



Rangitikei District Council

Turakina Community Committee Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 3 December 2019 – 7:30 p.m.

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Present: Kathleen Barker
Duran Benton
James Bryant
Tina Duxfield
Laurel Mauchline Campbell
Carol Neilson
Linda O’Neill
Anne Rice
His Worship the Mayor
Cr Waru Panapa
Cr Jane Dunn
Cr Brian Carter

Also present: Nardia Gower, Acting Strategy and Community Planning Manager

1 Welcome

The Mayor welcomed the Committee members.

2 Apologies

That the apology for Cr Panapa and Ms June McDonald be received.

Cr Dunn / Cr Carter. Carried

3 Introduction of Committee members

The Committee members introduced themselves.

4 Election of Chair

The following nominations were made and declined.

Mr Duran Benton nominated by Ms Carol Neilson

Ms Tina Duxfield nominated by Mr Duran Benton

Ms Linda O'Neill nominated by Ms Kathleen Bayler

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That Laurel Mauchline Campbell appointed Chair of the Turakina Community Committee.

Ms T Duxfield / Ms K Bayler. Carried

The Mayor vacated the Chair for Laurel Mauchline Campbell.

5 Election of Deputy Chair

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That James Bryant be appointed Deputy Chair of the Turakina Community Committee.

Ms L Mauchline Campbell / Ms T Duxfield. Carried

6 Guidance for Community Committees

Resolved minute number **19/TCC/030** **File Ref** **3-CC-1-5**

That the memorandum 'Guidance for Community Committees' to the Turakina Community Committee at the 3 December 2019 meeting be received.

Mr D Benton / Ms K Bayler. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/TCC/031** **File Ref** **3-CC-1-5**

That Ms L Mauchline Campbell be appointed as the Turakina Community Committee grant assessor for the Community Initiatives and Events Sponsorship schemes.

Ms C Neilson / Ms L O'Neill. Carried

7 Standing Orders

The Committee noted the document included with the agenda.

8 Member's conflict of interest

There were no declared conflicts of interest.

His Worship the Mayor stated that at each meeting every member has the responsibility to declare any potential conflict of interest, and further that it is not for the Chair to state a member's conflict but it is for the Chair to manage the meeting and any declaration made. Should a member have a pecuniary or financial interest in an agenda item they are obligated to declare a conflict of interest and the Committee member should vacate the room for that item.

9 Confirmation of order of business

There was no change to the order of business

The Mayor was granted to opportunity to provide a verbal update on Council matters in Late Items.

10 Turakina Cemetery Management

The Committee noted the following

- While sheep was the suggested animal for grazing when the Committee was initially approached for consultation, the lease states sheep and cattle.
- Ms L Mauchline Campbell provided some background to new Committee members regarding the survey of pauper graves.

- Previous damage to graves by animals was not from this lessee.
- The Committee seeks a win-win situation for everyone.

Resolved minute number **19/TCC/032** **File Ref** **6-CE-6-1**

That the report 'Turakina Cemetery Management' to the Turakina Community Committee meeting 3 December 2019 be received.

Ms L Mauchline Campbell / Ms A Rice. Carried

11 Small projects Grant Scheme update – November 2019

Ms Neilson spoke to the Committee about purchasing cups and a teapot for community events that could be stored at the school.

Resolved minute number **19/TCC/033** **File Ref** **3-CC-1-2**

That the memorandum 'Small Projects Grant Scheme Update - November 2019' to the 3 December 2019 Turakina Community Committee be received.

Cr J Dunn / Ms Duxfield. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/TCC/034** **File Ref** **3-CC-1-2**

The Turakina Community Committee delegate authority to Ms Carol Neilson to spend up to \$150 for one teapot and remainder spent on cups.

Mr D Benton / Ms K Bayler. Carried

12 Rangitikei Youth Council applications are open for 2020

Ms Gower spoke to the item, highlighting some of the activities of the 2019 Youth Council, and encouraged the Committee to talk to any Turakina youth that may be interested.

13 Receipt of minutes from the last meeting in the 2016-19 triennium

The Committee noted the document included in the agenda.

14 Late Items

The Mayor gave the following verbal update:

Rangitikei District Council has six new council members and a new Chief executive - Peter Beggs who started a month ago

The Chief Executive and His Worship the Mayor attended the Local Government New Zealand Rural and Provincial two day meeting in Wellington where the focus topics included: changes to fresh water regulation, climate change, and local authorities' urban contamination to waterways. Further noted was the Sustainable Land Use Package which could result in places such as the Canterbury Plans changing from intensive dairy farming back to sheep or forest.

Fresh-water changes that will impact on local authority infrastructure stormwater and wastewater, impact on farming - can be very significant ie. Canterbury plains dairy farmers not be allowed.

There are potential risks being highlighted with Carbon Farming, i.e. the act of planting farms in forestry with no intention of harvesting. Such risks to a community include decreasing economy and work options, followed with closure of schools and businesses. There has been a lot of discussion at a national level about Carbon Forestry and forestry in total with harvest forests impact on roads

Minister Jones further announced funding for the science research around bio forestry and the production of bioplastics. Council started the process of a District Plan change to accommodate the industry set up in Marton; however, due to commercial sensitivity Council was unable, until recently, to disclose fully why the change was being sought. The potential business will result in greater quantities of timber being milled and processed in New Zealand instead of off shore and the waste product of that industry being turned into bioplastic. There has been a number of submitters to the District Plan change. The potential timber process business will include a sawmill, plywood mill, de-barker and a series of factories that take forestry waste and produce PLA that can be used as bioplastics and are fully bio degradable. The debark factory will address the issue of export trees that go to china who will no longer be accepting methyl bromide treated timber.

There is political talk around the national elections next year. Minister Parker is due to make a public announcement regarding action the Ministry of the Environment will undertake to address the soil contamination of PFAS around Ohakea.

Rangitikei housing has gone from in-fill housing being soaked up to new housing developments and subdivisions going for consent or development. There are 400 homes in development across the district. 60 of which are in Ratana.

The Bulls Community Building was put on necessary hold by Chief Executive, Peter Beggs, and is now back on track. There will be a delay in opening.

Council will be going out for public consultation around the future of the Marton Civic building, noting that at the last meeting the Committee said 'Just get on with it'. Council plans to move as quickly as feasible.

The Marton –Bulls wastewater project which will divert Marton wastewater to a treatment in Bulls) and then dispose to land) will also be accepting a waste stream from Ohakea. This project is likely to be more expensive that first envisioned.

There is a change in Horizons Regional Council, with a new chair combined, more green alliance and strong direction from central government.

Whanganui District Health Board and the associated region holds New Zealand's highest rate of suicide per capita in New Zealand. Although His Worship the Mayor didn't have the statistics on hand he noted the rural sector as being the hardest hit with some farmers in difficult financial position. Bulls have an event on Monday.

Cr Waru Panapa arrived at 8.20 following his attendance at the Koiitiata meeting.

15 Future Items for the Agenda

Nil

16 Next meeting

Thursday 13 February 2020, 7.30pm

17 Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at 8.29pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: