

ORDER PAPER

BULLS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 13 November 2024

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Te Matapihi Hall, Te Matapihi
Bulls Community Centre
4 Criterion Street
Bulls

Chair: Mr Greg Smith

Deputy Chair: Cr Brian Carter

Membership: Mr Nigel Bowen
Mr Bruce Dear
Mr David Yates
Mr Graham Jenkins
Mr Alistair Stewart
Cr Coral Raukawa
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 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.
- To engage with wider/small communities of the ward represented.

Quorum

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, 13 November 2024 at 6.00pm.

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2 Apologies

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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: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from **Bulls Community Committee Meeting held on 11 September 2024** are attached.

Attachments

1. **Bulls Community Committee Meeting - 11 September 2024**

Recommendation

That the minutes of Bulls Community Committee Meeting held on 11 September 2024 [**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, 11 September 2024

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 Coral Raukawa
Mr David Yates
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Simon Loudon

In attendance
Ms Mel Bovey, Manager, Heritage & Culture
Mrs Deborah Haworth, Minute Taker
Mr Jarrod Calkin, Economic Wellbeing Lead
Mr Wally Plank, Bulls Community Patrol
Mr Gary Stoneley, All Points Camping
Mrs Carolyn Bates, Marton Community Committee
Mr Alistair Stewart
Ms Marie Stewart
Mr Graham Jenkins
Mr Simon Spence

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ITEM 6.1 ATTACHMENT 1

1 Welcome

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cr Brian Carter, HWTM Andy Watson, Cr Paul Sharland and Patrick McKenna (resigned) and Mrs Heidi Macaulay.

3 Public Forum

Mr Gary Stoneley All Points Camping

Mr Stoneley introduced himself to the Committee and spoke of his passion for the area with an interest in tourism. Mr Stoneley formed the National Camping Club about eight years ago which includes campers, trailer tents, house buses, motorhomes and caravans. He was at the meeting to speak to the Camp Fest being held at the Bulls Rugby Club Domain from Friday 21 February to Sunday 23 February 2025. He explained each year it gets bigger and more professional. He said the support from the Bulls Rugby Club is fantastic, they provide their clubrooms as a base and operate the bar on the Friday and Saturday night. There will be market stalls and live music which is open to the community, this may include a gold coin donation or a base price for a family to help cover costs. Everything is confirmed and the marketing is starting to crank up. The local businesses gave feedback afterwards previously saying they appreciate the business brought into the area.

Nigel Bowen arrived during this item at 6.10pm

Mr Bowen asked if there was anything that could be done to make the area more convenient regarding facilities. Mr Stoneley explained the Camp Fest participants come with everything they need, power is supplied from the Rugby Club, the changing rooms and toilets are a little rough but this is a long term project. They have been looking at staging for the live bands which has been managed by running power cords from the Rugby Club.

Mr Bowen asked about the lighting in the carpark, Mr Stoneley said it wasn't good but some lighting comes from the Rugby Club and the event is in February, therefore the weather is usually ok and it isn't getting dark until about 8.30pm.

Mr Bowen asked if they looked after their own rubbish, Mr Stoneley explained the Council supply bins and bags free of charge then on the Sunday, they deliver it all to the transfer station. There are mobile toilets on site and everything is pretty well covered. He also spoke to health and safety, saying there are vehicles moving with people coming and going and food stalls, this gets finetuned as they get into the festival.

Mr Smith asked about security. Mr Stoneley said they used a couple of rugby players from the Rugby Club which helped. There was a local incident which spilled into the event but had nothing to do with it. This created awareness so they would love to work with the Community Patrol but they try to keep everything at a pretty low level.

Cr Loudon asked how many people attend, Mr Stoneley said their numbers have gone up by about 50% each event and are looking to have around 400 camping and staying over this time so the beauty of the facilities is you can have everyone staying there.

Mr Stewart asked if there were marked out sites, Mr Stoneley explained they put families together, they don't mark the site out specifically but the bigger you get the more structured it needs to be, so with smaller numbers they can be more flexible so they are spread out and not crammed in from an emergency perspective.

Mr Smith asked about fire prevention, Mr Stoneley said they are looking at getting an Education Officer from the Fire Brigade and working more with the local community, inviting them to the event and joining them for the weekend as it is a huge safety issue.

Mr Smith is the local contact and on the committee so any questions can be directed to him.

Mr Stoneley left some flyers with the committee members, thanked everyone and left the meeting at 6.20pm

Mr Wally Plank- Bulls Community Patrol

Mr Plank explained he had lived in the area for 40 years and the Bulls Community Patrol started more than 25 years ago as nights on patrol. Since then the Police have become more involved and they have a Memorandum of Understanding and are the eyes and ears of the Police but have no powers of arrest. They patrol in marked vehicles and the aim is to be visible which is the biggest deterrent to any potential misdemeanours.

The rules are they must patrol in pairs and log in by phone. They may ask them to look at particular areas, they patrol for as long as they like and have a key to the back door of the police station where all the patrol gear is kept. They may patrol locally or go further afield such as Scotts Ferry, Santoft road, and Tangimoana.

The problem the police have is their efforts can't be measured, they look at insecure premises, street lights out, they key an eye out for what looks out of place. Their job is to record that and put the form in at the police station at the conclusion of their patrol and police will follow up if need be.

Their numbers are not brilliant for a number of reasons, so they are looking for recruits. There is a procedure which is not easy and there is a lot of paperwork which involves a police check. After that there is training along with online training.

Mr Smith indicated there was a volunteer keen to get started and thanked Mr Plank.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

Mr Smith noted there will be discussion on Haylock Park and he owns a property nearby. There could be a perceived conflict of interest, but not a direct conflict of interest.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

The Nomination of New Committee members would be included at Item 11.1.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Mr Smith noted there was an item that had been formally raised by Mr Dear that was not added to the Follow Up in the previous Minutes, so it will be added to the Follow Up of this meeting Minutes.

Mr Dear read his questions out and these are to be added as item 6 to the Follow Up items.

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/046

That the minutes of Bulls Community Committee Meeting held on 8 May 2024 **as amended** 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 G Smith/Mr B Dear. Carried

7 Follow-up Actions**7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Bulls Community Committee Meetings**Item 2 - Updates on emergency events from Council

Mr Smith had requested updates on any emergency events with regards to mainly flooding events. The Civil Defence website displayed a number of emergency events and going through these, Mr Smith noted that the event of May last year was not recorded. However, the Fire Brigade did not declare it as an emergency event but it was not a problem as it was minor flooding. Mr Smith asked if the flooding in May 2024 was declared a disaster

Cr Wilson said the Council's emergency procedures were initiated through that event from the early hours of that morning until 6.00 pm at which Cr Wilson attended but no declared emergency was announced for that day. Cr Wilson noted during Item 7 going back to this Item, that there was a significant difference between an event and a state of emergency. And Mr Smith's thinking was right that if there is an event happening, what is the notification process but there is a big difference between them.

Mr Smith noted the Civil Defence plans had been renamed to community Response Plans and they don't make that distinction between events but they cover all of those events. Mr Smith will have further discussion with Paul Chaffe. Cr Wilson noted it was a good thing for the Committee to be involved in.

Mr Smith said through his own personal experience there was no notification the flood was occurring and he contacted the Council at 9.30am to identify that there was flooding across the road further down the street but was informed it wasn't rising in Marton so unlikely to be rising in Bulls. In terms of the Community Response Plan, if it wasn't declared as an emergency then the Community Response Plan probably wouldn't be a very useful document unless there were some alternative arrangements.

Item 5 – Traffic calming options for Criterion St and Taumaihi St

Mr Smith noted the traffic calming options have been on the books for quite some time, before his time in fact.

Mr Smith noted Arno Benadie says it is completed, Higgins and the Roding Team are considering potential solutions for Taumaihi Street, the speed calming structure will include pedestrian crossings

adjacent to the school. This location receives a large number of State Highway 1 bypass traffic. Unfortunately Criterion St is not currently being considered for any traffic calming interventions.

Cr Wilson noted this matter has gone to the Assets/Infrastructure committee and there has been suggestions that the traffic calming could be the plastic type speed bumps which are bolted or screwed to the road. It has been on the Council table for discussion and has come from the community committee to Council for further discussion and he believes an action has been considered if it hasn't already been actioned for Taumaihi Street.

Mr Dear suggested that it might best for a raised pedestrian crossing rather than a speed bump.

Mr Smith said this will be left as an action, it says completed, but that is the consultative process.

Item 6 – Haylock Park

Mr Smith has added this item to the list and as questions to go to Council. There is more discussion to be had with Item 11.2.

ACTION: questions from Mr Dear to Council

1. Are the lease monies collected on Haylock Park held separately in a specific account dedicated for the park?
2. How much money is available for the development of Haylock Park?
3. What is the process to have a playground similar to Walker Park be installed at Haylock Park?
4. What compliance costs would be incurred?
5. Can local contractors volunteer their services at a lower cost be employed, eg fencing contractors, drainage contractors?

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/047

That Item 6 be added in line with Mr Dear's requested questions to Council.

Mr B Dear/Mr D Yates. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/048

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

Mr B Dear/Mr D Yates. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chairman's Report - September 2024

AED Scotts Ferry

Cr Raukawa asked the committee about the AED battery replacement at Scotts Ferry and asked for a recommendation to reimburse the CE as it was paid out of the CE Emergency Fund and a letter of thank you from the Bulls Community Committee..

Mr Smith said somewhere there was a communication breakdown. He got a phone call from Peter Ginders and said it was taken care off. There had been a number of emails and texts to find out what went on and how it was sorted and this is the first he has heard of the process that resolved the situation. Mr Smith noted that this was not urgent and he and a committee member visited the site and checked out the box and it still had a number of months to run so it was decided to go through the funding process using grant money

Mr Smith noted he spoke with the providers of the defibrillator, and by the time it starts beeping, they have 3 to 5 months to replace the battery which removed the emergency situation in his mind. He documented this in an email letter to the Scotts Ferry Beach Community Committee. He also invited Peter Grinders to this meeting tonight to discuss it.

Mr Yates noted after doing some research, that the problem was the unit was serviceable and the unit itself is no longer serviceable after that point and it was requiring the benefit of having a new one put in place. And any talk on that it would require extra funding.

Mr Smith, to back up Mr Yates, had a phone call from the Red Cross saying they have an 8 year life but this is already 12 years old. They are also moving away from that particular model. So if the battery was available now there is no guarantee it would be available at the next replacement,.

C Wilson asked if the committee received a formal application for funding in writing or through a process.

Mr Smith said he had a phone call and was dealing with Mr Ginders and he had produced a report which went through the following Monday, and all the parties appeared to be in agreement that was the way forward, so after that point anything that happened was out of their hands.

Cr Wilson asked if the chair has received a formal request at that committee meeting to discuss it at the table.

Mr Smith confirmed they did not have a committee meeting because it was after the July meeting.

Cr Wilson noted there was a significant time delay here which has probably attributed to some of this, the fact there was no meeting last time because of no quorum.

Mr Smith responded to questions that the last correspondence he had with the representative was that he would come back to us after they hold their meeting on Monday.

Mr Dear asked does it mean most of the AEDs spread around the countryside were getting dated.

Cr Wilson noted Marton Rotary Club has been involved in funding around Marton. They are varying ages and there are different bodies that administer the maintenance and upkeep of them, it was always assumed it was St Johns but some aren't, it's a little disjointed. One would hope there isn't an emergency where one is needed and the battery is flat. That should be the primary concern.

Rubbish

Mr Dear asked about the Horizons rubbish. Mr Smith collects and noted it was Horizons rubbish and said it would be in the committees interest to notify them through Council that this is happening, otherwise they don't know.

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/049

That the Chairman's Report – September 2024 be received.

Mr G Smith/Mr D Yates. Carried

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Mayor's Report- July 2024

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/050

That the Mayor's Report – 25 July 2024 be accepted.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

9.2 Mayor's Report - 29 August 2024

Mr Smith commented that the committee do need to take some of these items out to our community and discuss them because while Rangitikei District Council remains a member of LGNZ, LGNZ has rather significant proposals coming through from Councils. That is not to say they will all see the light of day but there are some debatable points in there.

Cr Wilson noted they are remits that go through to the LGNZ conference and they are voted on by the member Councils that attend the LGNZ conference and at that stage they are taken from LGNZ as recommendations through to central Government. Many of the recommendations have been there many times, many times they have been taken through to central Government and many times central Government has done nothing about it. That is the process.

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/051

That the Mayor's Report - 29 August 2024 be received.

Cr D Wilson/Mr B Dear. Carried

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Welcome to the Rangitikei Billboards

Mrs Haworth gave a brief overview of Kym Skerman's Welcome to the Rangitikei Billboards report, some will have seen the report as Mrs Skerman has been presenting them at the Community Committee meetings. These billboards are to highlight the lesser known scenic spots or activities nearby and promote those through the entrance billboards. These are not welcome to Bulls billboards, but they are welcome to the whole district so they will be external of the towns. In terms of costs, the last cost for these billboards was between \$15,000 and \$20,000 to create and install 14 years ago and they have been quoted at \$10,200 by Capture Signs.

Mrs Haworth noted the image from the front could be put on the back but if anyone had ideas for the reverse, Mrs Skerman is open to those suggestions.

Mr Yates noted concerns that the Rangitikei is a large district and visitors may be confused with the signage if this is not a direct place. Mr Yates suggested if you are coming into Bulls there should be a Welcome to Rangitikei District and maybe with a cover of Bulls underneath it, so you are going into Turakina or you are going into Hunterville. People will know where they are.

Cr Wilson asked doesn't each town have a welcome to Bulls type sign now?

Mr Yates said it probably does but you are still putting it under a bit of pressure when you first come in. Perhaps with Bulls we are unique because we have some big cattle in the front saying welcome to Bulls and a big thing on the Bull there so there is some sort of construct but if you are going to some of these other places they have no construct whatsoever.

Cr Wilson noted these are very much district signs rather than individual towns, whether or not it could get a little complicated in its wording.

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/052

That the 'Welcome to the Rangitikei Billboards' report be received.

Cr C Raukawa/Mr N Bowen. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/053

The Bulls Community Committee supports this project and will provide the Committee and its Community's thoughts individually to the Chair who will forward these to Kym Skerman in a timely manner. The Bulls Community Committee will endeavour to provide feedback into the reverse side of the signs by 18 September 2024 or as advised by Kym Skerman.

Mr G Smith/Mr D Yates. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/054

That the new 'Welcome to The Rangitikei' billboards be accepted as a positive step and inclusion to the Destination Management Plan with the intention of showcasing our natural assets and activities from around the district.

Mr G Smith/Mr D Yates. Carried

10.2 Community Development Manager Report - September 2024

Domain Upgrade

Mr Smith noted he is a committee member on the domain upgrade. At the moment there has been one meeting and they are awaiting for Council to decide how the master plan is going to be activated and moved forward.

Mr Dear asked, talking about upgrading the Domain, are they including Haylock Park and the Domain.

Mr Smith noted the meeting they held was on the Domain upgrade and he is on that committee. There was some short discussion about a contribution put into the Long Term Plan by the Bulls & District Community Trust which they are awaiting to see what the outcome of this is with regards to other parks in the area. It Our remit is still in place that we bring the communities plans to the parks upgrades. The Domain upgrade, nothing has moved forward on that.

Mr Dear said as Mr Smith can't speak for Mrs Macaulay or the Community trust, this looks like they are taking over the funding of all parks in Bulls. In other words this committee cannot forward anything to Council without going through their Committee for funding. Unfortunately a lot of the people in the Community Trust, or 3 people on the Trust, have a strong interests with the Rugby Club and they push for the Domain. He doesn't see the Domain for the locals of Bulls but for the Rugby Club members and anyone who comes along to play rugby. As everybody knows, Haylock Park which is right in amongst the community with all the young kids and there is nothing for them to play on, just a grass area. There should be equipment there first before we worry about the Domain.

Mr Smith said there was an item to discuss Haylock Park specifically.

Mr Dear said he is worried about that being under their control.

Mr Smith said he didn't believe that was the plan and directed to Mr Calkin.

Mr Calkin asked if he could provide the committee with a little bit of focus. What they are saying is as the umbrella, they will be the funding avenue for that because the requirement of funding in the new legislation that was passed about 18 months ago, you have to be an incorporated society which they provided, they are the vehicle, they are not saying they will be taking over these projects, they will be providing the vehicle to support those particular pieces of work.

Mr Dear said that is why he is trying to find out how much funding is available for Haylock park, so we have something to start with then once people in town see some development there, we can get some people interested to move forward to apply for further funding. At the moment they look at it as a grass area they can walk through to get to town.

Mr Smith noted the concept was as Mr Calkin said, anything that is decided upon is done in the normal manner, then when the funding is needed that is the vehicle used.

Additions from the Chair

Mr Smith spoke with Bulls and District Community Trust and one item is to be referred to as future. Under Business section, referring to the request for a prize donation from BCC.

Mr Smith mentioned that he has now removed 3 ute loads of easily disposable rubbish from the River Bank.

Recommended the public to use the Council's Request for service for larger issues.

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/055

That the Community Development Manager Report – September 2024 be received.

Mr B Dear/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

10.3 Funding Schemes Update - September 2024

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/056

That the Funding Schemes Update –September 2024 be received.

Mr G Smith/Mr D Yates. Carried

10.4 Small Projects Fund Update - September 2024

Mr Dear spoke to the \$200, this is so he can get some repairs done before the next meeting, that's why it is a maximum of \$200, it doesn't mean he is going to spend it. Otherwise he needs to wait for another committee meeting and pay for himself and ask to be reimbursed.

Mrs Bovey said a resolution needs to be made that this is resolved it holds \$200 back from this year's budget and is available for Mr Dear to do that. These resolutions will clear off that amount of money that so it released, so at the moment it looks like you only have \$973.60 as your budget, but if you make those resolutions, you actually have \$3,173.60.

Mr Calkin asked if it was the intention of the committee to send the Small Projects Form to Council team to make sure it is aligned with the other funding forms.

Mr Smith said it was aligned with the Marton form and that this has gone to Kezia and is not sure if she has taken that step.

Mr Smith is will change the wording in the blue area to be the statement be provided separately for bank confirmation details.

Mr Smith asked if they are providing quotes, then surely an invoice would be reasonable to expect as proof.

Mrs Bates said if it is going from Council to say Roadrunner, as opposed from Council to me, then from me to pay Roadrunner.

Mr Smith said this is something the individual may not receive a receipt for, so they can't show a receipt.

Mr Dear has an invoice to pay of \$112.70 to be paid for Capture Signs for the sign on one of the seats in town that got damaged. It is waiting to be installed.

Mr Smith asked if the repair had been done.

Mr Dear said he just has to pick it up – he got hold of it and had it done.

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/057

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

Mr G Smith/Mr N Bowen. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/058

That the Bulls Community Committee rescind the \$2,000 previously committed funding for the Bulls Services Map.

Mr G Smith/Mr D Yates. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/059

That the Bulls Community Committee Minor Repair Fund of \$200 be rescinded from 2022/23 financial year previously committed fund

Mr B Dear/Mr N Bowen. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/060

That the Bulls Community Committee endorse **as amended** the Bulls Community Committee Small Projects Form and request that this added to the Council website.

Cr D Wilson/Mr G Smith. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/061

That the Capture Signs Invoice of \$112.70 for the seat plaque be paid

Mr B Dear/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

11 Discussion Items

11.1 Nominations for new Committee Members

Mr Smith noted there were a number of nominations for the committee from the members of public attending the meeting.

Cr Raukawa noted Mr Alistair Stewart and Mrs Marie Stewart were invited along, there was no pressure and it was entirely up to them if they wanted to join or not.

Mr Smith said the process is to ask if they want to join the Community Committee. Alistair Stewart and Marie Stewart and Mr Graham Jenkins had been invited along to see what happens during the Committee meetings and to decide if they would like to become Committee members.

Mr Smith asked each of them in turn if they were willing to become a member of the Bulls Community Committee then just a couple of words about their history, position in the community, why they would like to be on the Committee, gather their details and they go through the Minute process, no details will be on public forms, other than their names, and they will go to the Council to be ratified.

Mr Stewart and Mr Jenkins introduced themselves to the Committee.

Both Mr Stewart and Mr Jenkins indicated they would be interested in becoming Committee members.

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/062

That Graham Jenkins be nominated as a Bulls Community Committee member

Mr G Smith/Mr D Yates. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/063

That Alistair Stewart be nominated as a Bulls Community Committee member

Cr C Raukawa/Mr G Smith. Carried

11.2 Bulls Community Placemaking

Mr Calkin talked to the Shop Local Promotion as was covered in Mrs Macaulay's report after canvassing the Bulls businesses. Local businesses are doing it tough and are in desperate need of more shoppers as we move into that busy time of the year.

This event would start on Labour weekend and go until Christmas being an 8 week period where a huge amount of money starts to circulate through the economy and he finds a lot of money goes out of town with the festive season shopping. What is being put on is a shop local promotion, which is an overarching umbrella promotion where businesses can get involved and it is straight forward. This would include businesses dressing up and promoting it, the shoppers getting a slip when shopping locally to go in to the draw to win a voucher back. Trying to get that rally cry around shopping local and taking advantage of all the great retailers, service providers and producers we have in the district. This will be Council funded, there will be shopping bags to support it and a fantastic Comms Team, so it's an exciting piece of work out in the community.

Mr Calkin spoke to Mr Smith a while ago about maps for each of the towns. The purpose of the map has multiple reasons, the first one is to highlight to people passing through or don't know what Bulls has to offer and the landmarks across the town. If they are at a bus stop and have 15 minutes, they can do the loop and this is what they will see, 4 or 5 Bulls, a coffee. The first map has been drafted for Bulls with all the Bulls, the walking tracks, the key locations you would expect a map to highlight and these will be put on 2x1 boards, one at the Bus Stop, Rangitikei Junction, Walker Park, the Domain and the fifth one at the EV station.

Mr Calkin is looking for feedback from the community on the map, any of the big obvious misses and any input and feedback. This is a great draft so looking for value added and feedback at this point. He will be talking to businesses and Mrs Macaulay from the Bulls Community & District Trust. Not everything will be included in the final draft, as an example there is already feedback about

Churches and Cemeteries, while an interesting thought, does this meet the intent and what we are trying to achieve which is to bring people out of their location and into the shopping precinct to spend money.

Mr Calkin responded to questions that Council is an advocate with NZTA regarding the state highway this continues to be a tricky problem to solve. Mr Calkin continues to talk to the roading team about the needs of the town, trying to find safe solutions that are economical.

Mr Calkin pointed out the red walking trail down to the Domain and circles back on itself, has a future state extension to it, it becomes a much bigger loop when the map in Mrs Macaulay's report extends that all the way back under the bridge, then you walk that back up and into town. This is included in the map.

Mr Dear asked about Trickers Road- Rotary Bush Walk who said there was nothing there now. It is a nothing and even when cleared you couldn't find your way through.

Mr Smith said he had been washed away in the floods.

Mrs Bates said there is no indication which way is north.

Mr Calkin said there has been much debate about whether the map should show north, so in the feedback to Mr Smith, that would be useful.

Cr Loudon also suggested noting what the next big town is.

Mrs Bates noted State Highway 1 and State Highway 3 both to Marton could be confusing.

Mr Calkin suggested Taupo and Whanganui – all very useful feedback and there have been lots of opinions.

Mrs Bates asked if the maps are being done for the district and is the shop locally campaign being done throughout the district.

Mr Calkin confirmed they are both being done for the district.

Mrs Bates noted if the map is taking 6 weeks to print, is that for all the town maps or just for Bulls?

Mr Calkin said for further context, this is part of a fund that council received from Government for Better Off Funding. Council was given funds to do small place making and way finding project in the town centres, Bulls, Taihape and Marton in particular. Bulls and Taihape are first and Marton is coming, because of the wider street scape upgrade planning that has just begun so Council want to make sure they get Bulls and Taihape completed and are to an extent are on top of it as they have made commitments to getting that fund used.

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/064

The Bulls Community Committee will communicate through Mr Smith with any feedback

Cr C Raukawa/Cr D Wilson. Carried

11.3 Haylock Park

Mr Smith estimated a cost of \$3,000 for the repurposing for an off leash dog park.

Mr Smith said that includes, looking at doing something in short term until we get the playground activities put on there. There are 3 sides of the part are dog proofed, it just a matter of putting in something on the Council access gate and across the front fence where the wooden bollards are. There are basically 12 posts, behind that fence, a mesh fence, some wire and consumables of \$820, its proposed to move the rubbish bin outside, Mr Smith has spoken to Murray about that which will make it more accessible, a water toby which can be connected up to a water fountain for \$500 - \$1,000 and a doggy bag dispenser which would be placed there and find some way of funding the replacement of doggy bags and a little bit of work to extend the limestone around the water fountain. Mr Smith had a rough sketch, the front face would be the fencing, no more than the height of the existing fencing and that covers 90% of the dogs that are being seen exercised there and does allow the park to be used as an off leash area. Of course as soon as there is playground equipment in there, it all goes by the way, it gets taken away from an off leash dog area and goes into the play area.

Mr Smith noted that at the moment the current figures are about 5 to 10 people a day use it, two thirds of those people are exercising their dogs on it, some of them are even exercising off leash but some dogs don't respond to commands. Mr Smith thinks it would be a very attractive option for people coming to the district because at the moment there is no off leash exercise area.

Cr Wilson noted dogs can be off leash in the domain

Mr Smith said the domain is off leash, but it is not fenced and the dogs are not allowed to go onto the rugby field. The dog agility exercise area next door is private and locked. Mr Smith said it is recognised as an off leash dog area but without the fencing there are concerns.

Cr Wilson asked how has this matter come up, has there been a request from a number of dog owners?

Mr Smith said there was a workshop a few weeks ago, it has been raised by a number of dog owners that they wish to exercise their dogs in an environment where they are not going to lose their dog and they feel this is safer. Other dogs for example, walk past. Bulls is not an on leash requirement, obviously there are the rules about controlling your dog but somebody can be walking a dog down the street off leash, there is no rule against that. People that want to exercise their dogs are not doing it because they fear these other dogs that are being walked around in the area.

Cr Wilson said he knows Haylock Park, being in the district for a long time, there is quite a bit of traffic that walks through Haylock Park. People walk through, is that not a concern, or are you saying its already happening now.

Mr Smith said it is already happening now.

Mr Yates said he lives right alongside the park and watches these folks out there. It's brilliant to see the interaction between the dogs and the kids and would totally support something like this because he has not seen anything around Bulls that would compare with it and the way these dogs are reacting with their owners, they are very well trained and hasn't seen a dog go nuts and he has been there a while now.

Cr Wilson asked how does he propose to fund it.

Mr Smith said it would be partly funded by asking for grant money, it will party be funded by the Bulls Community Committee, they will probably have to fund the investigation process and what they are looking back from the Council is basically, because it is just a low cost enterprise and it has a high return value, they will only be asking the Council for things like the limestone, permissions to do these things and support with any planning exercises that are necessary, and ideas on the rules and how to follow them.

Mr Dear asked it if was being proposed on the presently mown area

Mr Smith said yes correct.

Mr Dear is totally opposed to it, we are wanting some playground equipment in there before we get the dogs in there

Mr Smith said he had made it quite clear this was a temporary situation.

Mr Dear said it may be temporary, but if we have time to do a temporary situation, then we have time to put swings in for that sort of money, \$3,000 to put a fence up for a couple of dogs to run around.

Mr Smith asked if Mr Dear knew how much playground equipment cost.

Mr Dear said a swing is cheap.

Cr Wilson said he had heard talk of this playground and knows Mr Dear is passionate about it and it has been bounding around for quite some time. It does seem to be two separate projects which are operating external to themselves and perhaps there should be a slightly higher arching look at this. Both these projects are going to require funding and both of them will require a lesser or greater degree of Council involvement on the Park as the administrators. All of those things will require some involvement and Cr Wilson appreciates what Mr Smith is saying, that it is temporary but it seems to fall short of taking a look at the bigger picture. It may be that these two things with a bit of better planning can co-exist.

Mr Smith said he sees it as a natural flow of the development, it's a first stage development, it gets people using it, it gets people interested in the area, and then the work towards the playground and a playing field which is the ultimate goal of the Park.

Mr Dear noted that this is why an overall plan of the park would be a better idea including the grazing area, he doesn't think the amount they get off the land is great and it might be an opportune time to develop the back end for the free range dog area but anybody walking through there with kids, if there is a yapping dog, you won't get people going through and we want better use of it.

Mr Dear said he has been waiting a long time, we are on to the fourth generation of kids to miss out on it.

Mr Smith said the idea of the Haylock Park ultimately is that the areas that are currently paddocked with sheep be converted to park. The good thing about having a temporary situation is that whatever you put into place in this point of time could be extended into the other area whether it be temporary playground equipment, temporary dog exercise area, whatever. When you talk about

the Domain, yes it is a large area, the whole Domain is a large area, but the dogs are only confined to a small area down the end.

Cr Wilson said that to perhaps move forward as there are different views around this, a recommendation needs to be an action to go to Council to say what would the process would be. There will be a process to do that and acknowledged as being such and what the Council requirements might be and if there are any legal requirements. What is the process of having a free range dog running area in Haylock Park, it may be simple but you have to ask that question. They may turn around and say they would require a minimum of one drinking fountain or two or they may say they require a minimum amount of a grade of fence. There may be a lot of stuff that is required. You can then figure out what is possible.

Mr Dear asked questions about the playground equipment from Council and what the requirements are before he brings anything to the Committee.

Cr Wilson said then you can figure out how much money it's going to cost and how you are going to fund it.

Cr Wilson suggested that perhaps the question could be, to have a definitive question to go back to Council for the minutes is would Council be supportive of an off leash dog area in Haylock Park.

Cr Raukawa responded to questions that it is included in the Parks Open Spaces and Sporting Facilities.

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/065

That the question be asked to Parks Open Spaces and Sport Facilities for an off leash dog exercise area in Haylock Park

Mr G Smith/Mr B Dear. Carried

11.4 Community Centre Donors Board

Mr Bowen presented his proposal that the proportional representation of the contribution towards Te Matapihi's construction of anonymous donations and volunteer input be displayed along with the named plaques. This may be in the form of a backboard to the plaques or just a separate plaque of commensurate size. He suggested that Council total up the anonymous donations and the volunteer work and input and even donations in kind, this would have a large board if it was going to be represented in relation to the other named plaques. It has also been suggested, after speaking to some people about it, there has been no negative feedback, whether the display be mounted in the main hall proper for greater appreciation and recognition. Originally his son in law was the lead architect and the staircase was supposed to be see through and that's why the plaques are where they are.

Cr Wilson asked is what Mr Bowen suggesting, the dollar value of that contribution be recognised.

Mr Bowen said yes, he thinks it should be recognised in the same way the current contributions are recognised.

Cr Wilson said in the same way as it forms a significant part of it.

Mr Bowen said yes it could be the backboard of it for instance.

Cr Wilson said so we are acknowledging that it wouldn't have been possible without the community input.

Mr Bowen said no he doesn't think it would.

Cr Wilson asked is it estimated that that value could run to this amount of money.

Mr Bowen said that is what he would like the Council to collate that figure and work it out.

Cr Raukawa asked if Mr Bowen had all the names of all the volunteers, are they going to be put individual.

Mr Bowen said no, it was recognition of the volunteer's contribution.

Cr Wilson said it was just about the financial contribution of the volunteer.

Mr Bowen said it was the volunteer input, like when that house was built up there, there was a huge amount of effort and a lot of the people gave money for the plaques also did other volunteer as well so it is extra recognition.

Mr Smith noted there were a lot of nodding heads so it seemed reasonable.

Mr Bowen said it would finish off the Hall.

Mr Smith suggested a letter be sent to Council requesting, first of all requesting the amount that was donated voluntarily or anonymously .

Mr Bowen said there would be a record of what the community contributed.

Cr Wilson noted the recommendation covers it, it is not far off the mark, it has the intent and the wording itself it direct enough to get an action.

Mr Smith said he thought Mr Bowen made the point that he didn't really recommend that it was proportionate though.

Mr Bowen said commensurate size was the word he used.

Cr Wilson noted proportionately represented with the additional plaque to put that as an equal contribution as the other plaques was how he read it.

Mr Bowen said say it came to \$400,000 to \$500,000 for instance, it could be the backboard of those plaques.

Cr Wilson said it could be representative with the existing plaques and take out the word proportionately

Mr Bowen said he wouldn't like to see a platinum plaque for the volunteers.

Cr Wilson said on the basis of that the recommendation written is fairly accurate.

Mr Bowen said if everyone is in agreement with that then he would like the motion be actioned.

Cr Wilson said a footnote to that should be that this should be funded by Council. On a serious side there are two sides to this, there is the funding of whatever the funding might be and what the proportion looks like, but there is also a fair amount of staff time to figure that out and that is still a cost.

Mr Bowen said he doesn't want it to be a guess.

Cr Wilson noted that to do that to go back through a whole lot of stuff will take time.

Mr Smith said that it doesn't necessarily need to be down to the nearest cent, within \$10,000.

Cr Loudon said there is a document within Council records which itemised everything, he asked for it, so everything is there. He can find that.

Cr Wilson asked if it was just under community funding.

Cr Loudon said he could find it, it is a reasonable amount, he will have a look at it again.

Mr Smith suggested Cr Loudon might like to undertake this on behalf of the Bulls Community Committee for further investigation.

Mr Smith asked if Mr Bowen wanted the motion to include the plaque be moved to the main Hall.

Mr Bowen said yes, he said it would be situated in the main Hall where there would be more recognition.

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/066

That the Council collate a value of the volunteer contribution as well as the amount anonymously donated for the Hall's construction and that this combined amount be proportionally represented with the existing donor plaques funded by Council.

That the display be mounted in the main Hall proper for greater appreciation and recognition.

Mr N Bowen/Mr D Yates. Carried

11.5 All Points Camping

Gary Stoneley presented the All Points Camping 'Camp Fest' in the Public Forum.

Resolved minute number 24/BCC/067

That a letter of support from the Bulls Community Committee be provided to support in whatever way the Bulls Community Committee can to support their endeavour.

Mr G Smith/Cr D Wilson. Carried

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Bulls Community Committee held on 13 November 2024.

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Chairperson

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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	Status
1	2-May-24	Cr Carter to report on findings re: Planting area Criterion St and SH1/3 beautification	Brian Carter	Cr Carter is currently away, this item has been added here to stop it falling off	In progress
2	24-Jan-24	Sport Whanganui report to come to the committee when completed	Heidi	This has not been passed on to staff.	In progress
3	28-Oct-21	<p>Also under Council:</p> <p>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.</p>	Arno Benadie / Murray Phillips	Arno met with Horizons re MOU and withdrawing from the MOU.	In progress
4	11-Aug-21	<p>RDC please look at traffic calming options on Criterion St and Taumaihi St.</p> <p>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.</p>	Arno Benadie	Higgins and the Roding team are considering potential solutions for Taumaihi Street, Bulls. A speed calming structure will include the pedestrian crossing adjacent to the school. This location receives a high number of State Highway bypass traffic. Unfortunately Criterion street is not currently being considered for any traffic calming interventions. This item was not included in the annual works program and budgets and will stay on the radar to see if there is any funding available at the end of the financial year.	Completed.

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8 Chairman's Report

8.1 Chairman's Report - November 2024

Author: Greg Smith, Chair

The Chair will provide a tabled or verbal report at the meeting.

Recommendation

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

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Mayor's Report - 26 September 2024

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

I apologise for this report being late and therefore not included automatically in the Council agenda as circulated initially. Beth and I took a holiday and a breather for the first time in years to look around the South Island, returning just as this report was due. While I understand there will be no interest in our trip, there are a couple of reflections on the trip that have a relevance to our Council business.

- 1.1 Roothing - many of the South Island Council authorities have huge land areas but they have, from a roading perspective, significant advantages. Most of their roads are state highways with minimal roads to be locally funded and those that are locally funded are formed on a very solid and stable rock base. Metal is available everywhere, so cartage is low cost enabling very effective construction and reseal programmes. I envy them – our roads are often formed on soils that are poor, are subject to flooding, earth movement on slip zones and are built, in a lot of cases, a significant distance from metal sources. I guess these are the reasons and arguments for our enhanced FAR rates (financial assistance rates from Government).
- 1.2 The West Coast was predictably incredibly wet and challenging and that is one of the beauties of the coast. However, once you hit Bluff and start travelling north, particularly inland through places like the McKenzie District and Basin, it is a dust bowl. Because of the closure of the two mills at Tangiwai, I was interested in the power generation of New Zealand and so made a point of visiting most of the hydro schemes in the South Island. These hydro lakes, especially at Tekapo, are incredibly low hence the price of power in New Zealand. The Alps have significant snow to melt to feed these reservoirs which is great but there will be no immediate relief for those trying to farm within these catchments.
- 1.3 The South Island is swamped with tourists and Queenstown in particular is facing significant congestion and housing accommodation pressure for their workforce. Yes, tourists do spend money and support the local economy, but if travelling via camper vans contribute little (no rates) to supplying the services needed. This supports the arguments for visitor taxes.
- 1.4 For the rest of my report, I start by honouring and recognising our new Māori Queen and an acknowledgement to the service and passing of the Māori King.

It was with sadness that Rangitīkei District Council acknowledged the passing of Kiingi Tūheitia, the Māori King on 30 August. May his legacy continue to inspire and guide us towards a united future. In respect and honour of Kiingi Tūheitia's life, flags across the Rangitīkei were flown at half mast.

I would like to acknowledge and extend our respect to Kuini Nga-wai-hono-i-te-pō, the new Māori Queen. She succeeds her father, Kiingi Tūheitia, to become the eighth Māori Monarch (and only the second Queen).

- 1.5 I referred earlier to roading and there are a couple of updates –
 - i) The Government signalled that the build of our new major roads would be partially funded by way of a toll system. For us in our region this will mean tolls on the Te Ahu a Turanga linking Ashhurst to Tararua district and O2NL (the Otaki to North of Levin state

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highway). Submissions to these two separate tolls are due by 30 September and hopefully after a meeting with my fellow regional mayors, I may have a suggested response for this meeting as I suspect that we need to support Palmerston North City Council, Tararua District Council and Horowhenua District Council as well as our own position.

- ii) On 30 September NZTA (New Zealand Transport Agency) confirmed our roading budgets. As indicated in our Long Term Plan, our maintenance budgets were reduced by \$5m over the three year term. Since then we have had a further reduction in what is called Low-Cost Low-Risk work that is used to improve local roads often as part of resilience work. We had requested \$12.8m and have received only \$300,000. From a short-term view this means that we have some budget available from what is a rated position of our share to reallocate. From a longer-term district view this reduction is challenging. There is also a potential trap here for authorities. Government, in making these cuts through NZTA, have also signalled that it will review some of our other resilience projects separately later so our spend could rise and that there is a further \$100m fund for resilience that can be applied for. So, if we reallocate funding now we could be in a difficult position later.

1.6 Our Capital Works Programme – at the LGNZ Conference I reported on earlier, both the Prime Minister and Minister Simeon Brown (Minister Local Government and Infrastructure) were very direct in referencing the removal of the four well-beings and the need to focus purely on essential work. They have since re-enforced this thinking by saying that if you apply for the Regional Infrastructure Funds (similar to Minister Jones’ previous funds) your budgets will be scrutinised. Council has been prudent, but we will also be facing some additional costs and uncertainty over programmed costs. These may include –

- a) Unforeseen costs for the Marton Pool which could be significant as indicated in this Council agenda;
- b) Uncertainty over budgets for two major builds in both Marton and Taihape.

Council should, in my opinion, be proactive here and as such I am making two recommendations as part of my report –

- a. Council reviews our Capex budget (capital spend) in this year’s Annual Plan and Long-Term Plan as soon as is possible.
- b. That staff provide direction/costings for this review based on best estimates available now and that staff also provide a report on the process required for an amendment to next year’s Annual Plan and this year’s Long Term Plan.

Amendments to Long Term Plans do come at a cost and I recognise that this also means a challenge to staff capacity and the need to consult. Regardless of the work that I am signalling, Council will face an amendment to the LTP already because of the Three Waters position with the likelihood of some sort of regional Three Waters CCO (Council Controlled Organisation) as required by Government.

1.7 On a positive note, I would like to welcome Linda and Den, the new owners of Fresh Choice to Marton and the Rangitikei. Fresh Choice, as I understand it, is a franchise owned subsidiary of the Woolworths New Zealand Group. The reshape of the store looks great and I would like to thank Deputy Mayor Dave for filling in for me at the official opening.

1.8 As part of the planning for the strengthening and refit of the Taihape Town Hall, Maycroft our preferred contractor, is digging a series of holes outside the building to check on the

foundations that are there. Once that is done, they will be in a position to provide a contract price for the build work.

- 1.9 On Friday 27 September Rangitikei will host a Regional Growth Summit at Te Matapihi. This will be attended by the Regional Mayors/Chief Executives and some of the Councillors along with many of the region's principal industries. The event will be jointly hosted by ourselves, Department of Internal Affairs and Accelerate 35 the regional economic development group which are funded through Horizons. Several key Ministers will be there including Minister Jones. I will report back on this event later, but the format is really a given. Government has a fund that has been well publicised with the focus on creating economic growth for New Zealand that is unable to be used for a variety of things including three waters related projects. Minister Jones will want to emphasize the rules, the opportunity and stress that the assistance by and large will be on providing loan facilities. Any work that is assisted by Government will need to be consent ready etc. What will be of real interest will be the Q&A session from industries which may well include a question for example on electricity supply and cost.
- 1.10 In a similar vein, on Friday I sat in on a webinar on regional funding options called Reginal Deals which is separate to the above. The key messages are –
- i. They are regional in nature focussed on economic development.
 - ii. They are long term with a 30 year vision and negotiate 10-year plans.
 - iii. They will be linked to Council Long Term Plans.
 - iv. They should include community input and may include private/public partnerships.
 - v. Central and Local Government will establish an oversight body with an independent Chair.
 - vi. They can be used for resilience of infrastructure and housing.
 - vii. The selection of the first 5 regions should be known and signed up by the end of next year.
 - viii. The Regions are not necessarily the same as Regional Council regions. There could be various groupings.
 - ix. Regional deals in the future will need to be aligned to Local Government election cycles.

The message is also clear that for at least the first few deals Government does not have cash to support the regional deals, so assistance will be by the way of -

- a. Providing regulatory assistance/relief.
 - b. Unlocking funding tools which may be a reference to LGFA funding (The Local Government Funding Agency).
- 1.11 Three Waters or Local Water Done Well - for some time, the regional Chief Executives have been working with staff to understand the costs each Council will face to provide for drinking water and wastewater provisions over the next 30 years while focussing on the first ten years. This work has been exhaustive and has been hampered by continual changes of Government direction. Lately the regional Mayors have been part of those discussions and the first official briefings for Councillors were last week. Government has conceded that for regional CCO's

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there has to be consultation and at least a limited amendment to LTP’s. These changes represent the most significant change to Local Government since 1989 and in my opinion must be consulted on. To meet the Local Government Act requirements, Councils will need to show a preferred Council position and the other option or options that could be considered. To understand the options Council will need to engage with other Councils as we are and to also engage with industry and Iwi. Councils will also need to determine how they intend to deal with stormwater.

Time is the difficulty - Government has legislated that Council have under a year to have a Council approved plan submitted to Internal affairs in Wellington. To meet this timeframe each Council in a possible regional CCO mix would need to have a preferred option before the end of this year. That would allow for a consultation as part of an Annual Plan prepared in April and May.

While all of the regional Councils are working together, some Councils are looking at options beyond the regional boundaries as well which is wise and while unlikely in my opinion a Council could look to go it alone and form a CCO alone. All this means is that the landscape could well change late this year.

The Councils are not yet able to share the financial modelling which still continues to change but what is becoming apparent is that financially it may make little difference over time as to which Councils are in or out.

- 1.12 Marton Op Shop – At the recent AGM I was asked about whether Council would contribute to the cost of disposing of items that are not able to be sold and have to be taken to the Waste Transfer Station. I will expand more on this at the meeting.

Mayor’s Engagements

September 2024

2	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended meeting with GM Department of Corrections Attended Climate Action Joint Committee Attended Mayoral Forum
3	Attended Emergency Management Standing Committee Meeting Attended Regional Transport Committee Meeting Attended Council Webinar – Water Services Delivery Plans
4	Attended monthly meeting for Q&A with Executive Leadership Team Attended walk-through Taihape Town Hall Building with Elected Members Attended meeting with BECA
5	Attended Meet & Greet with new owners of Fresh Choice Marton, Linda and Den Attended BA5 Meeting at Honest Wolf Hunterville
6	Attended Accelerate25 Meeting
10	Attended Council Webinar – Water Services Delivery Models & Financing Options Attended Weekly Meeting with Deputy Mayor

18	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Risk & Assurance Committee Meeting Attended Local Water Done Well – Sub Regional Briefing Meeting
19	Attended LGNZ Transport Forum Meeting Wellington
20	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Fortnightly Economic Development Meeting with Staff Attended Regional Deals Strategic Framework online session Attended meeting with Jackson Stone Recruitment Agency
23	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Governance Group Online Meeting Attended Manawatu-Whanganui Disaster Relief Fund Trust Online Meeting Attended Marton Christian Welfare Council AGM
24	Attended NZTA Regional Relationship Online Meeting Attended Citizenship Ceremony Attended Powerco “Achieving a Balanced Energy Transition” Event
25	Attended Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Workshop Attended Youth Council Meeting
26	To attend Whanganui Community Foundation AGM To attend Finance/Performance Committee Meeting To attend Council Meeting
27	To attend meeting with Chief Executive To attend Manawatu-Whanganui Regional Growth Summit with Minister Jones
30	To attend meeting with Chief Executive To attend LGNZ Focus Group Online Meeting

Recommendation 1

That the Mayor’s Report – 26 September 2024 be received.

9.2 Mayor's Report - October 2024**Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor**

Good afternoon

1. There are a number of events both nationally and locally that I want to comment on and I will try for brevity.
2. Recently I attended the AGM of the Marton Christian Welfare (Op Shop). This is a fantastic committee made up of the membership of each church, service clubs such as Lions and Rotary and supporters. Financially it is an outstanding business with a \$400,000 income and a profit of \$310,000. What it does with that profit is exceptional - this last year it returned \$260,000 by way of grants to the community. It also provided welfare support and essential food to many families in need. The shop is essentially staffed by volunteers and they deserve support from the community and welcome donations of clean clothing etc.
3. On 2 October I attended a dinner with 20 people in Wellington organised by the National Party Chair. It was billed as a unique opportunity to question the Prime Minister and we were asked to provide subjects that we wanted to speak to him on in advance so that his staff could have the opportunity to research these. The reality was that the Prime Minister was there for a relatively short time and little research had been done. He took the opportunity to vent his frustration on the performance of Local Government, the performance of Rail and why we shouldn't be supporting them.
4. On Saturday 2 November Hunterville needs to be everyone's destination. The Hunterville Shemozzle is such a unique, iconic event where the country comes to town. The junior, intermediate and team races run from 10am to 12pm with the shepherd's races starting at 3pm followed by the speed shear at 5pm. The adult party runs from 7pm until late-late. Shops and stalls will be there to tempt you, there is much to see, watch and buy. An event of this nature and scale does not happen by chance. The organisation of the next Shemozzle starts the day after the event. I have added in a Committee photo to my report to recognise this effort.
5. On 2 October myself and several Councillors attended a walk-through at the Taihape Community Health Centre. The provision of health services for our district is an issue that I have raised within the Long Term Plan process, really wanting to be able to provide financial support for these services. With the withdrawal of the four well-beings by Government, this will be incredibly challenging and may have to be paused at the moment. I applaud the work that is being done in Taihape within the community and in particular the amount of effort that Cr Piki Te Ora is involved with under Mokai Patea Services. Where we are able, we should be supporting these initiatives. I will ask Cr Piki Te Ora if there is an update that she can provide for in the next Mayoral Report.
6. The Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ), funded by the Ministry of Social Development, has been incredibly successful for Government and Local Government. In the times of Government cutbacks we continue to receive \$9-10m a year to find jobs for people. The success of our team headed by James Towers and Louise McCoard is always at the top of the results nationally. On 4 October Mayor Max Baxter from Otorohanga stepped down as Chair. Max has been the driver for the success and his farewell was attended by Minister Upston, LGNZ staff and many of the mayors. Thankyou Max for a job well done. I am one of four mayors who form the Governance Committee and I declined nomination for Chair instead suggesting

that Alex Walker Mayor of Central Hawkes Bay should be elected, which duly occurred. Alex is already on the LGNZ Board and is deeply involved in the Mayor’s Taskforce and will lobby for continued support. To illustrate the success of MTFJ for the Rangitikei I have included a Job Outcomes Report.

7. Over the last few Mayoral Reports there have been a number of references to the Three Waters space. Most of this work has been done by Mayors and Chief Executives in understanding the Government direction, which is always subject to change, and looking at options for our Councils. We are now at the stage where we can talk to the community and Iwi around the process and our options. I have asked staff to schedule a series of drop-in and public meetings in Marton, Taihape and Bulls and I am also happy to talk to any individual or group provided I can timetable it. These meetings will be about explaining the process and timeframes. Early next year there will be a chance to more fully consult with the community.
8. The Three Waters is significant, but what is sliding under the radar is the reform of the RMA (Resource Management Act) and Fast Track Legislation. Minister Bishop has written to Mayors with what is a very good description of why the legislation is being changed and why the fast track process has been put in place, along with which New Zealand industries are being targeted. His letter is concise so I have added it to my report. A fast track process is needed in my opinion - we are seeing factories such as the Tangiwai Mill close and we desperately need the power resources to keep them open. However, fast track comes at a risk environmentally and socially. Yes, it provides much needed infrastructure and jobs but communities now have very little say in what happens around them and to them.
9. Cr Piki Te Ora also attended the recent Local Government Conference in Wellington and I attach her report to Council on this. I will ask Cr Piki Te Ora if she wishes to explain anything further as part of her report.

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1	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Mayors’ Taskforce for Jobs online meeting Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
2	Attended monthly meeting for Governor’s Q&A with Executive Leadership Team Attended walk-through Taihape Rural Health Centre Attended Christopher Luxon National Party Dinner in Wellington
3	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Meeting with Kanoa following Manawatu-Whanganui Regional Growth Summit Attended meeting with Jackson Stone Recruitment Agency – CE Recruitment Attended Council Workshop – Local Water Done Well Attended Turakina Community Committee
4	Attended Mayors’ Taskforce for Jobs Core Group meeting in Wellington Attended Mayors’ Taskforce for Jobs Farewell to Mayor Max Baxter
7	Attended Mayors’ Taskforce for Jobs Chair: Candidates Address online meeting

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	<p>Attended Comms Media Video Shoot to promote the Shemozzle</p> <p>Attended Hunterville Rural Water Scheme</p>
8	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs Fortnightly Online Meeting</p> <p>Attended Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meeting</p> <p>Attended Relationship Meeting with Horizons Regional Council Governors</p> <p>Attended Linton BA5 Meeting</p>
9	<p>Attended site visit at Rangiwai to look at roading issues</p> <p>Attended Taihape Community Board Meeting</p>
10	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Assets & Infrastructure Committee Workshop</p> <p>Attended meeting with Manager of Whanganui Community Foundation</p>
11	<p>Attended meeting with Taihape Community Development Trust Co-ordinator</p> <p>Attended 253 Project River Interview Meeting</p>
12	<p>Attended Open Weekend for Marton Historical Society</p> <p>Attended Rangitikei/Whanganui Multicultural Feast & Festival in Marton</p>
15	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended meeting with TUIA Nyssa and teina</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
16	<p>Attended Communications in a Crisis Civil Defence Workshop</p> <p>Attended Reuben Pokiha's tangi at Kai Iwi Marae</p>
17	<p>Attended Meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Council Workshop</p> <p>Attended Massey University Blues Awards Online</p>
18	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p>
21	<p>Attended Breakfast Meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys</p> <p>Attended Fortnightly Economic Development Meeting with staff</p> <p>Attended local funeral</p>
22	<p>Attended Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs Fortnightly Online Meeting</p> <p>Attended Zone plus LGNZ online catchup meeting</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
23	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended monthly meeting with Comms Staff</p> <p>Attended meeting with NZDF Housing Staff</p> <p>Attended Gorges to See Cycleway Information Evening in Taoroa</p>
29	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p>

	Attended Omatane Rural Water Scheme Meeting Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
30	Attended 2024 Manfeild Annual General Meeting Attended Ratana Wastewater Update Hui
31	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Finance/Performance Committee Meeting To attend Council meeting

Attachments:

1. **Super Local Conference 2024 LGNZ- Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa** [↓](#)
2. **National Dinner with Christopher Luxon - 2 October 2024** [↓](#)
3. **Letter from Minister Chris Bishop** [↓](#)
4. **Shemozzle 2024 Committee Members** [↓](#)
5. **Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs - September 2024 Report** [↓](#)
6. **Elected Member Attendance** [↓](#)

Recommendation 1:

That the Mayor's Report-October 2024 be received.

Super Local Conference 2024 LGNZ

20 August

Te Maruata

- Wharewaka, Ponēke
-

21 August

Powhiri, AGM

- TAKINA, Ponēke
-

22-23 August

Conference

- TAKINA, Ponēke

Piki Te Ora Hiroa

Tiikeitia Ki Uta Maori Ward Councillor

Kaupapa korero

*He mihi mahana ki te Kaunihera o Rangitikei mo tou tautoko ki ahau mo tenei kaupapa whakahirahira!
He whakaaro rangatira!*

Firstly, an acknowledgement and thanks to our Council and Andy for your support in allowing me to attend Te Maruata and Super Local Conference 2024. I was fortunate to attend the Te Maruata Hui that was held on Tuesday 20 August at Wharewaka on the Taranaki Wharf just two minutes' walk from TAKINA.

TE MARUATA

The Te Maruata "Roopu Whakahaere" (Listed below) for this triennium, did a fantastic job of hosting our Hui. I was impressed with the caliber of the presenters, the content of their korero, and felt that manaakitanga and kotahitanga was displayed by all.

- **Metro Sector:** Moko Tauariki, Hamilton City Council
- **Regional Sector:** Toi Kai Rākau Iti, Bay of Plenty Regional Council
- **Young Elected Member:** Bridget Bell, Manawatū District Council
- **Māori Wards Tāne:** Karam Fletcher, Taupō District Council
- **Māori Wards Wāhine:** Toni Boynton, Whakatāne District Council
- **Members elected at large:** Bonita Bigham (co-chair) Taranaki Regional Council, Iaeen Cranwell (co-chair), Environment Canterbury, and Dinnie Moeahu, New Plymouth District Council

New Plymouth District Councillor, Dinnie Moeahu was our MC for the day, and his wit and humor just added to his ability to keep our hui moving, where people felt comfortable, included and engaged. Our hui participants were made up of Maori elected members from across the motu, Mayors, Deputy Mayors, CEO's and LGNZ support staff. The day was well planned out, relaxed and inclusive where we worked through a number of different activities that included a panel review, guest speakers from political parties representing the Greens and Labour, a session that encouraged people to share their thoughts on the three items listed below.

- Nawe, what are your awangawanga or issues?
- Rawe, what do think is working well
- Kawe, what is your self-reflection on the future

This exercise was done as a group activity and I was fortunate to share my table with long standing Rotorua District Councillor, Trevor Maxwell, Taranaki Iwi Representative, Pita Moehau and our very own Coral Raukawa. We had an excellent day sitting with these two Koroua who have both been around the block many times and faced many challenges. Trevor is the longest standing councillor having been elected in for the first time in 1977. He is softly spoken, has a mind as sharp as a tack, is definitely up with the play but sees the benefit of bringing a younger cohort of knowledgeable and hardworking people around the council table. Pita is the father of Dinnie and after only a very small

amount of time in his presence you could see where his son got his “ihi me wehi” from. Pita is no stranger to politics at any level and has been a staunch advocate for his Taranaki Iwi for many years. I felt very privileged to be in their presence.

The other thing I’d like to acknowledge, was the space that was afforded to Coral at the Hui to lay a kaupapa on the table. Coral had an existing Hui booked on the day with National Party President, Sylvia Wood to garner her support around the retention of Maori Wards. Other people within the Te Maruata Hui learned what Coral intended doing that day and encouraged her to get up. After her impassioned speech a tono was put to the Hui that Coral take a recommendation from the Te Maruata Hui to support the retention of Maori Wards. The biggest learnings I take away from this Hui was the whakawhanaungatanga opportunities, being able to support Coral and meeting those two wise old Koro.

Some of the recommendations that came out of the Te Maruata Hui included

- Youth and how we engage with them
- Strengthening partnerships
- Cultural training for councilors

Ultimately, despite the many “nawe” issues that were brought up during the hui, I feel that we all had a sense of hope that with determination and hard work we will get through our issues, come out the other side hopefully stronger as a people that have something to contribute for Te Iwi Maori but also all of those people we represent in our many communities across the motu.

“Ma whero ma pango ka oti te mahi”!

Super Local Conference

Our two days at the Conference were jam packed with keynote speakers on a myriad of subjects, political parties touting their current solutions to the woes that are sitting in the Local government landscape, thought provoking and at times pointed verbal barbs thrown at speakers by MC Kim Hill and the very funky and gay performances by our “wake up and move crew”!

The TAKINA event center housed us, fed us and looked after us all from “powhiri to poroporoake”

There were a number of key issues or themes that were talked about throughout the conference that included

- Community Engagement
- Financial sustainability
- Water management
 - o Examples given by speakers around this kaupapa, and systems being used overseas
- IT

- The importance technology will play in the future
- Environment
 - The impacts of policies on our environment
 - Just to name a few!

The themes that I was interested in and resonated with me included

- Models of engagement
 - We had presentations that were able to give living, working examples of how councils were engaging with their communities. An overseas example spoke about the creation of a community committee whose make up was determined by the community itself. This process involved analyzing the many cohorts of people or groups that made up their community i.e.
 - % of Youth, % of elderly, % of Business owners, % of ethnic peoples etc...
 - The overall group was made up of 100 people who were the voice of the people
 - This was of real interest to me and showed that if people had the inclination to do something differently that things could work
- Partnerships with Iwi Maori
 - This was talked about by a number of speakers but came through loud and clear from Ngai Tahu CEO, Justin Tipa and Ngati Kahungunu Chair, Baydon Barber (former Hastings District Councillor) Both Justin and Baydon talked about Iwi willingness to work alongside their councils for the betterment of all people. They talked about Iwi being cashed up and ready to invest in areas such as housing which is a big issue across the country.
- Solutions
 - I was impressed with many of the speakers being solution focused despite the feedback that had been forthcoming from central government
 - I don't think it was lost on anyone at the conference that the fiscal responsibility that all councils are currently facing is front and center of everything we do. In many cases the decisions that are being made by councils are being driven by our communities and the "nice to have things" are absolutely what ratepayers are asking for. This of course is a two-way street, and we acknowledge the long-term impacts of our decision making.
 - The feeling of "hope" was portrayed and acknowledged by speakers but also in the conversations I had with Councillors from other areas. Without that positive light the local government platform would be a very sad and unhealthy place for anyone to be part of!

Having had the benefit of reading Mayor Andy, Councillor Loudon and Councillor Dalgety's excellent reports, I don't need to regurgitate or cover what they have, but would like to acknowledge and thank Councillor Fi Dalgety for accommodating me for 3 nights (saving our council money) and also mihi out

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to the Wellington District Council for the huge amount of work that was put into the coordination and planning for the Super Local Conference 2024 and despite kick back around the building of TAKINA feel that it is an excellent venue and was a decision that would have been contemplated over I'm sure with all angles covered.

I'd also like to finish my report by saying, that the attacks being made on many fronts towards elected local body members has become a normal day to day occurrence and this can be a thankless mahi, despite that it was a pleasure and a privilege to be part of the Local government whanau during the conference and I again mihi to our council, staff and individual Councillors for being the staunch advocates you are for the Rangitikei!

“Ma whero ma pango
Ka oti te mahi”

With the front and the back working together, the work will be done!



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Hon Chris Bishop

Minister of Housing
 Minister for Infrastructure
 Minister Responsible for RMA Reform
 Minister for Sport and Recreation
 Leader of the House
 Associate Minister of Finance



CB-COR0836

14 October 2024

Tēnā koe,

I am writing to inform you of the progress we have made to improve the resource management system and meet the Coalition Government's objective for a faster growing, more productive economy.

It is widely accepted that the resource management system is not fit for purpose. Consensus on that point was reached almost a decade ago. We need a resource management system that protects the environment not by resisting growth but by setting clear rules, so growth occurs within limits.

Progress to date

I would like to update you on the progress we have made over the last year.

We have divided our reform into three phases.

The first phase, repealing the Natural and Built Environment Act and Spatial Planning Act, was completed in December 2023. We did not take the decision to repeal those Acts lightly, but they would not have achieved the objectives needed for New Zealand to grow and thrive.

The goal of Phase Two is to improve the performance of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) by removing unnecessary regulations for primary industries and barriers to investment in development and infrastructure while maintaining environmental protections.

Phase Two includes:

- The *Fast-track Approvals Bill* to create a one-stop shop for approvals, consents and permissions to speed up the delivery of regionally and nationally significant projects. This Bill is currently in front of the select committee and we expect it to be passed into law by the end of 2024. You can find more information about this process here - [Fast-track Approvals Bill | Ministry for the Environment](#)
- Targeted amendments to the RMA will relieve the most significant issues in the Act through the:
 - *Resource Management (Extended Duration of Coastal Permits for Marine Farms) Amendment Bill*
 - *Resource Management (Freshwater and other Matters) Amendment Bill* which includes changes to freshwater management, stock exclusion and winter grazing rules, marine farming consents, and Significant Natural Areas. This Bill also streamlines the process for changes to national direction. It is currently before select committee, and we also expect it to pass by the end of this year.
 - *Resource Management Act Amendment Bill* (RMA Amendment Bill Two) is currently in development. We expect to introduce it before the end of 2024 and passed into law by mid-2025.

- A package of National Direction – including amendments to 14 current National Policy Statements (NPS) and National Environmental Standards (NES), as well as seven new national direction instruments. We will consult on these in early 2025 and along with the second Bill they are expected to be passed into law in mid-2025.

We have focused our changes to the RMA on the things that will have the largest impact in the short term and contribute to the Coalition Government's priority programmes: Electrify NZ, Infrastructure for the Future, Going for Housing Growth and the Primary Sector Growth Plan.

The second RMA amendment bill and the new national direction package gives effect to these coalition commitments and changes to the RMA will unlock development and drive a more efficient and effective resource management system. These changes will transition into the new system once it is in place.

The changes can be grouped in four distinctive packages. These are:

- Infrastructure and Energy
- Housing
- Farming and primary sector
- Emergency response and natural hazards

Infrastructure and Energy

This package will develop further national direction to enable a range of productivity-boosting energy and infrastructure projects, including a new NPS-Infrastructure. It will also provide a consistent approach to quarrying and extend the duration of port coastal permits by a further 20 years. Changes to the NES-Telecommunications Facilities will keep up to date with technological developments and give telcos greater certainty and reduced consenting costs as they upgrade their infrastructure. The Government's Electrify NZ reforms will make it easier to consent and re-consent renewable energy.

More information on our Electrify work programme is available here - [Next steps on Electrifying New Zealand | Beehive.govt.nz](#).

Housing

The housing package will contain reforms needed to enable the first pillar of the Government's Going for Housing Growth policies. These changes will require councils to provide for 30-years' worth of housing growth while providing flexibility for councils to opt out of the Medium Density Residential Standards. Changes are also being made to the National Policy Statement on Urban Development and the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land, along with guidance for effective heritage management and developing new national direction to enable granny flats and papakāinga housing.

More information on our Going for Housing Growth work programme is available here - [Going for Housing Growth speech | Beehive.govt.nz](#)

Farming and the Primary Sector

The primary industries package will contain changes to drive primary sector productivity. This package will mainly give effect to National Party Manifesto promises and coalition agreements. We are amending the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land to make it clear that indoor primary production and greenhouses are permitted on highly productive land, as well as specifying that farmers are also allowed to build new specified infrastructure such as solar farms on that land.

More information on our Farming and the Primary sector work programme is available here - [Government confirms RMA reforms to drive primary sector efficiency | Beehive.govt.nz](#)

Emergency Response and Natural Hazards

This package provides a comprehensive, nationally consistent framework for addressing the risks posed by natural hazards, including risks from climate change. Rather than a two-step process as previously intended, we have decided to progress this work as a single instrument. This will provide direction to councils on how to identify natural hazards, assess the risk they pose, and how to respond to that risk through planning controls. The RMA Amendment Bill Two will include improved emergency provisions to better enable rapid responses to disasters.

A list of specific items under these four areas is available in Appendix One. You can find out more about Phase Two in my recent [Speech to the Local Government New Zealand Conference | Beehive.govt.nz](#).

Replacing the RMA

The reforms of Phase Two will carry over into the long-term replacement for the RMA which is the focus of Phase Three of the RM Reform programme. This phase advances the Coalition Government's commitment to replace the RMA by a new system that will be rules-based and embed respect for property rights and the rule of law.

Cabinet has agreed the new resource management system will have three core tasks:

- unlocking development capacity for housing and business growth
- enabling delivery of high-quality infrastructure for the future, including doubling renewable energy
- enabling primary sector growth and development (including aquaculture, forestry, pastoral, horticulture, and mining)

It must achieve these objectives while also:

- safeguarding the environment and human health
- adapting to the effects of climate change and reducing the risks from natural hazards
- improving regulatory quality in the resource management system
- upholding Treaty of Waitangi settlements and other related arrangements

There are ten principles that underpin the new system. These will be tested and refined by a Resource Management Expert Advisory Group (EAG). The EAG will develop a blueprint of the new system over the next three months – a workable and practical plan that officials can quickly turn into new legislation. This blueprint is due back to me before Christmas.

The EAG will bring fresh thinking, expertise and practical knowledge, working closely with officials from across government to make sure Ministers can make the decisions needed to draft the new legislation as quickly as possible. It will be chaired by Janette Campbell and comprises experts with relevant technical knowledge ranging from resource management law to planning and te ao Māori. Members are Christine Jones, Paul Melville, Rukumoana Schaafhausen, Kevin Counsell, Gillian Crowcroft and Mark Chrisp.

Public consultation on the proposals will occur primarily through the select committee process.

Key aspects of the resource management system

Principles guiding the development of the new system are the following:

- narrow the scope of the resource management system and the effects it controls
- establish two Acts with clear and distinct purposes – one to manage environmental effects arising from activities, and another to enable urban development and infrastructure
- strengthen and clarify the role of environmental limits and their development
- provide for greater use of national standards to reduce the need for resource consents and to simplify council plans, such that standard-complying activity cannot be subjected to a consent requirement
- shift the system focus from consenting which happens before the event to strengthening compliance, monitoring and enforcement
- use spatial planning and a simplified designation process to lower the cost of future infrastructure
- realise efficiencies by requiring councils to jointly prepare one regulatory plan for their region
- provide for rapid, low-cost resolution of disputes between neighbours and between property owners and councils
- uphold Treaty of Waitangi settlements and the Crown's obligations
- provide faster, cheaper and less litigious processes within shorter, less complex and more accessible legislation.

I have instructed my officials to test these principles with key partners and stakeholders in parallel with the EAG and I will report back to Cabinet on this feedback too.

Key aspects of the new resource management system will go to Cabinet for agreement at the beginning of 2025, and legislation will be introduced and passed before the next election.

You can find out more about these principles in the [Speech on replacing the Resource Management Act](#) and [Replacement for the Resource Management Act takes shape | Beehive.govt.nz](#).

Looking forward

I know our timeline is ambitious, but we have critical issues to solve if we are to turn New Zealand's economy around, increase productivity and make things easier to do. I am acutely aware of the need to reset the resource management system in a way that is pragmatic and targets the most significant issues first.

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The instruments from Phase Two, and other important elements of the existing system such as plans will transfer over, with a “switching off” of any elements incompatible with the new system.

This is critical to accelerate and smooth the transition, lightening the load on councils and those who use the resource management system, and avoiding long implementation times. Some RMA settings will be retained for this work to be carried forward with minimal disruption, and to uphold Treaty settlements.

The proposed Phase Three changes will be designed to be implemented as quickly as possible and to minimise disruption on those who use the system. By limiting scope and targeting council effort to more complex issues, the replacement system will deliver reduced costs to both councils and ratepayers.

Our goal is to replace unnecessary regulation with clear rules to unlock the double dividend of higher growth and better environmental outcomes.

By redirecting only a fraction of the resources consumed by RMA processes, we can protect the environment and provide clear pathways for investment and growth within environmental limits.

We look forward to your working with you as we do this.

Yours sincerely



Hon Chris Bishop
Minister Responsible for RMA Reform

Appendix One: Detailed items under RMA Amendment Bill 2 and the National Direction Package

The national direction policy proposals described below are still in development. We have provided this content to support engagement and to seek your initial thoughts on the direction of travel. We expect to formally consult on more detailed policy proposals in early 2025.

RMA Amendment Bill 2
Fisheries Act and RMA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce regulatory overlap between the RMA and the Fisheries Act 1996 to provide certainty for fishers
Port permits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extension of port permits duration – section 384A of the RMA
Consenting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amend the RMA to require renewable energy generation consents (excluding hydro and geothermal) to be decided within one year of application. Establish a one-year limit to re-consent existing renewable electricity generation assets Require resource consents for wood processing facilities to be decided within one year Improve flexibility and encourage innovation for existing marine farms by providing more certainty for change of consent conditions Enable Councils to recover cost for reviewing consent conditions when the review is a result of national direction Amendments to provide greater clarity on the scope of further information requests and requirements for consents Progress default 35-year consent durations for renewable energy and long-lived infrastructure Increase the lapse period for designations from 5 to 10 years to provide more time to progress infrastructure projects Increase the default lapse period so the time to give effect to a renewable energy consent is 10 years or longer Provide certainty for discharge rules under section 70
Housing Growth
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ratification vote and allowing relevant councils to opt-out of the Medium Density Residential Standards (MDRS), provided they demonstrate 30 years' worth of housing growth Intervention powers to ensure compliance with National Direction

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning change processes for opting out of the MDRS and for councils still undertaking intensification streamlined planning processes (including Auckland Council)
<p>Heritage management</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage management (focusing on approaches to listing and de-listing heritage buildings)
<p>System improvements</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend part 9A of the RMA to provide more flexibility for farm plan regulations • Improvements to compliance regime, including increased penalties and limiting access to insurance • Technical improvements to DOC functions to manage discharges, compliance and enforcement
<p>Natural Hazards and Emergency Response</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement to emergency provisions, including a new regulation-making power for emergency responses and clarification of notification of entry requirements • Ability to decline land-use consents, or attach conditions, where there are significant risks of natural hazards • New plan rules relating to natural hazards have immediate legal effect from notification
<p>Integrated National Direction Package</p>
<p>Infrastructure and Energy</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NES Telco Facilities • Update the maximum pole heights in residential areas to reflect requirement for Medium Density Residential Development through the NPS-UD • Update cabinet sizes in residential areas to support infrastructure resilience and the roll out of 5G technology • Update antenna dimensions (eg, size and height) to reflect 5G technological developments and to avoid larger radio frequency fields from entering the public domain • Consider the expansion or amendment of some permitted activities under the NES-TF, in particular to accommodate temporary facilities or emergency activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPS Infrastructure (new) • NPS to provide consistent consenting pathways for enabling the development, operation, maintenance and upgrade of infrastructure while managing its effects across a range of natural environments • The interface between infrastructure activities and other activities and people, including in the built environment.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPS Renewable Electricity Generation • NPS Electricity Transmission

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New content for National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation (NPS-REG) • New content for National Policy Statement for Electricity Transmission (NPS-ET) • These amendments will create more directive and enabling national direction for renewable electricity generation, transmission and distribution. • Work on national environmental standards for renewable electricity generation, electricity transmission and distribution will follow the national policy statements. The national environmental standards will include nationally consistent rules for these activities, such as specifying activities that can be undertaken without consent, provided the standards are met. • The standards will replace the rules in Regional and District Council, meaning that consent processes will be more certain, and due to the enabling nature of the standards, be more likely to gain approval.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NES Electricity Transmission Activities • Amendments to NES-ETA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NZ Coastal Policy Statement • Targeted review of policies 6, 8, 11, 13 and 15
<p>Housing and Urban Development</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPS Highly Productive Land • Amend the NPS to free up land for urban development and remove unnecessary planning barriers, while managing HPL. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing the definition of HPL as part of the Going for Housing Growth work programme. • Ease the urban rezoning tests. • Other changes to the NPS-HPL are being considered as part of the wider national direction amendment package (definition of Specified Māori Land, and consistency in mineral extraction and quarrying pathways).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPS Urban Development • Set requirements for housing growth targets • Enable better spatial planning by aligning Future Development Strategy requirements with housing growth objectives • Change the responsiveness policy to better enable developers to bring forward areas of growth • Strengthen the intensification provisions • Better enable mixed use development • Better manage outcomes for heritage buildings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling granny flats

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direction on enabling 'granny flats' (up to 60m²)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enabling Papakainga • New national direction for Papakāinga
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Direction on Heritage • Better manage outcomes for heritage buildings
<p>Farming and the Primary Sector</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPS NES Freshwater • Scope of amendments to National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM) and National Environmental Standards for Freshwater (NES-F) to be confirmed. Expect targeted amendments to be completed through this combined national direction package and further work may follow • Enable on-farm water storage (ie, as a permitted activity under the RMA, or otherwise)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stock exclusion regulations • Tie stock exclusion rules to local conditions to limit unintended consequences • Replace nationwide low-slope maps with catchment-level rules that are more consistent with local conditions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NES Drinking Water • Amending clauses 7, 8 and 10 and two new rules for mapping requirements and targeted activity controls
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPS Indigenous Biodiversity • Applying consistent and defined tests for extractive activities across the NPS-FM, NPS-HPL and NPS-IB • Amendments to significant natural areas (SNA) provisions in the NPS-IB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NES – Commercial Forestry • Reverse changes that increased council discretion for afforestation • Repeal National Environmental Standards for Commercial Forestry (NES-CF) clauses (6)(1)(a) and (6)(4)(a) • Review of slash settings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NES Marine Aquaculture • Amend to increase flexibility to innovate, improve management of existing marine farms and make minor and technical amendments
<p>Natural Hazards and Emergency Response</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural Hazards National Direction • Develop new direction for natural hazards that applies to all natural hazards. It may consist of National Policy Statement and National Environmental Standards.

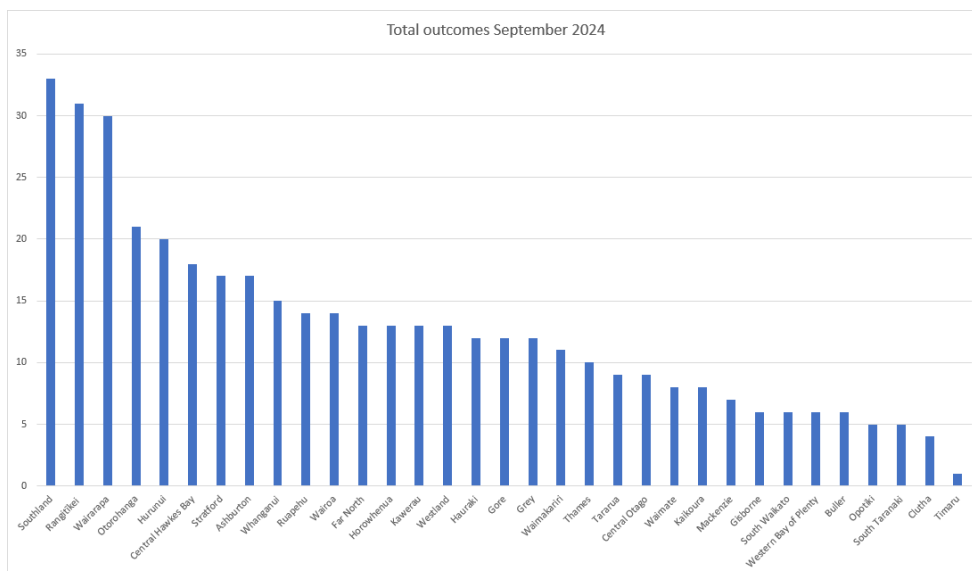
- The objective is to reduce the risk from natural hazards to people, property and infrastructure by providing direction on: identifying natural hazards, and assessing and responding to the risks they pose in a consistent way.

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MTFJ Rangitikei September 2024 Report



Great work from the team having achieved 31 outcomes to date. Now we need to ensure as many as possible meet our 31-day sustainable target of 30 by year end.

Please tell us how you have worked in partnership with MSD during the last month: This can be local engagement as part of Council discussions, or specific to supporting individual employers or people to gain employment. There is an expectation that engagement will occur fortnightly as a minimum.

Louise continues to foster our solid relationship with MSD, this brings in regular referrals to MTFJ. Phone calls and emails are daily with the case managers.

On the employment front, the Taihape Pool Manager once again came to Louise for staff for the 24/25 season. She has taken on 2 of our referrals and re-employed a person that was originally placed there a few years ago and returns annually.

The 2 placements are grateful for the help from MTFJ.

Also, Rangitikei Environmental Group needed 1 more young person to fill their complement of staff. Protégé was referred and settled in well.

Update on Winstone Mills:

James, Louise and Pauline Welch from Ruapehu District Council recently met Kathy Pyatt, WPI HR.

Kathy has worked tirelessly bringing in support for the staff over the last weeks/months. MSD redundancy support team have regularly been on site for a group presentation and followed this with one-on-one meetings that staff booked into. IRD have also been on site. Kathy promotes jobs advertised countrywide, and businesses have approached WPI seeking staff to apply.

We asked about numbers, but Kathy couldn't be specific. Some of the 200 staff made redundant worked remotely around the country and were contractors. Kathy estimated 150 lived in the local area, many were heading overseas for work, moving out of the area or had already secured local work. There were also some that were of retirement age or close to it that were not seeking further employment. Kathy's best guess was that we were looking at about a third of the 150 would potentially be needing help from MSD or help to find work.

Kathy puts out a weekly email to the staff and will include MTFJ's contact details and to call if they are needing assistance.

Louise will talk with the MSD team to offer our services to the WPI staff that approach them for financial help.

Please note any programme developments, engagements and emerging opportunities: This can include current work plans, engagements with employers and progress on outcomes. This can include additional community engagement activities and stakeholder engagement.

James was invited to attend a meeting in Bulls on the 27th September hosted by the Mayor, where the Honourable Shane Jones, Minister of Regional Development held a Q&A session on what are the regions needs and asks? Minister Jones stated that he was happy to take any well-reasoned and costed initiatives to Cabinet. Mayors were present from across the Rohe and other MP's also attended.



Are you having any issues that you need support on from Maree, Tammie or Nicola from Ministry of Social Development? Please give us a bit of detail if yes.

N/A

What good news stories do you have to share? Please describe below and include any stories that have run in media locally.

Josh originally came to MTFJ in September 2023 when Louise helped him into forestry work. He later went on to work at the local meat works. In September Josh took a leap of faith and started his own business offering house and property cleaning and maintenance. He has always been appreciative of the support of MTFJ and regularly calls in to update us on his journey.



Rangitikei Environmental Group Taihape

Clifton started in August and Protege started in September. Both boys left school early and have no qualifications. They are thriving under the mentorship of the Groups supervisor and staff and are doing well.

ITEM 9.2
ATTACHMENT 5

	A	B	C	D	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
	Date	Meeting	HWTM	Wilson	Carter	Dalgety	Duncan	Hiroa	Lambert	Loudon	Maughan	Sharland	Raukawa	Wong	Notes
195	5-Aug-24	Hunterville CC	PR			PR			PR						
196	8-Aug-24	Council Workshop													
197	8-Aug-24	Turakina CC	PR		PR										
198	12-Aug-24	Youth Council	PR				PR							PR	
199	13-Aug-24	TRAK	CB					PR					PR		
200	14-Aug-24	Taihape CB	PR				PR							PR	
201	15-Aug-24	AIN Workshop													
202	15-Aug-24	PPL Meeting	CB	PR			PR	AP	PR	AT	PR			PR	
203	21-Aug-24	Marton CC	CB	PR							PR				
204	29-Aug-24	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	PR	PR	AT			PR	PR	PR		PR	
205	29-Aug-24	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
206	3-Sep-24	ERWS	AP								PR			PR	
207	11-Sep-24	Bulls CC	AP	PR						AT				PR	
208	18-Sep-24	RA meeting	PR	PR		PR		PR		PR					
209	25-Sep-24	TRAK Workshop	PR				AP	PR						PR	
210	25-Sep-24	Youth Council	PR				PR							PR	
211	26-Sep-24	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	PR	PR	AT		AT	PR	PR	PR		PR	
212	26-Sep-24	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	
213	3-Oct-24	TCC Meeting	PR		AP										
214	7-Oct-24	HRWS Meeting	PR			PR			PR						
215	7-Oct-24	HCC Meeting	AP			PR			PR						
216	8-Oct-24	TRAK Hui	PR				PR	PR						PR	
217	8-Oct-24	Ratana CB	CB					PR							
218	9-Oct-24	Taihape CB	CB				PR							PR	
219	9-Oct-24	Marton CC	PR	AP							PR				
220	10-Oct-24	AIN Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR		PR	PR	PR	PR		AP	
221	17-Oct-24	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	
222										Present (and is a member of the committee)				PR	
223										Apology				AP	
224										Absent - no apology received				AB	
225															
226															
227										Not a member of the committee					
228										Not a member of the committee (but still attended)				AT	
229										Not present as on Council business				CB	
230										Attended via Zoom [this indicator is no longer used]				ZM	
231															

9.3 Haylock Park

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

Authoriser: Melanie Bovey, Heritage, Culture and Community Committees

1. Reason for Report

1.1 This item is included to answer the questions raised at the Bulls Community Committee meeting on the 11 Sept 24 regarding Haylock park.

2. Haylock Park Questions and Answers

1. Are the lease monies collected on Haylock Park held separately in a specific account dedicated for the park?

2.1 No, lease monies are not held separately for Haylock Park.

2. How much money is available for the development of Haylock Park?

2.1 No funding has been budgeted to development of Haylock Park.

3. What is the process to have a playground similar to Walker Park be installed at Haylock Park?

3.1 To install a playground at Haylock Park, a submission could be made through the Annual Plan/Long Term Plan process for Council's consideration. An alternative option is a recommendation could be made through the Bulls Community Committee asking Council to investigate this request.

4. What compliance costs would be incurred?

4.1 Compliance costs would be associated with building and resource consent (if required), as well costs to ensure compliance with playground standards. Compliance costs are unable to be estimated without detail of the size and location of the proposed playground on Haylock Park, as well as, detail regarding height of structures, earthworks, etc. Consideration would also need to be given to stormwater management and costs associated with the provision of services e.g. water, wastewater, power.

5. Can local contractors volunteer their services at a lower cost be employed, eg fencing contractors, drainage contractors?

5.1 A community group can contact Council's Community Projects Manager (Pio Rowe) to discuss their idea if they have a project they want to implement. Council calls this a community-led project. The staff member would discuss the project idea with the community group to gain a good understanding of the project. The staff member would then consult with other colleagues as appropriate, e.g. Parks, Property, Roading etc. Staff members would also consider relevant plans, such as the Parks, Open Spaces &

Sports Facilities Strategy, District Plan, identify what consents were required etc. If the project was given the go ahead, an agreement would be written, clearly identifying the responsibilities of each party, e.g. costs, ongoing maintenance etc.

ITEM 9.3

Recommendation

That the report Haylock Park be received.

9.4 Update on Recommendations from the Bulls Community Committee**Author:** Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor**Authoriser:** Melanie Bovey, Heritage, Culture and Community Committees**1. Reason for Report**

1.1 There were two requests from the previous Bulls Community Committee meeting held on the 11 September 2024, which were:

1.1.1 That the question be asked to Parks Open Spaces and Sport Facilities for an off leash dog exercise area in Haylock Park

1.1.2 That the Council collate a value of the volunteer contribution as well as the amount anonymously donated for the Hall's construction and that this combined amount be proportionally represented with the existing donor plaques funded by Council.

1.1.3 That the display be mounted in the main Hall proper for greater appreciation and recognition.

2. Haylock Park – Decision

2.1 Council made the decision that staff do not investigate a dog exercise area in Haylock Park.

3. Te Matapihi Volunteer Board- Officer Comment

3.1 Council does not hold the information relating to volunteer contribution for the construction of Te Matapihi. Council may direct staff to investigate the purchase of a plaque stating that there was volunteer hours and anonymous donations received. The cost of this will be brought back to Council to approve.

3.2 Staff noted that moving the board to the main hall may impact the designed acoustics. The foyer is a public space whereas the hall can be booked out and therefore this can limit the public coming in.

3.3 Moving the plaque may come at a cost to Council due to the design of the plaque.

4. Te Matapihi Volunteer Board- Decision

4.1 Council directed staff to investigate a plaque at Te Matapihi for volunteer contribution to the construction of Te Matapihi.

4.2 Council does not hold the information relating to volunteer contribution for the construction of Te Matapihi and therefore this won't be able to be displayed as part of the plaque.

4.3 Council will not be moving the plaque to the main foyer at Te Matapihi.

Recommendation

That the report Update on Recommendations from the Bulls Community Committee be received.

ITEM 9.4

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

1.1 The total 2024/25 allocation to the Committee's Small Projects Fund is \$3,173.70, this includes the carry forward of \$1,873.70 from 2023/2 and \$200 for minor repairs 2022/23.

2. Breakdown 2023/24

2.1 The committee has spent \$112.70 for the seat plaque, and this has been paid.

2.2 The remaining funds available for the Bulls Community Committee Small Project Fund is \$3,061.

Recommendation

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

9.6 Funding Schemes Update - October 2024

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Overview

- 1.1 Council currently administers four funding schemes for the Rangitikei District, these are:
 - 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 Round one for 2024/25 opened 01 July 24 and closed 31 August 24. Decisions were made at the September Finance and Performance meeting with funds totalling \$12,337.
- 2.4 Successful applicants were:
 - 2.4.1 Bulls and Community Development Trust
 - 2.4.2 Marton and Districts Budget Service
 - 2.4.3 Parkinson's NZ
 - 2.4.4 House of Science NZ Charitable Trust
 - 2.4.5 Te Kai Whaka Ora- Marton Youth Trust
 - 2.4.6 Forest and Bird Society- Rangitikei Branch
 - 2.4.7 Marton and Surrounds ICT Hub Charitable Trust
 - 2.4.8 Marton and District Historical Society
- 2.5 Round two for 2024/25 will open on the 01 February 25 and closes 31 March 25. Decisions will be made at the following Finance/Performance meeting.

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 Round one for 2024/25 opened 01 July 24 and closed 31 August 24. Decisions were made at the September Finance and Performance meeting totalling \$15,460.
- 3.4 Successful applicants were:
 - 3.4.1 Turakina Caledonian Society

3.4.2 Hunterville Huntaway festival

3.4.3 BCDT, Christmas Parade

3.4.4 Manawatu Wanganui Golf Ass Inc

3.4.5 Taihape Area Dressage Group

3.4.6 3 Stand 8-Hour Strong Wool Shearing Record Attempt- Hunterville

3.4.7 Marton Country Music Festival

3.4.8 BCDT, Bulls 147th Annual Rose Show and Fest a Bull

3.4.9 St Joseph's School PTA

3.5 Round two for 2024/25 will open on the 01 February 25 and closes 31 March 25. Decisions will be made at the following Finance/Performance meeting.

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 one for 2024/25 opened 21 June 24 and closed 09 October 24. Decisions will be made on the 13 November 24.

5. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

5.1 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.

5.2 Sport NZ allocated \$9,500 (+ GST) to the Rangitikei District Council on an annual basis. There is one funding round per year.

5.3 Applications are now open for this fund and close 31 March 25. The decision will be made in April.

6. Further Information

6.1 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 –October 2024 be received.

10 Meeting Closed.