

ORDER PAPER

BULLS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 24 January 2024
Time: 6.00pm
Venue: Te Matapihi Hall, Te Matapihi
Bulls Community Centre
4 Criterion Street
Bulls

Chair: Mr Greg Smith

Membership: Mr Nigel Bowen
Mr Bruce Dear
Mr Patrick McKenna
Mr Colin Fanning
Mr Dave Yates
SQLDR Dean Wilson
Cr Coral Raukawa
Cr Brian Carter
HWTM Andy Watson

Purpose of the Committee

- To provide a local link and point of contact for Council liaison with the community.
- To provide for the exchange of information, communication, and to assist with the Council's consultative processes.
- To exercise delegated authority for the annual allocation of \$1.00 per rateable property for "defined small local works" in line with the guidelines provided¹.
- Particularly, to help ensure that any minor remedial or renewal works are brought to Council's attention through the Request for Service procedure, by promoting its use and advising community members on how to use it.
- To be the first point of contact (prior to Council) for community groups. Where this is not possible, the Committee will be informed of the approach by the community group to the Council.
- Applications for the Parks Upgrade Partnership Fund are considered and commented on by the Committee prior to the application being considered by Council.
- Placemaking initiatives that are taking place on Council land will be considered and commented on by the Committee before the application is considered by the Chief Executive.
- To engage with wider/small communities of the ward represented.

Quorum

The quorum for the Bulls Community Committee is 6.

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 31 October 2019) 11.2 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.

At least 1 Elected Member must be present at the meeting.

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¹ Appended to the Delegations Register

Notice is hereby given that a Bulls Community Committee Meeting of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Te Matapihi Hall, Te Matapihi, Bulls Community Centre, 4 Criterion Street, Bulls on Wednesday, 24 January 2024 at 6.00pm.

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AGENDA

1 Welcome / Prayer

2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

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

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, [enter item number](#) be dealt as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Author: [enter name]

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from Bulls Community Committee Meeting held on 8 November 2023 are attached.

Attachments

1. Bulls Community Committee Meeting - 8 November 2023

Recommendation

That the minutes of Bulls Community Committee Meeting held on 8 November 2023 [**as amended/without amendment**] be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

MINUTES



UNCONFIRMED: BULLS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 8 November 2023
Time: 6.00pm
Venue: Te Matapihi Hall, Te Matapihi
Bulls Community Centre
4 Criterion Street
Bulls

Present Mr Greg Smith
Mr Nigel Bowen
Mr Bruce Dear
Cr Brian Carter
Cr Coral Raukawa

In attendance Linda Hunter BDCT
Mr Dave Yates
Mr Colin Fanning
Kezia Spence

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Unconfirmed

1 Welcome

Mr Smith opened the meeting.

2 Apologies

Apologies received from HWTM Andy Watson.

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

That the Civil Defence plan be discussed.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 23/BCC/028

That the minutes of Bulls Community Committee Meeting held on 13 September 2023 **without amendment** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Mr B Dear/Mr N Bowen. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Bulls Community Committee Meetings

No.2: Incorrect information given on boundaries. Kezia has updated and said GIS layers will be updated and sent to members.

Signage for Te Matapihi toilets still not visible enough for the public. Brian is working with the appropriate manager. Greg will help support Cr Carter to put together a proposal for signage.

No.5: Signage still not corrected for Taumaihi Street. It has been 4 months.

Resolved minute number 23/BCC/029

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Bulls Community Committee Meetings' be received.

Mr G Smith/Cr B Carter. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - November 2023

Verbal Report given

Highlight:

September Spring Clean

Vape rubbish around town and also McDonalds packets

Resolved minute number 23/BCC/030

That the Chair's Report – November 2023 be received.

Mr G Smith/Mr B Dear. Carried

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Mayor's Report - September 2023

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 23/BCC/031

That the Mayor's Report – September 2023 be received.

Cr B Carter/Mr G Smith. Carried

9.2 Mayor's Report - October 2023

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 23/BCC/032

That the Mayor's Report – October 2023 be received.

Cr B Carter/Mr G Smith. Carried

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Community Development Manager Report - November 2023

Need volunteers for Xmas Parade on Saturday 2nd December – See Heidi

Fest-a-bull: Based in Bulls – Mini expo – Local entertainment. Community outing to celebrate Bulls.

Bulls River: Investigations into the track along the river.

Replacement and/or refurbishments of the bins are awaiting for a quote. Greg, Heidi and Murray to continue to talk regarding the placements and ownership of these bins.

Resolved minute number 23/BCC/033

That the Community Development Manager Report – November 2023 be received.

Cr B Carter/Mr G Smith. Carried

10.2 Funding Schemes Update - November 2023

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 23/BCC/034

That the Funding Schemes Update – November 2023 be received.

Mr G Smith/Mr B Dear. Carried

10.3 RDC Engagement and Consultations

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 23/BCC/035

That the report 'RDC Engagement and Consultations' be received.

Cr C Raukawa/Mr N Bowen. Carried

10.4 Small Projects Fund Update - November 2023

If we want increased funding we will have to our plans put into the LTP submissions by March/April 2024.

This committee should look at other boards/committees to see what they are doing and how they are doing it.

Resolved minute number 23/BCC/036

That the report 'Small Projects Fund Update – November 2023' be received.

Cr B Carter/Mr G Smith. Carried

11 Discussion Items

11.1 Pot Plant Purchasing

Purchased 6 pot plant holders. Solid concrete. Used to replaced damaged ones. The less damaged ones will be repaired.

Will also see Murray to ask for some plants for these holders.

Kezia will ask if the money taken out of the BCC Small Grants Fund will be less GST?

Bruce to use Kezias name for the purchase order.

11.2 New Committee Members

Mr Connor Manning: Brief background on himself. Would like to become a member of the BCC.

Mr Dave Yates: Brief background on himself.

These 2 new members need to fill in application forms – see Kezia

Resolved minute number 23/BCC/037

That Mr Colin Fanning and Mr Dave Yates to be accepted as committee members for the Bulls Community Committee .

Mr G Smith/Mr B Dear. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/BCC/038

That the resignation of Peter Howard be received

Mr G Smith/Mr B Dear. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/BCC/039

That the next meeting be held on the 24th January 2023.

Mr G Smith/Cr B Carter. Carried

11.1 Bulls Community Response Plan

Discussion:

Greg will write an article for the Bulletin. Ideas were given by BDCT to promote at Xmas parade as well.

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ATTACHMENT 1

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Bulls Community Committee held on .

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Chairperson

Unconfirmed

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Bulls Community Committee Meetings

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 On the list attached are items raised at previous Bulls Community Committee meetings. Items indicate who is responsible for follow up, and a brief status comment.

2. Decision Making Process

- 2.1 Staff have assessed the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to this item and have concluded that, as this report is for information only, the decision-making provisions do not apply.

Attachments:

1. **Follow-up Actions Register** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Bulls Community Committee Meetings' be received.

Current Follow-up Actions

Item	From Meeting Date	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments
1	10-May-23	Carry forward small projects fund	Kezia Spence	Updated is included in the small projects fund
2	10-May-23	The Mayor's report be included for 2 months prior for next meetings and beyond as we hold our meetings bi monthly.	Kezia Spence	This has been included
3	10-May-23	Spring Clean be added to the agenda for the next meeting and staff answer questions: Is there a record of work done? (To base subsequent year's effort on) Would RDC approve free rubbish drop off? Other organisations could be co-opted- Ettianne suggested camping associations may assist. To advise back. Could we combine with other organisations, e.g. Community Patrol could do a Number Plate security screw campaign simultaneously. Heather stated that the seats outside Bulls Cafe belong to the community (not Bulls cafe) and if these are not removed for any reason, could they be earmarked for Santoft Domain Committee to assign? Patrick asked who is responsible for shop fronts?	Sheryl Srhoj	This has been added as a discussion item for the committee and the staff representative will be able to answer these questions
4	14-Mar-23	That staff see if Ohakea would like to provide a representative to BCC meetings	Kezia Spence	An email has been sent to the previous representative, they are no longer in the region. Another has been sent to see if they would like representation on the community committee.
5	27-Sep-22	As per resolution 22/BCC/051 : Could council look at Feb/March to account for holiday season to make sure the public has a chance to be consulted around the spatial plan.	Katrina Gray	The feedback from the Committee on scheduling the spatial plan consultation slightly later than initially planned will be considered when finalising public consultation dates.
6	31-May-22	That council investigate and liaise with Ms R Turner if more information is required on where the billboards have gone that were on construction fences while Te Matapihi had been developed and report back to the committee.	Arno Benadie	No information to provide at this time.
7	29-Mar-22	Better Signage for Bathrooms: Propose to Council that they investigate better bathroom signage. Map of where these should go. Propose removal of old toilets.	Arno Benadie	New signage has been installed to point pedestrians to the new public toilets.
8	31-Jan-22	The Committee would like the pedestrian crossing on Tuimaihi Street to be raised. They also want an update on a suitable stock route.	Arno Benadie	Request received. Traffic counters will be installed on Tuimaihi Street to gather more information. Results are expected by the end of June 2023. Update 31 May 22: No further follow up is required from Mr Benadie regarding an update on a suitable stock route in Bulls.
9	28-Oct-21	Also under Council: With regards to the recommendation from the Bulls Community Committee for rubbish bin/s at the picnic area at the Bulls river: A recommendation by Council to approve this request was lost, and Cr Gordon instead requested that staff contact Horizons Regional Council and request that they investigate this further as this area of land lies under their responsibility.	Arno Benadie / Murray Phillips	Staff are working on an updated Memorandum of Understanding between ourselves and Horizons on arrangements for issues where they overlap each Council. (eg flytipping under the Bulls bridge).
10	11-Aug-21	RDC please look at traffic calming options on Criterion St and Taumaihi St. 31 Jan 22: The committee believes the traffic count was done but no tubing was laid? They are waiting on data from the traffic count.	Arno Benadie	Traffic counting tubes to be put on Criterion and Taumaihi St for a week. The date collected will determine traffic counts, speeds and times to see if traffic calming is required. May 2023 update - Traffic counters are to be installed on Tuimaihi Street to obtain updated data on traffic movements. Expected date for results is the end of June 2023. Previous recorded traffic counts on Criterion Street recorded 1270 average daily traffic and 860 average daily traffic with 12% being heavy commercial vehicles. Both counts are within the range for a road of this width in this location on the network.

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - January 2024

Author: Greg Smith, Chair

Authoriser:

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The Chair may provide an update during the meeting.

Attachments

Recommendation

That the Chair's Report – January 2024 be received.

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Mayor's Report - November 2023

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

Zone 3

Central Hawkes Bay hosted the recent Zone 3 meeting with Mayor Alex Walker and her staff having put together a very good package to support the agenda and highlight the region's hospitality.

Many of the presentations/speakers highlighted the trauma of Cyclone Gabrielle, the destruction and the cost of the rebuild including the 50/50 split between Local Government and Central Government on house buyouts.

The standout presentations for me were –

- A. Waka Kotahi's presentation on procurement. The Chief Executive Nicole Rosie opened the presentation with an emotional and genuine grieving for the damage from Cyclone Gabrielle. Interestingly, in the presentation there were a couple of references to Tier 2 and 3 roading contractors and how we can encourage the build-up of capacity and their use. The overarching plan was that the funding model for roading is broken and Government needs to rethink how this should happen in the future - something all of the sector agreed on.
- B. The second presentation was one given by Caroline Dumas DIA (Dept of Internal Affairs). Caroline has been appointed as the DIA Liaison to Zone 3. Caroline seems to be very senior in the DIA and reports directly to the Minister (whoever that may be). This is a welcome change in stance and an opportunity that I am very keen to progress.

At the time of writing this coalition talks from Government have still not been finalised so this part of my report is a placeholder where I will be able to name who the respective ministers will be. Of high interest to us will be the Ministries of Local Government, Transport, Agriculture/Forestry, Economic Development and Health. The sharing out of portfolios to the coalition parties will be an interesting process. Who would have guessed that Winston could have risen like a phoenix from the ashes and effectively dominate the formation of a Government.

Local MPs

I would also like to congratulate Suze Redmayne as our new National MP. The early engagement I have had with her and her support in dealing with a very difficult local case has been brilliant. We will be well served by Suze. Equally I have reached out to Adrian Rurawhe and Debbie Ngarewa-Packer to have early talks about Ratana before the birthday celebrations in January. We effectively have four representatives working for us in Wellington with Andrew Hoggard for ACT being on the List, Debbie taking Adrian's previous role as he moved to the List for Labour and Suze Redmayne.

Rural & Provincial Sector Meeting with LGNZ along with the Future of Local Government 2-3 November

The Rural & Provincial sector meeting, which I will focus, on welcomed Neil Holdom as the new Provincial Representative. He will undoubtedly bring a roading focus to LGNZ - something that certainly needs to happen and will be a huge benefit to the Rangitikei. I have worked with Neil for a considerable amount of time on roading issues and I congratulate and welcome him on his new appointment.

The highlight to me of the sector meeting was a panel discussion comprised of Tim Hampton Treasury, Mark Maloney the Assistant Auditor General and Bruce Robertson an independent Risk & Assurance Chair. Their perspectives on the formation of Government and how Three Water reforms in particular should be handled within our Long Term Plans was fascinating. All of them said basically this will be the most challenging Long Term Plan they have ever seen with the uncertainty over Three Waters, RMA Reform, the new Government and affordability issues. Mark Maloney said that if we continue to put Three Waters into our budgets after 2025 we are breaking the law leaving us open to judicial review. Tim from Treasury said if we don't include it we could be well accused of breaking the law with regards transparency. The Local Government sector is split almost 50/50 on this issue. Our Council has made the decision to include Three Waters right through our Long Term Plan - something that I strongly support.

What the panel suggested is that there needs to be areal focus in the Consultation Document especially around risk to comply with Section 93(b) of the Local Government Act. This covers risk and affordability. Mark went on to note -

1. The need for high quality asset management plans.
2. That councils are poor at delivery with the national capex programme on average being delivered at only 80%. Our success rate falls well short of this. The risks associated with this will need to be documented.
3. That a position statement for each council is required within the Long Term Plan!!
4. Ideally within the Long Term Plan there needs to be a separate section on risks. We need to remember that this is the advice from the Auditor General's Office.

Bruce's comments were also interesting focussing on -

1. The need to develop alternative funding streams. This is of course easier said than being done. With our Council not having the benefit of funding streams associated with airports or ports and trying to develop a funding stream in terms of an industrial hub will be challenging for us.
2. Bruce said that focussing a Long Term Plan on rates affordability is not long term plan thinking! i.e. the issue here is a long term plan versus a cost of living issue.
3. This Long Term Plan must have a plan to plan for cohesiveness between governance and staff (this is something that our Interim Chief Executive Kevin has been spending quite a bit of time on).
4. Bruce's comment around annual plans being an inhibitor on long term strategies is in my opinion very very real.

The second topic that Rural & Provincial focussed on came from Ben Thomas, a specialist working on Government/Business Relationships in Wellington. He made a couple of comments that were very relevant –

1. Central Government's interaction with Local Government as a sector is by way of unfunded mandates (something that we know only too well).
2. An interesting comment – National in opposition has had a very small caucus with only a couple of people working in policy. He makes a point that it will take the Government a very long time to come up to speed. National will focus on regional deals that increase productivity, the GDP and deal with climate change.

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On 13 November 13 Horizons hosted a Freshwater Reform Meeting with the community at the Rangatira Golf Course. The Government has made a series of decisions that regional councils will have to enforce. These include the need for improvements in freshwater quality and will result inevitably in reductions of our beef and dairy herds, increased forestry and the reductions in rural water usage. These changes are far reaching with little recognition of the value of work that the agricultural sector, catchment collectives and voluntary groups have made which is disappointing. People are understandably nervous, lifestyles and the financial vulnerability to agriculture are leaving New Zealand export bases under threat. All of this happening without a social or financial evaluation is damning in my opinion.

On 4 November TUIA had their final Hui in Wellington. Unfortunately Matthew Coogan one of my two TUIA could not attend having come down with Covid. Bridget Watson my other TUIA and I were asked to be one of two presentations talking about our "TUIA journey together". Bridget is a standout young Maori woman and she spoke emotively and well about her journey of discovery within TUIA and her progress towards fluency in Te Reo. This programme has benefitted me and I will look back on this as a highlight of the year and of my term in office.

The Rangitīkei Business Awards were hosted recently by Marton Rotary and in particular Jasleen Saluja and Karan Singh. The awards have not been held for a considerable length of time and this has been absolutely a step in the right direction. We need to recognise not only the commercial successes but the involvement that our businesses have within our local communities and the support they provide.

The JBS Dudding Trust met recently and have given out around \$930,000 to organisations within our district. This is the highest amount that has ever been distributed by the Trust which is an outstanding result for our district. Many of our organisations would struggle without having support from the Dudding Trust as we have very few other significant funding opportunities available. I would love to be in the position at this meeting to be able to give an indication of who received what however the advice process out to the various recipients will take some time.

I have received a request from Aakiiyah Tihore (Attachment 1) seeking financial assistance for a Future Leaders Academy in Rarotonga in April 2024. Aakiiyah is a senior student at Taihape Area School and has been selected for one of only 40 spaces offered to students across New Zealand and Australia. The course fees total \$4500. Aakiiyah plans to work and fundraise to pay as much of the cost as possible but is looking for additional support from outside agencies. This is a fantastic opportunity for one of our local rangatahi who displays all the aspects of a future leader. Refer to Recommendation 2 below.

Attachments:

1. **Email from Aakiiyah Tihore regarding Future Leaders Rarotonga** [↓](#)
2. **Elected Member Attendance- November 23** [↓](#)
3. **Tabled document- Addition to Mayor's Report** [↓](#)
4. **Tabled document- Dudding Trust** [↓](#)

Recommendation 1:

That the Mayor's Report – 30 November 2023 be received.

Mayors Engagement

November 2023

1	<p>Attended monthly ELT meeting – Governors Q&A</p> <p>Attended Taihape Area School Scholarship Interviews</p> <p>Attended Rangitikei College Senior Prizegiving</p>
2	Attended Future by Local Government 2 nd Hui in Wellington
3	Attended LGNZ Rural & Provincial Sector Meeting in Wellington
4	<p>Attended TUIA End of Year Function</p> <p>Attended Rangitikei Business Awards</p>
6	<p>Attended Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Workshop</p> <p>Attended online RTC Workshop</p> <p>Attended online Manawatu-Whanganui Disaster Relief Fund Trust AGM</p> <p>Attended Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub Committee Meeting</p>
7	<p>Attended Zone 3 Co-Chair's online meeting with DIA</p> <p>Attended monthly RDC/Police catchup meeting</p> <p>Attended Bulls Community Van Reveal</p> <p>Attended GHD Melbourne Cup Function</p>
8	<p>Attended weekly LTP meeting with staff</p> <p>Attended new staff Whakatau</p> <p>Attended new staff Tipi Haere including Ratana 8 November celebrations</p> <p>Attended Taihape Community Board Workshop</p>
9	<p>Attended Council LTP and Assets/Infrastructure Workshop</p> <p>Attended Marton Civic Centre Working Group meeting</p>
10	<p>Attended weekly meeting with Interim Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Zoom meeting with MoE/Taihape Area School</p> <p>Attended meeting with MP Suze Redmayne</p>
11	<p>Attended Bulls Rose Show</p> <p>Attended Marton Cenotaph for Armistice Day commemoration</p>
12	Attended Kelvin Lehmstedt's Funeral Service
13	<p>Attended weekly meeting with Interim Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Horizons Freshwater Reforms meeting</p>
14	<p>Attended Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs Matters Fortnightly meeting</p> <p>Attended SafePlus Assessment Focus Group</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
15	Attended Helen Gordon's Funeral Service
16	Attended LGNZ Zone 3 Sector Meeting

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17	Attended LGNZ Zone 3 Sector Meeting Attended Christmas Tree light up
20	Attended weekly LTP meeting with staff
21	Attended weekly meeting with Interim Chief Executive Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
22	Attended relationship meeting with Col Trevor Walker Waiouru Military Camp Attended Waka Kotahi Quarterly Regional Relationship meeting
23	Attended Council LTP Workshop
24	Attended Accelerate25 Lead Team Meeting
25	Attended Marton Market Day
27	Attended MTFJ Core Group Strategic Workshop Follow-up online Attended weekly LTP meeting with staff
28	Attended weekly meeting with Interim Chief Executive Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
29	Attended 1 st (NZ) Bde Capability Display and Dinner at Linton Military Camp
30	To attend Finance/Performance Committee Meeting To attend Council meeting

From: Kia Tihore <19013@tas.school.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 2 November 2023 11:34 am
To: Andy Watson <Andy.Watson@rangitikei.govt.nz>
Subject: Future Leaders Rarotonga

58 Kaka Road
Taihape

2 November 2023

Dear His Worship The Mayor,

Thank you for meeting with me on the 1 November 2023.

As discussed, I have been selected to travel to Rarotonga with Future Leaders Academy for seven days in April 2024. I am going to gain advanced leadership skills, planning and goal-setting skills, leading diverse groups of people, as well as experience travelling alone without my whanau. This is a fantastic opportunity that I am genuinely excited to be a part of and experience. I was honoured to be selected, as this course is open to students from all over New Zealand, Australia and the Pacific, and there are only 40 spaces available. I will be the first student from Taihape Area School to attend this course.

The course fees will cost \$4500 overall, excluding travel insurance, internal New Zealand flights, passport fees and incidentals. I plan to work and fundraise to pay for this unique experience; however, I would welcome any help from outside agencies. Any support would be greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

Aakiiyah Tihore
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Elected Members

Date	Meeting	HWTM	Wilson	Calkin	Carter	Dalgety	Duncan	Hiroa	Lambert	Loudon	Maughan	Raukawa	Wong	Notes
25-Oct-22	Council (Inaugural)	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
03-Nov-22	Council	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
14-Nov-22	Creative NZ Committee	PR					PR							
16-Nov-22	Audit and Risk	PR	PR	AT		PR		PR		AT	AT			
21-Nov-22	HRWS	PR							PR		AT			
23-Nov-22	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	AP		PR	PR		PR	There was confusion re membership of the committee
23-Nov-22	Council	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	HWTM was late due to Council business
29-Nov-22	ERWS	AP									PR		AT	Meeting not held due to lack of quorum
29-Nov-22	Bulls													
30-Nov-22	Santoft DMC	PR		PR	PR									
01-Dec-22	Turakina CC	PR			PR									
12-Dec-22	Hunterville CC	PR				PR			PR					
13-Dec-22	TRAK	PR					PR							
14-Dec-22	Taihape CB	PR					PR						PR	
14-Dec-22	Marton CC													Meeting not held due to lack of quorum
15-Dec-22	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AT			PR	PR		PR	
15-Dec-22	Council	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
20-Dec-22	Ratana CB	PR	AT		AT									
26 Jan-23	Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
01-Feb-23	Santoft DMC	PR		AT	PR									
08-Feb-23	Taihape CB	PR					PR	AT					PR	
08-Feb-23	Marton CC	CB	AB								AB			
09 Feb-23	Workshop	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	
09 Feb-23	Turakina CC	PR			PR									
13-Feb-23	Hunterville CC	CB				PR			PR					
14 Feb-23	Ratana CB	PR						PR						
16 Feb-23	Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	
22-Feb-23	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR				PR	PR		PR	
22 Feb-23	Council	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	
1 Mar 23	Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	
07 Mar 23	ERWS	PR									PR		PR	
09 Mar 23	A&I Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
09 Mar 23	P&P	PR	PR				PR	PR	PR		AP			
13 Mar 23	HRWS	CB				PR			PR					
14 Mar 23	BCC	PR		PR	PR									
15 Mar 23	R&A	PR	PR	AT		PR		AP		PR				
15 Mar 23	Council	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
20 Mar 23	Youth	PR					PR						PR	
30-Mar-23	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR				AP	PR		PR	
30-Mar-23	Council	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	
4-Apr-23	Ratana CB	CB						PR						
6-Apr-23	Turakina CC	PR			PR									
11-Apr-23	TRAK	PR					PR	PR						

11-Apr-23	Maori Rates Remission	PR					PR		PR					PR
11-Apr-23	Omatane RWS							PR						
12-Apr-23	Taihape CB	PR						PR						PR
12-Apr-23	Marton CC	CB	PR				AT					PR		
13-Apr-23	Assets/Infrastructure	PR	PR			PR	PR			PR	PR	PR		PR
17-Apr-23	Youth							PR						PR
17-Apr-23	Huntermville CC	CB	AT				AP			PR				
20-Apr-23	Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR	AP	AP	PR
26-Apr-23	Council	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
27-Apr-23	Sport NZ RTF	CB	AT	PR	AT							PR		
27-Apr-23	Finance/Performance	CB	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP				PR	PR		PR
10-May-23	Bulls CC	AP				PR								
11-May-23	Annual Plan Hearings	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR
11-May-23	Annual Plan Hearings	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR
15-May-23	HRWS	PR					PR				PR			
15-May-23	Youth	PR					PR	AP						PR
18-May-02	Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	AP	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR
24-May-23	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR					PR	PR		PR
24-May-23	Council	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
1-Jun-23	Council	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	AP	PR	PR	AP	PR
6-Jun-23	ERWS	PR										PR		PR
6-Jun-23	ORWS	PR						PR						
7-Jun-23	Creative NZ Committee	CB						PR						
8-Jun-23	Turakina CC	PR				PR								
12-Jun-23	Huntermville CC	PR									PR			
13-Jun-23	Ratana CB	PR							AP					
14-Jun-23	Taihape CB	CB						PR	AT					AP
14-Jun-23	Marton CC	PR	PR									PR		
15-Jun-23	Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AB	PR
15-Jun-23	Policy / Planning	PR	PR				AT	PR	PR	PR		PR		
19-Jun-23	Youth Council	PR						PR						PR
20-Jun-23	TRAK	PR						PR	PR					
22-Jun-23	R&A	PR	PR	AT			PR	PR	PR		PR			
22-Jun-23	Council	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
29-Jun-23	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR				PR	PR		PR
29-Jun-23	Council	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
11-Jul-23	McIntyre Reserve	PR												PR
12-Jul-23	AIN Meeting	PR	PR			AP	PR	PR			PR	PR	AP	PR
12-Jul-23	Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	AB	PR
12-Jul-23	Bulls CC	PR				PR							AT	
13-Jul-23	Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR
17-Jul-23	HRWS	PR					PR				PR			
19-Jul-23	SDMC	PR				PR								
25-Jul-23	Council	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR
3-Aug-23	Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	AB	PR
7-Aug-23	HCC	PR					PR				PR			
8-Aug-23	TRAK	PR						PR						
8-Aug-23	Ratana CB	PR							PR					
9-Aug-23	Taihape CB	PR						PR						PR
9-Aug-23	Marton CC	CB	PR									PR		

CE Employment

I have asked for a late item for this meeting to confirm the appointment of Kevin Ross as our Chief Executive following the appointment committee's recommendation. Kevin was employed as an Interim Chief Executive on the basis that he wasn't interested in a long term position. As the appointment process rolled on I saw the possibility of asking Kevin if he could be interested in an extension of time as a Chief Executive not as an Interim.

Kevin's appointment will be for a period up to 2 years which suits him and from our point of view gives us time to understand what the future of Local Government is in respect of things like the RMA and Three Water reforms and gives him the time and authority to make any significant changes that the organisation needs.

Kevin has brought a change to the organisation in the time he has been with us - his honesty, commitment and skill has been a revelation. I believe that relationships between staff, the community and governors have improved significantly. I know that his appointment will be received well by all. It is a pleasure to welcome him here. I know that Kevin would prefer to just quietly slip into the organisation but it is important that some time soon we welcome him more formally.

New Government

Finally Government has been formed and we know now at least who the respective ministers are. I list some of those that are of particular importance to us in the Rangitikei –

1. Chris Luxon – Prime Minister
2. Winston Peters - Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Affairs
3. David Seymour - Deputy Prime Minister (in waiting)/Regulation Minister (noting the separation from Climate Change). He may well see taking the Deputy Prime Minister role in the last 18 months to be a win meaning he would be Deputy Prime Minister leading into the next election
4. Nicola Willis – Finance
5. Simeon Brown – Transport/Local Government/Energy
6. Chris Bishop – RMA Reform/Housing & Infrastructure
7. Louise Upton – Social Development
8. Mark Mitchell – Civil Defence/Police
9. Simon Watts – Climate Change (outside of cabinet)
10. Shane Jones – Regional Development
11. Judith Collins – Defence
12. Todd McLeay – Forestry/Agriculture/Trade
13. Dr Shane Reti – Health
14. Erica Stanford – Education
15. Paul Goldsmith – Treaty of Waitangi negotiations/State Owned Enterprises
16. Andrew Bayly – Small Business/Manufacturing

Some points that are notable for us –

1. Shane Jones – Regional Development
He controls once again a fund, this time of \$1.2b and we have a number of connections and relationships with him. This is a huge plus for our industrial developments.
2. Todd McLeay – Forestry/Agriculture/Trade

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Seen as a good operator. The advantage to us may well be that Andrew Hoggard, our List MP for ACT, is also his Associate Minister which may enable a Rangitikei focussed lens or at the least a portal to Todd.

3. Mark Mitchell – Civil Defence/Police
Has spent time in our district to understand our needs and we have a relationship with him.
4. It is interesting that Simon Watts (Climate Change Minister) was the previous spokesperson on Local Government and sits outside of Cabinet. Maybe this reinforces the fact that Three Waters Reform and Climate Change is not considered to be a key Government initiative.
5. I know a number of these Ministers, however there are some that I will have to make a connection with such as Simeon Brown (Transport/Local Government/Energy). Hopefully I can use my roles within LGNZ to establish this relationship because roading is critical for us.

While we have these Ministers, it is noted that we still do not have clear direction. We need to realise that the National caucus has been light on numbers. Essentially they will have spent little time on policy work. They will need to establish their own relationships with officials in particular the DIA and MBIE, so progress in my opinion will take time. There has been a lot of work done by Local Government on the Future of Local Government saying that the funding model is broken. The solution being trumpeted is that a percentage of GST should be returned to the districts that generate it. I agree – a great direction in principle, but the reality is that for at least the next 3 years the Government purse strings can't be opened. As the cheese add says "Great things take time!!".

Mayor Andy Watson
30 November 2023

ADDITION TO THE MAYOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL – 30 NOVEMBER 2023

I have just received notification that all parties have received advice on their Dudding Trust applications so I am able to provide a snapshot of the grants allocated.

The Dudding Trust have approved a record sum of \$930,000 for our district.

As a community we are indebted to the Trust. These grants are significant for our district.

Highlights for this year include –

1.	\$15,000	Huntermville Huntaway Festival
2.	\$16,312	Mill Street Kindergarten Marton
3.	\$20,000	Jigsaw Family Support
4.	\$20,000	Marton Youth Trust
5.	\$35,000	Rangitikei District Libraries
6.	\$58,433	Marton Arts & Crafts
7.	\$175,000	Santoft Domain
8.	\$50,000	Tutaenui Stream Restoration
9.	\$93,810	Taihape Musicians Club
10.	\$50,000	St David's Church
11.	\$90,000	Various Rural Hall maintenance

9.2 Mayor's Report - 14 December 2023**Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor**

On 2 December Beth and I attended the Christmas Parades in Bulls followed by Taihape and Marton which is always a logistics challenge – I would have loved to have spent more time in each of the towns. Congratulations to all of the businesses, schools and community groups that put floats in – I really look forward to seeing these every year. I would have to say that the single standout float across the district was the effort that the Downs Group did in producing Gru's Airship from the Minions – quite an amazing effort.

The Regional Transport Committee met recently to discuss the Regional Land Transport Plan including the significant priorities by region. The Utiku slip off SH1 has reached No.1 on our priorities which is fantastic. The plan has also been strengthened in focus on the maintenance and the avoidance of degradation of our roading networks. We are trying to shift away from putting all the emphasis into safety to one of maintenance – something I have worked on for quite some time. Linda Stewart the Regional Director of Waka Kotahi, also advised that the sump under the rail bridge at the end of Calico Line is also a priority. Finally, after years of me asking we may well see a result there.

My concern is that while we may have set out our regional priorities, the new Minister is yet to put his touch into what will actually happen. Government has signalled that there will be a new Policy Statement on roading that may change everybody's plans. The messages that Government is putting out seem to be that we need to get back to basics in terms of roading which presumably means maintenance and I'm happy about that but let's wait to see what Government's direction is.

Recently there was a Civil Defence exercise held including just about all of the Horizons Regional Council. The exercise was focussed on massive rain dumps occurring throughout Horizons but impacting heavily on the western coasts. Effectively this is our version of what Cyclone Gabrielle could be like. A number of our staff were involved and as I understand it there were 90 people involved in this planning day and exercise. I congratulate staff and Horizons for going through this planning process.

Beth and I would like to express our thanks and very best wishes to you all for a very Merry Christmas. This has been a very tough year and I hope that you take the time to enjoy some genuine family time over the holiday break. Forget about work and all the other issues for a while, reflect on our successes, enjoy the festive season and please, be safe.

Mayors Engagement

December 2023

1	Attended Staff Christmas Function
2	Attended Taihape Christmas Parade Attended Marton Christmas Parade Attended Bulls Christmas Parade
4	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs Governance Group Zoom Meeting Attended Mayoral Forum
5	Attended Emergency Management Joint Standard Committee Meeting Attended Regional Transport Committee Meeting Attended Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub Committee Meeting Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
6	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Risk/Assurance Committee meeting Attended Nga Tawa School Prizegiving Attended Meet & Greet with new Base Commander Ohakea GPCAPT Peter Gibson
7	Attended LTP Workshop Attended Regional Leadership Group Online Hui
8	Attended Junior Neighbourhood Awards – Marton Junction School Attended Elected Members Christmas Function
9	Attended Taihape Museum Christmas Party
10	Attended Marton Historical Society Christmas Function Attended Rotary Christmas gathering
11	Attended breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys Attended Tour of One Step Project in Action in Taihape Attended LGNZ Special General Meeting online Attended Hunterville Community Committee Meeting
12	Attended Regional Transport Matters/Regional Chiefs Online Meeting Attended Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting Attended Marton School Prizegiving Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor Attended Ratana Community Board meeting
13	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Governance Q&A with Executive Leadership Team Attended National Community Boards Online Hui

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	Attended Catchup with Caroline Dumas – DIA Attended Marton Community Committee Meeting
14	Attended Transport Reference Group online meeting Attended Council Meeting Attended Santoft Domain Management Committee meeting
15	To attend RSA Christmas Lunch To attend Citizenship Ceremony at Te Matapihi
18	To attend weekly LTP meeting
19	To attend RDC/Police monthly meeting To attend meeting with Chief Executive To attend weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
21	To attend Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs Strategy follow-up online meeting
25	To attend Christmas Day lunch in Marton – Rangitikei College

Recommendation

That the Mayor's Report – 14 December 2023 be received.

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Funding Schemes Update - December 2023

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Overview

- 1.1 Council currently administers four funding schemes for the Rangitikei District:
- a. Community Initiatives Fund
 - b. Events Sponsorship Scheme
 - c. Creative Communities Scheme
 - d. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

2. Community Initiatives Fund

- 2.1 This is a Council fund intended to support community-based projects in the Rangitikei District that develop community cohesion and community resilience.
- 2.2 Council allocated \$30,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 2.3 Council allocated \$13,730 in round one at the Finance and Performance meeting on the 31 August 2023.
- 2.4 Round two for 2023/24 will open on 02 October 2023 and will close 31 March 2024.

3. Events Support Scheme

- 3.1 This is a Council fund intended to support events in the district that help to develop community cohesion and reinforce economic growth.
- 3.2 Council has allocated \$25,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 3.3 Council allocated \$18,470 in round one at the Finance and Performance meeting on the 31 August 2023.
- 3.4 Round two for 2023/24 will open on 01 February 2024 and will close 31 March 2024.

4. Creative Communities Scheme

- 4.1 This fund is supplied by Creative NZ and administered by Council. Applications are encouraged from community groups and individuals whose projects:
- Demonstrate growth over time
 - Develop and support local artistic communities
 - Encourage a transfer of artistic skills
 - Support diversity and inclusion
 - Projects with a youth focus are also encouraged
- 4.2 Creative NZ typically allocates \$24,090 (+ GST) to the Rangitikei District Council on an annual basis, and this is distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 4.3 Round two for 2023/24 will open on 03 November 2023 and will close 01 May 2024.

5. Creative Communities Scheme – CCS Festivals Fund

- 5.1 Council has received an additional \$7,861.70 to go towards established festivals, this funding round will align with round two of the 2023/24 financial year.
- 5.1.1 The CCS Festival Fund can *only* support **established** festivals that celebrate the life experiences, stories, cultures, and regional identities of New Zealanders.
- 5.1.2 Applicants must have delivered a festival at least once in the previous five years (this may include digital presentation). Applicants should include evidence of previous delivery in their application.
- 5.2 Round two for 2023/24 will open on 03 November 2023 and will close 01 May 2024.

6. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

- 6.1 This fund is supplied by Sport NZ and administered by Council. The fund is targeted at young people aged between 5 and 19 years, and is open to rural sport club teams and rural school club teams with eligible members who require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions.
- 6.2 Sport NZ typically allocates \$9,500 (+ GST) to the Rangitikei District Council on an annual basis. There is one funding round per year. This year the fund increased to \$12,825.
- 6.3 The funding round is open for applications 19 May 2023 and will close 04 April 2024.

7. Further Information

- 7.1 More details about these funding opportunities can be found on the Council website (link below) and this is also where applications can be submitted:
<https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/district/community/grants-funding>

Recommendation

That the Funding Schemes Update – December 2023 be received.

10.2 Small Projects Fund Update - January 2024**Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor****1. Allocation**

1.1 The 2023/24 allocation to the Committee's Small Projects Fund is \$3,555

2. Earmarked Payments from 2022/23

2.1 Approval for Mr Bruce Dear to get minor repairs done on the chairs around Bulls up to the amount of \$200 for the budget 2022/23.

2.2 This amount is earmarked for payment once invoice is received.

3. Breakdown

3.1 The committee allocated \$1,100 at the meeting on the 13th of September to purchase 4 street furniture pots.

3.2 The street pots and potting mix were purchased and have been paid totalling \$1,339.18.

3.3 The remaining funds are \$2,215.82.

Recommendation

That the report 'Small Projects Fund Update –January 2024 be received.

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