that have been under consideration by Council over the past two months.
- 1.2 The regular update on progress with Council's Top Ten projects is attached as Appendix 1.

2 Post Kaikoura earthquake building evaluations

- 2.1 Following the severe earthquake at 12.02 am on 14 November 2016 centred on Kaikoura, Council staff assessed roads and infrastructure and carried out visual inspections of Council's buildings. With one possible exception, they found no issue needing more expert consideration. The Marton Pool was closed as a precautionary measure but opened that afternoon.
- 2.2 The possible exception was the Taihape Pool to confirm that there are no issues around the learners' pool where substantial strengthening was done last year. That further inspection has been carried out and there are no new cracks or unexpected water loss.

3 Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant Advisory Group

- 3.1 This group was established last triennium and, as with other Council committees, needs to be re-established by the current Council to continue.
- 3.2 The community members appointed last triennium were: Campbell Bary, Gordon Gunn, Robert Gunn, Geoff Mills, Chris Shenton, Robert Snijders, Bruce Thomson. His Worship the Mayor as a member of the group, with support from the Chief Executive, the General Manager – Infrastructure, the Utilities Asset Manager and the Utilities Operations Manager.
- 3.3 Council agreed to seek a nominee from the Marton Community Committee to take the spot filled by Robert Snijders in the previous triennium.

4 Update on former Taihape College site, 55 Rauma Road

- 4.1 The remaining facilities at the former Taihape College site are currently used by a number of community groups and maintained by agents appointed by the Ministry of Education. The Ministry has proposed issuing a licence to occupy this site to Council which would then assume responsibility for managing the land and buildings and the tenancies. That licence would have an initial term of twelve months but after that would be on month-by-month basis, reflecting the fact that the site is in a disposal process.
- 4.2 The Mayor and the Chief Executive met on 14 November 2016 with the current occupiers of the facility to discuss their long-term objectives in the light of the expected significant additional costs associated with the desired continued use of the facility and Council accepting the proposed licence to occupy. Almost all groups currently using the facilities were represented at the meeting – the exceptions being taekwondo and soccer.
- 4.3 The meeting was informed of Council's earlier calculations that those costs were estimated as being \$18,000 initially¹, with ongoing annual costs of \$39,000 – most of which was maintaining the extensive grounds. The buildings had been under maintained and needed to be at the required standard (especially regarding fire safety) so that Council could issue a building warrant of fitness (which is currently lacking).
- 4.4 The group was doubtful whether the facilities at Rauma Road could be met as part of the building projects planned on the Town Hall site and/or associated with the amenity block to be located on Taihape Memorial Park – in particular because of the floor area available at Rauma Road. They understood that Council would not necessarily get a chance to bid for the property if it became part of the compensation in the Treaty claims process.
- 4.5 The group accepted that
- Council needs to sign the proposed licence to safeguard the present use of the buildings;
 - Council would draft a model of 'reasonable costs' having regard for its current charging structure on halls – i.e. electricity and water being paid by the user groups with consideration of variable rates between casual and permanent users;
 - Council would check the feasibility of fencing off some of the area for grazing so that ground maintenance costs would be lower; and
 - there had been considerable volunteer involvement with the site so far and that was scope for volunteer assistance in tidying up the site

¹ This is to satisfy fire protection requirements, undertake basic repairs to broken windows, guttering etc., and tidy up the grounds around the buildings, in particular overhanging trees.

4.6 Council will also consider the potential fit between the facilities in Rauma Road and what might be developed on the Town Hall site and/or Taihape Memorial Park.

4.7 A further meeting of the user group will be arranged before Christmas. They are keen to manage the hall collectively rather than have Council do this on the same basis as for other halls. The objective for this meeting is to reach a consensus from which a recommendation can be made to Council on the proposed licence to occupy.

5 Proposed amendments to the Speed Limit Bylaw – Kauangaroa

5.1 One submitter to the proposed amendments to the Speed Limit Bylaw – Kauangaroa, requested to speak to Council at the oral hearings on 1 December 2016.

5.2 The submitter disagreed with the proposed change to an 80km/h speed limit, citing various reasons including the lack of investigations into alternate options for making the area safer and that the area did not meet the threshold for a lower speed limit.

5.3 Council will consider all submissions and deliberate the proposed amendment at its meeting on 15 December 2016.

6 Development of a management plan for Marton B and C Dams

6.1 At its meeting on 1 December 2016, Council approved the development of a management plan for the Marton B and C dams.

6.2 The Marton B and C dams are located to the north of Marton and are the main drinking water source for the Marton Township. The Tutaenui Restoration Trust would like to open up the C dam for public access alongside a wider project for walking access alongside the Tutaenui Stream from Marton to the Dam. Council has previously indicated high level support for public access via a walking track around the C dam.

6.3 The management plan will guide management into the future. It is essential that potential health and safety and operational issues are addressed prior to allowing open public access to the site.

7 Recommendation

7.1 That the report 'Update from Council's meetings in November and December 2016' be received.

Samantha Kett
Governance Administrator

Appendix 1



Memorandum

To: Council

From: Ross McNeil

Date: 24 November 2016

Subject: **Top Ten Projects – status, November 2016**

File: 5-EX-4

This memorandum is an update from the statements provided to the Council's meeting on 28 July 2016 and subsequent months.

1. Reinstatement of the roading network after the June 2015 floods

The programme for 2016/17 has been mapped out and is being implemented, continuing to use the bundling approach for engaging contractors. This project is expected to be complete by December 2017.

2. Upgrade of the Bulls wastewater treatment plant to meet new consent conditions

The consent application remains under consideration by Horizons, which effectively puts the project on hold. Riverlands had expressed interest in a collaborative approach to the upgrade of the Bulls wastewater treatment plant but, on further consideration, seems unlikely to make such a commitment. Although Horizons is keen to see the merging of the two discharges, it would be entirely a Council decision to do that. It would mean withdrawing the current consent application and submitting a new one.

3. Upgrade of the Marton wastewater treatment plant to meet new consent conditions

The initial focus until December 2017 is on acceptable management of the leachate from the Bonny Glen landfill. The Heads of Agreement has been signed between Midwest Disposal and Council; the management plan to define the arrangements for transporting the leachate to Marton, storing it, and releasing it into the waste water treatment plant has been finalised. The document was presented to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee at its meeting on 11 August 2016. The storage tanks and pumping system for pre-treated leachate is now in place at the Marton wastewater treatment plant. This means that there is now a managed entry of pre-treated leachate into the treatment plant.

Midwest has yet to see a commercially running plant that can demonstrate the efficiency of their preferred option of on-site treatment of leachate. Midwest aims to have its pre-treatment plant operating by April 2017. However, it seems that the leachate will require further treatment before it can be discharged into a waterway. Council has been specific

that the application for the new consent for the Marton wastewater treatment plant will not allow leachate to be accepted.

4. Upgrade of the Ratana wastewater treatment plant to meet the demands from the anticipated housing development

Planning and legal formalities are under way for the 60 lot subdivision at Ratana. This subdivision will be progressed as a 'partition' through the Maori Land Court, rather than a subdivision consent under the Resource Management Act. As the land is under multiple ownership, the partition process allows for specific areas (parcels) to be defined and assigned to owners. This is similar to a cross-lease arrangement.

External funding support for the wastewater treatment plant capacity upgrade has yet to be confirmed. However, Te Puni Kokiri, as the social housing funder for this development, is aware of the funding shortfall and discussions are being held with staff from that organisation. Council budgets do include funding to upgrade the plant to meet future treatment standards.

An update on the subdivision project was included in the Administrative matters report to Council's meeting on 29 September 2016. The Waipu Trust, which is advancing the development, will be seeking an agreement with Council for management and maintenance of the core infrastructure and open space areas associated with the development. The Maori Land Court is likely to want to see evidence of this arrangement before approving the partitioning.

5. Sustainable provision of stock and irrigation water within the area now serviced by the Hunterville Rural Water Scheme, extended south to Marton, and provision of a safe, potable and affordable supply to Hunterville town

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has approved the Tutaenui pre-feasibility study, and officials visited on 1 August 2016 to view the area and discuss their views on what a pre-feasibility study should achieve and how it would be best done. This included engaging a specialist consultancy, and Brian Kouvelis and David Voss have been engaged in this regard. Their first task has been to complete concept designs for the reconfiguration of the Hunterville rural scheme and for supply through the proposed Tutaenui scheme. Farmers within the project area will be surveyed over the coming months, including some face-to-face interviews. .

a concept design for the reconfiguration of the existing Hunterville Rural Water Supply, and a concept design for the supply of the proposed Tutaenui Rural Water Supply. This work is supported by water network modelling. Draft demand profiles have been produced, and these have informed the concept designs.

Horizons Regional Council have committed to providing a GIS resource for the project. Their GIS staff will create an online viewer that will enable all spatial data to be easily viewed, with layers that can be turned on and off to suit.

The project is due for completion in mid-2017. Depending on the outcome, a feasibility study may follow, again with funding support from MPI

6. Future management of community housing

Council has committed to examine other options for managing its community housing stock, using one or more specialist organisations with the ability to tap into government financial assistance. The Manawatu Community Trust is the only organisation which has continued to express interest in taking over the ownership and management of all 72 units.

Council needs further information before deciding whether to outsource or retain this housing. Over the past twelve months the level of occupancy has risen considerably. A further report will be provided to Council's meeting on 15 December 2016.

7. Upgrade of Taihape Pool

Major work is required in filtration and heating to get this pool to a satisfactory standard. An expert assessment was obtained and peer reviewed. Initially, there was an assessment that the existing electricity supply to the pool would need upgrading, but on further examination will not be necessary. The costs for the full extent of work are estimated at \$430,000 which takes the project beyond the funds committed by Council and the Trust – and also extend the timeframe for completion beyond the time when the new swimming season would start.

There has been a meeting with the Taihape Community Development Trust (which has a service contract to manage the Pool) and a commitment secured to work on a joint funding strategy to secure the funding gap of \$200,000 to enable the work to be done during 2017. A contingency budget to fund this upgrade is proposed for inclusion in the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan, so could be an element for community consultation.

No application for external funding as yet been submitted.

8. Bulls multi-purpose community centre

Community feedback was sought at the public launch of the project on 8 August 2016, and as a consequence the design has been modified to provide a larger auditorium, a wider stage, and additional toilets. The funding implications from these changes were considered by Council at its meeting on 29 September 2016. The total cost of the facility is likely to be \$4.36 million but the rate-funded loan (for \$1.6 million) will not increase. The required additional funding will come from corporate sponsorship, a higher target for local community funding and sale of further surplus Council property in Bulls or use of financial reserves. The architects suggested a mesh-style exterior cladding to lighten the look: subject to confirming the price, this change in the building appearance has got strong support.

Agreement has now been reached with the Joint venture (JV) partners (who own the whole former Criterion Hotel site) in regard to the area to be purchased by Council – including the retention by the JV partners of the civic square area (so Council does not need to purchase it) which will be subject to enduring control by the Council. A geotech assessment of the site has started.

The application to Lotteries' Community Facilities Fund was submitted by the due date, 31 August 2016. A decision is expected in December 2016. A funding application was lodged with the Dudding Trust; it will be discussed further in next year's funding round.

Work continues on investigating the legal saleability of surplus properties is currently being reviewed. The information centre/bus stop at 113 Bridge Street has no impediment to sale and from late January 2017 will be offered for sale through an open tender process in accordance with Council policy on the sale of surplus property. Such a sale will be conditional on allowing Council to continue using the site as now until the new facility is available. (This sale process had been envisaged for November, but the agent commissioned elected to withdraw because of other work. The sale is now being managed by property Brokers.)

Preparations for the local fund-raising campaign are well advanced. A newsletter was distributed to every property in Bulls outlining the background to the project, its current status, and the next stages of the development. the Give-a-little page is now ready for launching – but that will be delayed until the outcome of the application to Lotteries is known. The Ohakea Airbase has provided a potentially significant source of funding by allowing the Council to sell (on commission) the FM radios (providing information about the aircraft and Base facilities) on the day of the Air Show.

9. Development of Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams site in Marton for Council's administration centre and the town library

Possession was gained on 31 August 2016. A meeting has been held with building owners and businesses in this area and an opportunity provided for them to see inside the buildings.

Following a call for Expressions of Interest, Opus has been engaged to assist in preparing a heritage assessment and concept development, not just for the Council's site, but more generally within the Broadway precinct between High Street and Follett Street. The Opus team visited Marton on 23 November 2016 to undertake preliminary site investigations and discuss their initial thinking. The objective is to provide a preliminary heritage precinct assessment and concept design for the Council site on 23 December 2016. This work will have the added benefit of forming the basis of an application to the Government's Heritage EQUIP fund, the detailed criteria and timing of which have yet to be announced.

10. Taihape civic and community centre

As noted in previous commentaries, this is the least conceptualised town centre complex – but its location, on the Town Hall site as previously found strong support. Early in 2017, Taihape will be asked to say where their preferred site is for the new amenity bock on Memorial Park. That facility will have provision for a second storey, which may be part of finding a long-term solution for those organisations currently using the former Taihape College buildings on Rauma Road. That discussion will provide an opportunity to think in more detail the nature of the facility on the town hall site and the extent to which the current building can be an integral part of that. Both these issues were explored at a joint meeting between Council and the Taihape Community Board on 3 November 2016, and with the users of the Rauma Road facilities on 14 November 2016.

Recommendation

That the memorandum 'Top ten projects – status, November 2016' be received.

Ross McNeil
Chief Executive

Attachment 4



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

FROM: Denise Servante

DATE: 2 December 2016

SUBJECT: **Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative and other community development programmes – September to November 2016**

FILE: 1-CO-4

1 Background

- 1.1 The aim of this memorandum is to provide the Komiti with an update on the actions and progress of the Path to Well-Being Initiative.

2 Youth Development

- 2.1 The transition phase was completed in September 2016 and the outcome reported to Council. Council agreed to establish youth zones in Marton and Taihape and to employ an FTE youth development coordinator to manage these facilities. During October and November, pending recruitment, the existing contractor for the after school programmes has continued with the current provision and extended to activities for older age groups. The Council staff team have been covering other duties for this position, mainly convening the north and south Advisory Groups and developing Child Protection Policies.
- 2.2 Interviews have been held and preferred candidates identified. The vetting process means that the successful candidates are unlikely to take up their position before the end of January. Meanwhile arrangements are in place to run the school summer holiday programmes in Marton and Taihape.

3 Path to Well-being Conference

- 3.1 The annual conference will be held in Marton on Friday 10 February 2017. The theme will be Community-led Development, based on Asset Based Community Development (ABCD), and the current confirmed contributors are:

- Robbie Magasiva as the MC for the day. Robbie is a Samoan New Zealand actor who has starred in several films and as a member of the Naked Samoans comedy troupe. He has also appeared on television and theatre, and was the co-presenter of New Zealand's Tagata Pasifika. He is also known for his role on Shortland Street as Dr. Maxwell Avia, and for his

<http://intranet/RDCDoc/Strategic-Planning/CO/Path to WellBeing/Path to Well-Being Update to TRAKK December 2016.docx>

current role as Will Jackson on the prison drama series Wentworth, an adaptation of the iconic prison drama Prisoner.

- Zizi Charida, Founder and Director of Community Minds in Melbourne. Zizi has over 17 years of experience working on a broad range of community building projects, with a focus on working with youth, culturally diverse and refugee communities. She has been part of the planning and presenting panel at the 2nd International ABCD Conference which will take place in January and she is an expert in ABCD and, particularly Appreciative Inquiry which forms part of the toolkit around developing shared visions.
 - Professor James Liu, Head of the School of Psychology at Massey University in Auckland. James is well-known for his work around developing strategies based on spheres of influence that cross communities and societies to get different groups working together. He is also a key contributor to government funded programmes such as E Tu Whānau.
 - Erena Mikaere-Most, Ruapehu Whanau Transformation Project Implementation Manager. Erena's background in strategy development, quality assurance and policy implementation combined with an extensive working knowledge of government departments makes her a creative and highly resourceful leader. Her undeniable passion, empathy and integrity has already seen the project celebrate a staggering number of successes.
 - Bronwyn Meads, Community Programmes Officer Rangitikei District Council. Bronwyn has over 13 years experience in community development. She worked for 10 years as the Bulls and District Coordinator creating a legacy of activities and events that continue today. She initiated the inaugural NZ Small Town Conference in Bulls in 2008, attracting delegates from throughout Australasia and establishing the conference as an annual event in New Zealand. In recognition for her work in the community, she was awarded Coordinator of the Year in 2008 at the Main Street Australia Awards in Melbourne. Bronwyn will be presenting at the 2nd International ABCD Conference in January: her work in our District continues to inspire nationally and internationally.
- 3.2 As always, the conference will be free to participants: Council's intent is that as many people as possible take advantage of this local opportunity to hear and learn from the international and local experts in an atmosphere of collaboration and positivity. Our aim will be to develop shared visions and priorities and an action plan for community-led development across the District. The Whanganui District Health Board are sponsoring the event and further sponsorship is being sought.

4 Healthy Families Whanganui Rangitīkei Ruapehu

- 4.1 A project has been launched through the Healthy Families WRR initiative to develop a united and coordinated approach to a healthy community across Whanganui, Rangitīkei and Ruapehu. Support has been commissioned from Same Page Group in Whanganui to manage a stakeholder engagement process across the DHB region. The outcome will be a single strategy and plan that various agencies and communities can work within. It will aim to ensure that each interested organisation can get on with what it does best but where there are similarities and cross-over, and it makes sense to work on these together, then a more co-ordinated and collective approach can be taken.
- 4.2 The draft Terms of Reference for the project team is attached as Appendix 1.
- 4.3 It is intended to hold stakeholder workshops during February 2017 – at least one will be held in the Rangitikei District. Being mindful of the overlap in content, timing and target audience with the Path to Well-being conference, discussions are underway about folding these two engagements together on 10 February. A verbal update will be provided to the meeting.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 That the memorandum “Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative and other community development programmes – September to November 2016” be received.

Denise Servante
Strategy and Community Planning Manager

Appendix 1

Terms of Reference – Healthy Communities

Purpose of this initiative

To have a united and coordinated approach to a healthy community across Whanganui, Rangitikei and Ruapehu

Healthy Community's Leadership Team

Role:

- To oversee and ensure the smooth running of the planning, development and execution of the strategic plan to realise the purpose
- Ensure all stakeholders are well communicated and clear about the process and ongoing delivery
- Ensure that there is strong project management delivery and capability

Representatives from:

- Nga Tai O Te Awa
- Sport Whanganui
- Healthy Families WRR, Te Oranganui
- Whanganui Regional Health Network
- Whanganui District Health Board
- Rangitikei DC, Ruapehu DC, Whanganui DC
- Whakauae Research Centre
- Others as required

Meeting frequency:

- Fortnightly (initially)

Resourcing / funding:

- Planning and development – Debbie-Jane Viliamu, Tracy Schiebli
- Execution – to be determined once the strategic plan has been developed

Appendix A: Thoughts about why this initiative exists

- Work smarter together
- Get on the same page
- Ensure efficiencies
- Have one plan
- Hauora
- Regional health stats improving
- Healthier, more active community
- Shared vision / responsibilities for healthy environments
- Healthy community – social, cultural, economic
- Accelerate health gains or effect positive gains
- Business to have a social conscience i.e. not just profit
- United community wide approach to well-being, maximising impact of public investment in our healthy community
- Being connected