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Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Meeting

**Tuesday 11 April 2017,
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Ms T Hiroa (Ngāti Whitikaupeka)

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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 Members' conflict of interest

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

5 Confirmation of order of business and late items

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. Such matters will be dealt with at the end of this agenda.

6 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Korero / Confirmation of minutes

The Minutes are attached.

File ref: 3-CT-8-2

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 14 February 2017 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

7 Chair's report

A verbal report will be provided at the meeting.

8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Komiti

There were no recommendations from the Komiti presented to the Council meeting on 23 February or 30 March 2017.

9 Council responses to queries raised at previous hui

There were no queries for Council staff raised at the previous hui.

10 Feedback from Komiti's workshop

This is a discussion item.

11 Update from the representative to Council's Assets/Infrastructure Committee

Ms Hiroa will provide a verbal u on the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 9 March 2017.

12 Update on Te Pae Tawhiti

This item will need to be deferred to a subsequent meeting when the Chair is present.

13 Update from Council's meetings in February and March 2017

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CT-8-1

Recommendation

That the memorandum 'Update from Council's meetings in February and March 2017' be received.

14 Guidance on the appropriate kaumātua and kuia to call upon

Discussion item: at the previous meeting an undertaking was made by the Komiti to provide a list of appropriate kaumātua and kuia for the Mayor and Council to call upon throughout the different areas of the District to provide tautawhi (support).

15 Update on landlocked land

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

16 Tuia Programme update

An oral update will be provided at the meeting.

17 Geographical review of Census spatial units

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 1-LTP-4-2

Recommendations

- 1 That the memorandum "Geographical review of Census spatial units" be received.
- 2 That the Komiti/Committee provides the following feedback on naming of the redefined spatial units for aggregation of Census data from 2018 onwards...

18 Update on the 'Path to Well-Being' initiative – April 2017

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 1-CO-4

Recommendation

That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative – April 2017' be received.

19 Ngati Rangi update

On 15 March 2017 the Ministry for Treaty of Waitangi negotiations announced that the Crown had signed an agreement in principle with Ngati Rangi for its historical treaty claims. This agreement in principle outlines a broad settlement package, which includes provisional Crown acknowledgments of Treaty breaches as well as cultural, financial and commercial redress.

20 Ngaruroro and Clive Rivers - Water Conservation Order Application

An application has been lodged with the Minister for the Environment for a new water conservation order for the Ngaruroro and Clive Rivers. The application was lodged by New Zealand Fish and Game Council, Hawkes Bay Fish and Game Council, Ngati Hori Ki Kohupatiki, Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ and Whitewater NZ and Jet Boating NZ.

Water conservation orders provide recognition of the outstanding amenity or intrinsic values of water bodies. A water conservation order may provide for any of the following:

- the preservation as far as possible of the water body's natural state
- the protection of characteristics which the water body has or contributes to:
 - as a habitat for terrestrial or aquatic organisms
 - as a fishery
 - for its wild, scenic, or other natural characteristics:
 - for scientific and ecological values:
 - for recreational, historical, spiritual, or cultural purposes:
- the protection of characteristics which any water body has or contributes to, and which are considered to be of outstanding significance in accordance with tikanga Māori.

The application was referred to a special tribunal by the Minister for the Environment on 21 February 2017. The next step will be for the special tribunal to notify the application and call for submissions.

The application is similar to the Rangitikei River water conservation order 1993 which protects waters of the Upper River and Middle River. It specifies restrictions for quantity and rate of flow of natural water, restricts the damming of the River and sets specific requirements for discharges into the River. This water conservation order process began in 1984 when the application was lodged, and it was not until 1993 when the water conservation order was formally put in place.

21 Panui/Announcements

22 Late items

As accepted in item 5.

23 Future Items for the Agenda

24 Next meeting

Tuesday 13 June 2017, 10am

Upcoming meetings for 2017

- 8 August
- 10 October
- 12 December

25 Meeting closed/Karakia

Attachment 1

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Present: Ms Tracey Hiroa (acting Chair)
Mr Thomas Curtis
Ms Coral Raukawa-Manuel
Mr Terry Steedman
Mr Richard Steedman
Ms Gaylene Nepia (left at 12:44pm)
Ms Kim Savage
Ms Katarina Hina
Ms Hari Benevides
Mr Chris Shenton
Ms Naumai Wipaki
Cr Cath Ash
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson (left at 11:42am)

Also present: Cr Soraya Peke-Mason

In attendance: Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Ms Denise Servante, Strategy & Community Planning Manager
Ms Linda Holman, Governance Administrator

Tabled: Tabled 1 – Strategic Intentions (extract)
Tabled 2 – Tuia Te Here Tangata
Tabled 3 – Strategic Plan (Updated 2016-2021)
Tabled 4 – Naumai Wipaki Representative for Te Runanga o Ngai Te Ohuake

1 Karakia/Welcome

Mr R Steedman said the karakia.

A minute's silence was held in recognition of the passing of Pai Maraku – a past delegate from Ratana.

2 Public Forum

No members of the public attended.

3 Apologies

Resolved

That the apologies from Mr Turia and (for lateness) from Ms Savage be accepted.

Ms Benevides / Mr T Steedman. Carried

4 Members' conflict of interest

Members are reminded by Mr McNeil of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda. No conflicts of interest were declared.

5 Confirmation of order of business and late items

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, the Chair accepted the following as items for consideration at the end of the agenda: Council's strategic intentions, Mr R Steedman's letter, and local water schemes.

6 Whakatau Nga Tuhinga Korero / Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number

17/TRAK/001

File Ref

3-CT-8-2

That the Minutes of the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting held on 13 December 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr Curtis / Ms Raukawa-Manuel. Carried

7 Chair's report

The acting Chair did not provide a verbal report.

8 Council decisions on recommendations from the Komiti

There were no recommendations from the Komiti presented to the Council meeting on 26 January 2017.

9 Council responses to queries raised at previous meetings

There were no queries raised at the previous meeting.

10 Appointment of Deputy Chair

Resolved minute number	17/TRAK/002	File Ref
1	That for the appointment of a new Deputy Chair at its 14 February 2017 meeting, Te Roopu Ahi Kaa elects to use System B.	
2	That Tracey Hiroa be appointed Deputy Chair of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa	

Mr T Steedman / Ms Hina. Carried

11 Feedback from Komiti's workshop

The Komiti has decided to have a Komiti member take minutes during the workshop session.

Feedback was given to the newly appointed members regarding the reasons for the Komiti, namely relationship building, process improvement, supporting the autonomous groups to work more effectively. Also, issues such as landlocked land, rating and writing of policies.

The Komiti recognises there is a lot of work to do and the point is to have positive actions in future meetings. The Chair acknowledged the contributions of past Komiti members.

Representation on Rangitikei District Council and Maori liaison within the Council's operational team to provide input and advice are key future priorities. The Mayor noted that a Komiti representative has been appointed to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee with full voting rights.

The Mayor requested guidance on the appropriate kaumātua and kuia to call upon throughout the different areas of the District. The Chair responded to this and the Komiti committed to providing this information at the next meeting.

Discussion was held around what an appropriate welcome for new migrants would be. Ms Benevides expressed how enjoyable the ceremonies are, and the Mayor emphasised the importance of tangata whenua in welcoming new migrants but also that it was not his place to say who should be doing the welcome – he invited further discussion on this topic.

Cr Peke-Mason acknowledged the Mayor in his capacity-building for Māori in various roles to support Council and in building relationships with tangata whenua. Cr Peke-Mason is interested in the activities of the Komiti, will speak for Māori in her portfolio position at Council, and will help to welcome Council members onto marae.

Other Komiti members expressed their support of the idea. The Chair thanked Cr Peke-Mason for her contribution over the years.

12 Update from the representative to Council's Assets / Infrastructure Committee

The Chair attended her first meeting on 9 February 2017. She appreciated the succinctness of the meeting, the style of reporting, and said that it gave her an appreciation of the scope of the Committee's remit. She said she can see where Komiti members can be involved, and noted that some of the issues that come to the Komiti can actually go straight to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee. The Chair will send out a report about the meeting to the Komiti members. The Chair said it is also very important to let people know that there are mechanisms for logging issues already in place, and she thanked the Mayor for the opportunity.

Resolved minute number 17/TRAK/003 **File Ref**

That the verbal update from Ms Hiroa on the meeting of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee on 9 February 2017 be received.

Ms Hiroa / Mr Shenton. Carried

13 Update on Te Pae Tawhiti

As Mr Turia is unable to attend this meeting, this item was deferred until the April 2017 meeting.

14 Update from Council – December 2016 to January 2017

Mr McNeil spoke to the report. The Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant Advisory Group members are still being appointed, but this won't hold up the progress of the meetings. The iwi representative is Mr Chris Shenton. After the members are up to speed their first priority will be the Bonny Glen leachate issue.

The former Taihape College site in Rauma Road is currently being used by various local groups. The Crown is happy for this to continue but costs must be covered and maintenance attended to. This is currently in discussion. Discussion was held on the settlement process and how land is banked.

District Licensing Committee - the term expires on 27 February 2017. Members need relevant experience but not a conflict of interest.

Subsidised neutering of dogs – animal control is a shared service with Manawatu District Council, and the service has successfully applied for funding for neutering of menacing dogs.

Mangaweka Bridge will cost as much to upgrade as it will to replace. There is a preference to replace (because it will be capable of taking heavier loads), and NZTA will provide 63% of

our share of cost (the bridge is shared with Manawatu District Council) if we get through the business case process.

Wellington Conservation Management Strategy – feedback is invited.

Resolved minute number

17/TRAK/004

File Ref

3-CT-8-1

That the memorandum “Update from Council (to TRAK February 2017) meeting” be accepted.

Mr R Steedman / Ms Hiroa. Carried

15 Update on landlocked land

The Mayor discussed progress that has been made building relationships with landowners who may be able to provide access to some areas of landlocked land, and detailed some changes that have been made within Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) that may also provide the opportunity to further this cause.

Gaylene Nepia left the meeting at 12:44pm and noted her name had been incorrectly put as Tahi Nepia in earlier documentation.

Mr R Steedman talked about a presentation that was made to the National Party, and noted that Mokai Patea had a big part in that presentation. He said that awareness is being raised at high levels.

16 Grants and Funding information and opening dates

The memorandum “Grants and Funding overview 2017” was noted.

17 Update on the ‘Path to Well-Being’ initiative and other community development programmes – December 2016 to January 2017

Ms Denise Servante spoke to the memorandum, taking the report as read and offering to take questions.

Ms Hina raised concerns about transport – particularly for disabled people – and noted that this was one of the issues to come out of the Path to Wellbeing conference. The Chair gave feedback that some people in the community weren’t aware of what’s happening in the community, and suggested that communication could be improved.

Mr Shenton said that he particularly enjoyed the workshop with Professor James Liu and the presentation by Erena Mikaere-Most. He noted that data-based research could be of benefit in the Rangitikei area too. He stressed the need to focus on the needs of the community and to launch initiatives.

Cr Peke-Mason asked whether the role of the Marton Youth Development Coordinator has been re-advertised, Ms Servante said that it has been. Cr Peke-Mason further enquired about whether there would be a report on the Path to Wellbeing conference, which Ms Servante confirmed there would be. Ms Servante also noted that direct results can take some time to come to fruition. Ms Hina noted the strength of the Samoan community and suggested it was a good opportunity to look at the support role the Komiti and iwi can play in future events.

Resolved minute number **17/TRAK/005** **File Ref** **1-CO-4**

That the memorandum "Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative and other community development programmes – December 2016 to January 2017" be received.

Ms Hiroa / Ms Hina. Carried

18 Panui / announcements

Mr R Steedman: 6-10 March 2017 is the first week of the substantive Waitangi Tribunal hearing for Taihape at Rata Marae.

The Mayor: drew attention to the tabled document for the Tuia programme. He noted the large number of people involved in the programme and invited the Komiti members to consider this for a future hui. Ms Hina said this needs to start now and suggested a sub-committee.

Ms Savage: 15 April 2017 is the 50th birthday of Parewahawaha Marae.

Ms Hina: Iwi festival at Fordell School 18-19 March 2017 - Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa.

19 Late items

As accepted in item 4, Mr McNeil spoke to the tabled item 'Council's strategic intentions for the 2016-19 triennium'. This is an overview of a much larger document, and the full framework will be provided to the Komiti later. The Chair agrees the relevant projects are important. The Mayor said he spoke with Andrew Little (Labour Party leader) about infrastructural needs, including the Ratana centennial event.

Planning – the Annual Plan has items about toilets in the district and whether there is a potential opportunity for toilets in Mangaweka and reserves – Mr McNeil asked the Komiti to note this. At the last Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-committee meeting the members looked at the deeds and asked Council to look more closely in terms of surplus water that could go to Moawhango.

Ms Peke-Mason thanked the Council for preparing and sharing the document. She noted in particular the bilingual signage, wanting to focus on inclusiveness to ensure the plans come to the Komiti to ensure te reo Māori is correct and inclusive.

The Mayor spoke to the letter from the Chairman of Te Runanga o Ngai Te Ohuake notifying the Komiti of Mr Richard Steedman stepping down as representative, and Ms Naumai Wipaki becoming the new representative and thanked Mr Steedman for his service to the Komiti.

The water schemes were discussed next. Mr Shenton asked Mr McNeil about the Tutaenui water scheme and Mr McNeil said that the project is underway to investigate the potential for a Tutaenui water scheme and also a change to the Hunterville Rural Water Scheme. Funding is available for increased agricultural and horticultural productivity for various activities – not just dairy farming. Council wants to ensure the capacity is there to provide stock water reticulation scheme across a wide area between Marton and the dams. Additionally a small amount of irrigation capacity may be available.

Council is currently going through an intensive survey process for a pre-feasibility study, which is due to finish in June 2017. The next phase would be a feasibility study for a particular scheme.

Mr McNeil said that there is discussion around decoupling the Hunterville township from the Hunterville Rural Water Scheme to make the additional water available for farming, but there are questions around sustainability. Mr Shenton raised the issue of the health of the Tutaenui stream, and questioned whether more efficient use of water and using other sources for farming could mean more water could be allocated back to the stream.

20 Future Items for the Agenda

- Tuia programme
- List of kaumātua and kuia

21 Next meeting

Tuesday 11 April 2017, 11.00am (workshop session for Komiti members from 10.00 am)

22 Meeting closed at 1:04pm/Karakia

The Chair thanked and acknowledged Cr Peke-Mason, the Mayo , Cr Ash, Mr McNeil , Mr Hodder, Ms Servante, and Mr Richard Steedman and extended welcome to the new member Ms Wipaki. No further issues were raised.

Mr R Steedman said the karakia and the Chair closed the meeting.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date:

Attachment 2

MEMORANDUM

TO: Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti

FROM: Samantha Kett, Governance Administrator

DATE: 30 March 2017

SUBJECT: **Update from Council's meetings in February and March 2017**

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 Update on former Taihape College site, 55 Rauma Road

- 2.1 A further meeting with the facility users was held on 23 March 2017 with the objective previously noted, i.e. to reach a consensus on how the ongoing costs (electricity and water) and maintenance are to be managed.
- 2.2 Those present accepted in principle the proposed responsibility for operational costs such as electricity, water, and building compliance, and for continuing sharing the internal maintenance and cleaning of the buildings among all users. Council would take responsibility for any needed exterior building maintenance, the lawns and gardens beside the buildings and the leasing of that part of the grounds not used for soccer. Taihape Area School has given an undertaking that it will mow the soccer field.
- 2.3 Council will now draft a Heads of Agreement to assist the three primary users to engage with other groups who have been using the facilities. Council will also check the water line to be sure there are no leaks or illegal connections inflating the metered use. A further meeting is planned in a month's time to finalise the Heads of Agreement. With that in place, it will be appropriate to recommend to Council that the licence to occupy proposed by the Ministry of Education be accepted.

3 Joint application with Manawatu District Council for subsidised neutering of dogs

- 3.1 Manawatu and Rangitikei District Councils have obtained government funding for a programme offering free de-sexing to new or unregistered dogs in the district that would normally fall under the classification of "menacing or dangerous" breeds or type listed in the 4th Schedule of the Dog Control Act 1996. These include breeds of dog

such as Brazilian Fila, Dogo Argentino, Japanese Tosa and the Perro de Presa Canario and types of dog such as the American Pit Bull Terrier.

- 3.2 This programme will also include a reduced cost towards microchipping of new dogs to the district register.
- 3.3 Funding has been provided in part by central government as part of the national strategy to reduce the risk and harm of dog attacks. The Department of Internal Affairs' contribution is designed to reduce the number of menacing or dangerous dogs by restricting unwanted breeding and decreasing aggressive behaviour.
- 3.4 MDC and RDC will be working in partnership with SRVS Vet Services and Totally Vets on the project.

4 Mangaweka Bridge Replacement

- 4.1 A public meeting was held on Thursday 30 March 2017 to enable local residents and other road users to have their say about the future of the Mangaweka Bridge and river crossing.
- 4.2 A short survey has also been prepared (available on Council's website) for people to let Council know their thoughts.

5 Wellington Conservation Management Strategy

- 5.1 At its meeting on 30 March 2017, Council considered a draft submission to the Department of Conservation Wellington Conservation Management Strategy.
- 5.2 Elected Members suggested some amendments to Council's submission around landlocked land (both private land locked by DoC land and DoC land locked by private land) and the exact location of the proposed UNESCO Global Geopark.
- 5.3 The submission is due on 4 April 2017.

6 Additional funding round for the Mid-sized Tourism Infrastructure Fund

- 6.1 On 15 March 2017, the Minister for Tourism announced that a further \$5.5 million would be available to help regional communities respond to tourism growth and invited applications from local authorities to an additional funding round for the Regional Mid-sized Tourism Grant Fund. The closing date for applications is 12 April 2017. The official statement about the Fund is attached as [Appendix 1](#).
- 6.2 Council is eligible to apply, as it has
 - (i) signalled its view in the Consultation Document for the 2017/18 Annual Plan that toilets are needed in increasingly popular places where such facilities are lacking, and
 - (ii) included a budget provision of \$25,000 for these new facilities on the basis that the Fund would contribute \$100,000.

- 6.3 The Consultation Document suggested four such locations and invited suggestions on others; it is proposed to analyse these and state the preferred locations in the application ahead of Council's deliberations. However, it would not be appropriate to make an application to the Fund without a clear mandate from the submission process, so a threshold needs to be defined. This might be that a submission would not be made to the Fund if less than 75% of those submitting on this topic are in favour of making such an application (and thus committing Council funding).
- 6.4 The toilets at Mangaweka proposed in the Consultation Document are outside the scope of the Fund.

7 Para Kore – use of waste minimisation levy

- 7.1 Pare Kore Marae Limited delivers free zero waste programmes to marae where it can demonstrate external partner support to the Ministry for the Environment's Waste Minimisation Levy (which will fund up to 80% of the costs). The programme is operating successfully in the Waikato region, Hawkes Bay and Wellington.
- 7.2 Para Kore has approached Rangitikei, Manawatu and Palmerston North for \$11,000 – of which Rangitikei's contribution would be \$2,200. Council could fund it from the waste minimisation levy in 2017/18. If the Ministry approved the funding bid, the programme would start in April 2018.
- 7.3 Council requested that a formal proposal be requested from Para Kore, including a list of which Marae within the District would be targeted through the programme. In the meantime, it was agreed that this item be put to Te Roopu Ahi Kaa for comment.
- 7.4 Information on the programme is available from www.parakore.maori.nz.

8 Update on management plan for Marton B and C Dam

- 8.1 As part of the assessment of the feasibility of providing a public walkway around Marton B Dam, a guided public walk was held on Saturday 4 March 2017, to start at 10.30 am. 40 people participated in the guided walk. All expressed support for Council considering permanent public access, although two wondered about the costs for implementing and maintaining this.
- 8.2 If Council decides to open up the B/C Dams to recreational (public) access, consideration will be needed on the current regime which allows duck shooting by permit. It will be necessary to restrict or stop this activity or, alternatively, have the area closed for general public access during the shooting season.
- 8.3 The draft management plan will be presented to Council's meeting on 27 April. Part of the background research has been visiting the water supply reservoirs in Palmerston North (generally closed) and New Plymouth (open) to understand how these councils balanced the issues of security of supply and public access.

9 Recommendation

- 9.1 That the memorandum 'Update from Council's meetings in February and March 2017' be received.

Samantha Kett
Governance Administrator

Appendix 1

Memorandum

To: Council

From: Ross McNeil

Date: 22 March 2017

Subject: **Top Ten Projects – status, March 2017**

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 main part of the programme for 2016/17 has been implemented, continuing to use the bundling approach for engaging contractors. Work on the Mount Curl Road dropout is now complete. The work at Majuba Bluff is expected to be complete by the end of May 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.

This position is unchanged from the last update.

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.

The Advisory group membership has been reviewed, with a combination of re-appointments and new appointments. The Group met on 3 March 2017.

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.

Planning continues for the wastewater plant upgrade/renewal to meet new conditions of consent.

This position is unchanged since the last update.

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. This work is supported by water network modelling. Draft demand profiles have been produced, and these have informed the concept designs. Horizons Regional Council has 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.

450 surveys were sent to properties within the project area, and 73 responses have been received. They show a high preference for additional horticultural production if irrigation water is available. Murray Robinson has been engaged to carry out face to face interviews. Interviewees have been selected, and interviews will commence shortly.

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. However, Council has indicated that the four units at Ratana are to be excluded.

Over the past twelve months the level of occupancy has risen considerably. A further report to Council's meeting on 15 December 2016 showed that, at this level of occupancy, there is a small comparative financial benefit for Council in retaining ownership and managing the housing directly. Forming a Rangitikei-trust is an option to direct management

The Manawatu Community Trust made a presentation to Council at its meeting on 23 February 2017 and is meeting with its legal advisers to discuss some options in an attempt to clarify the issue of ownership. Investigations are in progress on the feasibility of establishing a similar Rangitikei-specific trust or having a committee structure within the Manawatu Community Trust.

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 has been included in the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan, and is an element for community consultation. No application for external funding as yet been submitted.

The tender will be issued on 31 March or 3 April 2017. A recommendation will be presented to Council's meeting on 27 April 2017.

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. However, this brings the estimated cost very close to the budget. Before proceeding to the detailed design and specification, a value management workshop was held on 31 January 2017 to review what savings are available from alternative products and systems. The objective was to lower the design estimates by at least 10%. The actual savings outcomes achieved were 18.7%. As the detailed design and specification will cost between \$100,000 and \$150,000, it is critical to avoid substantial revision of that further in the process.

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 and the site survey have both been completed.

The application to Lotteries' Community Facilities Fund was submitted by the due date, 31 August 2016. In December the Fund decided to grant \$500,000 although it will not be paid before 23 November 2017 and the Fund administrator will require evidence that the balance of remaining funds has been raised for the project, a copy of the final construction contract, a copy of the building consent, confirmation of the project start date, estimated completion date and that the project is as submitted in the grant request.

A funding application was lodged with the Dudding Trust; it will be discussed further in the coming funding round. Additional funding applications have been submitted to Lotteries Significant Projects Fund and the Four Regions (PowerCo) Trust. The outcome of these applications is unlikely to be known until at least mid-2017.

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 it 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. (The sale is being managed by Property Brokers). Properties proposed for sale, but not flagged for disposal in the initial discussions with the community, is an item in the Consultation Document for the 2017/18 Annual Plan

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 has been launched. The potentially significant source of funding from selling (on commission) the FM radios

(providing information about the aircraft and Base facilities) during the Ohakea Air Show was declined because Council would have had to purchase the radios. The Mayor has had a number of discussions with likely corporate sponsors. Local and corporate funding and pledges now exceed \$54,000, with the target being \$350,000.

At its meeting on 29 September 2016 Council resolved to proceed with the preparation of detailed plans and tender documents, and, subject to budget, invite tenders for the construction of the new facility when at least 70% (\$1.19 million, including at least \$105,000 in local community funding from the Bulls community) of the external funding is secured by way of grants from external agencies, local community funding and corporate sponsorship. This does not commit Council to continuing the project. Detailed design is not essential for other funding bids but it must be complete before the Lotteries grant will be paid. It will take about three months to complete.

The design, costings and proposed property sales associated with the proposed Centre were the focus of an Annual Plan consultation meeting held in Bulls on 8 March 2017. The preparation of detailed plans and specifications to support a tender process for the Centre's construction have been put on hold pending the close of the submission period for the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan. This will be the community's last opportunity to influence the design of the proposed Centre before it is finalised.

The funding application to the Lotteries Significant Projects Fund has been completed and submitted. The application presents the proposed Bulls Community Centre project as part of a District-wide town centre development programme, and references the proposed Marton City Centre and Taihape town hall/service centre development projects. A request from Lotteries for further information validating the rate-funded amounts for these projects has been provided.

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 was 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 project was completed just before Christmas and 'rough-order' cost estimates provided for four options –

- retain, strengthen and refurbish;
- retain all facades, with new facility behind;

- retain, strengthen and refurbish Davenport; retain facades of Cobbler B and Abraham and Williams, with new facility behind, demolish Cobbler B and replace with new one storey build;
- demolish all and construct new facility.

In all cases, a structure at IL4¹ rating for the Civil Defence function is envisaged on the Cobbler A site.

The costs have now been peer-reviewed. Given the high community interest, the three main options are included within the Consultation Document for the 2017/18 Annual Plan to inform the community and invite their views.

The Marton heritage precinct concept was shared before Christmas with building owners who showed interest in progressing it. The objective in this part of the project is to develop a heritage precinct plan which could be submitted for funding in the Government's Heritage Earthquake Upgrade Incentive Programme (EQUIP). Draft terms of reference for a Marton Heritage Panel have been prepared. The Ministry has expressed interest in a precinct application.

In some places collaboration to regenerate urban centres has been formalised through an approach known as the 'Precinct Model'. This will be explored with property owners.

A meeting for Marton business/commercial property owners was held on 1 March to provide an overview of the information to be presented in the draft 2017/18 Annual Plan. The public meeting on 13 March for the draft Annual Plan provided a focus for presenting the concepts associated with the proposed Marton Civic Centre and heritage precinct. Attendees were encouraged to submit their views on the ideas presented in the consultation document.

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, has previously found strong support.

Council has previously anticipated that, early in 2017, the Taihape community would be asked to say where their preferred site is for the new amenity block on Memorial Park (approved following the consultation process for the 2016/17 Annual Plan). 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.

¹ i.e. Importance Level 4, which denotes buildings that must be operational immediately after an earthquake or other disastrous event, such as emergency shelters and hospital operating theatres, triage centres and other critical post-disaster infrastructure. Clause A3 of the Building Code defines the significance of a building by its importance level (IL), which is related to the consequences of failure. There are five levels of importance, considered by the importance of the building to society:

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.

An advisory group is being formed on options for community facilities in Taihape, with terms of reference modelled on those used for the Bulls town centre project. Cr Gordon will chair it. This group will review the brief for the amenity block on Taihape Memorial Park and be a reference group during its construction.

The Annual Plan consultation meeting for Taihape (22 March) focused on the need to identify the preferred site for the proposed amenity block and encourage community views on the future of the Memorial Park grandstand.

Recommendations

That the memorandum 'Top ten projects – status, March 2017' be received.

Ross McNeil
Chief Executive

Attachment 3

Memorandum

To: Te Roopu Ahi Kaa
Bulls Community Committee
Hunterville Community Committee

From: Denise Servante

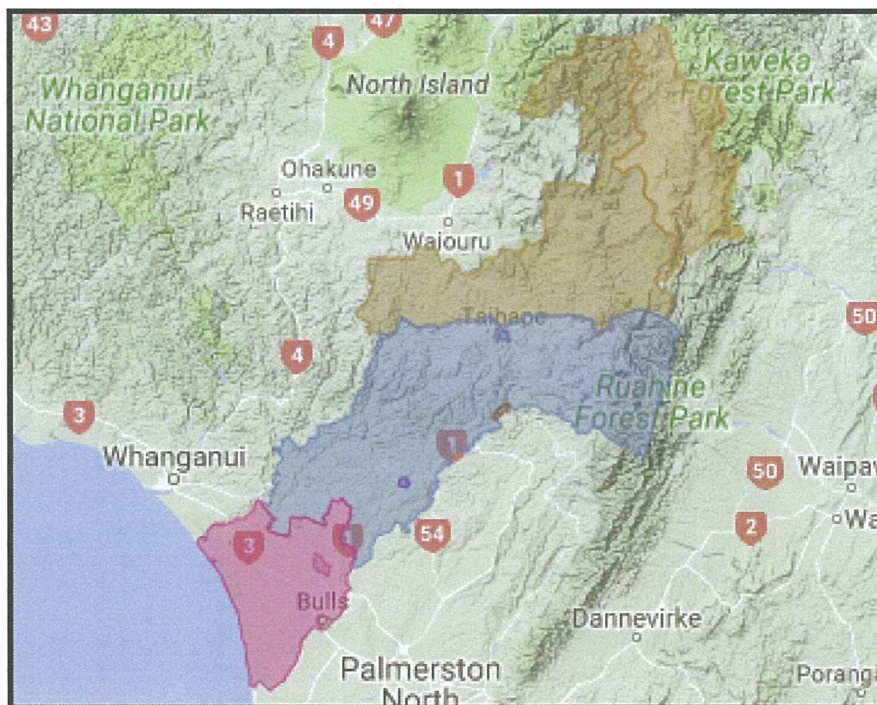
Date: 29 March 2017

Subject: **Geographical review of Census spatial units**

File: 1-LTP-4-2

1 Background

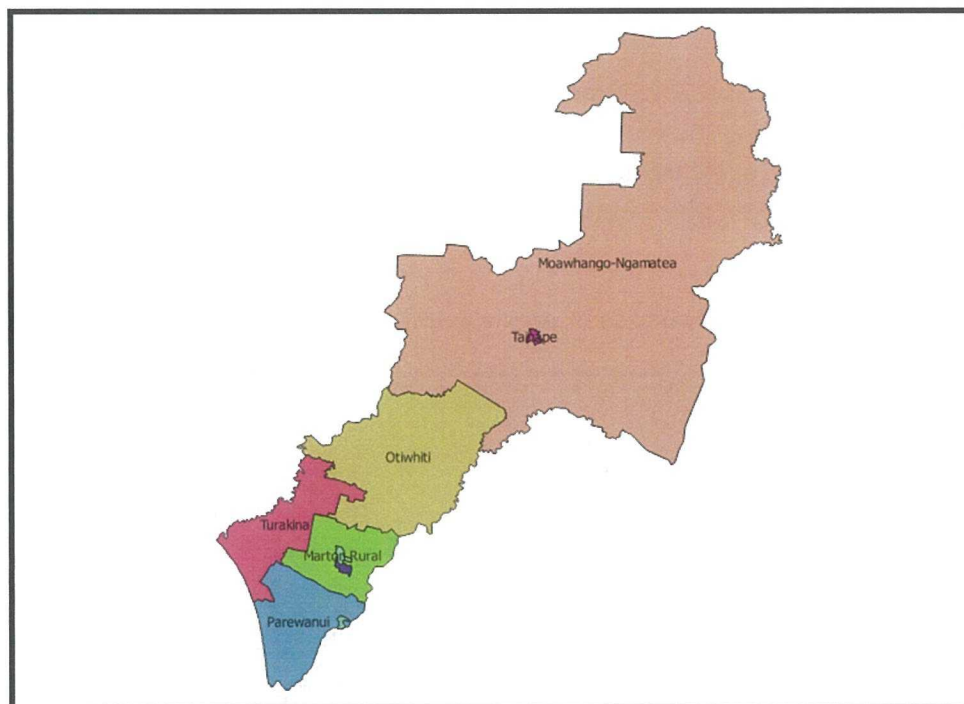
- 1.1 In preparation for the 2018 Census, Statistics New Zealand have been undertaking a geographical review to ensure that their data is captured at a spatial level that is useful to key users, including territorial authorities. As part of this, a meeting and discussion has taken place between staff from Statistics New Zealand and Rangitikei District Council.
- 1.2 Previously, data was available at an area unit level as shown below.



1.3 From north to south of the District they are:

- Ngamatea
- Moawhango
- Taihape
- Mangaweka
- Pohonui-Porewa
- Hunterville
- Marton
- Lake Alice
- Ratana Community
- Koitiata
- Bulls

1.4 It is proposed that the spatial unit used for aggregating data is changed to cover populations of at least 1,000. This is shown in the figure below:



1.5 From north to south the proposed new areas are:

- Moawhango-Ngamatea
- Taihape
- Otiwhiti
- Turakina
- Marton North
- Marton South
- Marton Rural
- Parewanui
- Bulls

- 1.6 Statistics New Zealand have requested local input into the naming of the two “new” spatial units. For now they have been named according to an area/locality within them (Parewanui and Otiwhiti).
- 1.7 In addition, new definitions for localities have been generated with the criteria of 200 – 1000 population and/or > 60 dwellings. The list of localities (towns and settlements is as follows):
- Marton
 - Bulls
 - Taihape
 - Hunterville
 - Ratana
 - Koitiata
 - Mangaweka
 - Scott’s Ferry¹

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the memorandum “Geographical review of Census spatial units” be received.
- 2.2 That the Komiti/Committee provides the following feedback on naming of the redefined spatial units for aggregation of Census data from 2018 onwards
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Denise Servante
Strategy & Community Planning Manager

¹ Statistics New Zealand staff have agreed to include Scott’s Ferry as a locality although it doesn’t quite meet the criteria but is currently a meshblock in its own right.

Attachment 4



Rangitikei
UNAPOLOUT...

MEMORANDUM

TO: Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti

FROM: Samantha Kett, Governance Administrator

DATE: 31 March 2017

SUBJECT: **Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative – April 2017**

FILE: 3-CT-8-1

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 Update

- 2.1 The major focus for February has been on the Youth Development Programme (recruitment and induction and Advisory Group meetings) and the Path to Well-being conference, The Turning Point.
- 2.2 An update on the Youth Development programme is attached as Appendix 1.
- 2.3 The report from the Path to Well Being conference, which took place on 10 February, has been circulated to all delegates that attended the day. A copy is attached as Appendix 2.

3 Recommendation

- 3.1 That the memorandum 'Update on the Path to Well-Being initiative – April 2017' be received.

Samantha Kett
Governance Administrator

Appendix 1

Memorandum

Subject: Update on Youth Development: February 2017

To: Policy Planning Committee

From: Denise Servante, Strategy & Community Planning Manager

Date: 1 March 2017

File: 4-EN-12

1 Background

- 1.1 Following an extensive consultation process with a wide range of stakeholders across a number of years, including most recently public submissions through the Annual Plan 2016/17 and a youth-led Forum in May 2016, Council confirmed an allocation of \$60,000 for youth development in 2016/17. The intention of this funding was:

*“To develop two Youth Zones, (in Marton and Taihape) with outreach services in Bulls, Ratana, Mangaweka and Hunterville. The focus will be to develop, coordinate and extend services and activities for children, young people, young parents and particularly targeting the emerging Samoan community in the District. Our vision is that **“Every child in our community grows into an adult who knows their worth and is able to take their place confidently in the world”.***

- 1.2 The Council has transitioned from funding specific activities (after-school and school holiday programmes delivered through Hype Academy) to employing two part-time Youth Development Coordinators. These two positions have responsibility to:

- Undertake youth engagement to maintain a two-way dialogue between local agencies and services and young people and to ensure young people’s voice is heard, including an annual Youth Forum
- Deliver after-school activities, school holiday programmes and evening teen events in close liaison with young people
- Establish a pool of trained volunteers to support these and other activities
- Coordinate and facilitate regular advisory group meetings (either District-wide or north and south of the District) to develop a range of services and activities available to local youth and young people
- Seek sponsorship from local businesses/agencies and make application to appropriate funding bodies to fund activities and events

- 1.3 The outcomes that Council is seeking are:

- Regular engagement with young people in the District

- Implementation of a youth-led programme of activities, including holiday programmes and a Youth Forum
- A pool of trained volunteers to support and/or lead youth activities
- Fundraising and sponsorship secured to enable the activities to take place
- Activities during Youth Week and administration of the Rangitikei Youth Awards Scheme

1.4 This memorandum provides an update.

2 Recruitment Process

2.1 Oliver Sanderson and Gillian Bowler are now both confirmed in their positions as Northern and Southern Youth Development Coordinators respectively. Oliver is based at the Town Hall in Taihape with the Supper Rooms currently designated as the Youth Zone and Gillian is based at the Youth Club in Centennial Park which has been re-designated as the Youth Zone.

3 Coordinate and facilitate regular advisory group meetings (either District-wide or north and south of the District) to develop a range of services and activities available to local youth and young people

3.1 Two meetings of the Advisory Groups have been held, in January and February. The meetings in January introduced the Youth Development Coordinators, confirmed the Child Protection Policy and Terms of Reference and began to look at the evaluation framework that may support developing outcomes.

3.2 In February, the meetings focussed on looking at what is currently available for young people in Taihape and Marton; both Youth Development Coordinators have been tasked with ensuring that they get around to all the provision that was identified to introduce themselves and to find out exactly what is available and then to develop a programme/diary of What's On for young people.

4 Undertake youth engagement to maintain a two-way dialogue between local agencies and services and young people and to ensure young people's voice is heard, including an annual Youth Forum

4.1 The Youth Development Coordinators have also been tasked with developing youth representation at the Advisory Groups (or through some other mechanism) with a specific request to assess if what is currently available meets the needs of young people and what is missing.

4.2 Both staff members are keen to establish a Youth Committee that can act as a reference point for their work and guide discussions at the Advisory Groups.

5 Deliver after-school activities, school holiday programmes and evening teen events in close liaison with young people

- 5.1 After-school provision in line with the service previously provided through HYPE Academy was continued through February. In Marton, Gillian was supported by a local agency on a roster basis¹ to open the Youth Zone between 3-5 pm on weekdays. The Youth Zone has not been open on Saturdays. In Taihape, Oliver was supported on Tuesdays by Youth Line and was able to open the Youth Zone without support on Thursdays.
- 5.2 However, the service has not been well used in either Taihape or Marton with few (i.e. 1-2) or no young people turning up. This may have been due to some confusion over the transition process – the young people were initially told that the services would be closed until further notice. This was quickly addressed on the fb pages but has not seen any increase in attendance².
- 5.3 In addition, two adults, with appropriate police checks in place, should be available at all times. In Taihape, there is easy and ready access to Library/Information Centre staff so the issue is not so critical. However in Marton, given the location of the Youth Zone, the issue is critical. Whilst agencies were prepared to support the after school opening hours for an interim period, they are not able (with the exception of Youth Line) to commit to a regular time slot that does not necessarily meet their core work.
- 5.4 The Committee will be aware that during the transition phase it was intended that these services, as with any services provided directly by the Youth Zone, be self-sustainable³. Despite having the sustainable delivery of the after-school programme as a target for the seven months of the transition phase it has not happened. This sustainability could either be through raising funds for additional paid youth workers or using volunteers.
- 5.5 Following discussions that have taken place within the Advisory Group and discussions with the (few) young people who have been using the drop-in service, it was decided to make a clean break with what was previously provided and what is envisaged in the new Youth Zones and the after-school provision has been put on hold. Agencies have been informed that both Youth Zones are still available for any agency to use as a meeting space, service delivery centre or to run drop-in sessions.
- 5.6 Meanwhile the Youth Development Coordinators will prioritise engaging with young people and find out what they would like to see happening in the Zones. This is being done through direct engagement with schools, clubs and youth based activities (see section 3 above). In addition, it provides an opportunity to ensure

¹ Youth Line, Youth Services, District Health Board, Southern Rangitikei Attendance Service

² There was no database of contact details for regular attendees. Facebook was the previous preferred method of keeping in touch

³ It is not intended that the Youth Development Coordinators deliver activities on a regular basis. In effect this would limit the activities that could take place to the hours that the Coordinators could devote to them, alongside their other responsibilities.

that all Health and Safety processes and policies are in place and to revamp the spaces. It is intended to re-launch the Zones with a new schedule of activities towards the end of March.

5.7 The Coordinators have in the following activities already scheduled in their work programmes:

- Youth Week in May (and the National and Rangitikei Youth Awards schemes concurrently)
- A District-wide Youth Forum
- Evening teen activities
- School holiday place-making activities

6 Establish a pool of trained volunteers to support these and other activities

6.1 Promotional materials and application processes are in place. To date, one volunteer has been recruited for Taihape (from the Advisory Group) who is happy to act as a mentor for a young person. In Marton, 3 people are currently going through police vetting processes.

7 Seek sponsorship from local businesses/agencies and make application to appropriate funding bodies to fund activities and events

7.1 An application has been successful to the Community Action on Alcohol Partnership Fund for \$10,000 for the Youth Event Programme in 2017.

Description of item	Funding provided through HPA
Youth Led inter-district event	
Transport	1,000
Event Activities, Facilitators, Venue	2,500
Advertising	1,000
Weekly activities (at least twice per month in Marton twice per month in Taihape)	
Venue hire (Movie Theatre, Swimming Pools)	3,115
Advertising	1,000
Entertainment/Sound system	500
After school programmes	
Spot prizes	800
Activities	85
TOTAL	\$10,000

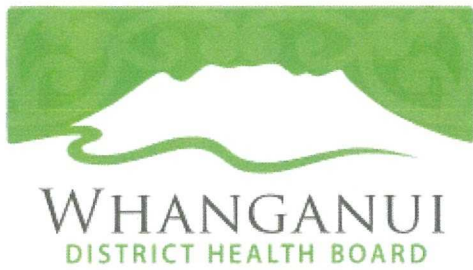
- 7.2 Sponsorship has also been sought from Marton Christian Welfare for materials to revamp the Youth Zone in Marton.

8 Recommendations

- 8.1 That the memorandum "Update on Youth Development: February 2017" be received.

Denise Servante
Strategy & Community Planning Manager

Appendix 2



THE TURNING POINT CONFERENCE

Marton Memorial Hall 10 February 2017



"Every Community that is getting stronger has at its centre an effort to build up a wider circle of people who choose to take action for the common good"

Mike Green, Asset Based Community Development Institute,
Canada

OVERVIEW

The 7th Rangitikei Path to Well-being conference was held at Memorial Hall, Marton on Friday the 10 February. The Path to Well-being is Rangitikei District Council's partnership programme and the conferences aim to facilitate community conversations about key issues and provide opportunities for multi-agency collaboration.

This year, the theme was community-led development.

- To provide an opportunity to learn about Asset Based Community Development from experts in the field
- To develop a common agenda/understanding for community-led development in the District

It was attended by 81 community minded individuals, including from a range of organisations. A delegates list is attached.



The conference commenced with an outstanding cultural performance from the Samoan Methodist Church Youth Group. Another highlight of the day was having Robbie Magasiva as MC. Robbie is a Samoan New Zealand actor who has appeared on television and theatre, was the co-presenter of New Zealand's Tagata Pasifika and a member of the Naked Samoans comedy troupe. He is known for his role on Shortland Street as Dr. Maxwell Avia and as Will Jackson on the prison drama series Wentworth.

WELCOME DEPUTY MAYOR, NIGEL BELSHAM

Councillor Belsham welcomed delegates to the conference. He acknowledged the experts who were sharing their insights to support the discussions and thanked all delegates who have taken time out of busy lives to strengthen the relationships and networks which already exist within the District.

Particularly, he welcomed the members of the newest community, from Samoa, who are making the Rangitikei their home – he looked forward to hearing their stories to nurture

the District's journey from a bicultural past into a multi-cultural future.

In every community something works. Instead of asking 'What's wrong, and how to fix it', ask, 'What's worked, and how do we get more of it?' It generates hope, energy and creativity. (Peter Kenyon)

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

ZIZI CHARIDA AND ERENA MIKAERE-MOST

Zizi Charida is the founder and director of Community Minds in Sydney Australia. Community Minds is a not for profit organisation founded in 2014, with the aim of developing community based initiatives that are sustainable and bring to life the aspirations and assets of communities.

Erena is the manager for Ruapehu Whanau Transformation Project Implementation and has a background in strategy development.

Both speakers gave an overview of their experience of Asset Based Community Development.

In her keynote speech, Zizi focussed on an inherent drive to be 'community minded', with a need to feel connected to others. This sense of connectivity can be lost – the sense of 'we' being overwhelmed with the sense of 'me'. Zizi and her organisation aim to remind people that they have the power to create the communities they want.

Asset Based Community Driven Efforts (ABCDE) is a guiding principle applied to the programs at Community Minds. This involves a shift in thinking from needs and deficiencies to assets and capacities and involves mapping and celebrating these assets in order to best harness them.



Zizi also highlighted the importance of community intelligence and community minded thinking in young people and children at a young age, in order to help create a 'we' society as opposed to a 'me' one, and we ought to steer young people away from promoting individualism, modelling privilege and excusing responsibility.



IWI-OWNED RECRUITMENT & TRAINING SERVICE

169 EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES

HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

HOME WOF PROGRAMME

REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE & WHARE FACTS



RUAPEHU TOPTOWN

STREET BY STREET

TECHNOLOGY & LEARNING HUB

In her keynote speech, Erena highlighted the key features of the project which was developed to address the realities that were facing the Ohakune/Raetihi area: low incomes, poor housing and poor employment prospects.

Overcoming and altering these confronting statistics was the centre of the Ruapehu Whanau Transformation Project, and it was tackled with a bottom up, solution focussed plan. Opportunities were identified in the focus areas of education, employment and housing, and then specific projects implemented to harness these opportunities.

LEARNINGS

The six key assets are locked within communities

- Individuals – everyone has gifts of the head (what we know), the heart (what we feel passionate about) and the hand (what we can do) to contribute
- Power of association - who do I know who can help with that?
- Institutions - what resources can we call on from local institutions to help us?
- Land/ physical assets
- Exchange/trading/sharing - what is the local economy and how do local communities do business?
- Stories– what stories do we tell that define who we are, and can show us how we can do things?



ABCD is the process of making these assets visible and connecting them. Successful ABCD practice:

- Is sustainable and brings to life the aspirations and assets of communities
- Reminds people that they have the power to create the communities they want
- focusses on bottom up transformation rather than top down.
- shifts thinking from needs and deficiencies to assets and capacities
- involves mapping and celebrating these assets in order to best harness them

Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) Framework

- Shifting the development mindset from-
-needs and deficiencies to assets and capacities
-from consumer, customer and client to co-producer, co-owner and citizen
- Discovering, mapping, connecting and celebrating the diverse range of community assets, and harnessing the connected assets for action that strengthens caring and inclusive communities.



WORKSHOPS

Zizi Charida- *Shared Local Visions / Goals to Drive Action and Change*

Zizi's workshop outlined Appreciative Inquiry: a way of approaching visioning to find the powerful question for the relevant phase of a project. Instead of a deficit based approach (asking questions such as "what are the problems?" Or "what needs to be fixed?"), Appreciative Inquiry instead asks open ended questions that provoke positive, imaginative thoughts to find out what is working well.

Examples of powerful questions are:

- What was great about being a kid in your community?
- What has allowed you to be part of your community?
- What do you value most?
- When do you feel most connected?

LEARNINGS



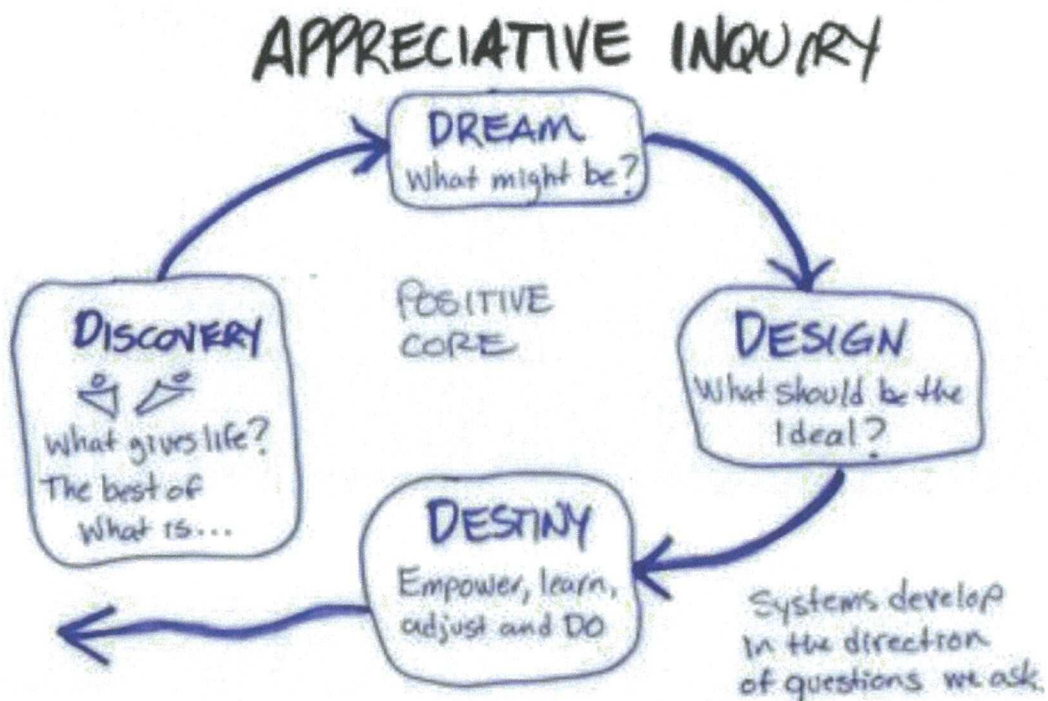
The four phases of ABCD project planning for Appreciative Inquiry:

Discovery: finding out the best about what already is

Dream: imaging how you see the community in the future

Design: planning and prioritising processes that would work well and involving key stakeholders

Destiny: implementation or execution of the proposed design



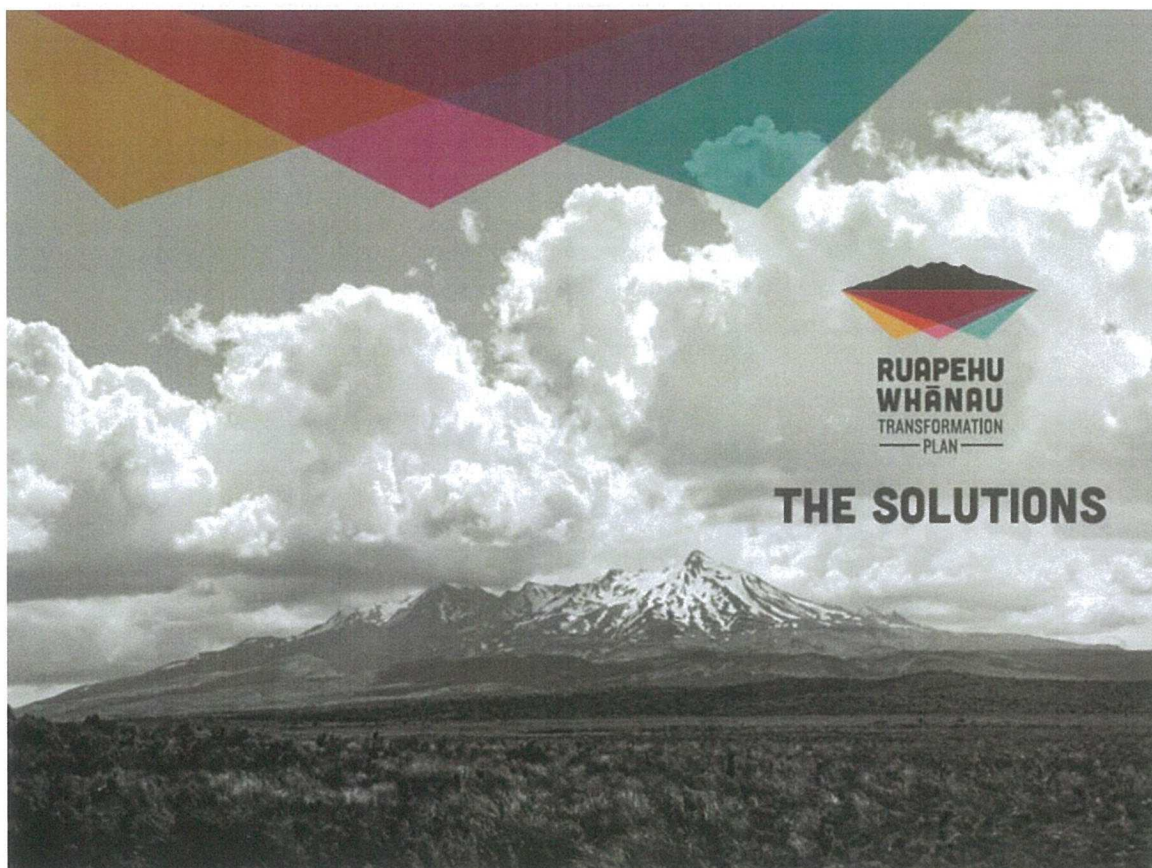
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Erena Mikaere-Most - Adaptable planning information and action informed by outcomes

As Erena specialises in strategy development, her workshop focussed on teaching participants a simple planning tool to maximise the impact of their projects. This planning tool consisted of three key questions, asking 'what are we doing?', 'why are we doing it?' and 'what impact do we want to achieve? For those planning community based projects, the final question is of particular importance because it gets people thinking about the effects, both immediate and lasting that they want to see as a direct result of what they are doing.

LEARNINGS

"I found this useful as in an example like this there are many hurdles to overcome and funding will be an obvious one. By including detailed 'community impact effects' in your initial planning it helps to justify and sell your plan. So now instead of saying to people 'I want to build a mountain bike track' - I can now say 'I want to build a mountain bike track and these are the positive effects it will directly have on you and our community'"



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To prosper, grow and innovate, New Zealand needs highly-skilled people — people with increasingly sophisticated skills and digital competencies."

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Bronwyn Meads – Using Existing Strengths and Assets



In her workshop, Bronwyn encouraged workshop participants to take an assets based approach when reflecting on their communities.

The closure of Turakina Maori Girls School was used as an example in the asset mapping exercise – although the school has closed down, the building and property are very much still an asset to the community, and this is a space that can be used for a multitude of things. Bronwyn encouraged her workshop participants to brainstorm ideas about what the space could be used for and they came up with ideas ranging from a training space for trade to a conference venue. Bronwyn iterated that after assets are mapped and recognised, it is crucial that the community makes the most of and drive the uptake of these assets, so that they can see the benefits of their use.

LEARNINGS

Rather than focus on what is wrong, focus on what is strong in the community, and what positive things we have within arms' reach.

Use Asset Mapping to identify all of the six asset types that are available to the community



'We are motivated by what we don't have, to use what we do have, to get what we want'.

(Rev Dr Moses Coody)

Professor James Liu – *Building Diverse and Collaborative Leadership*



James Liu is Head of School of Psychology at Massey University, Auckland. His research is in cross-cultural, social and political psychology, specializing in social representations of history and their relationship to identity, prejudice, and international relations.

In his workshop, James focussed on the importance of finding common ground, and communicated this through a three pronged approach – knowing yourself, breaking through stereotypes and building social capital.

‘Knowing yourself’ is a process of understanding the individual and collective elements of personal identity. “Breaking through stereotypes” identified the shared knowledge embedded across society to create stereotypes that we all buy into. The final segment of the workshop had a focus on building social capital, social capital can be described as “the collective value of all social networks and the inclinations that arise from these networks to do things for each other”. Social capital can be measured and mapped and grown through conscious effort.



LEARNINGS

*“Putting citizens at the centre of community life... and the urgent need for us to practice **RADICAL** inclusion in which we must welcome the stranger at the edge from within our communities and from outside our communities.*

- **Asset-focussed**
- **Citizen-centric**
- **Place-based**
- **Relationship-orientated**

“Simply being nice to people who talk like us, think like us and look like us is not sufficient, in fact to do that is to live an entrenched and impoverished life.” Cormac Russell, Nurture Development, Ireland

Andrew Tripe – *Many People and Groups Working Together*

In his workshop, Andrew demonstrated the 'Aspirational Alignment Model' he developed for changing culture in workplaces – this is the focus of his consulting company Same Page Group which exists to align an organisation's people, culture and strategy.

This model focused on the back and forth relationship between the why (purpose), who (customer), where (vision), what (strategy), how (values and behaviours) and the which (capabilities and competencies).

The workshop demonstrated the importance of having a common goal but also the importance of having a common strategy to get there.



LEARNINGS

Andrew is implementing a regional project, Healthy Communities, which aims to better align the strategies of local agencies to develop 'single more unified, integrated and co-ordinated approach'. Andrew asked the participants what, if this was achieved they would see in their community – to imagine what it would be like and provide some examples. Then to identify the big 'rocks' that they would have to be overcome. These workshops will contribute to this project - a report will be circulated in due course.

EVALUATION

	Great	Good	OK	Poor	Very Poor	No Comment
Overall how well do you think the day went?	47%	37%	10%			7%
How would you rate the pre-conference organisation?	37%	43%	17%			3%
Overall how would you rate the venue?	17%	20%	30%	20%	13%	
How would you rate the food and refreshments?	83%	10%	7%			
Presentations	43%	18%	13%	5%	3%	17%
Workshop session 1 (morning)	67%	13%	13%			7%
Workshop session 2 (morning)	57%	20%	13%		3%	7%
Workshop session 3 (afternoon)	53%	13%	10%			23%

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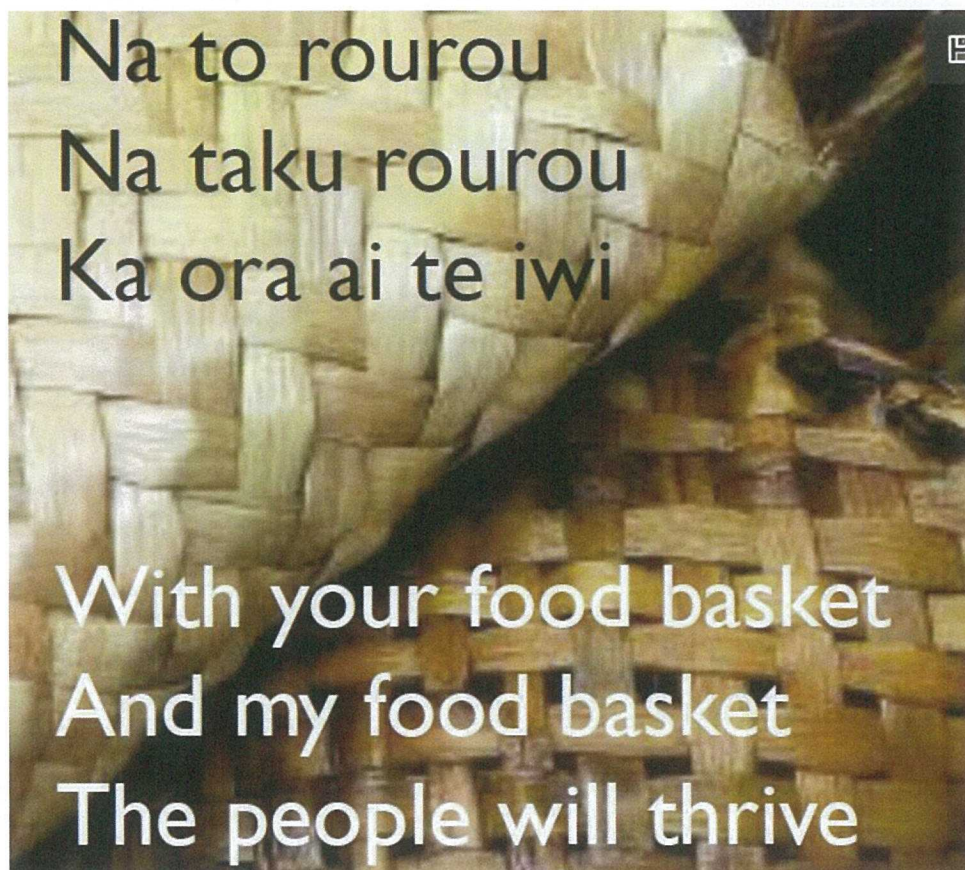
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- Bronwyn Meads
- Erena Mikaere-Most
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The deficit approach or 'charitable' model promotes reliance on services and keep 'clients' in a state of dependency, constantly seeking 'help'.



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