

# MINUTES

## **UNCONFIRMED: FINANCE/PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Date:** Thursday, 28 November 2024

**Time:** 9.30am

**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Rangitikei District Council  
46 High Street  
Marton

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Present

- Cr Brian Carter
- Cr Dave Wilson
- Cr Fi Dalgety
- Cr Greg Maughan
- Cr Jeff Wong
- Cr Paul Sharland
- Cr Simon Loudon
- HWTM Andy Watson

In attendance

- Cr Richard Lambert
- Mr Kevin Ross, Chief Executive
- Mrs Carol Gordon, Deputy Chief Executive
- Ms Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager- Corporate Services
- Mrs Janna Harris, Corporate Planner
- Ms Sophia Sykes, Communications Manager
- Mr Warren Pedley, Management and Systems Accountant
- Ms Lorraine Bergen, Manager- Financial Services
- Ms Joanne Manuel, Manager Mana Whenua and Community Hubs
- Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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## 1 Welcome / Prayer

Cr Dalgety opened the meeting at 9.30am and Cr Wong read the Council prayer.

The committee welcomed Leanne Macdonald, new Group Manager of Corporate Services.

## 2 Apologies

**Resolved minute number 24/FPE/089**

That the apologies be received from Ms Leanne Hiroti.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr B Carter. Carried

## 3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

Amendment: Include Cr Lamber in the attendance.

**Resolved minute number 24/FPE/090**

That the minutes of Finance/Performance Committee Meeting held on 31 October 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.

Cr G Maughan/Cr S Loudon. Carried

## 7 Follow-up Action Items

### 7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Finance/Performance Meetings

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 24/FPE/091**

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Finance/Performance Meetings' be received.

Cr P Sharland/Cr B Carter. Carried

## 8 Chair's Report

### 8.1 Chair's Report - November 2024

The Chair commented on the significant level of carry forwards for 2025 and is looking forward to a review by the new team going forward.

**Resolved minute number 24/FPE/092**

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

Cr F Dalgety/Cr S Loudon. Carried

## 9 Reports for Information

### 9.1 Finance Snapshot - October 2024

There was an update to some of the figures in the report and these minor updates were sent out to committee members.

His Worship the Mayor raised the Local Water Done Well debt and the decision on what debt is being passed across to the new entity. Officers are working through this process, noting that the debt tagged with Three Waters are likely to stay on the Council books.

Ms Macdonald undertook to understand the breakdown of the debts associated with Halls.

**Resolved minute number 24/FPE/093**

That the report 'Finance Snapshot – October 2024' be received.

Cr B Carter/HWTM A Watson. Carried

### 9.2 QV Report

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 24/FPE/094**

That the QV Report be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr J Wong. Carried

### **9.3 Statement of Service Provision 3-Month Report: July 2024 - September 2024**

Councillors raised that there have been two infringement notices for wastewater treatment which can be of varying degrees, Mr Benadie responded that these are the same problems and officers are working on these issues and keeping Horizons Regional Council informed.

**Resolved minute number 24/FPE/095**

That the report 'Statement of Service Provision 3-Month Report: July 2024 – September 2024' be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr B Carter. Carried

### **9.4 Public Feedback / Performance Report - October 2024**

Mr Ross responded to question about the Marton Water Strategy and that there is a programme for next year to educate the public on what has happened and happening in this space. Currently, there are some ideas being floated such as a water truck to support residents accessing water.

Councillors thanked the communications team and the work for getting the message out consistently on the Marton water issue.

**Resolved minute number 24/FPE/096**

That the Public Feedback / Performance Report – October 2024 be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr D Wilson. Carried

**The meeting closed at 10.16am.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Finance/Performance Committee held on 12 December 2024.**

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**Chairperson**

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## **UNCONFIRMED** TURAKINA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** Thursday, 5 December 2024  
**Time:** 7.00pm  
**Venue:** The Anglican Church Hall, St George's  
State Highway 3  
Turakina

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Present	Mr Duran Benton Ms Linda O'Neill HWTM Andy Watson Ms Rachel Cvitanovich
In attendance	Ms Mel Bovey, Manager - Heritage & Culture Mrs Deb Haworth, Minute Taker

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## 1 Welcome

## 2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Stephens.

## 3 Public Forum

There was no Public Forum.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number 24/TCC/030**

That the minutes of Turakina Community Committee Meeting held on 3 October 2024 **without amendment** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Mr D Benton/Ms L O'Neill. Carried

### 7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Turakina Community Committee Meetings

Mrs O'Neill said they were still following up on the signs. She feels he hasn't bought anything.

Mr Benton said if he doesn't turn up tonight, he will ring Mr Smith tomorrow.

Mrs Cvitanovich noted it might be a good thing if he hasn't at this stage. If he hasn't, it should be put on hold.

Mrs O'Neill said jumping forward to the Small Projects Fund, it includes the carry over, so there is certainly no funds out of that, that would have paid for these.

Mrs Bovey said she hasn't seen anything for payment and Mr Smith hasn't been to a meeting since he said he was going to get a quote.



Mrs Cvitanovich said they are thinking maybe he hasn't bought them in which case we could refund that one if he hasn't.

Mr Benton said if he definitely hasn't bought them they would do something after Christmas and he was going to suggest another picnic table near the toilet.

Mrs Cvitanovich thinks that would be of more use and she doesn't know that people will be really wanting the signs. If they are already bought, try and work with that but if not, we could discuss that.

**Resolved minute number 24/TCC/031**

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

Mr D Benton/Ms L O'Neill. Carried

## 7 Chair's Report

### 8.1 Chair's Report - December 2024

Mr Benton presented his verbal Chair's Report.

He mentioned the Broadband cabinet has been installed on the corner of Beach Road and the people who are still working on copper will notice a big difference in speed as he did. It is fibre to the cabinet but still copper to the houses in his area. He went from 2.7mg which is pathetic, up to 20 mg download.

Mrs Cvitanovich has installed Starlink. It is over a 100mg which makes a huge difference. In the event of an emergency it will be good.

Mrs O'Neill said it is interesting because all of Civil Defence is moving to Starlink rather than satellite phones.

Mrs Bovey noted it is sensible for rural areas certainly.

Mr Benton noted he will follow up with Mr Smith regarding the signs.

Mrs O'Neill asked if there was anything that came out of the mid meeting?

Mr Benton said we just need to confirm some things with Paul Chaffee for the Turakina Civil Defence Plan. There was a bit more discussion about the revitalisation of the stream.

Mrs Cvitanovich said she heard the group was going to kick in from about February from Harriett, she will come back to you all with that.

**Resolved minute number 24/TCC/032**

That the verbal Chair's Report – December 2024 be received.

Mr D Benton/Ms L O'Neill. Carried

## 8 Reports for Decision

### 9.1 Mayor's Report - 28 November 2024

The Report was taken as read and he wanted to highlight a few things. There was a report meant to go into this Report but he ran out of time.

The Chief Executive process is at final stages and he thinks Council would look to appoint someone before Christmas but it probably means they won't take the role until February March maybe.

Mrs Cvitanovich asked if they were happy with the applicants.

HWTM Watson said they got over 40 applications, that's after the absolute rubbish is cut out. With Wellington and the Corporates and the Government Departments being told, you can imagine there are a lot of people out of work looking for high power stuff.

Referencing back to page 19, the Gentle Annie Road. The last meeting he said this was a disaster in the making. He got the Ports of Napier, two Councils, Road Transport operators, KiwiRail and the Forestry's in the same room. He said from his point of view, he has them all there and he feels like he wants to lock the doors and not leave until they had a deal. 4 hours later they had a deal so those logs will end up going by rail but it will take a month to set the infrastructure up for it. But it is only a deal for a year so this issue will resurface and he is in talks with NZTA and the two Councils now for long term solutions. That is a win.

HWTM Watson gave an update on Ratana.

The Duddings Trust announcements should be out before Christmas, the minutes have been approved, so people will know what they have got.

HWTM Watson talked last time about Local Water Done Well and the need to have relationships and the time frame ticking with that. Effectively we have reached the end of the time frame where all Councils are going through processes. We won't announce our preferred options until 12 December but he can say the general desire is to have as many people in the relationship within the Horizons region as we could. He can tell some specifics, for instance, these are Council decisions, Manawatu wants to try and go it alone. However they realise that is probably not going to be allowed but they are making that statement. Horowhenua's option is to try and go it alone but also in the same boat. Their second option is a relationship with Kapiti Coast and their third is Kapiti Coast, Palmerston North and Manawatu and Horowhenua, but Kapiti Coast don't want to be in bed with anybody other than Horowhenua. So with all the confusing messages, it looks as though we are likely to say first of all, we would like everybody in knowing that Horowhenua and Tararua will probably go elsewhere but it may end up being Whanganui, Ruapehu and ourselves. However that doesn't give you efficiency of scale. The Government has signalled very strongly that 200,000 connections are required to make it viable and so he suspects the Government will then step in and say we are telling you, you have had chances. Who knows how that is going to play out. The third tranche of legislation he has previously referred to, is due out potentially next week. He had heard rumours but he can't confirm its going to be the 9<sup>th</sup>. Buried in his other reports, he made comments

about the risks of price harmonisation that Government hadn't declared that. They have now said there will not be enforced price harmonisation. So you can form the entity and say Whanganui, Ruapehu and ourselves, form the separate entity and the entity says it is cheaper to provide most water solutions to Whanganui so they get a cheaper rate. Or equally they could say Marton and Bulls could get it cheaper than Taihape because of the difficulties in providing the service. The original move of price harmonisation to support rural Councils supported by metros is not playing out that way. That was Labour vision, National have now said no. We are still waiting for legislation, for the standards of disposal. What quality of waste water can you put into the waterway for example. That will overflow into those quality standards indirectly into farming we think.

In terms of the performance of the sectors, agriculture has lifted a little bit. Still not fantastic in his view and he suspects farmers aren't rushing out to book their month's holiday in Europe on the basis of it.

Mrs Cvitanovich said from a dairy farming perspective, they are probably doing better.

HWTM Watson noted there has been \$12 million cut out of the roading budget and how it is playing out, 3 Councils spoke of roading and a Mayor said they had a woman in their office who had fallen over and smashed their shoulder on the footpath, three of them in a row said the same deal. We can't service our footpaths. There is a road at the top of Turakina Valley where a huge slump has occurred and he can't guarantee they can get access to their farm and a separate house. Potentially that slump could cost a million dollars plus. Forestry that has been harvested, the road has then slumped, the consent between Horizons and the contractor that milled, both pointing the stick at everybody else. But Council still has a role in trying to maintain an access, but at what stage do you say we can't, as a District, afford to spend a million dollars servicing one or two properties. That sort of situation is going to get worse.

HWTM Watson said he is happy to take any questions around any of the reports, he said the Reports are long but you can pick and choose what you want to read.

Mrs Cvitanovich said as they have said it before, they appreciate the effort that goes into his Reports.

Mrs O'Neill said when you see the calendar and how much he is doing, then see the lengthy report that goes with it, you are communicating with us.

HWTM Watson said all he can do is tell the story. The last thing, Merry Christmas.

Mrs Cvitanovich asked if there was much interest from the communities at the Local Water Done Well meetings?

HWTM Watson said there was no interest, he held meetings with two in Marton, two in Bulls, two in Taihape. Other than staff turning up, the total number of people engaged was 12. All he can do is say this is the decision making process. It will be different in consultation in February March 2025 and the proverbial will hit the wall when people get three bills in their letterbox. For Council to set up a CCO alone, or with very small numbers, the set up costs are high. There will be no efficiency.

Mrs Cvitanovich asked if the Government doesn't like what everyone decides, going alone or end up more coming in, does HWTM Watson have a gut feeling, does he think there is a set plan there now of how many you have to come with, any thoughts? Or are they going to come in and tell you.

HWTM Watson said that is what the Government absolutely wants to do however having the courage to do what they want to do. You have to think they are looking over their shoulder, Labour got thrown out because of this. This could all go pear shaped for them where they have 20 or 30 different entities and if that is the case they may hope that over time aggregation happens. International evidence tells you that when you set up water entities, over time they get bigger and bigger, so you start setting up lots of them now there is one. There will be pain in this space.

**Resolved minute number 24/TCC/033**

That the Mayor's Report – 28 November 2024 be accepted.

HWTM A Watson/Mr D Benton. Carried

## 9 Reports for Information

### 10.1 Small Projects Fund Update - December 2024

Mr Benton said they had covered this, there is \$2,000 in there and they want to do something meaningful with it.

#### Committee Recommendation

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

Ms R Cvitanovich/Ms L O'Neill.

### 10.2 Funding Schemes Update - October 2024

Mrs Cvitanovich said she had finally completed the Whangaehu Hall Acquittal Form for the funding received from Council for the Community Initiatives Fund. It has taken a while and it was good to do it because there was actually stuff in there that they did learn and there was some good info, some things did go well and some things didn't go well, it's the truth about the project.

Mr Benton said things like that can also help you as well.

Mrs Cvitanovich said Council was very good about it as it has been dragging on, it was a long process for one reason or another, around the legality of that particular bit of land. She was getting quite worried about it but when she had a look, it just had the Report was pending. To be fair Council had been pretty good and they didn't feel hassled to get it done. They have been able to finish the project and get it done without having to feel they were under pressure because they hadn't done it yet.

**Resolved minute number 24/TCC/034**

That the Funding Schemes Update –October 2024 be received.

Mr D Benton/Ms L O'Neill. Carried

**10.3 Consultation Tracker**

**Resolved minute number 24/TCC/035**

That the report 'Consultation Tracker' be received.

Ms L O'Neill/Mr D Benton. Carried

**The meeting closed at 7.25pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Turakina Community Committee held on Thursday 13 February 2025.**

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**Chairperson**

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## HUNTERVILLE RURAL WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** Monday, 10 February 2025

**Time:** 4.00pm

**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Rangitikei District Council  
46 High Street  
Marton

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**Present** Mr Sam Weston  
Mr Bob Crawford  
Mr John McManaway  
Mr Sam Duncan  
HWTM Andy Watson  
Cr Fi Dalgety (Zoom)

**In attendance** Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer  
Ms Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager- Corporate Services  
Mr Andrew van Bussell, Water Supply Specialist  
Mr Ivan O'Reilly, Senior Reticulation Technician  
Mr Jaden Bustard, Reticulation Technician  
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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## 1 Welcome

Mr Weston opened the meeting at 4.01pm.

## 2 Apologies

**Resolved minute number 25/HRWS/001**

That the apologies be received from Cr Lambert and Bernie Hughes.

Mr B Crawford/Mr J McManaway. Carried

## 3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number 25/HRWS/002**

That the minutes of Huntermville Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting held on 9 December 2024 **without amendment** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Mr B Crawford/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

## 7 Follow-up Actions

### 7.1 Follow-up Action Items from previous Huntermville Rural Water Supply Meetings

#### Item 1- Impact on the Lines

After further investigation this request is no longer needed due to putting a new tank on the old site.



### Item 2- Rata Marae

Mr Benadie responded to questions that the project was only replacing old with new and nothing added or extended. This was paid through from central government funding and this was completed throughout the district not just Rata marae.

### Item 3- Assets Register

Mr van Bussell undertook to have this ready for the next meeting.

### Kilburns

The item on Kiburns be added to the follow up action items.

### **Resolved minute number 25/HRWS/003**

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from previous Huntermville Rural Water Supply Meetings' be received.

Mr S Weston/Mr J McManaway. Carried

## **8 Chair's Report**

### **8.1 Chair's Report - February 2025**

Mr Weston updated the committee on the meeting with Tim Cadogan and Jo from Taumata Arowai water services. Mr Hodder has also sent emails to the Chair with potential recommendations for next steps for Local Water Done Well.

It was noted that the Erewhon Rural Water Scheme has put a submission to Council on staying with Council rather than moving to the entity.

Not a lot has come out of it, Chairs received an email from Michael H follow up with the potential recommendations, currently option Council maintain the mixed use schemes. If that's what we choose to happen. Formal option passed by whom. Verification accepted position essentially by the minister. Erewhon has put a submission to Council. The issue we have is the township. Michaels comment Tauamata Arowai potential to be deemed a bulk supplier.

ERWS made a submission staying with the Council administration does HRWS need to do the same, benefit of documenting it. There is time, but we should make a submission. We don't necessarily decide now. Submission on the Act itself closing on the 28 Feb. Guidance on that required.

Sam Duncan arrived at 4.12pm.

Actual submission on the Bill itself.

August of this year know more, timeline to make that decision. Absolute clarification around that timeframe, decision actually made. Slight hesitation. Advice from Taumata Arowai is absolute. Anything can change. Progress atm.

In part of his reply suggesting

HWTM left the meeting at 4.14pm.

Stay at the Council operating as is now.

Interested in having AVB at the table downsides for us knowing how we operate, no not currently. No real issues, same space figuring out what is required. Other water services council has being transferred is the staff going is a problem. Sub contract to the new entity, expertise and the personnel. Look at options to that effect. The other schemes do a lot of their own work, ERWS use a sub contractor any way.

**Resolved minute number 25/HRWS/004**

That the 'Chair's Report – February 2025' be received.

Mr S Weston/Mr B Crawford. Carried

## 9 Reports for Information

### 9.1 Operations Report- February 2025

**Resolved minute number 25/HRWS/005**

That the 'Huntermville Rural Water Supply – Operations Report February 2025' to the Huntermville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee be received.

Mr B Crawford/Mr J McManaway. Carried

### 9.2 Huntermville RWS - 2024/25 YTD Financial Summary

**Resolved minute number 25/HRWS/006**

That the report 'HRWS Financial Summary as at 31 December 2024' be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Mr B Crawford. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/HRWS/007**

That Shane Voelkerling be appointed to the Huntermville Rural Water Supply committee.

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Mr J McManaway/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

**The meeting closed at 4.56pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Huntermville Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee held on 7 April 2025.**

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**Chairperson**

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## HUNTERVILLE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** Monday, 9 December 2024

**Time:** 6.30pm

**Venue:** **Hunternville Town Hall**  
**Bruce Street**  
**Hunternville**

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**Present**

- Mr Justin Adams
- Ms Kelsey Smith
- Ms Charissa Lawlor
- Ms Karen Kennedy
- Ms Sandra Carroll
- Ms Lesley Shaw
- Cr Fi Dalgety
- Cr Richard Lambert
- HWTM Andy Watson

**In attendance** Ms Melanie Bovey, Manager- Heritage and Culture

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## 1 Welcome

Chair declared the meeting open 6:34pm

## 2 Apologies

No apologies received.

## 3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Addition of additional Item at 11.6 – Kiwiburn/Haast Eagle Statue - Chair

Addition of additional Item at 11.7 – Rangitikei River Catchment Collective Sign – Cr Fi Dalgety

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

Amendment – under Resolved Minute Number 24/HCC/044 – Reads “That Justin Adams be appointed chair of the Hunterville Community Committee” Should Read “That Justin Adams be appointed chair of the Hunterville Community Committee”

Amendment – under 11.8 Reads “Kesley outlined the options available for nomination and election of a new Chairperson to the committee” Should Read “Kelsey outlined the options available for nomination and election of a new Chairperson to the committee”

Amendment – under 11.4 Reads “Heath Service in Hunterville” Should Read “Health Service in Hunterville”

Amendment – under 10.1 Reads “Charissa updated the committee that she is now employed by council as a funding specialist to assist people/organisations in applying for funding from council.”

Should Read “Charissa updated the committee that she is now employed by council as a funding specialist to assist council in applying for funding for council.”

### **Resolved minute number 24/HCC/046**

That the minutes of Hunterville Community Committee Meeting held on 7 October 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.

Ms K Smith/Cr R Lambert. Carried

## **7 Follow-up Actions**

### **7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Hunterville Community Committee Meetings**

Items 1 and 2 can now be removed as completed.

Ms Melanie Bovey to provide an update on Item 3 at the next meeting (meeting date).

Item 4 is ongoing.

Chair to liaise with Kezia on changing how follow up actions are presented as it is difficult to read when printed.

**Resolved minute number 24/HCC/047**

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

Ms S Carroll/Cr R Lambert. Carried

## **8 Chair's Report**

### **8.1 Chair's Report - December 2024**

**Resolved minute number 24/HCC/048**

That the written and verbal Chair's Report – December 2024 be received.

Ms K Kennedy/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

## **9 Reports for Decision**

### **9.1 Mayor's Report - 28 November 2024**

**Resolved minute number 24/HCC/049**

That the Mayor's Report – 28 November 2024 be accepted.

Ms K Kennedy/Ms K Smith. Carried

## 10 Reports for Information

### 10.1 Consultation Tracker

Chair raised the ability for the Committee to make submissions on Council Consultations if the Committee wish to do so. General Discussion amongst the committee on consensus, documentation and collation.

The consensus amongst the committee is for the Chair to email the committee with a consultation document when it is released for members to respond with their thoughts which the Chair will collate, add specific details and bring to the committee for approval prior to it being submitted. The Chair also offered to present an oral submission if necessary.

**Resolved minute number 24/HCC/050**

That the report 'Consultation Tracker' be received.

Ms K Kennedy/Ms S Carroll. Carried

### 10.2 Funding Schemes Update - December 2024

The Committee notes that a world record shearing attempt being made Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at Ferndale in Hunterville, which obtained some funding through these schemes.

**Resolved minute number 24/HCC/051**

That the Funding Schemes Update –December 2024 be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Ms K Kennedy. Carried

### 10.3 Small Projects Fund Update - December 2024

The Small Projects fund currently sits at \$1,316.64. The committee was reminded that this is time sensitive and if not spent can be forfeited back to council. General discussion in the room on projects that can be done. Committee members to "put their think caps on" for suggestions at the next meeting.

**Resolved minute number 24/HCC/052**

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

Cr R Lambert/Ms C Lawlor. Carried

## 11 Discussion Items

### 11.1 Trends on RFS for Hunterville



Chair asked for some statistics from council on “Requests for Service” made for the Hunterville area as it is part of our Terms of Reference to encourage usage of the system.

General Discussion on results

### **11.2 Shop Local Campaign**

Chair asked council for some data on the Hunterville specific results in Councils Shop Local Campaign and the Committee notes that it is good to see Hunterville Businesses and Residents supporting the campaign.

Chair to ask for total results for the full campaign with a Hunterville specific comparison.

### **11.3 Revised Hunterville Community Response - Civil Defence Plan**

#### **Resolved minute number 24/HCC/053**

That the committee receive the Revised Hunterville Community Response- Civil Defence Plan report and submits to council the document for them to make the outlined amendments and return to the committee for endorsement.

Ms K Smith/Ms C Lawlor. Carried. Unanimous

### **11.4 Update: Town Banners and Xmas Flags**

Committee notes that Xmas banners are up, and Christmas lights are on. The Chair obtained confirmation that the banners are councils, and they put them up and bring them down. Committee wishes to convey its thanks to council for the flags.

### **11.5 Hunterville Community Garden**

Karen provided an update to the committee. Two sites have been looked at. One behind Taylors which is council land but is going to be disposed of and the alternative Buffalo Park, which required a lot of work to make it suitable. A new location, the triangle near the pump shed at the Hunterville Swimming Pool is being investigated and could house six raised garden beds.

### **11.6 Kiwiburn/Haast Eagle Statue**

The Chair provided an update on work done towards this since the last meeting. Contacted Andy Justice and communicated on details for sculpture and potential to view it and that communication

has slowed. The Chair met with the Hunterville Lions Club regarding the concrete pad idea, they respectfully declined and wished us well.

Upon contemplation and review the Chair advised the committee that this project is beyond the terms of reference of this committee and more suited for councils' expertise in consenting and engineering etc.

As the committee has already done some of the preparatory work in identifying a potential site which encourages traffic past local businesses and a structure which can be used for multiple purposes the chair will be bringing a motion to the next meeting to reinforce work done so far and asking council to "take it from here"

General Discussion amongst committee. Consensus was to review after the event has concluded this coming year.

### **11.7 Rangitikei River Catchment Collective Sign**

Cr Dalgety informed the Committee that Harriett Gibson liaison from the Rangitikei River Catchment Collective have drawn up a sign that is a storyboard of the Porewa stream. There is an opportunity to place one of these signs in queens park near the stream. Cr Dalgety to follow up on further details for the committee.

**The meeting closed at 8.16pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Hunterville Community Committee held on 10 February 2025.**

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**Chairperson**

# MINUTES

## UNCONFIRMED: TE ROOPUU AHI KAA MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, 10 December 2024

**Time:** 11.00am

**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Rangitikei District Council  
46 High Street  
Marton

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**Tumuaki Tuarua:** Ms Kim Savage (Ngāti Parewahawaha)

**Nga mema:** Mr Thomas Curtis (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti) (Zoom)  
Ms Marj Heeney Ngāi Te Ohuake  
Ms Moira Raukawa (Ngāti Tamakopiri)  
Ms Leanne Hiroti (Ngā Ariki Turakina) (Zoom)  
Dr Katarina Gray-Sharp (Ngāti Rangī) (Zoom)  
Mr Jordan Winiata-Haines (Ngāti Hinemanu/Ngāti Paki)  
Ms Grace Taiaroa (Ratana Pa)  
Cr Coral Raukawa  
Cr Gill Duncan  
HWTM Andy Watson

**Manuhiri:** Mr Kevin Ross, Chief Executive  
Mrs Carol Gordon, Deputy Chief Executive  
Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer  
Ms Joanne Manuel, Manager Mana Whenua and Community Hubs  
Ms Katrina Gray, Manager Strategy and Development  
Ms Clare Wooding, Senior Strategic Advisor  
Ms Fran Pere, Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor  
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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## 1 Welcome / Karakia

Due to the absence of Ms Hiroa, Ms Savage Chaired and opened the meeting at 11.01am.

## 2 Apologies

**Resolved minute number 24/IWI/051**

That the apologies be received from Ms Hiroa.

Ms K Savage/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

## 3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

The Komiti noted that there was a second Marae Development Fund application received.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number 24/IWI/052**

That the minutes of Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meeting held on 8 October 2024 **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.

Ms M Raukawa/Ms M Heeney. Carried

## 7 Follow-up Actions

### 7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meetings

Mrs Gordon updated the Komiti that the decision on the macron for Rangitikei has not been made and that there have been objections received regarding the change.

**Resolved minute number 24/IWI/053**

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meetings' be received.

Cr C Raukawa/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

## 8 Chair's Report

### 8.1 Chair's Report, Including Updates from Pre-Hui December 2024

Ms Savage read the Chair's report.

**Resolved minute number 24/IWI/054**

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

Ms G Taiaroa/Mr T Curtis. Carried

## 9 Reports for Decision

### 9.1 Marae Development Fund

Mr Winiata-Haines arrived at the hui during this item at 11.24am.

The Komiti noted that there had been some korero on this item during the pre-hui. There was concern that Opaea Marae had received funding previously and whether they had submitted a report. Staff answered that the new eligibility was required for subsequent funding applications and that the expectation for a report form will be provided as criteria for this and future funding rounds.

**Resolved minute number 24/IWI/055**

That the report Marae Development Funding be received.

Ms K Savage/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

**Resolved minute number 24/IWI/056**

That the Komiti does allocate \$15,000 funding to Opaea Marae and requests the Chief Executive submit a formal recommendation for Council's consideration of this request.

Ms K Savage/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

**Resolved minute number 24/IWI/057**

That the Komiti does allocate \$15,000 funding to Kauangaroa Marae and requests the Chief Executive submit a formal recommendation for Council's consideration of this request.

Ms K Savage/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

## 10 Reports for Information

### 10.1 Update on Proposed Plan Change 3 - Urban Growth

Ms Gower provided a PowerPoint presentation at the hui.

Ms Gower responded to questions that there is land available in Taihape, however, there has not been the urban growth as seen in Bulls and Marton and therefore would recommend focus to be south of the district.

The Komiti discussed consultation and what this looks with mana whenua, staff undertook that there will be special consultation with mana whenua and that Ms Pere will support this. The Komiti noted that not every iwi has settled across the district which can cause issues for consultation.

Cr Raukawa left at 12.02pm at the end of this item.

**Resolved minute number 24/IWI/058**

That the report 'Update on Proposed Plan Change 3 – Urban Growth' be received.

Ms K Savage/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

**10.2 Mayor's Report - 28 November 2024**

The Mayor highlighted that councillors are working through the Chief Executive appointment, the positive announcement from government on the ten million for Rātana and the work on moving logging trucks off the road and on to rail.

The Komiti thanked the Mayor for his continued work.

**Resolved minute number 24/IWI/059**

That the Mayor's Report – 28 November 2024 be accepted.

Ms K Savage/Ms G Taiaroa. Carried

**10.3 External Current and Upcoming Consultations**

Ms Hiroti left at 12.10pm at the beginning of this item.

Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi Bill

Staff provided a PowerPoint presentation at the hui.

The Komiti spoke during the pre-hui regarding the submission, which Ms Henny undertook to write on behalf of the Komiti.

The Komiti will write a submission and requested that this be endorsed by Council and requested that the Council oppose the Treaty Principles Bill. Staff noted that the timeframes for endorsement of the Komiti submission would be before 18 December as this is the last Council meeting before the close of submissions.

**Resolved minute number 24/IWI/060**

That the report 'External Current and Upcoming Consultations' be received.

Ms K Savage/Mr J Winiata-Haines. Carried

**Resolved minute number 24/IWI/061**

That Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa recommends that Rangitikei District Council opposes the Treaty Principles Bill.

Ms M Raukawa/Mr T Curtis. Carried

**Resolved minute number 24/IWI/062**

That Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa makes a submission opposing the Treaty Principles Bill.

Ms M Raukawa/Mr T Curtis. Carried

#### 10.4 Mana Whenua Verbal Report- December

Ms Pere introduced herself to the Komiti and provided a verbal update on the current work taking place. Ms Pere spoke of the positive work at Rata marae and the benefit of engagement in her role at Council.

**Resolved minute number 24/IWI/063**

That the 'Mana Whenua Verbal Report- December' be received.

Ms G Taiaroa/Ms M Heeney. Carried

#### 10.5 Economic Strategy update

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 24/IWI/064**

That the report "Economic Strategy update" is received.

Ms K Savage/Mr J Winiata-Haines. Carried

#### 10.6 Project Updates Report - November 2024

Cr Duncan left at the beginning of the item at 12.44pm.

##### Marton Water Strategy

Mr Benadie explained that there are positive outcomes for this project, and potentially looking at water from the Tutaenui year-round with better quality water for the township.

##### Taihape Wastewater



Mr Benadie responded to questions that the consent process is only just beginning, and this is why there are no updates.

Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment

The Taihape Town Hall is a single contract as this allows the contractor to communicate with all those involved, this is the same as the Marton Offices and Library project.

**Resolved minute number 24/IWI/065**

That the report 'Project Updates Report - November 2024' be received.

Ms K Savage/Ms M Heeney. Carried

**The meeting closed at 1.14pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti held on 11 February 2025.**

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**Chairperson**

# MINUTES

## TAIHAPE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, 11 December 2024

**Time:** 5.30pm

**Venue:** Kokako Street Pavilion  
2 Kokako Street  
Taihape

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**Present** Ms Gail Larsen  
Mr Peter Kipling-Arthur  
Mr Les Clarke  
HWTM Andy Watson (left at 5.53pm)  
Cr Jeff Wong

**In attendance** Ms Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager  
Ms Sheryl Srhoj, Administration

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## 1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2 Apologies

**Resolved minute number**      **24/TCB/053**

Apologies for absence were received from Cr Duncan and Ms Abernethy and for early departure from His Worship the Mayor.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

## 3 Public Forum

Utiku & Old Boys Rugby Club (UOB) representative, Barry Thomas was in attendance to support Taihape Rugby Club with their request for the continued use of the changing rooms under the grandstand. Although UOB. were happy with the new facilities that Nga Awa provided, they said, and had always said, that at times during the season, 6 changing rooms were required.

(HWTM left at 5.53pm)

(Kurt Ball, Taihape Rugby arrived at 5.54pm)

Mr Ball requested use of two of the grandstands changing rooms and for the teams to be able to run out from underneath the grandstand. He also expressed concerns that without the use of underneath the grandstand, they would have nowhere to store their tackling pads, flags and other items.

Council staff outlined the requirements that would be needed if the underneath of the grandstand was to be used.

Taihape Rugby have been using it, but if there are any concerns for safety, the Chief Executive has the right to close the building. The proposed seismic strengthening (which does not include the lower level of the grandstand) would also result in the changing rooms no longer being able to be used.

A letter was presented outlining the wishes of the Taihape Rugby Club.

The Board were supportive of the content of the letter and suggested that it be forwarded to Council for their consideration, with a formal resolution to this effect to be confirmed at the Boards next meeting.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

It was agreed that Item 9.1 - Mayors Report- 28 November 2024 be taken as the first item due to the Mayor having a prior engagement and requesting to leave the meeting earlier

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number 24/TCB/054**

That the minutes of Taihape Community Board Meeting held on 9 October 2024 **without amendment** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

## 7 Follow-up Actions

### 7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Taihape Community Board Meetings

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 24/TCB/055**

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Taihape Community Board Meetings' be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Mr L Clarke. Carried

## 8 Chair's Report

### 8.1 Chair's Report - December 2024

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 24/TCB/056**

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

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Mr L Clarke. Carried

## 9 Reports for Information

### 9.1 Mayor's Report - 28 November 2024

The Mayor provided the Board with an update on the Gentle Annie Road following his meeting with forestry owners, KiwiRail, NZTA and other parties. It had been agreed that as of next year the logs would be transported by Rail. This is only applicable to forestry operations currently underway.

**Resolved minute number 24/TCB/057**

That the Mayor's Report – 28 November 2024 be accepted.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Cr J Wong. Carried

## 9.2 Verbal Update- Northern Area and Property Manager

Ms Prince provided a verbal update.

### Taihape Grand stand

Cost estimates for three concept designs were presented to Council during the (Public Excluded) meeting in November 2024. It was noted that the costs were only to provide Seismic upgrades. Upgrading the changing rooms on the lower level were not part of the scope. The whole lower level will have to be demarcated as inaccessible space to circumvent the additional fire regulations.

### Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment

Maycroft have completed the preliminary site investigations along with an asbestos survey. Initial seismic report, building fabric report, Fire and services reports have been submitted. Concept seismic design along with initial costing is expected in time for the December 19<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. (These costs are only for seismic upgrades.)

### Hautapu River Parks

Two bridges have been completed, which have Certificate of Public Use. A blessing and opening took place this afternoon, with a number of public attending.

### Springvale Toilet

A morning tea was held this morning to acknowledge the foresight and contribution of Warren Plimmer and James Williams, owner of Otupae Station to provide a toilet by Springvale Bridge  
Roading

Roading contract tender to closed 13<sup>th</sup> December.

**Resolved minute number 24/TCB/058**

That the 'Verbal Update' be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Mr L Clarke. Carried

## 9.3 Inward Correspondence

A letter of thanks received from Mrs Margaret Coogan on behalf of the Taihape Art Society for the Boards donation.

**Resolved minute number 24/TCB/059**

That the inward correspondence be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

#### **9.4 Small Projects Fund Update - December 2024**

##### **Tree Removal**

The Board were all in favour of engaging a local contractor to remove the tree that was currently obscuring the Southern Events Signage Board.

##### **Picnic Table Replacement**

Following damage to the picnic tables at the Taihape dog park and Quickstop locations, the Board agreed that there was a need to replace one of the tables with a much sturdier model.

Undertaking: The Chair to follow up with the Parks & Reserves Manager regarding the installation of a concrete pad for the dog park picnic table.

Ms Prince noted that Council staff were applying to have the lease renewed for the dog park area.

##### **Undertakings:**

The Chair to consult with Murray Bond regarding the possibility of reinstating the Taihape Town Clock bells.

The Chair to investigate costs to have an Ode of Remembrance inserted on the risers of the Taihape Cenotaph steps.

##### **Resolved minute number 24/TCB/060**

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

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

##### **Resolved minute number 24/TCB/061**

That the Taihape Community Board accept the quote of \$400.00 plus GST from Mckays Contract Gardening to remove the remove the tree by the Southern Events Board and that this be funded from the Small Project Fund.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

##### **Resolved minute number 24/TCB/062**

That the Taihape Community Board consider options for a heavy duty replacement picnic table up to the value of \$700 and that this be funded from the Small Project Fund.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Mr L Clarke. Carried

##### **Resolved minute number 24/TCB/063**

That the Taihape Community Board agree to fund \$300 towards the Taihape MusicRoom event and that this be funded from the Small Project Fund.

Cr J Wong/Ms G Larsen. Carried

**9.5 Consultation Tracker**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 24/TCB/064**

That the report 'Consultation Tracker' be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Cr J Wong. Carried

**9.6 Funding Schemes Update - December 2024**

Ms Prince advised that next February, Council would have access to GrantGuru which is one-stop-shop grants portal. The portal would be available on Councils website for all organisations to use.

**Resolved minute number 24/TCB/065**

That the Funding Schemes Update –December 2024 be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Mr L Clarke. Carried

**10 Discussion Items**

**10.1 Taihape Community Board: Workshops December 2024**

Further workshops to be discussed at a later date.

**The meeting closed at 7.00pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Taihape Community Board held on .**

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**Chairperson**



# MINUTES

## **UNCONFIRMED** MARTON COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, 11 December 2024

**Time:** 6.00pm

**Venue:** 18 Humphrey Street  
Marton

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Present	Mrs Carolyn Bates Mr David Christison Mrs Jennifer Greener Ms Sally Moore Mr John Whittaker Cr Dave Wilson
In attendance	Ms Melanie Bovey, Manager- Heritage and Culture Mrs Deb Haworth, Minute Taker Mr David Yates Mr Simon Spence

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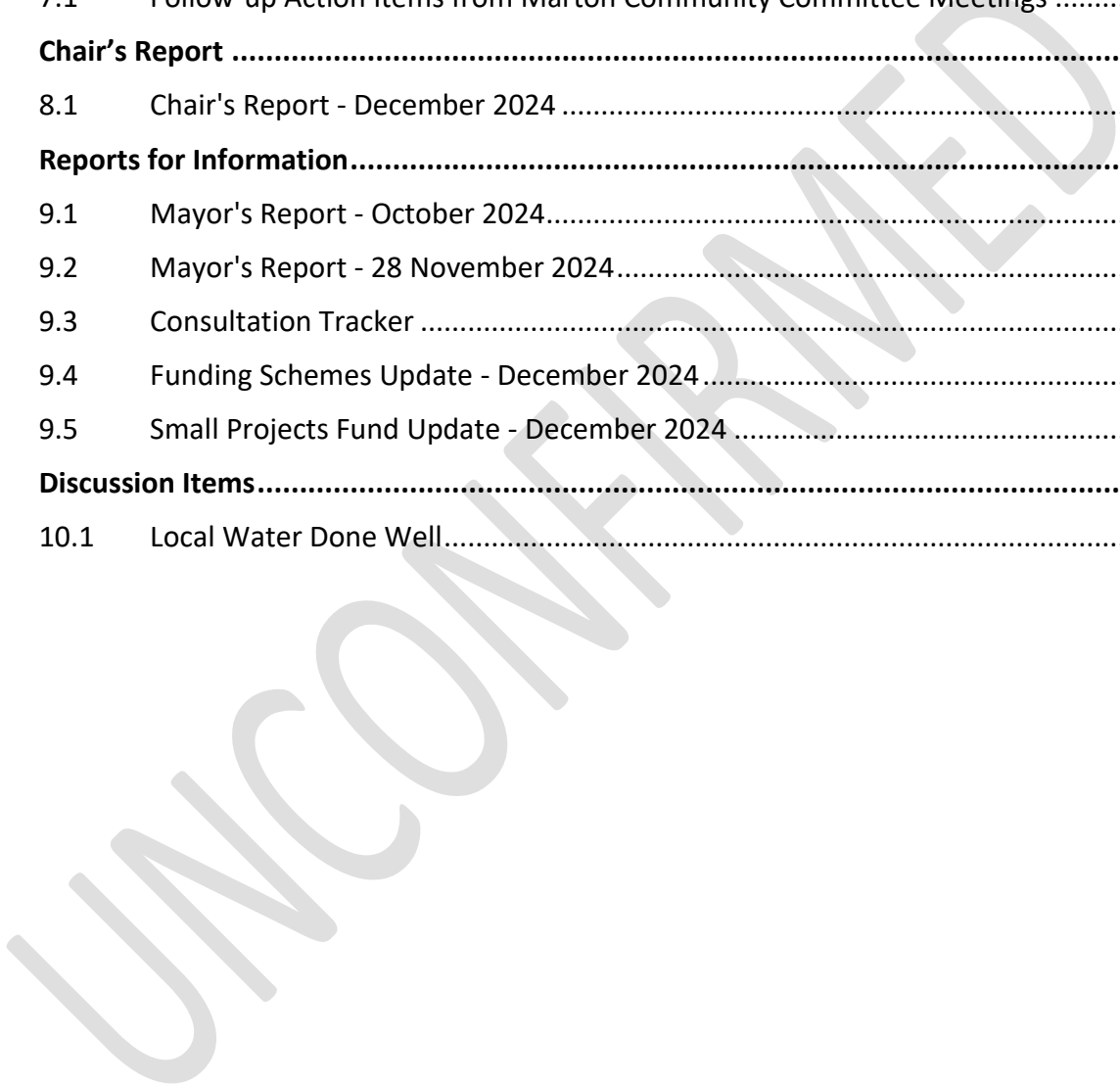
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## 1 Welcome

Carolyn welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs Duncan, Mr Farrell, Mrs Harvey-Larsen, HWTM Watson and Cr Maughan (later in the meeting).

## 3 Public Forum

There was no Public Forum.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

The order of business was not changed.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number 24/MCC/042**

That the minutes of Marton Community Committee Meeting held on 9 October 2024 **without amendment** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Ms S Moore/Mr J Whittaker. Carried

### 7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Marton Community Committee Meetings

#### Item 1 - Water access on the deck of Tutaenui Hall:

Mrs Bates noted this says it is completed but she hasn't heard anything about it being completed. She asked if anyone had been there and seen it? She is assuming it has been completed since the Report says it is.

**ACTION:** Mrs Bovey will follow up the water access on the deck of Tutaenui Hall.

#### Item 2 - Update on Calico Line footpath installation:

Mrs Bates noted the Calico Line path installation action was still in progress and she hasn't seen any changes since the sticks were put in people's gardens.

Cr Wilson said the sticks mark where the actual boundary is so first of all they had to establish that before they can take the steps to go further. There has been an update which would enable a

footpath on Calico Line that would not inconvenience the owners whilst recognising their properties are encroaching on the road boundary. There has been no further decision as to whether or not the Calico Line footpath will even go ahead because it is a project the Council is considering, as to whether or not it should go ahead along with a number of other unsubsidised roading projects. It is still up for discussion.

Mrs Bates said she thought it had been agreed in the Long Term Plan.

Cr Wilson said it has been agreed in the Long Term Plan but at the end of the day Council can do what it likes to a certain extent, saying that a little bit tongue in cheek. But Council has to consider what is unsubsidised funds given the shortfall we have been given from NZTA in our roading and we have to look at some of these things. The other one that has also been considered is whether or not the sealing behind Memorial Hall will continue. This is a direct cost to ratepayer and it needs to be considered when we are being short funded by NZTA for a significant amount of money. The money has to be found from somewhere and it's not saying that any decisions have been made, he is just saying that those sorts of decision are being considered along with some other roading projects just to see if they are still effectively fit for purpose and if they can be delayed to enable other works to be done.

Mrs Bates mentioned the swimming pool.

Cr Wilson said not even the swimming pool. This is the roading space. Quite simply NZTA is not funding us to the tune of, he could be wrong, for the next three years of \$11 million, so we have to go ok, what gives. It is prudent to have a look at all of the projects, particularly the unsubsidised ones and go ok, let's reconsider. That is not to say nothing will happen but decisions have to be thought about.

Mrs Bates said in the cold light of day to her, the space at the back of Memorial Hall may be nice if it was tarmacked but she didn't see that it was a necessity versus potholes in other areas.

Cr Wilson said these are the considerations they have and he is signalling there are a lot of discussions being had about where the works program is and what savings can be made, or what work can be deferred to make sure they can continue on with potholes and the more critical work and it is prudent to do so.

#### **Resolved minute number 24/MCC/043**

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

Mrs C Bates/Mrs J Greener. Carried

## **7 Chair's Report**

### **8.1 Chair's Report - December 2024**

Mrs Bates she has had various conversations about funding, not just our funding. She received an application on the Small Projects Fund form which actually was to do with a Marae Development Fund. Mrs Bates couldn't find anything on the Council website about that, but equally she hasn't

had a chance to talk to Jo Manuel who she was told is the person who passed on the information. The lady who looked at the website had been told, have a look there will be a form there.

Cr Wilson said it may have been inadvertently filled out incorrectly.

Mrs Bovey said there are lots of forms, she could potentially send her the right form.

Mrs Bates said 'Diane' laughed when she told her she had asked for \$5,000 when they only get \$3,500 and she thinks something is not right especially as the Marae is in Turakina's Ward, not Marton's. So she was desperately trying to get hold of her as that was the same day the Turakina meeting was on and she thought if it has to go through Turakina, she needs to get to the meeting that night. Then we clarified it was Marae Development.

Mrs Bates mentioned Market Day and Xmas Parade. She went to the Local Water Done Well talk in Bulls before the Bulls Community Committee meeting. She has one copy of the hand out from the meeting. She had had discussions with people about the swimming pool, basically people are champing at the bit for it to be open.

Mr Christison was told by a friend, who takes his kids to the pool, they were told by the staff that it will never open again.

Cr Wilson said that is an absolute incorrect statement and it is the farthest from Council's mind. Council is doing everything it possibly can to have it open next season in some form. There has been no discussion about the Council table about that. Having said that, one must realise that when a situation like this arises and you are sitting at a Council table, you must look at both ends of the book shelf, one end could be close it down and don't open it again. The other end could be a multi complex twice the size of what it is. Somewhere in the middle is where you are going to find the sweet spot but we must always, at Council, consider both ends of the book shelf. He can tell them right now and quite strongly that there is no appetite from Council to close the pool, in fact it's the opposite and Council is doing everything they can to get it open as quickly as they can but not in such a way that it may impede any future works that are needed to be done. We have to come up with a plan for the complex in its entirety then we have to pace and place the different stages as we go along. For example, if you have to replace one beam and next year another beam fails, it would have been inappropriate to do that. Or if you then said we lift the roof off and we do something then put the roof on and someone comes up with another idea and goes I wish you had told me before we took the roof off. So we need to plan things a little bit more and get our ducks in a row, but closing the pool is the farthest thing from Council's mind. But we do have to think about what the process is to make the pool fit for purpose for the next 20 or 30 years and a knee jerk reaction to one failed beam would result in a flawed process, he believes.

Mr Christison asked if it was only one beam.

Cr Wilson said it was only one beam that has failed, but one would assume that you are looking at all the other beams at the same time. He would also note there are a number of pools in the immediate area that have exactly the same beams and he is led to believe there are a number of organisations checking their beams. The beam structure is not uncommon and was common at the time and there are a number of other pools that have exactly the same type of beam structure.

Mr Christison asked if it was also true that it was not built to specifications.

Cr Wilson said not that he was aware of that.

Mr Christison said apparently there was supposed to be a piece through the top and it was never in place.

Cr Wilson said he is not aware of that but it would have been built to the standard at the time and that standard now is probably quite different. He said nothing has been brought to his attention that there was anything flawed in its initial construction. That may come out in the investigations into what has happened. At the end of the day investigating what happened 38 years ago is not as important as investigating how we are going to get it opened in effectively what is a year's time. That would be where his focus would want to be.

**Resolved minute number 24/MCC/044**

That the Chair's verbal Report –December 2024 be received.

Mrs C Bates/Ms S Moore. Carried

## 8 Reports for Information

### 9.1 Mayor's Report - October 2024

Cr Wilson couldn't speak to the Mayor's Report as they are his Reports but once again it should be acknowledged just how active HWTM Watson is in the district and for the district. It is an incredible amount of work that HWTM Watson does and a lot of what he does is possibly over and above what his actual job description says he should do. Cr Wilson thinks it should be acknowledged because it is a huge amount of work he does.

Mrs Bates said HWTM Watson was at the RSA Christmas Lunch on 1 December and her husband said to him so is this you finished for the day and he said no he has to go somewhere beyond Taihape.

Mrs Greener said you only have to read in the Mayor's report where he is all over the district in one day.

Cr Wilson thinks it goes somewhat unrecognised for the amount of work he does and it is all for the benefit of our district and for the ratepayers of the district sure but certainly for the benefit of the district.

Cr Wilson noted a large amount of the Order Paper was from LGNZ reports which he thinks is appropriate to share with the Committee. They can be a long read but it shows what is going on in that space as a conduit to central Government. Again there is a lot of work and to understand some of the mechanisms of the system which can be tiresome and complex.

Mrs Bates said she thought some people don't understand the system.

**Resolved minute number 24/MCC/045**

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

Mrs C Bates/Mr J Whittaker. Carried

## 9.2 Mayor's Report - 28 November 2024

### Resolved minute number 24/MCC/046

That the Mayor's Report – 28 November 2024 be received.

Mrs C Bates/Mr J Whittaker. Carried

## 9.3 Consultation Tracker

Mrs Bates noted on this that at the end of paragraph 1.2, it talks about Community Committees but not Boards, she is assuming that is an oversight that Boards will be included?

Cr Wilson confirmed it goes to Boards, as did Mrs Bovey.

Cr Wilson also wanted to make the Committee aware, he is sure Mrs Bates is, they get asked to consult on all sorts of legislation but they also are asked to give feedback to all sorts of policies and things put in by Government. They don't respond to all of them, some are just nationwide, but they certainly do respond to the ones with a specific meaning or reference to the district so whilst this is an indication of the Consultation Tracker, there is a huge amount of other stuff Council staff are submitting on through to local Government. It is massive and if you see the Reports he sees, which are often on the Council website, the amount of consultation and submissions they have to do and the time it takes and sometimes the short amount of time that Council is required to either submit to, it is physically not possible for the Council to submit to every submission to the Government.

Mrs Bovey confirmed it was a huge amount of stuff and technical.

### Resolved minute number 24/MCC/047

That the report 'Consultation Tracker' be received.

Mrs C Bates/Mr D Christison. Carried

## 9.4 Funding Schemes Update - December 2024

Mrs Bates gave a brief of the amounts available for the various funds.

### Resolved minute number 24/MCC/048

That the Funding Schemes Update – December 2024 be received.

Mrs C Bates/Ms S Moore. Carried

## 9.5 Small Projects Fund Update - December 2024

Mrs Bates received a letter from Toaiva Launano-Tunai, she has applied to the Committee for funding. She has not given any indication of how much she is approaching us for, for her study to a Batchelor in Social Services Mental Health and Disability. She says she is attaching proper documentation of the offer of acceptance, with copies for anyone who wants to look at it, but that is just confirmation that she has been enrolled in the course. Again there is no indication of how much the cost of the course. Mrs Bates went on line, looking at the Otago website and it is over \$8,000 for one year.

Mr Christison asked how that helped our community by supporting her to do this.

Mrs Bates would say from the conversation that they have had over many months that she is looking at doing some more study to help her become more qualified to then be of greater benefit to the community. She lives in Marton and is presently employed by the Runanga, two days a week at the Stewart St Surgery and two days a week at Bulls. When Mrs Bates got this, she sent Toaiva an email back saying thanks, can she please fill in the form. The reason she did that was on the form it says how much are you wanting and if she fills in the form, we will then find out. There was no form forthcoming when she checked the emails today so she sent a text asking if she was coming tonight. On the basis she hasn't turned up and we don't know how much she is wanting, her suggestion is we either refuse it or we leave it over to the next meeting.

Mr Christison said, next meeting.

Mr Whittaker suggested also reply to her to say that had she considered any other options for funding and the guidelines for our one really is for community projects.

Mrs Bates said she is aware that she was applying to Rural Women because she asked if Mrs Bates could do a character reference for her because she had to, with her application, put in two references. One she was putting in her Tutor and the other one had to be somebody to do with Rural Women. Mrs Bates went back to her and said she wasn't a member of Rural Women but she can connect her with people who she knows are in Rural Women. The next conversation was she was having a talk with Pauline Masters who is involved in the middle layer of governance and she knows Toaiva was meeting with Pauline a couple of Saturdays back but that is as much as she is aware. Whether Toaiva is getting any funding from them at this stage, Mrs Bates has no idea nor deadline is, but for us, not knowing how much, and Mrs Bates is happy for someone else to read the application in case she has missed this, but she is stuck.

Mrs Bovey suggested that if she hasn't followed the process and filled out the form, it shouldn't be considered until next time.

Mrs Bates said when she talked to her in the past she said she doesn't have to fill in the form but you do have to answer all the questions, as one of the questions is how much do you want, if that's not included.

Cr Wilson suggested the way forward was simply to ask her to resubmit to the Committee meeting and it would be absolutely appropriate to have a chat to her saying the feeling of the Committee was it wasn't a complete form and perhaps she could revisit that and resubmit. That is a nice simple way forward.

Mrs Bates thought if she comes at least she can talk around it and do whatever.



**Resolved minute number 24/MCC/049**

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

Mr D Christison/Cr D Wilson. Carried

## 9 Discussion Items

### 10.1 Local Water Done Well

Mrs Bates anticipated somebody would be there to talk to everybody about Local Water Done Well.

Cr Wilson said he could talk to some of it but it is a very moving beast, ask the question and he will do his best to answer because with little information coming from the Government and a lot of guess work being done as to what the next tranche of the Bill may or may not be. It is a very, very difficult space to be working in at the moment.

Mrs Bates had one copy of the Local Water Done Well leaflet and that was handed out.

Cr Wilson asked if there were any specific questions anyone's got, he may not be able to answer them, there is a lot of work going on, there it the leaflet Mrs Bates referred to out there which gives some idea about the next stages.

Mrs Bates said at the Bulls meeting there was talk about giving feedback or making decisions by the end of the year, is that still in place.

Cr Wilson said the next two things are they have to have a Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP) developed and presented to DIA (Department of Internal Affairs) by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2025, that is quite a critical timeline for us to work to. The next stages are there have been a significant amount of conversations being had with our neighbouring Councils as to a certain extent who we are getting into bed with and who wants to be in the sandpit. Some Councils have already made those decisions. Whanganui made their decision today, he has been privy to what that decision is, they will announce it themselves tomorrow. Manawatu and Palmerston North have indicated what their positions are. The Rangitikei District Council's preferred position is to be in a larger grouping, the Horizons territory, it could be up to seven authorities. So that is our preferred position and our second position is to form some sort of CCO arrangement or something of that nature. Remember we are yet to make that decision because there are several different choices of CCO that you can have, he thinks there are five different options. Our preferred option is to form a CCO arrangement or some sort, the second position, with Whanganui, Ruapehu and ourselves. That item is on the Council agenda for discussion tomorrow. For those of you who are interested, take the time to look at the Council Order Papers, there is a very good 20 page report which is being presented to Council tomorrow. It is quite detailed, it is not an arduous read but in his opinion it is an accurate report that covers the last 8 months of work that has been going on and lists the 13 or 14, he thinks, meetings that have been held around this subject and in his opinion, it is quite a good report that encompasses where we have started to from the Government coming in and repeating the Three Waters back in February to where we have got to now. Within that space there has been a huge amount of work done.

Mrs Bates asked did everyone realise as well as having formal Council meetings, Councillors have workshops, this has been the topic of workshops when you look at the details.

Cr Wilson said workshops, he has attended meetings in Whanganui, Palmerston North with Councillors from other Councils, Mayors and Chief Executives. Everyone is trying to flesh out what this piece of legislation is coming down the line effectively like a steam train from Central Government and what does it look like. The biggest concern he can see is what does it look like for the Rangitikei, not right now, but in three to five years' time when this is going to be enacted, 2027 2028 is when this comes in and the one concern that he will share, and he does know HWTM Watson shares the same concern, is how do we still be relevant and have a voice with bigger parties. One of the things we are strongly suggesting is each Council has one vote, so if we end up in a situation, for example, with Palmerston North with more people, we wouldn't want to see a situation where given the size of their population, that they have two votes. We want one Council one vote. That is what we are working on. The outcomes of what comes from these decisions when they are made still have to be approved by the DIA, the Water Services Delivery Plan. That has got to be approved by them and, if it is financially sustainable, they will be checking the maths to make sure it is what it is, the CCO's will be formed, if that is the process we go through. Boards will be appointed and those Boards will be given a series of instructions effectively by the Councils to deliver to whoever the end make up is, whether it is a CCO or whatever. That is the key part we need to keep an eye on, how do we have our say in the next stage of this. Change is coming, the simple fact of the matter, it was coming with Three Waters. This is just a slightly different version of Three Waters in his opinion. Change has to come, something has to be done with the way we deliver our three water infrastructure. We can't continue with it with the way it is at the moment, it is really quite simple. This is a 30 year program of work to deal with the issue of three waters and infrastructure but how do we make sure that the Rangitikei and the people of the Rangitikei have a voice and are relevant, that our work programs that we need to get done and don't get pushed aside by other organisations, that's the key and that is where the big questions needs to be asked. There is a lot of work to be done.

## **10.2 Fluoridation**

Mr Christison said he knows the Council has a lot of work on its plate but he sees one Council has already voted against fluoride and it was across the board and every Councillor said no.

Cr Wilson said this was Whangarei.

Mr Christison asked if the Rangitikei District Council would consider doing such a thing?

Cr Wilson said we haven't been asked to do it, we have not had a direction to that so it would be pre-emptive for him to give it consideration. The only thing with fluoride, two years ago Council was asked to formulate or indicate to one of the Government Departments, he is not sure which one, what the cost would be to the district to install fluoride into our system. That was the only piece of information he has.

Mr Christison said he thinks the Government is really pushing for it.

Cr Wilson said they have had no indication of that come across the Council table he is aware of. He has not seen any requests for it, he has not been made aware of it, either from the Chief Executive or the Mayor and he is aware of that decision made in Whangarei but it is not a decision on the

Council table and he has no indication of it even being on the Council table at any time soon. When it comes up, Council will make its decision based on that preference.

Mr Christison asked will it be up for debate, is it just a Council decision or will you make it a public.

Cr Wilson said who knows, it depends on what the directive comes from whichever department sends it to Council. It is premature to suggest whether it's a debatable thing or whether or not it's a consultative process that Council will need to go through. He really doesn't know without seeing any directive from whichever department it comes down to say what actions Council may or may not be required to do or whether or not there is any legal reference as to what they may or may not have to do. So without seeing that, it's a moot conversation because we haven't had anything given to us.

Mrs Bates said she read something a while ago, can't remember what it was, but fluoride was mentioned and she looked at the different Councils that had put fluoride in or not, and what she came up with was Rangitikei hadn't got fluoride, and she thought that was fine, it will come up at some point.

Cr Wilson said Rangitikei never have done, some Councils do and some Councils don't and he knows there is great debate whether it's good or bad or indifferent. He doesn't think it's worthwhile debating the point as nothing has come to the Council table asking us to formally install fluoride in our water. The only question that was asked was would we could come back with some prices, what the fluoridation of our plant would cost, and that is the only information we have replied back with. We have not been asked to take anything more with the question of fluoride. And some people say it's poison and some will say it's not, and there is science for and against, he doesn't want to get into a debate about it but from a Council point of view we haven't been asked to consider it from that first request which was about two years ago.

Mrs Bates' view is if you don't put fluoride in the water, then people have the choice to use toothpaste with fluoride in it or not then it is the purchaser in the household's choice.

Cr Wilson said, again Chair, no point in debating it there because we will go round and round in circles.

Mr Christison asked if we would get fair notice that it is coming up though?

Cr Wilson said as soon as any information comes to Council we will have to follow the process but at this stage it is not sitting on it, he does not know.

Mrs Bates said if the directive from on high comes down to say you will do, then there is no consultation with the masses, the directive from on high says we are encouraging you to do that, then you have more chance of having more consultation. Remember it is how its worded from on high as to whether Council get the option to consult.

Cr Wilson suggested Mr Christison, if he hasn't done so already, have a look at the Whangarei Council website, have a look at their Minutes, find out what was the actual motion Councillors voted against and see if there was a report that lead to that motion and that may give you some information as to what being directed, who it was being directed by. Cr Wilson was sure it was the Whangarei District Council, correct him if he is wrong, but again for us to have this conversation is a moot point. Right here and right now it is not on the Council's topic for discussion and they have received no instruction one way or the other.

### **10.3 Marton Water**

Mr Whittaker said while we are on the topic of water, he thinks it has improved.

Cr Wilson said he hoped so. He would rather have people talking to him about it on a one on one, then we can share it.

Mr Whittaker asked about the bore and what is happening.

Cr Wilson said the bore is down, it's 490 metres deep, the water down there has been tested as to what the makeup of that water is. As expected iron, calcium and manganese as most bore water is. We have the flows, we know we have 600 litres per second, so we know we have the capacity. The test bore goes down then it becomes the production bore. That work has now been completed and it's got a big cap on it. The next stage is to take some of that water through a smaller, not much bigger than the table, nano filtration plant, that is to test the type of filters that we are going to need in an upscale plant to make sure we get the outcome we are looking for at the end. So that is going through its testing at the moment. The first round of filters didn't prove to be as successful as we had, as we decided, so we have got some more filters which are now being tested and those results are proving to be pretty good. He said to the Team that are leading the project as an Assets meeting, the original project was set up in 2019 with a completion date of December 2024, we are there now. And whilst that was a desirable date, he said do not rush to that date if they haven't got it right. He would rather they came to the Council table and said we need to delay this project six months to get it right and that is effectively what's happened. Because they are going to need to test it, test it and test it. We get one chance to get this process right. So that is the process where it's at, at the moment. But where the risk lies, and he has said this publicly around the Council table, we have to temper people's expectations, because come a certain date in May, whatever the case may be, they are not going to get champagne coming out of the taps. You are going to get water that will meet the strategy and one must always refer back, what was the original strategy. If you have a strategy to do something, you should always check in periodically that everything you are doing meets the original strategy. The original strategy is to have clear water which is consistent in colour, odour, taste, smell and meets regulatory requirements. Those are the five things that the strategy was always set up to do and at this stage we are still on target to meet those. And providing that we have met those at the end of the project, his opinion is the project will be successful, but the end result of water that comes out, some people may not like the taste of it. And remember there is different water everywhere. There are people in Whanganui that do not like the taste of the Whanganui water. He is fortunate enough to have a place at Foxton Beach, the water is awful. People tastes are different and we have to make sure that whilst the strategy is in place to meet those five targets, and if its meets those targets which means we won't get the seasonal change that anyone who has lived in Marton as long as any of us have, we know it comes generally in January, we got caught out in the middle of November, which happened a lot earlier, if the strategy meets the five points that we need to do, then the project is a success. But some people may not like the end result of what that water is. They may take some time to adjust and we will be looking to go through a process where we are going to blend the two waters so that there is a more gradual change as the water is switched slowly out of one to ramp up the other.

Mr Christison asked once the process has been done, will the lake be redundant and used for recreation?

Cr Wilson said no, they will stay in place and they will always be used as an emergency backup. If the bore collapsed 490 metres down for example, you would want to make sure you had another water source. Council is working on a plan, a great idea if they can do it, but the logistics of it are quite difficult, is to have some form of an open day at the treatment plant to allow people to go through and have a greater understanding that water doesn't just come out of sky. Water actually has to be produced to go down your taps and if we can get that happening in some form of open day. Then a lot of people will understand that the basic treatment plan was built over a 100 years

and it was built and designed through its carbon filters, sand filters, UV and chlorinated and that process but it was designed to treat dam water. You have to have a completely different treatment process to treat bore water. That's why it's as complex as it is and takes as long as it does. He is really hopeful Council can move to having an open day of some sort, the logistics will be difficult with health and safety and people walking around the water plant so there is health and safety that has to happen. He is happy the project is getting near the pointy end but there is still a lot of work going on to make sure we have it right.

Mrs Bates said she thinks the Open Day is a good idea, always a fan of Open Days.

Cr Wilson said they are working towards but it does create some complexities that he couldn't guarantee to this Committee now that it is something that would go ahead. There is a desire to do it, we think it would be very beneficial for people to see how our water is made and what the makeup of it is, some complexities around doing it.

Mrs Bates said an alternative in her mind is send Ben (from the Communications Team) out there with his camera.

Cr Wilson yes, said that could be a thing. Water is a complex beast and we all know it is a problem. He wanted to share the updates around the water, we all know it's bad, we are working on it. The Ratepayers are on working on it because it's costing them.

#### **10.4 Closed Toilets in Lower High Street**

Mr Whittaker queried the toilets opposite Mad Tom's, he asked if they were still closed?

Cr Wilson said there was no intention of opening them at this stage.

Mr Whittaker spoke to a bus driver when they had three or four public sessions at the Village Green space and the roads were chocker, the people were chocker and the bus turned up, the people had to get off the bus and walk up to Follett St to the toilet. The Bus driver said he wasn't allowed to park up there because there wasn't parks up there.

Cr Wilson asked if it was a normal day or was there an event on.

Mr Whittaker said there was an event on, a public concert or something.

Cr Wilson said that shouldn't have stopped him from parking in Follett Street, you can park a bus in Follett Street.

Mr Whittaker said there are no car parks in Follett Street and there is no parking, so that is what he said, they are not allowed to do it.

Cr Wilson asked; was he saying there was an event on so there wasn't enough room to park his bus.

Mr Whittaker said yes. He said there were two buses pulled up and they had to wait half an hour for the people to go and back.

Cr Wilson asked were they the Transit buses?

Mr Whittaker said they were the InterCity buses.

Mrs Bovey said if they came off State Highway 1, they come past Centennial Park, they can stop there.

Cr Wilson said there are no plans to open that toilet again.

Mrs Bates said she thought they were going to be demolished.

Cr Wilson said he doesn't know if they were to be demolished or not, he couldn't answer to that.

Mr Yates said he used to be an InterCity bus driver and spoke to the distance between Flat Hills, Marton and Bulls and the need for passengers to go to the toilet. This is the only place they have got to go to and the buses have pretty strict timeframes.

Cr Wilson asked do the bus drivers know there is a toilet at Centennial Park. There is no reason they couldn't park a bus there, he knows it's not a bus stop.

Mr Whittaker was going to suggest why don't they put or talk about getting some bus stops inserted by Centennial Park by the Rose garden on both sides.

Cr Wilson said that has been considered but it isn't quite as simple as it might seem though. He is thinking particularly about the toilets in Follett Street, it is quite easy to come in that way, down Follett Street, go straight through around the back of the shops and end up in there. It wouldn't be an onerous journey. Going either way in a bus you would end up going back up Follett Street.

Mr Whittaker asked wasn't it just easier to reopen the toilets. A lot of people are saying why don't the Council reconsider their decision rather than putting in a new one here and a new one there. Surely it must be cheaper than a new one.

Cr Wilson is not actually sure you need to have a new one. He knows what Mr Whittaker is saying but he is wondering if there is an education process that could come here because if you look where the toilets are particularly in Follett Street, and to a certain extent Centennial Park, it is literally 500 metres on any bus route from that point, no matter which way.

Mrs Greener said probably Centennial Park is easier because you can never get a park in Follett Street.

Cr Wilson said to answer your question, there are no plans from the Council to open those toilets.

Mr Spence said as a regular volunteer at the Op Shop, they often have customers asking to leave stuff there and stop in the wheelchair park outside to load up. They buy stuff and can't carry it all in their arms back to the car. They have had to park hundreds of metres away.

Mr Whittaker said there were quite a few wheelchairs there at the Green space.

Mr Christison said the problem is, do you have 100 toilets.

Mr Whittaker said there are two toilets just down the road and you bought three new toilets.

Ms Moore said they would need complete rebuilding. Where they are, they are on route between all the pubs and you could imagine the state they used to be in.

Mr Whittaker thought he would bring it up because there are a lot of people talking about it.

Cr Wilson said Council hears that talk as well.

Mr Whittaker said you have solved that because its Council land isn't it.

Cr Wilson said it's a funny little piece of land, just that little square. It is not on the radar.

### **10.6 Walker Park, Bulls toilets**

Cr Wilson said one of the things on the radar, which came out of the Long Term was consideration of toilets in Walker Park in Bulls where the Bulls and the Water Tower. That is the only thing on toilets in the district which may be considered in the future, is at Walker Park. This was a request that came, from the Bulls Community Committee?

Mr Yates said no.

Cr Wilson said it came from somebody that there was a request which has gone further for consideration.

**10.6 High Street buildings**

Mrs Bates asked if there has been an interest in the buildings on High Street and Broadway.

Cr Wilson said there have been four expressions of interest were received and he is not sure where they are going. A couple were being further discussed but what the makeup is of that who would know.

**10.7 Rail Hub Land**

Mr Whittaker asked about news on the Rail Hub land.

Cr Wilson asked if he meant the bit that was being rezoned. There is nothing, all the actions of the Environment Court have been enacted and the land is now deemed to be 65 hectares of industrial land. That would allow interested parties who are looking to development it further, to now be having more definite conversations with funders because there is a significant amount of money to be funded to carry on. The Council’s role in that process was to get it rezoned and of which 65 hectares was rezoned. Obviously there were some court matters that were challenged, it went through the Environment Court then went back to the Environment Court. Those matters have all been settled so the process of that has been enacted with the provisions of the Environment Court being done. Those players with some more certainty can now come together and make greater commercial decisions, again it’s another three to five year long project. We have seen changes of Government in that space, changes of views. The world is a different place to what it was five years ago. He is very much in favour of development of that kind and nature, he thinks it’s good for the district. A lot of people have a different opinion but he doesn’t mind sharing that he is a supporter of the Rail Hub project in its principle.

**10.8 Kensington Road Wood Plant**

Mrs Bates mentioned the area on Kensington Road where the wood plant used to be, there doesn’t seem as if there has been much happening there for a while.

Cr Wilson said he couldn’t comment on that, he is not privy to what goes on there or what they are doing.

Mr Whittaker asked if it was that plastic wood.

Cr Wilson said there was some testing of some description going on and it would have been on the Council Order Paper some time ago but it’s not something he has taken particular focus on. He couldn’t make any comment on it.

**The meeting closed at 7.05pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Marton Community Committee held on 12 February 2025.**

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**Chairperson**

# MINUTES

## **UNCONFIRMED: BULLS COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Date:** Wednesday, 22 January 2025

**Time:** 6.00pm

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

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**Present** Mr Nigel Bowen  
Mr Greg Smith  
Mr David Yates  
Mr Bruce Dear  
Cr Brian Carter

**In attendance** Cr Paul Sharland  
Ms Melanie Bovey, Manager- Heritage and Culture  
Ms Katrina Gray, Manager Strategy and Development  
Ms Margaret Robinson  
Ms Carolyn Bates



**Order of Business**

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## 1 Welcome

Mr Smith opened the meeting.

## 2 Apologies

**Resolved minute number 25/BCC/001**

Apologies received from Graham Jenkins and Alistair Stewart.

Cr B Carter/Mr G Smith. Carried

## 3 Public Forum

Margaret Robinson

Spoke about Dog Agility Area and Domain Upgrade

The group pays rent on the grounds and there is sometimes agility equipment up in the area.

Spoke about Suggestions for walking track Bridge to Cemetery.

The committee supported the walkways in the township and noted there are some issues with walkways beside the river as some areas are eroding away.

The Bulls Community Development Trust is working on a walkway, but the committee is awaiting further information on this project.

Ms Robinson advocated for the walkway, and this should be useable for the community.

Carolyn Bates

Spoke about Marae signage and state highways.

The committee discussed the expense of this.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

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Confusion through the minutes as read.

**Resolved minute number 25/BCC/002**

That the minutes of Bulls Community Committee Meeting held on 13 November 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/Cr B Carter. Carried

## 7 Follow-up Actions

### 7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Bulls Community Committee Meetings

Follow up with Cr Loudon for the figures he said he would provide on Te Matapihi regarding the volunteer hours. Cr Carter undertook following up on this item.

Remove item 2 from the follow up actions and the Te Matapihi volunteer plaque is added.

**Resolved minute number 25/BCC/003**

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

Mr G Smith/Cr B Carter. Carried

## 8 Chair's Report

### 8.1 Chairman's Report - January 2025

Mr Smith attended Local Water Done Well drop-in sessions, met with Craig Pocock on the Bulls Domain and attended the Whanganui Vintage Weekend.

Mr Smith noted that the Public Spaces Bylaw is not being enforced, likely because of lack of RFS from the community.

**Resolved minute number 25/BCC/004**

That the Chairman's Report – January 2025 be received.

Mr B Dear/Mr D Yates. Carried

## 9 Reports for Information

### 9.1 Bulls Open Space Project

Ms Gray was in attendance to present this item to the committee, there will be future workshops with the community with Mr Pocock to support this work. Ms Gray highlighted that any users'

groups that the committee members are aware of that should be contacted/ engaged in for the workshops should be sent to Kezia Spence.

It was noted the importance of having a plan for Haylock Park before making any major decisions that may require changing later.

The committee expressed frustration with the communication between Council and the Bulls Community Committee.

It is expected the community engagement workshops will be end of February/March. The importance of this is engaging with all user groups in Bulls to make sure the planning is appropriate for the community.

Ms Bovey undertook to follow up on supporting communication between council staff and the Bulls Community Committee.

**Resolved minute number 25/BCC/005**

That the report Bulls Open Space Project be received.

Mr G Smith/Cr B Carter. Carried

**9.2 Mayor's Report - 28 November 2024**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 25/BCC/006**

That the Mayor's Report – 28 November 2024 be accepted.

Mr G Smith/Mr D Yates. Carried

**9.3 Mayor's Report - 12 December 2024**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 25/BCC/007**

That the Mayor's Report – 12 December 2024 be accepted.

Mr G Smith/Mr D Yates. Carried

**9.4 Neighbourhood Play System Bulls**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 25/BCC/008**

That the 'Neighbourhood Play System Bulls' is received.

Mr B Dear/Cr B Carter. Carried

### 9.5 Small Projects Fund Update - January 2025

Mr Smith noted the available funds.

**Resolved minute number 25/BCC/009**

That the report 'Small Projects Fund Update –January 2025 be received.

Mr B Dear/Cr B Carter. Carried

### 9.6 Funding Schemes Update - January 2025

Mr Smith noted the dates to committee members.

**Resolved minute number 25/BCC/010**

That the Funding Schemes Update – January 2025 be received.

Mr G Smith/Mr B Dear. Carried

## 10 Discussion Items

### 10.1 Campfest Planning

Mr Smith spoke about the toilet block and the mural there that is damaged. There is a second quote from Julie Oliver who is a local, costing \$860.

The committee discussed this item in-depth, and the risks associated with further graffiti.

There was discussion of membership and voting members for the Bulls Community Committee.

**Resolved minute number 25/BCC/011**

That the Bulls Community Committee accept Julie Olivers quote for \$860, with the condition the work is completed 21 February 25.

Mr G Smith/Mr N Bowen. Carried Against Mr Dear, Cr Carter

### 10.2 Bulls Domain Upgrade

This item had been discussed by the committee earlier in the agenda.

### 10.3 Dog Agility Equipment

The committee continued discussion from public forum.

The doggy poo bag dispenser was also discussed and that this can be purchased from a company in Palmerston North for \$460. There was discussion that this should be on dog owners to take responsibility. The committee also discussed who would replenish the bags once the first lot were used Council or the committee.

**10.4 Haylock Park Picnic Area**

There has been previous discussion on this item, this is not a permanent table and can be moved if needed if there are any other plans from Council.

Assuming the committee will complete the labour of this project.

This is just for the general project and pricing, and then this will go to the council Parks Team to include them in the conversation.

**Resolved minute number 25/BCC/012**

That the Bulls Community Committee earmark \$1500 towards relocation of picnic tables to Haylock Park.

Mr G Smith/Mr B Dear. Carried

**10.5 Christmas Celebration Details**

Mr Smith noted this item for the committee to consider.

**10.6 Community Patrol**

Mr Smith noted the need for more community patrollers.

**The meeting closed at 8.06pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Bulls Community Committee held on 12 March 2025.**

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**Chairperson**