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Turakina Community Committee Meeting

Order Paper

Thursday 7 April 2016, 7.30 pm

Ben Nevis Hotel, State Highway 3, Turakina

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Chair

Stephen Fouhy

Membership

Alastair Campbell, Laurel Mauchline-Campbell, Nicholas Eagland,
Carol Neilson, Lois Smith, Denise Wallen, Shona Welsh
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson, (ex officio)

Councillors Soraya Peke-Mason and Lynne Sheridan

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The quorum for the Turakina Community Committee is 3.

At its meeting of 28 October 2010, Council resolved that "The quorum at any meeting of a standing committee or sub-committee of the Council (including Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, the Community Committees, the Reserve Management Committees and the Rural Water Supply Management Sub-committees) is that required for a meeting of the local authority in SO 2.4.3 and 3.4.3.

1 Welcome

2 Apologies

3 Confirmation of minutes

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Turakina Community Committee meeting held on 4 February 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

4 Chair's Report

5 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

Resolved minute number 16/RDC/042 File Ref

That the following recommendation from Turakina Community Committee dated 4 February 2016 be referred to the Finance/Performance Committee:

16/TCC/004

That the Turakina Community Committee requests that any unused amount from the Turakina Ward Small Projects Grant be allowed to roll-over/accrue each year.

Cr Sheridan / Cr McManaway. Carried

6 'What's new, what's changed...?' —Consultation Document for the 2016/17 Annual Plan

His Worship the Mayor will provide a presentation and lead the discussion. Copies of the Consultation Document will be tabled at the meeting.

7 Other simultaneous consultations:

- Proposed 2016/17 Schedule of Fees and Charges
- Proposed amendments to the dog control and responsible owner policy and associated bylaw
- Review of Gambling venue (Class 4) and TAB Venue policies

The Summary of Information documents for these three proposals are attached. The detailed proposals, including submission forms, are on the Council website. They are open for consultation at the same time as for 'What's new, What's changed...?'.

8 Council responses to queries at previous meetings:

8.1 Bonny Glen landfill —trust/local fund requirement

The resource consent has a condition that Midwest Disposals needs to comply with as follows:

Within twelve (12) months following the commencement of this consent the Consent Holder shall establish a Landfill Community Trust to commence operation involving representatives from the Consent Holder, Rangitikei District Council, South Makirikiri and Turakina Schools and immediate neighbours. The Community Trust shall meet at least annually for the purpose of awarding funding to community projects identified through funding applications made direct to the Community Trust. The total annual funding amount shall be no less than \$15,000 and the funding shall be applied to community projects to benefit and enhance the Bonny Glen community within the area identified in Attachment 1. This amount is to be adjusted annually in line with the Consumer Price Index.

The consent was granted 18 May 2015.

The required Trust document is attached for information.

Recommendation

That the attachment 'Bonny Glen Community Trust' be received.

9 Small Projects Grant Scheme (balance)

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-5

Recommendation

That the 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update - April 2016' be received.

10 Tree Removal/Landscaping SH3 Turakina

A memorandum is attached

Recommendation

That the memorandum 'Tree Removal/Landscaping SH3 Turakina' be received.

11 Evaluating Horizons' One Plan implementation — part one: water quality

A letter is attached.

Recommendation

That the letter 'Evaluating Horizons' One Plan implementation — part one: water quality' be received.

12 The Exploring Possibilities workshops

The Exploring Possibilities workshops with David Engwicht from Creative Communities were held during February 2016. Following the ideas generated at the workshop Creative Communities has produced a report for Turakina which identifies two main opportunities for Turakina to guide future place-making activities - a photo trail and kids trail.

Recommendation

That the document 'Turakina Report' produced by Creative Communities to guide future place-making activities within Turakina be received.

13 Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the ward

The Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the Turakina ward, will be circulated to members on 11 April 2016.

14 General Business

15 Next Meeting

Thursday 2 June 2016, 7.30 pm

16 Meeting closed

Attachment 1

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Present:

Mr Steve Fouhy (Chair)
 Mr Alastair Campbell
 Ms Laurel Mauchline-Campbell
 Mr Nick Eagland
 Ms Carol Neilson
 Ms Denise Wallen
 Cr Soraya Peke-Mason
 His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

That the apology for absence from Ms S Welsh be received.

3 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number

16/TCC/001

File Ref

That the Minutes of the Turakina Community Committee meeting held on 3 December 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Ms D Wallen / Ms L Mauchline Campbell. Carried

4 Matters arising

Visit to Bonny Glen

His Worship the Mayor will look at the current consent for this site, as there is a requirement for Mid-West Disposals to set up a Trust/Local Fund. They have not yet called for nominations for Trustees. He wasn't sure how it would work - a trust to be applied to or money to be gifted. He will pass this information to Cr Peke-Mason and consult via email.

Dudding Trust

The Dudding Trust application dates have changed - likely to be March/April (earlier). His Worship the Mayor advised people to watch the newspapers for advertisements.

Annual Plan

Mr Watson spoke about the Annual Plan - Year 2 of the Long Term Plan.

Roading costs from flood around \$12M. Government is helping with all the Turakina Valley Road damage and helping out with others. Some farmers have also received assistance.

5 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

The Committee noted that there were no recommendations from the Committee presented to Council's meeting on 29 January 2016.

6 Council Responses to queries at previous meetings

The Committee noted that there were no queries raised at the previous meeting.

7 Consultation – Draft Heritage Strategy

The Committee noted that the amendments to this strategy are mainly for the purpose of tidying up some things (e.g. character and outstanding qualities).

Resolved minute number 16/TCC/002 **File Ref** 1-CP-5-2

The memorandum 'Consultation – Draft Heritage Strategy' be received.

Mr A Campbell / Ms L Mauchline-Campbell

8 Proposed District Plan Changes

The Committee noted that there is reference in the memo to a proposal to investigate "zoning of commercial properties for small settlements such as Mangaweka and Turakina" – and agreed that they need to be vigilant for the plan coming out for consultation.

Resolved minute number 16/TCC/003 **File Ref** 2-PL-2

The memorandum 'Proposed District Plan Changes' be received.

Mr A Campbell / Ms C Neilson. Carried

9 Consultation on Draft Treasury Policies

His Worship the Mayor advised that this is very technical. The Rangitikei District Council has a Finance/Performance Committee and an Audit/Risk Committee (with an independent chair-person).

10 Small Projects Grant Scheme

It was suggested this could be put towards the school pool improvements, however also discussed that the school could apply to the Community Initiatives fund at Rangitikei District Council, with support from the Turakina Community Committee.

The small projects grant must be used for wider community benefit. A notice will go in the next School Friends Newsletter calling for suggestions on how to use this.

Resolved minute number 16/TCC/004 **File Ref**

That the Turakina Community Committee requests that any unused amount from the Turakina Ward Small Projects Grant be allowed to roll-over/accrue each year.

Mr S Fouhy / Mr A Campbell. Carried

The rationale for this recommendation is that the annual amount is so small, due to the small rating base, that allowing accumulation to a larger amount would allow for more to be done with the money.

11 Current infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the ward

The Committee noted that the memorandum was not available at the time this agenda was created and that it would be circulated to members on 9 February 2016.

12 General business

Cr Peke-Mason

- The sand dunes at Koitiata are moving closer to the playground. The Koitiata committee are working with Horizons and Rangitikei District Council to find a solution.
- The Ratana community also utilise the school pool - their next Community Board meeting is 11 Feb - School Friends people can attend.

His Worship the Mayor

- Congratulations to the Ratana community and Caledonian Society on successful events this year.
- Within the District the "Kiwi Burn" event is becoming larger - growing by about 30% each year.
- Noted the National Walkway is now operating, running through Turakina Beach Road, along the beach, and out at Bulls.

Co-opting New Members

Ms L Mauchline-Campbell suggested that Lois Smith and Liz Collins-Lowe be co-opted formally to the Turakina Community Committee. Ms Collins-Lowe declined.

Resolved minute number 16/TCC/005 **File Ref**

That Lois Smith be officially co-opted as a full member of the Turakina Community Committee.

Mr L Mauchline-Campbell / Ms C Neilson. Carried

13 Next meeting

Thursday 7 April 2016, 7.30pm

14 Meeting closed – 8.41pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____

Attachment 2



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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

PROPOSED FEES AND CHARGES, 2016/17

Reason for the Proposal

The fees and charges set by the Council follow from the revenue and financing policy (part of the 2015/25 Long Term Plan). This policy expresses Council's view about how various services are to be funded, particularly the balance between the share to be funded by ratepayers (because there is advantage to everyone in having the service available and used) and the share to be funded by those making use of it (because the benefit from the service is primarily, or wholly, enjoyed by such people). In determining this balance, Council has regard for thinking in other councils, especially our neighbours.

All fees in 2016-2017 have been raised by 1.9%, the inflation factor used in setting Council's budgets for 2016/17. This inflation factor is different from cost-of-living adjustments, because there are significant elements in Council's expenditure whose costs have risen more sharply – particularly materials to support maintenance of roads and infrastructure. The Schedule shows the proposed fees alongside the 2015/16 fees.

The actual fees from applying this factor have been rounded to the nearest dollar except for solid waste fees which are rounded to the nearest 10c.

Some fees are set by regulation and thus are not changed during this review.

The notable changes are:

- Setting similar fees for use of all Council parks,
- Reducing fees for hall hire and being more flexible over short-term hire (with the objective of attracting greater use) and allowing discounts to non-profit community groups,,
- Altering library photocopying, faxing and scanning fees to reflect actual cost more accurately,
- Providing for the applicable charges under the Food Act 2014,
- Simplifying the fee structure for dog registration, and
- Introducing a volumetric fee structure for wastewater.

Discussions are in progress with the Ombudsman's office regarding the basis for charging for Land Information Memoranda.

Fees and charges for parks relate to exclusive use only. They have been set to encourage regular use by local sports clubs and organisations, and other non-profit community users.

Adjustment to rents in Council's community housing must be made in accordance with the requirements of section 24 of the Residential Tenancies Act 1986. Typically this means that a change to rents for existing tenants will not occur for two months after Council adopts the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the coming year.

Several Council-owned or administered facilities are managed by other organisations, which set their own fees (typically in consultation with the Council):

Marton Swim Centre	Nicholls Swim Academy
Taihape Swim Centre.....	Taihape Community Development Trust
Hunterville Town Hall	Hunterville Sports and Recreation Trust
Turakina Domain	Turakina Reserve Management Committee
Koitiata Hall	Koitiata Residents Association
Shelton Pavilion	Marton Saracens Cricket Club

More Information

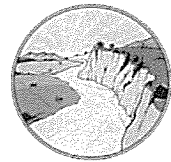
Where to get a copy of the Statement of Proposal

The Statement of Proposal (i.e. the full proposed Schedule of fees and charges, 2016/17) is available for inspection at Council's libraries in Marton, Bulls and Taihape, and at the Council's Main Office in Marton. Copies are also available from the above locations, from the Council's website www.rangitikei.govt.nz or you may request a copy be posted to you by calling 0800 422 522.

Period for Consultation

Written submissions on the Proposed Schedule of fees and charges may be made from **4 April to 12 noon 6 May 2016**. Submission forms are available from Council's libraries in Marton, Bulls and Taihape, from the Council's Main Office in Marton, from the Council's website www.rangitikei.govt.nz or you may request a form be posted to you by calling 0800 422 522.

Those who make a written submission may also choose to make an oral submission. Hearings of oral submissions are scheduled for **16 May 2016** at the Council Chambers in Marton. Please indicate on your submission form if you wish to speak to your submission.



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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DRAFT DOG CONTROL AND RESPONSIBILITY POLICY AND CONTROL OF DOGS BYLAW

Reason for the Proposal

A recent review of Rangitikei District Council's processes to meet its obligations under the Dog Control Act 1996 suggested that Council could tighten some of the provisions of its dog control policy to support the Animal Control Team in carrying out their duties under the Act. Whilst no change to the provisions in the Control of Dogs Bylaw is warranted, the opportunity is taken to make some minor wording changes.

Legislative Requirements

Under the Dog Control Act 1996, every council **must** have a dog control policy and **may** have a dog control bylaw. When a dog control bylaw is reviewed, the Act requires a council's dog control policy to be reviewed at the same time. In consulting on a proposed new dog control policy and bylaw, the Local Government Act 2002 requires the use of the Special Consultative Procedure.

What changes have been made?

The amendments suggested to the Dog Control and Owner Responsibility Policy relate primarily to enabling a discretionary power to neuter menacing dogs (rather than a mandatory one) and the introduction of a property inspection regime which ensures properties are regularly inspected prior to a menacing dog classification. In addition, the Policy's definition of "good owners" has been revised to better align with the Dog Control Act 1996. The Control of Dogs Bylaw has received minor wording changes to better align with the Local Government Act 2002.

Commencement

The proposed commencement date for the revised Dog Control and Responsibility Policy and Control of Dogs Bylaw is 20 days after the amendments to the Policy and Bylaw are adopted by Council and publicly notified following this period of consultation.

More Information

Where to get a copy of the Statement of Proposal

The Statement of Proposal contains the reasons for the proposal, and copies of the draft Policy and Bylaw. The Statement of Proposal is prepared in accordance with section 86 of the Local Government Act 2002. It is available for inspection at Council's libraries in Marton, Bulls and Taihape, and at the Council's Main Office in Marton. Copies are also available from the above locations, from the Council's website www.rangitikei.govt.nz or you may request a copy be posted to you by calling 0800 422 522.

Period for Consultation

Written submissions on the Draft Dog Control and Responsibility Policy and Control of Dogs Bylaw policies may be made from **4 April to 12 noon 6 May 2016**. Submission forms are available from Council's libraries in Marton, Bulls and Taihape, from the Council's Main Office in Marton, from the Council's website www.rangitikei.govt.nz or you may request a form be posted to you by calling 0800 422 522.

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DRAFT GAMBLING VENUE (CLASS 4) AND TAB VENUE POLICIES

Reason for the Proposal

The Gambling Venue (Class 4) and TAB Venue policies are statutory policies required under S 103(5) of the Gambling Act 2003, and S 65(e) of the Racing Act 2003 (respectively). Under these Acts, Council is required to review these policies at least every three years. In determining its policies, the territorial authority must have regard to the social impact of gambling with the district.

Legislative requirements

This review is required under the under S 103(5) of the Gambling Act 2003, and S 65(e) of the Racing Act 2003.

Options considered

Council currently permits the establishment of new Class 4 venues in the District. New venues may apply for a licence to operate up to 9 gaming machines, providing that the total number of gaming machines in the District does not exceed 83. As part of the Gambling Venue (Class 4) policy review, Council considered whether to continue to allow the establishment of new Class 4 venues and whether to retain the current cap on gaming machines at 83, or whether to increase or decrease the maximum number of gaming machines permitted in the District.

Similarly, there are currently no standalone TAB venues in the District and Council's policy does not permit new venues to be established. During the review, Council considered whether it should permit new standalone TAB venues to be established.

What changes have been made?

Council agreed not to make any changes to its existing Gambling Venue (Class 4) and TAB Venue Policies since the Social Impact Assessment provided little evidence of widespread or growing harm in the District from problem gambling. However, Council recognises that the community may have more information about the specific, local harm caused by problem gambling and it welcomes written and oral submissions from the public on this matter.

More Information

Where to get a copy of the Statement of Proposal

The Statement of Proposal contains the reasons for the proposal, copies of the draft policies, and the social impact assessment of gambling within the district. The Statement of Proposal is prepared in accordance with section 86 of the Local Government Act 2002. It is available for inspection at Council's libraries in Marton, Bulls and Taihape, and at the Council's Main Office in Marton. Copies are also available from the above locations, from the Council's website www.rangitikei.govt.nz or you may request a copy be posted to you by calling 0800 422 522.

Period for Consultation

Written submissions on the Draft Gambling Venue (Class 4) and TAB Venue policies may be made from **4 April to 12 noon 6 May 2016**. Submission forms are available from Council's libraries in Marton, Bulls and Taihape, from the Council's Main Office in Marton, from the Council's website www.rangitikei.govt.nz or you may request a form be posted to you by calling 0800 422 522.

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Attachment 3

BONNY GLEN COMMUNITY TRUST

TRUST FUNDING AREA, OBJECTIVE AND PROCEDURES

The Bonny Glen Community Trust will be established in late 2015 by Midwest Disposals Limited.

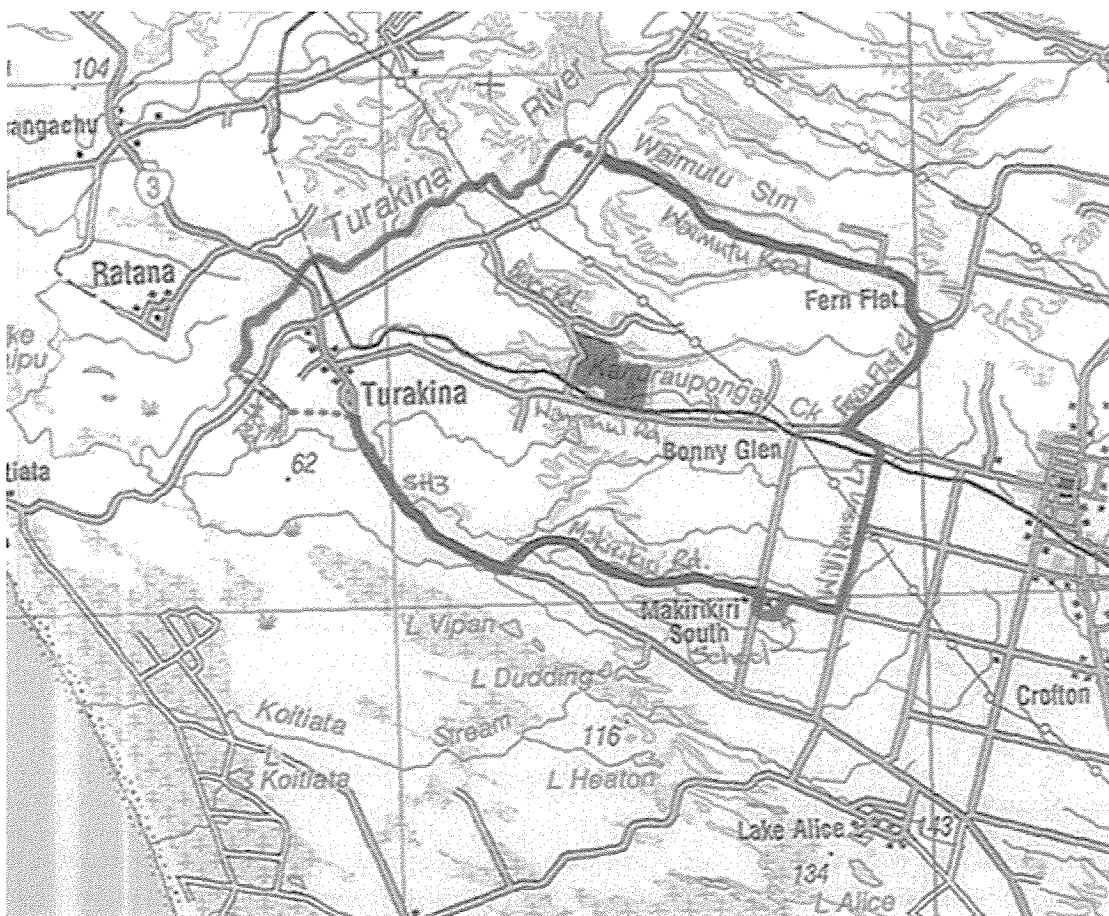
As part of its application to extend the Bonny Glen landfill Midwest Disposals agreed to establish a charitable trust "for the purposes beneficial to those people whose principal place of residence is within the immediate vicinity of the Bonny Glen Landfill, but also specifically including the South Makirikiri and Turakina Primary Schools".

An annual sum linked to CPI will be provided by Midwest Disposals to the Trust.

Residents must live within the defined boundary to be eligible. Where the Trust boundary is shown along a public road or river, only that part of the road or river closest to the landfill is within the Trust area.

The Bonny Glen Community Trust area is bounded by:

The Turakina River from a point opposite Scotts Road (where the Kahurauponga Creek enters the river) up to the confluence of the Waimutu Stream, across to and along Waimutu Road, Fern Flat Road, Wanganui Road, Williamson Line, Makirikiri Road (but also including the South Makirikiri School Grounds), State Highway 3 to the Edenmore Road intersection and across land to the bend in Scotts Road, Scotts Road and back over to the Turakina River.



Trustees

There will be 4 appointed Trustees and 3 elected Trustees from the Bonny Glen Community Trust area:

- One each appointed by and representing the Board of Trustees for South Makirikiri School and Turakina School
- One representative appointed by and representing the Rangitikei District Council
- One appointed by Midwest Disposals as the Settlor
- Three elected by the Bonny Glen Community Trust area.

Trustees have a 2 year rotation so each year three trustees are required to retire but are eligible for re-election.

Any person 18 years and over, residing in the Bonny Glen Community Trust area may nominate a Trustee. Any person over the age of 18 can stand for election. Any nomination must be signed by the nominee and the nominator.

Objective of the Bonny Glen Community Trust

To benefit and enhance the Bonny Glen Community

Who can apply for funding assistance?

A group, school or individual who has a project beneficial to those people whose principle place of residence is within the Community Trust area as defined on the attached map.

Post-secondary scholarships can be applied for by those people whose family residence is within the Trust area. For standard three to four year course studies applicants **must** have commenced their first year of study and must submit their first semester's marks with their applications. Applications are considered every 2nd year. Other shorter course studies will be considered on their merits.

How to Apply

Please answer every question on the application form.

Send this application to: Bonny Glen Community Trust

PO Box XXX Marton.

Or email to bgcommunitytrust@gmail.com

When to apply

- Funding applications for this year open 25th July 2016
- Funding applications close for this calendar year on 23rd September 2016
- No late applications will be considered.

Further Information may be required

The Board of Trustees will investigate each application for funding assistance. This may require the applicant to provide further information, arrange site visits, or attend and interview as requested by the Trust Board. Your application will be disseminated only to the Trustees for the purposes of determining your eligibility for the grant and assessment against other applications. The Trust Board

has sole discretion to allocate funds in full or part, or to decline any application. Your lodgement of this application is deemed to be your acceptance of these conditions.

When will a decision be made?

The Trust will assess all applications before determining funding allocation for that financial year by the 12th November each year. Applicants will be notified in writing of the Trust's determination soon after that date.

Presentation to successful applicants

Funding allocations will be presented at the Midwest Disposals, Bonny Glen Landfill Conference Room on the 4th December 2016. All recipients will be required to present an outline to the meeting of how and where their funding will be used.

Reporting project completion

All recipients of funding from the Trust are required to submit a written report – preferably with photos – showing how the funding was spent. Failure to do so may jeopardise any future consideration for funding from the Trust.

Attachment 4



MEMORANDUM

TO: Turakina Community Committee

FROM: Samantha Whitcombe, Governance Administrator

DATE: 30 March 2016

SUBJECT: **Small Projects Grant Scheme Update - April 2016**

FILE: 3-CC-1-5

1 Allocation

- 1.1 The 2015/16 Small Projects Grant Scheme for Turakina Ward is \$671.00.
- 1.2 The allocation of the Small Projects Grant Scheme is for the period 1 July to 30 June each year. At its meeting on 29 February 2016, Council resolved to allow carry-forward from one financial year to the next of up to 100% of the annual allocation for any Committee's Small Projects Grant Fund, with the proviso that this be a specific resolution of the Committee.
- 1.3 Updates on the balance will be provided to each meeting.

2 Breakdown

- The Committee has not spent any of its budget for the Small Projects Grant Scheme in the 2015/16 year.

3 Remaining Budget/

- 3.1 This leaves a remaining budget for the 2015/16 financial year of \$671.00.

Samantha Whitcombe
Governance Administrator

Attachment 5



Memorandum

To: Turakina Community Committee
From: Athol Sanson; Keith Sutherland
Date: 30 March 2016
Subject: Tree Removal/Landscaping SH3 Turakina
File: 6-RF-1-16

During the past two months a request was received by Powerco to remove the trees from the road berm beneath the power lines in the centre of Turakina near Franklin Road. The Powerco contactor was undertaking routine tree inspections and pruning work in the area.

The trees over the years have been poorly managed and need constant attention to keep them within a safe distance of the overhead services. As a result of past pruning the trees have grown misshapen and one has started to overhang SH3. This past pruning will affect the long term health of these trees and they will not develop to full potential. (Please refer to photo three)

A number of smaller trees *Metrosideros excelsa* directly beneath the power lines have also been topped. This species is extremely fast growing in a coastal environment and without regular inspections and remedial work will quickly grow into the overhead services posing a risk to children climbing these trees.

The berms are also extremely difficult to mow due to stumps from past tree removals being present. The current contour of the lawns also poses an issue with mowing which needs to be addressed.

Landscape Proposal

1. All trees and stumps in the island areas are to be removed.
2. A wooden retaining wall will be built at the rear of the main island that will consist of 150 rounds capped with a 200mm x 50mm wooden top plate. This top plate will act as a mowing strip. (Please refer photo one for location)
3. The current lawn area will be contoured from SH3 back to the retaining wall or current kerb line. The areas will be left slightly raised in the middle of the areas to give it an elevated appearance. (Please refer to photo three)
4. A number of smaller growing trees will be planted in locations that will not obstruct sightlines or interfere with services in this area. It is envisaged that two groupings of trees be planted. Final species selection will be based on availability at the time of ordering.
5. The area will be reseeded with a hard wearing ryegrass once landscaping is completed.

It is our recommendation that the trees are removed without delay and that the landscaping of this area be commenced during the autumn planting season while weather is suitable for grass germination.

Regards

Athol Sanson
Parks & Reserves Team Leader

Keith Sutherland
Project Engineer



Photo One: Proposed new retaining wall



Photo two: Trees to be removed



Photo Three: Contours of ground. Past pruning wounds

Attachment 6

4 February 2016



Ross McNeil
Chief Executive
Rangitikei District Council
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To:
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Dear Ross

EVALUATING HORIZONS' ONE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION – PART ONE: WATER QUALITY

Starting this month, Horizons Regional Council will be looking at our progress on putting the *One Plan* into effect.

The first piece of evaluation work will look at progress in implementing **coastal and freshwater quality** rules, and focus on the topical and challenging issues of **intensive land use** and **nutrient management**.¹ This area has been chosen for early consideration because of its high public interest. Consenting of intensive agricultural land use is a new process, which has rightly remained in the spotlight as we put it in place.

This letter is to advise you of this evaluation work, and invite your views. While it is important to be clear about the evaluation's scope and purpose - this is not a Plan change and review process, and does not revisit community values or the Plan's framework itself. We are committed to an inclusive process, where interested groups with views on the past year's experience with the implementation of the *One Plan*'s nutrient management rules, are able to have a say. I invite you to send this letter on through any parts of your networks which may be interested, or otherwise to let them know about the work that is happening. Your comments will inform our understanding of what is important to people as we go through this process, and make sure that perspectives are fully taken into account.

In considering comments you may wish to make:

- The main focus is on rules for **intensive land use consenting** and **nutrient management** (and resulting *One Plan* water quality objectives). Other parts of the *One Plan* will be evaluated later.
- The evaluation is about progress achieved and problems experienced, in putting the new rules into effect. We want to know what's working (or what's not), and kick the tyres on any problems.
- Are you happy with progress, and Horizons' approach? We welcome comments on what any issues for you might be.

Kairanga

Marton

Palmerston North

Taihape

Taumarunui

Wanganui

Woodville

¹ For background, see Report No. 15-265 *One Plan Evaluation: Proposed Framework and Scope* (8 December 2015). This report is available on Horizons website at http://www.horizons.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Events/Strategy_Policy_Committee_Meeting/2015-12-08_130000/Table-of-contents-Dec.pdf.

- Social impact assessment and economic modelling are important parts of the work. Comments you may have on social or economic impact are relevant.
- As with the *One Plan*, evaluation work will continue to be informed and led by the freshwater science – understanding where we are, for example, against new national river and lake health bottom lines.
- We will be considering the *National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management* (NPSFM) and its requirements.

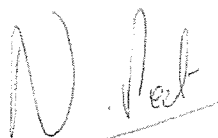
While it may seem early days to be evaluating where we are up to, we think this important to ensure that the process is being well managed, and to provide a clear picture for council and our community of any issues arising. This, in turn, supports all of us in making good decisions.

The focus at this stage is on how the *One Plan* is being put into effect. There will not be a formal submission process. If, at some future time, it was thought (perhaps because of implementation problems or new requirements through the NPSFM) that the *One Plan* itself needed to be reviewed or changed, this would be a publicly notified process, involving a full statutory consultation and review of the policy options.

The current piece of evaluation work is due to be completed by **August 2016**. If you have views or comments it would be helpful to receive these early. You are welcome to contact Claire Browning, Project Manager by email: claire.browning@horizons.govt.nz or phone: (06) 9522 824 to signal your group's interest in the work and ask any questions, or you may like to simply submit any views or comments in writing.

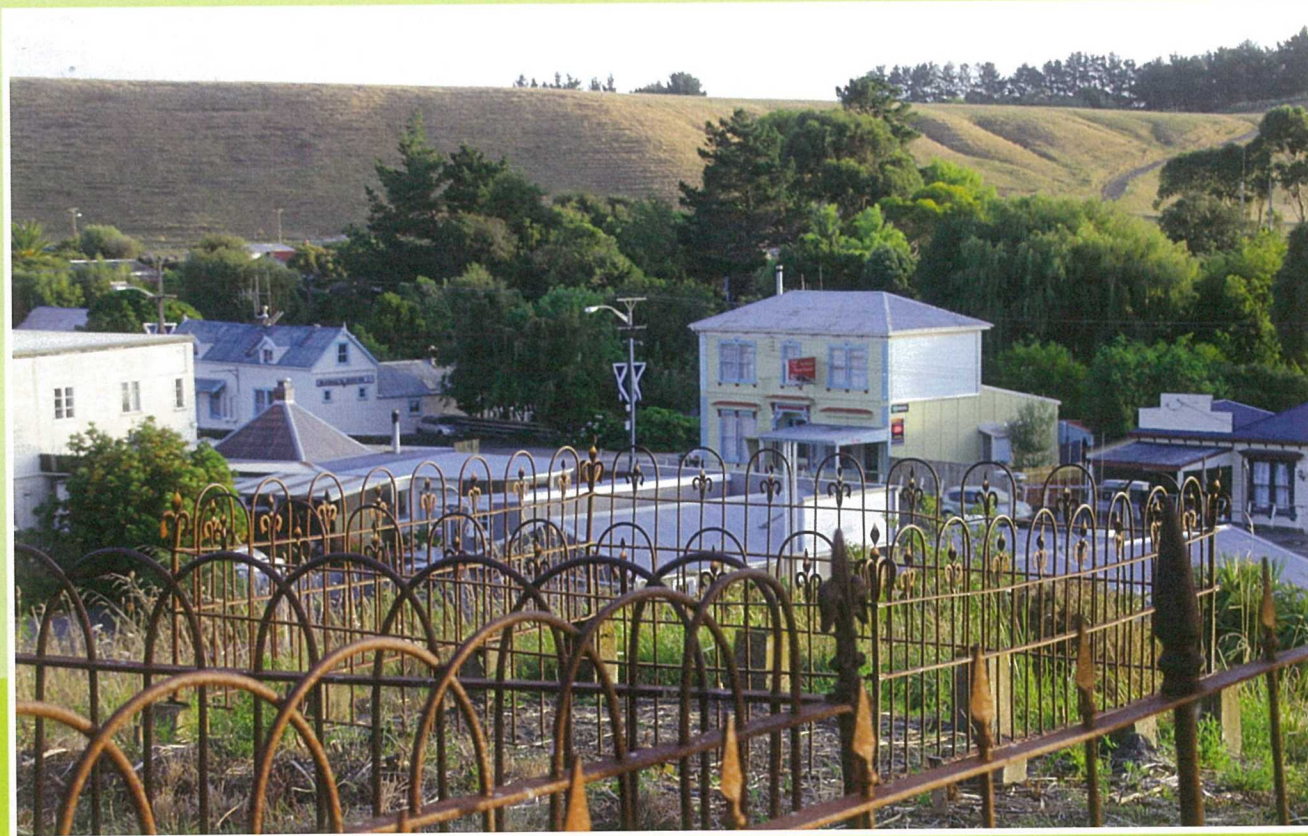
In the meantime, work to implement the *One Plan* continues. Input from the community is an important part of ensuring we are getting it right. I hope you feel encouraged to be involved.

Yours sincerely



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Attachment 7



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1. SUMMARY

Creative Communities International (CCI) was engaged by Rangitikei District Council to conduct an Exploring Possibilities Workshop in Turakina over two evenings – on Wednesday, 3 and Thursday 11, February, 2016.

David Engwicht shared the basic principles of place making with participants before leading the participants on an exploratory walk of the town centre.

On this walk, David identified two major opportunities for Turakina.

THE PHOTO TRAIL

Turakina typifies a classic New Zealand rural town, that even to an Australian, is quaint and intriguing. However, local residents are not aware of how much character their little town contains because they have lived with it for so long. And driving through the town, a visitor has no idea that, hiding just below the surface, is an incredibly photogenic town.

This suggests a three part strategy:

1. Enhance the Coach House (located at the cross-roads) into the star photo opportunity.
2. Create a "Picture Opportunity Trail" map and display in the Coach House Notice Board
3. Run a yearly or bi-yearly photo competition and use the resultant pictures to promote Turakina as "the photogenic town".

THE KIDS TRAIL

Turakina has some fantastic spaces for kids to stretch their legs and let off some steam. This is complemented by some easy off-highway parking. These kid-friendly spaces could be combined into a kid's adventure trail that would complement the photo trail.



2. PHOTO TRAIL & COMPETITION

1: Enhance Coach House

Enhance the Coach House (located at the cross-roads) into the star photo opportunity. This can be easily done as a weekend project by:

- Placing a couple of classic park benches in front of the house that people can sit on when they are having their photo taken.
- Putting a Coach House sign on the bracket extending from the front wall.

2: Picture Opportunity Trail

- Identify the key locations where there is a picture opportunity. The pictures in this report gives a clue as to where these locations might be.
- Create a stylized map of the town with the key photo opportunities identified. Perhaps include inspiring thumb-nail photos depicting the opportunity at each point. (You can use the photos from this report, existing photos, or the photos from your first photo competition.) Request that people respect the privacy of locals.
- Display the map on the front of the Coach House in the ready-made notice board area.

3: Photo Competition

- Run a yearly or bi-yearly photo competition, drawing participants from across New Zealand
- Create a "gallery" in an existing business, church, or empty shop window.
- Publish the results on line or as a book for purchase.







3. KIDS TRAIL

1: Enhance Parking

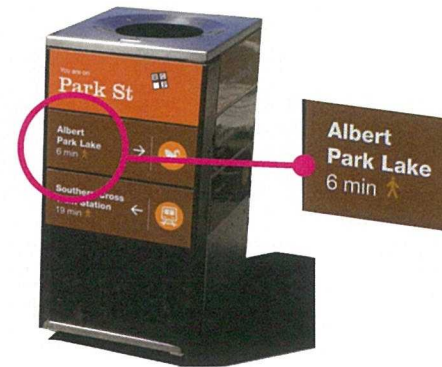
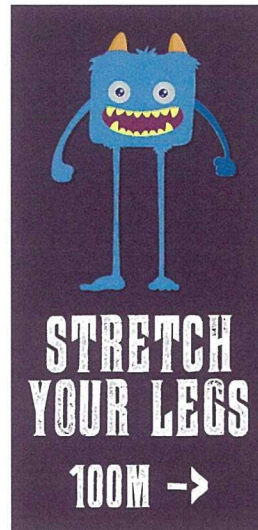
- Work with NZTA and the carpark owner to put a new entry into car-park so it can be entered from both sides

2: Signage

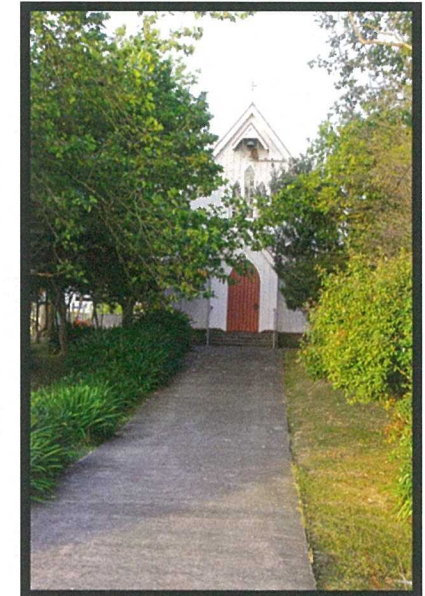
- Put up signage inviting children to stretch their legs at the outskirts of town and at the entry to the car-park.
- Put up a map of the walking trail and key attractions at the car-park and the noticeboard at the Coach House. (This can be done as a combined map with photo opportunity trail.)
- Create wayfinding signage that tells you how far it is to walk to the key attractions. Alternatively, create a series of markers with the character featured on the *Stretch Your Legs* sign.

3: Enhance trail

- Add discovery points along the trail, such as a troll under the bridge or a funky picnic table at one of the points where kids can stretch their legs.



Example of good wayfinding sign. Notice that it gives the time it takes to walk rather than the actual distance.



Ready-made play area next to car-park



Opportunity- troll under bridge

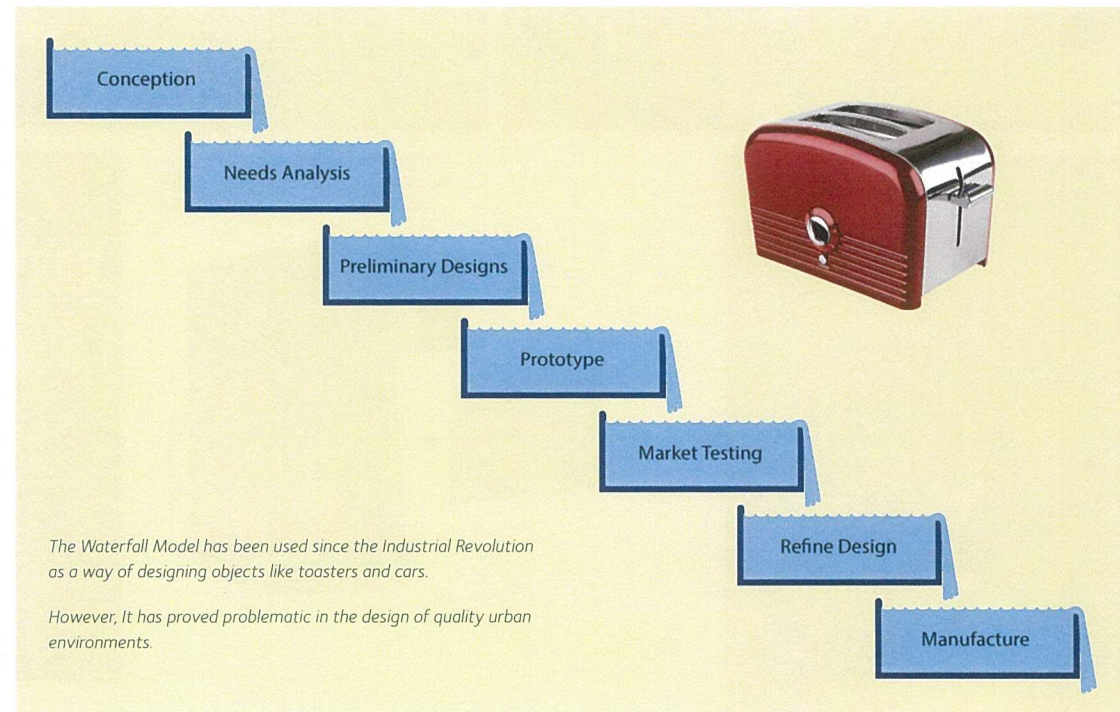
4. AGILE PLANNING PROCESS

There is a revolution happening in the way great public spaces are being created around the world. Some call it *Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper* while others call it *Tactical Urbanism*. We call it *Agile Planning*.

We borrowed the term *Agile Planning* from the software development world, because this is where the revolution began. Traditionally, software development (like urban planning) used a design process called the waterfall model (see diagram below). This design process, inherited from the Industrial Revolution, goes through a series of logical, non-reversible one way steps – from scoping of desirable features through to full-scale production. When computers first made their debut, software developers unconsciously adopted this same waterfall model used in industrial design.

However, the waterfall model has proved very problematic in dynamic, fast-changing environments, like the world of technology, or planning our cities and towns. Here are the fatal flaws for software – you make the connection to the way we try to create better public places (OK we will give you some hints).

- Software takes several years to develop, by which time the computer world has changed dramatically and the software is outdated – so a lot of very expensive software ends up sitting on a shelf gathering dust. (Think of all the grand plans for great public spaces sitting on Council shelves gathering dust – or the studies already done on your makeover area.)
- Small mistakes made at the start of the development process become entrenched and built into the software, making it difficult and expensive to remove these bugs at the end of the development process. (Think of very expensive makeovers that don't work because the designers got some small details wrong.)
- The clients only know about 20% of what they really want from the software at the start of the process. They discover the other 80% during the development process. Because the analysis-of-requirements phase is at the start of the process, and has long passed, the resultant software is only 20% as effective as it could have been. (Think of the very expensive makeovers that seem to have delivered only 20% of their potential.)



The agile alternative

Many software companies have moved to the agile model. Instead of the linear, unidirectional flow of the waterfall model, the agile model moves in small, incremental steps – in a series of sprints lasting two weeks.

Here is an overview of the agile framework. **You will notice that the Exploring Possibilities Workshop covered the first four steps in this process.**

1. **Aspirational vision:** Ask, “What do we think the client wants”. The agile model does include master-planning, but it does not try to construct an all-encompassing picture of the “end product”. The picture is tentative and aspirational, recognising the picture will become clearer as the process unfolds.
2. **Brainstorm deliverables:** What are some small deliverables that would move the client closer to what we *think* they want?
3. **Choose deliverable:** Which of these small deliverables would potentially benefit our client the most?
4. **Plan the sprint:** How do we work together as a company to deliver this in a sprint? Agile teams are not compartmentalised. Tasks are allocated to whoever has the capacity to deliver. The focus is on delivering the deliverable, not on work positions.
5. **Sprint:** The deliverable is delivered in the shortest time frame possible
6. **Retrospective:** After implementing each sprint the team asks: What did we learn? How do we need to adjust our plans for the product? What features should we drop? What new features should we add? Does the aspirational vision need adjusting?

A warning

Councils and communities have been using the waterfall method of planning for so long, it is an ingrained habit. Even when we give a clear outline of the alternative approach, people revert back to the old model of endless committee meetings, over-planning and over-thinking. Projects lose their spontaneity – and all the action-oriented people bail out. Sometimes the projects get closed down by the town nay-sayers.

Do not think too far ahead. Trust the process. If you find yourself having lots of meetings, you are off track.

