



Rangitikei District Council

Turakina Community Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 4 June 2015 – 7:30 p.m.

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Present: Mr Steve Fouhy (Chair)
Ms Denise Wallen
Mr Nick Eagland
Ms Carol Neilson
Mr Alastair Campbell
Ms Laurel Mauchline Campbell
Cr Soraya Peke-Mason

Apologies: Ms Kathleen Bayler

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

That apologies for the absence from Ms K Bayler be received.

Ms Mauchline Campbell / Ms Neilson. Carried

3 Confirmation of minutes

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That, subject to the following amendment, the Minutes of the Turakina Community Committee meeting held on 2 April 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting:

“That Mr Keith and Mrs Christine Omundsen and Ms Shona Welch were in attendance and left at 9.00pm before the conclusion of the meeting.”

Ms Warren / Ms Mauchline Campbell. Carried

4 Matters Arising

Turakina Valley Road

- The Chair advised that he had been in contact by telephone with the Rangitikei District Council Roding Operation Manager, Mr Reuben Pokiha, and the Manawatu District Council General Manager Infrastructure, Mr Hamish Waugh, but had still to arrange a meeting. It was anticipated that this would occur within the next two to three weeks.

Long Term Plan

- Cr Peke-Mason advised that a submission was made by a resident regarding the footpaths on the seaward side of the road, in the form of a petition. The Committee requested feedback at their next meeting as to the Rangitikei District Council's response to this petition.

5 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

There were no recommendations from the Committee presented to Council's meeting on 28 May 2015.

6 Small Projects Grant Scheme

The Committee noted that the amount of \$653.00 would be available to the Committee from 1 July 2015 and updates on the balance would be provided to each meeting.

Consideration was given to the uses for the funding. It was decided that the Committee would pass a formal resolution to send any invoices to the Rangitikei District Council for payment.

7 Council responses to queries raised at the last meeting

The Committee noted the Council's response to the clarification sought in the difference in bulk water charges between Feilding and Marton.

Currently Manawatu charges \$2.00m³ while Rangitikei charges \$3.10m³ (plus \$5.90 per tanker load). Hunterville town currently pays \$3.21m³. Both councils charge a premium on the charges made for extraordinary water – this was \$1.25m³ in Manawatu and \$1.65m³ in Rangitikei.

This points to different cost structures between the two councils; in addition, Rangitikei had a district-wide approach to funding water supplies whereas Manawatu did not – the cost of supplying water was met through targeted rates on connected and serviceable properties; in Rangitikei revenue from extraordinary water usage (including bulk water sales) contributes a defined percentage of the District-wide funding; this was not the case in Manawatu.

8 Email from Friends and Whanau Group from Turakina Primary School

The Committee noted an email had been received from the Friends and Whanau Group from Turakina Primary School inviting the Committee to contribute to a newly established newsletter, either as a one-off or on a regular basis. The Committee further noted that if it wished to contribute to this newsletter, the Chair's contact details would be passed onto the contact from the Friends and Whanau Group from Turakina Primary School.

The Committee decided that it would be an opportunity to communicate matters of interest. It was suggested that the first contribution to the Friends and Whanau Group from Turakina Primary School newsletter would be to ask residents to offer suggestions for the use of the Small Projects Grant Scheme that would benefit the whole community. It was requested that the Chair's contact details be forwarded to the Group.

9 General business

Issue of Rezoning of Turakina

- Mr Eagland advised that:
 - No-one in the Village was aware of the rezoning until he had talked with them.

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- There was no consultation.
 - The rezoning had affected residents' lifestyles and use of their land.
 - He had discussed the issue with the Community Law Office, who had offered their opinion that the rezoning may be illegal as the proper consultation process had not been followed, that being, all affected residents should have been contacted individually and the ramifications of any change made clear to them.

Mr England also presented information stating that "urban" areas had a speed limit of 50kph and that Turakina had a speed limit of 70kph.

In discussion it was suggested that Mr England obtain a formal opinion from the Community Law Office with a view to asking for the rezoning to be rescinded.

It was further suggested that the Committee write to the Rangitikei District Council requesting the rezoning issue go on the Policy Review list, and that the Council explain what their definition of 'urban', 'residential' and 'rural living' was; what the rationale was for changing the zoning and why was no-one consulted; and had this rezoning happened to other small settlements in the District, for example Utiku or Rata.

Broadband

- Cr Peke-Mason advised that residents at Koitiata, Ratana and other rural areas experienced issues with Broadband/Internet services.

The Committee agreed to send a letter to the Koitiata Residents Committee in support of their approach to major broadband providers to upgrade services to rural areas.

Resignation of Committee Member

- Ms Bayler had tendered her resignation from the Turakina Community Committee, due to family commitments.

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That the resignation of Ms Kathleen Bayler be accepted, and that a letter acknowledging Ms Bayler's contribution to the Committee be forwarded to her.

Ms Wallen / Mr Campbell. Carried.

10 Discussion on previous meeting

Nil

11 Next meeting

Thursday 6 August 2015, 7.30 pm

12 Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: