

# MINUTES

## TURAKINA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** Thursday, 5 August 2021

**Time:** 7.30 pm

**Venue:** The Anglican Church Hall, St George's  
State Highway 3  
Turakina

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**Present**

- Ms Laurel Mauchline Campbell
- Mr James Bryant
- Mr Duran Benton
- Ms Carol Neilson
- Ms Linda O'Neill
- Ms Anne Rice
- Ms Tina Duxfield
- Cr Brian Carter
- Cr Waru Panapa
- HWTM Andy Watson

**In attendance**

- Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner
- Ms Jen Britton, Strategic Advisor – District Promotions

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## 7 Chair's Report

### 7.1 Chair's Report – August 2021

The Chair spoke to the meeting about the Grants Assessment Subcommittee which was established by Council with representatives from the Community Boards and Committees. This subcommittee evaluated the applications to the Council's grant schemes. The subcommittee was disbanded by Council at its February meeting as it "used considerable staff time". Effective July 2021. There were 2 meetings with community representatives in March and April. The April agenda shows the next meeting as being 7 September. I only became aware that the subcommittee was disbanded when I asked staff when the next assessments would be due. I was unable to attend the April meeting so I contacted 2 other subcommittee members in case I had missed the message at the meeting. They did not know it was disbanded either.

Once again there appears to have been a breakdown in communication. As Council is producing a lot of documentation that says that good communication is essential and it is their aim to have the best communication possible, this seems to be another fail continuing on from the failure to communicate well with Community Committees over changes to meeting frequency. People serving as volunteers should be kept informed of changes and when a subcommittee like this is disbanded, they should at least receive a thank you for their input. This is basic manners.

Peter Beggs was invited to attend tonight's meeting but is away. His PA informed me that his attendance at Community Committees is set at the beginning of the year and he will attend the December meeting. This was not mentioned in a conversation I had with him earlier in the year where I invited him to attend a meeting. It will be nice to be able to meet our CE after 2 years in the job. When the Mayor announced the appointment he assured us all that meeting Community Boards / Committees was a priority for our new CE. We therefore rightly expected that it would not take 2 years for this to happen.

It is unfortunate to have to put forward a negative Chair's Report especially when at the last meeting I commented on how good the relationship with Council was. I feel there needs to be some major improvement in communication from Council to community groups.

On a more positive note, the Community Committees in Bulls and Marton are on track to re-establishing with candidates for the role of Chair coming forward. I wish them well.

**Resolved minute number** **21/TCC/014**

That the verbal Chair's Report – August 2021 be received.

Ms L Mauchline Campbell/Mr D Benton. Carried

## 8 Mayoral Update

### 8.1 Mayoral Update - July 2021

**Resolved minute number** 21/TCC/015

That the Mayoral Update – July 2021 be received.

Ms T Duxfield/Mr J Bryant. Carried

## 9 Reports for Information

### 9.1 Small Projects Fund Update - August 2021

**Resolved minute number** 21/TCC/016

That the 'Small Projects Fund Update – August 2021' report be received.

Mover/Seconder Ms A Rice/Ms C Neilson. Carried

**Resolved minute number** 21/TCC/017

That the Turakina Community Committee apply to the Bonny Glen Community Trust for funding for another First Aid Course for the Community.

Ms L O'Neill/Ms T Duxfield. Carried

## 10 Discussion Items

### 10.1 Rangitikei Beyond 2050

Item 11 (Destination Management Plan) was incorporated in the discussion of Item 10.

The meeting discussed various options for the future of the district. Protecting good farmland was considered to be vitally important. Options for increased housing in Turakina Village was discussed and the various opportunities for the revitaliation of the commercial area. Opportunities associated with existing businesses in the district (the malting plant and micro breweries) were raised.

**Resolved minute number** 21/TCC/018

That the report 'Rangitikei Beyond 2050' be received.

Mr D Benton/Mr J Bryant. Carried

The Committee would like an update on the proposed Public Toilets at the next meeting.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Turakina Community Committee held on 7 October 2021.

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**Chairperson**