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HUNTERVILLE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Monday, 10 June 2024

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Hunterville Town Hall
Bruce Street
Hunterville

Chair: Ms Karen Kennedy

Deputy Chair: Ms Kelsey Smith

Membership: Ms Sandra Carroll
Ms Lynette Thompson
Ms Jane Watson
Ms Charissa Lawlor
Mr Justin Adams
Cr Fi Dalgety
Cr Richard Lambert(Alternate)
HWTM Andy Watson

Purpose of the Committee

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

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¹ Appended to the Delegations Register

Notice is hereby given that a Hunterville Community Committee Meeting of the Rangitikei District Council will be held in the Hunterville Town Hall, Bruce Street, Hunterville on Monday, 10 June 2024 at 6.30pm.

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1 Welcome

2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, [enter item number](#) be dealt as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from **Huntermville Community Committee Meeting held on 15 April 2024** are attached.

Attachments

1. **Huntermville Community Committee Meeting - 15 April 2024**

Recommendation

That the minutes of Huntermville Community Committee Meeting held on 15 April 2024 [**as amended/without amendment**] be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

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MINUTES



UNCONFIRMED: HUNTERVILLE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Monday, 15 April 2024
Time: 6.30pm
Venue: Hunterville Town Hall
Bruce Street
Hunterville

Present

- Ms Sandra Carroll
- Ms Lynette Thompson
- Ms Kelsey Smith
- Ms Karen Kennedy
- Ms Jane Watson
- Ms Charissa Lawlor
- Cr Fi Dalgety

In attendance

- Mr Justin Adams
- Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager- Community
- Ms Sheryl Srhoj, Manager- Community Property
- Mr Paul Chaffe, Senior Emergency Management Advisor

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1 Welcome

Chair welcomed all

2 Apologies

Apologies received from His Worship the Mayor and Cr Lambert.

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

That Item 11.1 Civil Defence Community Response Plan was moved to the beginning of the agenda.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Amendments

Item 10.1 Small Projects Fund Huntermville Bulletin to read

Recommendation

The Huntermville Community Committee agrees to sponsor Huntermville Bulletin for 1 page per issue @ \$30.00 for 12 months. \$360.00 per annum to be reviewed annually.

Charissa to submit an invoice for \$360.00 to Council for payment from our small project grant.

moved Karen Kennedy 2nd Cr Lambert

Item 4 Follow up actions to read Hatfull.

Item 11.3 Repaint seating to read onsite

Item 11.3 to read seat outside Kelsey's shop

Resolved minute number 24/HCC/011

That the minutes of Huntermville Community Committee Meeting held on 12 February 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 Kennedy/Cr R Lambert. Carried

7 Follow-up Actions

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Huntermville Community Committee Meetings

Item 1 Flags and Banners

This item has been submitted to the LTP. Ms Prince spoke to the item, Council may refer the committee back to the appropriate Funding Schemes for funding of this project. We will receive guidance on submitting our application.

Town Xmas lighting Ms Prince spoke to the item, the contractor checked the lights, however did not turn them on, Ms Prince has notified the contractor of the issue.

Item 2 Kiwiburn artwork

Ms Shroj spoke to the item. Council requests the community to obtain dimensions of artwork so location on the berm can be determined. Karen to contact Andy Justice from Kiwiburn for those details.

Item 3 Huntermville Community Plan

Karen and Charissa met with staff prior to this meeting. Ms Prince has created an editable excel worksheet linking Have Your Say Huntermville with the RDC draft community spatial plan.

As a committee or as individuals we can work on the spreadsheet to allocate the community suggestions into the appropriate column.

Resolved minute number 24/HCC/012

That the report ‘Follow-up Action Items from Huntermville Community Committee Meetings’ be received.

Ms K Kennedy/Ms J Watson. Carried

8 Chair’s Report

8.1 Chair's Report - April 2024

There was no report.

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Mayor's Report - March 2024

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Mayors Engagement

Huntermville School Assembly

Members of the Huntermville Community Committee would like to acknowledge HWTM for his attendance at the Huntermville School Assembly on 1st March 2024.

Two school students (Nellie Harvey and Kaitlin Ramsay) were recipients of the Huntermville Community Champion award for the month of March following their fundraising efforts for Arohanui Hospice. The girls raised over \$4000.00 and were highly commended by HWTM for their achievement.

LGNZ

Karen Kennedy wishes to thank HWTM and Councillors for their commitment to pushing the Local Government voice.

Resolved minute number 24/HCC/013

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

Ms K Kennedy/Ms J Watson. Carried

10 Reports for Information**10.1 Small Projects Fund Update - April 2024**

The paint and stain was donated by Sandra Carroll.

The Huntermville Community Committee extends their thanks to Sandra for her donations.

Our Small Projects Fund allocation is therefore \$754.00

Resolved minute number 24/HCC/014

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

Cr F Dalgety/Ms C Lawlor. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/HCC/015

That the Huntermville Community Committee recommends the \$400 allocated to repainting town seats be returned to the Small Projects Fund.

Ms L Thompson/Ms S Carroll. Carried

10.2 Social Media Guide for Community Committees

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/HCC/016

That the Social Media Guide for Community Committees report be received.

Ms K Kennedy/Ms S Carroll. Carried

10.3 Funding Schemes Update - April 2024

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/HCC/017

That the Funding Schemes Update –April 2024 be received.

Ms K Kennedy/Ms C Lawlor. Carried

10.4 Verbal Community Update from Staff

Ms Prince provided an update on the current and future work at Rangatira (Huntermville) Cemetery. Parks and Reserves are undertaking this work in conjunction with Veterans Affairs and RSA.

Resolved minute number 24/HCC/018

That the ‘Verbal Community update from Staff’ be received.

Ms K Kennedy/Ms J Watson. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/HCC/019

The that Huntermville Community Committee extends their thanks and appreciation to the Parks and Reserves team for the good work on the cemetery and our township, gardens, parks and playground.

Parks and Reserves have also funded the paint to refurbish the playground and Queens Park furniture.

Ms K Kennedy/Ms J Watson. Carried

11 Discussion Items

11.1 Civil Defence Community Response Plan

Paul Chaffe RDC Emergency Management Officer spoke to the item.

1. The expectation by emergency management.
2. who will do what
3. welfare centre v Civil Defence Centre
4. communication - radio - analogue v digital
5. developing a Civil Defence Plan
6. Vulnerable people -

Outcome

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A public meeting to be held on 29th May at 7pm, location to be advised. Kelsey and Charissa are organising the communications around this.

11.2 Late Item: Huntermville Community Food Bank

Kelsey spoke to the item.

There is interest in building a small structure to house the free food that is donated. This structure is an open wooden cupboard that can remain in front of Kelsey's bookshop.

Currently \$300 has been donated privately towards this project. Sandra has offered paint, Lynette has offered any timber that is suitable. Chris Hope is building the pantry.

Kelsey is seeking a small donation from the Huntermville Community Committee Small Projects Fund.

Resolved minute number 24/HCC/020

That the Huntermville Community Committee provides a donation of \$100 from the Small Project Funds towards this worthwhile project.

Ms K Kennedy/Ms J Watson. Carried

11.3 Late Item: Membership

Motion to co-opt Jason Adams onto the Huntermville Community Committee.

Resolved minute number 24/HCC/021

That the Huntermville Community Committee co-opt Justin Adams onto our committee.

Cr F Dalgety/Ms L Thompson. Carried

The meeting closed at 8.31am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Huntermville Community Committee held on 10 June 2024.

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Chairperson

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Huntermville Community Committee Meetings

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

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

2. Decision Making Process

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

Attachments:

1. **Follow-up Actions** [↓](#)

Recommendation

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

Current Follow-up Actions

Item	From Meeting Date	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments	Status
1	12-Feb-24	Who is responsible for replacing banner and flags	Sheryl	An update to provided at the meeting	In progress.
2	12-Feb-24	Kiwiburn sculpture to be installed on council berm outside Centennial Hall	Sheryl	An updated to be provided at the meeting.	In progress.
3	9-Oct-23	The HCC recommend RDC provide a facilitator to formulate our vision and Hunterville Community Plan document.	Katrina Gray	An updated to be provided at the meeting.	In progress.

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - June 2024

Author: Karen Kennedy, Chair

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The Chair may provide a verbal update.

Recommendation

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

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Mayor's Report - 30 May 2024

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

1. Reason for Report

On 8 May local volunteers from Forest & Bird together with the National Office opened a new access bridge at Mangahoe, Sutherlands Bush Reserve. The bridge was financed and constructed by Forest & Bird nationally but a huge number of hours have been spent by volunteers rebuilding the tracks. I have walked the reserve and it certainly is a special place.

Our district is well known for its events and the Cowper's Suzuki Extreme 4x4 challenge held last month in Turakina was exceptional – it was a stunning day that drew huge crowds of thousands and is filmed for TV which highlights our district nationally - what could be better.

Winter netball has kicked off and on 5 May I went north for the Open Day at Taihape and the first use of the Nga Awa building. Teams from Huntermville, Taihape and Ohakune areas meant the place was packed. My congratulations to the organisation committees that run these days.

Speaking of sport, on the weekend I attended the "Women in Sport Aotearoa" fundraising function in Palmerston North hosted by John and Angela Turkington. Around 400 people attended to listen to panels of high profile people talking about things such as encouragement to women to be involved in sport and coaching. A highlight for me was to listen to a Q&A session with Barbara Kendall our Olympic icon of New Zealand and IOC board member. I believe, with the auction, the night raised in excess of \$60,000 for women in sport. Angela and John support so much in our district and deserve our congratulations.

Roading

On 23 April I attended a Road Controlling Authority meeting in Wellington. This gave an indication of the new Government's thinking around roading. The meeting was significant so I am reporting on it with my thoughts.

The meeting started with a panel discussion including Nick Leggett (CE of Infrastructure New Zealand), David Gordon (Chief Planning Officer Assets KiwiRail and Liam Hodgetts (Chief Infrastructural Moderator Wellington Council). The standout points were –

1. David Gordon

- Under the new GPS (Government's Policy Statement) rail will not be subsidised by the Government.
- He noted that rail throughout the world is generally subsidised by Governments.
- There is no profitability in rail lines north of Napier or the West Coast of the South Island.
- Rail has been told by Government to reduce its costs.
- He made comment that rail has not gone deliberately with Tier 1 contractors to maintain the rail network. (Note: Tier 1 contractors are companies like Fletchers, Downers, Higgins), but rail use local contractors to help drive down costs and

- increase competition. The point is that roading authorities/NZTA should do the same.
2. All the panel agreed that the standard of New Zealand infrastructure, especially roading was deteriorating.
 3. All agreed that the Government is looking to long term planning, i.e. beyond three year terms of Government, which is a massive step forward.
 4. **Minister Simeon Brown** – Minister of Energy, Transport, Infrastructure & Local Government
 - Under this Government the GPS roading/transport is of the highest priority.
 - Spending of the Government will be focussed on economic growth.
 - Safety – we will look for value for money. The focus here is on reducing the safety costs/traffic management in roading.
 - Transport is an economic enabler which also facilitates housing.
 - Maintenance of roads increases the safety of roads.
 - Road User Charges will increase based on the size of the vehicle and distance travelled including cars and EV vehicles.
 - The Minister made the point that “over the last few years there have been huge increases in the spend of cycling but the percentage of people cycling has not changed” and he questioned if this is value for money. He noted that “75% of New Zealanders get into a vehicle to go to work and only 2% get on a bike to do that and funding should reflect that percentage”.
 - The Minister reflected that as a country we dream up 67 ways (note, there are 67 Councils in New Zealand) of doing things. There is a need to standardise within reason, drainage, bridge building and roading solutions.
 5. **Nicole Rosie** – Chief Executive of NZTA
 - The Government has very clearly laid out their expectations (noting that this is a welcoming position and hasn’t always been the case).
 - Nicole points out the need for consistency of governance within NZTA. In four years she and the organisation have had multiple ministers and chairs.
 - The increase on focus of maintenance of roads is welcome but notes that we do not have the capacity in New Zealand to carry out work for a dramatically increased spend. The work programmes needed will need to be ramped up over time.
 - We also have variable performance from personnel/contractors in New Zealand. Ideally the roading issue on SH25A should be replicated in New Zealand (this is where a new bridge was designed and built in record time to enable the road to be reopened).
 - We, NZTA, believe in private/public partnerships.
 - NZTA, like all Government Departments, have to reduce costs by 7.5%. Nicole also accepted that there were, and still are, inefficiencies in public service.
 - We, as an agency, are becoming more efficient, call waiting times on phones has moved from an average of 20 minutes to 2 minutes.
 - Closing some roads to do maintenance work would reduce traffic management costs (Nicole is aware that traffic management adds in the order of 35% to roading costs).
 - Agrees that Tier 2/3 contractor use should increase and that NZTA needs to increase the capability of Councils to use their 2/3 contractors.

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- Road User Charges (RUCs) based on distance travelled will be an issue of equity. What she is saying here is that wealthy people tend to live closer to work/cities and therefore will pay less.
6. **Minister Shane Jones** (via Zoom) – Minister for Oceans & Fisheries, Regional Development, Resources and Associate Minister of Finance and Energy
- “NZ First is here to make things happen and do it quicker”.
 - We are hindered as a country by ecologies – “one frog can add \$6m to the cost of infrastructure”. I think this is a reference directly to roadworks on Mt Messenger and the need for fast-track legislation.
 - Wildlife Acts will be replaced by business cases, i.e. cost benefit analysis.
 - “We, NZ First, campaign on statutory reforms and this is reflected in the fast-track legislation now in the Select Committee”.
7. **Andrew Clark** – National Manager of Maintenance Operations NZTA
- Cost increases on delivering road resurfacing have increased by 21% since 2021.
 - All other costs associated with roading are increasing as well.
 - Traffic management thoughts –
 - 20% of traffic management costs are not needed;
 - 69.8 of sites have traffic management in place while work is not proceeding.
 - Our roading network continues, and will continue, to decline in standard.
 - The need to move to rollout a new risk based approach to traffic management.
 - We need to consider –
 - Closing roads and using detours;
 - Dealing with multiple roading issues at the same time (e.g. mowing/maintenance/rubbish/Powerco issues etc).
 - There needs to be a shift in thinking to a ‘whole of life’. Building stronger in the first instance = a longer service life and therefore less maintenance.

On 2 May I received from NZTA the Government’s position on funding of emergency roading works. Emergency work is done where our roading networks are hit with climatic events such as cyclones resulting in unprogrammed repairs beyond maintenance. These events have become more common as everyone is aware. NZTA proposed changes include –

1. Changing the qualifying trigger for emergency event funding from a 1 in 10 year event to a 1 in 20 year event.
2. A reduction in the FAR assistance above our existing FAR (Financial Assistance Rate) from +20% to a +10%.
3. Restricting further bespoke assistance rates where a much larger assistance could be given.

These changes would, if adopted, take place in July 2025.

We must submit to this consultation process!

The history of events in our district would indicate that this would probably add millions of dollars of costs to our ratepayers over a period of the LTP and/or result in roads either not being serviced or poorly maintained. Attached is the Memorandum from Nicole Rosie, CE of NZTA.

Council deliberated last week on our Long Term Plan. We firstly acknowledge a record number of submitters and thank people for their interest in Local Government and their concerns around rating positions and affordability which was reflected often in the submissions. I and Council would also like to acknowledge the huge amount of work that was done by staff in preparing an amazing document of submissions and the suggestions made in responses to submitters. Certainly one of the drivers of Council during the day was to reduce the rate burden. We are still yet to calculate the final rates position however the indications are that rates may come down slightly on the forecast within the consultation document. In part, this has been achieved because of the lack of need to depreciate fund some of our earthquake prone Council buildings. This decision makes commonsense. Probably one of the most contentious decisions was the decision not to open the swimming pool in Marton over the winter months. To open the pool over those months would have come at considerable expense and Council has also been informed by staff that considerable money may have to be spent on the maintenance of the pool and building. The decision process is not yet complete, Councillors asked for more information on a few issues, including the ability to change the UAGC (Uniform Annual General Charge). These issues will go back to Council at their meeting at the end of May. To test who is still reading this lengthy report, there is a chocolatey prize for the first Elected Member/Staff Member who sees this.

Accelerate25 is the regional body promoting economic growth within the Horizons area that was set up several years ago as a regional voice for Government. This body consists of some of the regional Mayors and has external independent membership representing iwi and industry. Accelerate25 resulted in our region being given Government assistance through the PGF (Provincial Growth Fund) Government funding initiative, administered largely by Minister Shane Jones. Recently Accelerate25 and the Mayors met in Wellington followed by a Meet & Greet with Minister Jones. Minister Jones took that opportunity to pledge to come to our district to talk about our industrial initiatives and also have a discussion around Ratana. We were the only Council highlighted in this way, so I look forward to that discussion. He has promised to bring other Government people that he considers relevant and that may include Minister Bishop who sits alongside him on funding decisions.

The delivery of three waters services and roading contracts is performed by a shared service provided by Manawatu District Council in a relationship that has existed for many years. There has been a decision made by both councils to bring that relationship to an end. As of 1 July, Rangitikei will be responsible for three waters and roading and the operators of our wastewater and water plants will transfer to being our staff. We absolutely welcome them as part of our team and their wonderful service will continue. Rangitikei will inevitably need some assistance at senior levels or by way of outside assistance to transition this process. We believe that we need to be responsible for our own destiny and efficiencies which may come at a cost neutral or cost saving.

The three waters discussion with Government is still complex. New Zealand authorities will retain ownership of our water assets but are being encouraged and possibly legislated by Government to form regional groupings. These groupings will probably be in the form of CCOs (Council Controlled Organisations) at a regional level. The Government has also said that no council will be left alone and may well legislate to make sure that each Council has "a home".

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These discussions are slow in our region but are progressing. Chief Executives and staff are analysing the costs for compliance and growth that each council will face now and in the future. These discussions will include Iwi and all Mayors as it progresses. It should be noted that we still waiting on Government's position especially in regard to price setting or standardisation. Inevitably the discussions will come down to which councils will work together. At present we are taking an Horizons regional approach but there will be consideration by councils to look at splits within the Horizons region or to look outside our boundaries.

I know that three waters has become an everlasting story but work is progressing and we need to discuss our decisions with our community as they develop so where I have said that we will be responsible for our own destiny in the stopping of shared services, this may well be an intermediate step to the final direction the Government is pointing us in.

Last weekend was the Rangitikei Heritage Weekend for all the museums in our district. I am a volunteer at Marton so Saturday and Sunday mornings I, like many other Marton volunteers, were needed. However in the afternoons I visited all but one of the museums in our district. My apologies to Mangaweka – I intended to be there but ran out of time with all the travelling. I will try and remedy that in the future. All of our museums are different - Marton focusses on the cottage, stables and prison jail that we have and the archival section being incredibly strong, Bulls is the museum that is open more than any other museum in our district, always available during the day for the travelling public, and has continued to grow. They now effectively have 3 sites – the main museum, the stables behind it and are working in conjunction with the old Bulls Library. Taihape is a real favourite of mine, partly because so many of the old vehicles, tractors and implements parked out the back of the museum I seem to have personally used at some stage or another in my life. Do pop in and have a look at some stage, it's fascinating. For those who are not aware the Huntermville Museum quietly sits in beside and behind the café and I spent some time talking on the Sunday before they closed with a couple of volunteers there. I guess the key message is these are the real gems of our district and I thank the museums for being open and the number of people who went out of their way to see more than one museum over the weekend.

The Coalition Government, led in this case by ACT, have questioned the process around the appointment of Maori Wards within local authorities. As a sector, LGNZ have real concerns about the referendum process that we are going to be forced into undertaking. As such, it believes the Government's decision to remove decision-making from councils by mandating that polls be run on Maori wards and constituencies is an overreach on local decision-making when current legislation already requires councils to seek community views. LGNZ's position is that Maori wards should be treated like all other wards and that decisions should be made at the council level, and urges Government to reconsider its position and let local councils made decisions about appropriate representation arrangements in partnership with iwi and their communities. After circulation and discussion with Elected Members, we have signed the letter in support of LGNZ's position and refer to the attached document.

My congratulations to Paul Sharland being appointed to Council. As part of that process Paul has asked if he can be on the Assets/Infrastructure and Finance Committees so I am directly appointing him to those committees.

Rural & Provincial

On 11 April the Rural & Provincial Councils met in Wellington. Normally I would see that as a priority engagement but this time it clashed with our own important Assets & Infrastructure and Policy & Planning Meetings. I compromised by travelling down late and missing some of the first day's sessions. My thanks to Mayor Helen Worboys for providing some of her notes to assist my explanations. These notes are as follows –

1. There was discussion around the increasing levels of aggression by people on social media and in person against staff and councillors. This is concerning and we need to support each other.
2. It is noted that the average New Zealand household pays \$2,900 in rates and \$37,000 in tax. Internationally this is an unusual balance. Councils are being asked to provide more and more services without increased budgets highlighting the need for financial funding reform. These reforms could include a return of GST on rates and a portion of the GST on district generated GDP. Other measures could include congestion funding and accommodation levies etc.
3. Councils collectively at the meeting were asked to rate their concerns and the help that they would need from Local Government. That rate is as follows for the first 3 areas –
 - a) To look at funding levels and financial sustainability
 - b) The need for a 4 year term for Councils and Government
 - c) City and regional deals as a way for engaging with Government
4. There was a discussion regarding Akona, the training arm of LGNZ, which was a chargeable function back to each Council that used it. It is now "free" to all members but the costs of LGNZ membership have been increased by 15% to cover it. At present there are several Councils who are now not members of LGNZ which is concerning.
5. There was a presentation by Matt Doocoy, Minister of Tourism, who highlighted –
 - a) We need to prioritise the tourism spend and cut our cloth to match the available funds.
 - b) Tourism is our No.2 ranked export earner.
 - c) We need to look at how Government can support Councils to grow/promote tourism. New Zealand is 0.03% of global tourism.

Fast Track Consenting Bill – What it Means

- i) The driver for this is that large projects take too long to consent/permit. There are multiple avenues for litigation and duplication between regulatory authorities.
- ii) The Bill will –
 - a) Be a free-standing statute that does not rely on other Acts;
 - b) Have its own over-riding purpose (which seems to be economic gain);

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- c) Be a single process to obtain multiple environmental approvals, permissions, permits.
- d) Does not over-ride the Building Act.
- iii) Lists of projects will be in the Bill.
- iv) Limited rights of objection through appeal.
- v) Local Government will get opportunities to comment on the Bill.
- vi) Next steps for the Bill –
 - a) Has passed first reading 7 March
 - b) Submissions have now closed
 - c) Advisory panels to be appointed in the future and applications for Schedule 2A completed
 - d) Advisory panels will finalise the list of projects.

Concerns re the Bill –

1. Timeframes are tight.
2. Role of Council is threatened?
3. Environment takes a back seat?
4. The role of Iwi?
5. Timing and links to regional district plans will be challenging.
6. Who sits on the panel?

Drivers of increased costs for Local Govt and therefore rate increases - presented by Economist Brad Olsen

- Average Local Government rate increase last year were 9% reflected by significant increases in civil construction, the transport sector and especially bridge construction where rates had risen by 30%.
- A huge amount of spending in the sector is needed, the planned Local Government capital expenditure 2021-2031 is \$77.42b.
- Councils faced with higher interest rates and labour costs for authorities and wages has gone up 13% in the last three years.

Mayors Engagement

May 2024

1	<p>Attended monthly ELT meeting for Governor’s Q&A</p> <p>Attended Radio Interview re solar farms</p> <p>Attended Horizons Regional Council Oral Submission to Long Term Plan</p>
2	<p>Attended Manawatu-Rangitikei Federated Farmers 2024 AGM</p>
3	<p>Attended catchup with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended fortnightly Economic Development meeting with staff</p> <p>Attended Zoom Call with MSD</p>
5	<p>Attended Taihape Netball Opening Day</p> <p>Attended Jets v Saints game in Palmerston North courtesy of Mayor Grant Smith</p>
6	<p>Attended catchup with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Zoom meeting Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs/MSD</p> <p>Attended weekly LTP meeting with staff</p> <p>Attended meeting with LGNZ President Sam Broughton & CE Susan Freeman-Greene</p>
7	<p>Attended Accelerate25 Meeting in Wellington including meeting with Minister Jones</p>
8	<p>Attended Opening of Mangahoe Reserve Bridge Opening</p> <p>Attended Bulls Community Committee Meeting</p>
9	<p>Attended Assets & Infrastructure Meeting</p>
10	<p>Attended catchup with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended meeting with Minister Andrew Hoggard</p> <p>Attended annual interview meeting with Audit NZ</p> <p>Attended TUIA Wananga Powhiri with Nyssa Nepe at Rotorua</p>
11	<p>Attended working bee at Marton Museum</p> <p>Attended Turkington Women in Sport Aotearoa</p>
13	<p>Attended catchup with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended weekly LTP meeting with staff</p>
14	<p>Attended Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Workshop</p> <p>Attended meetings with ratepayers in Taihape</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
15	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended meeting with RDC and TIGL and Staff</p>
16	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended meeting with Councillor Sharland</p> <p>Attended Council Meeting – LTP Deliberations</p>
17	<p>Attended relationship meeting with DIA</p>

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	<p>Attended Fortnightly Economic Development Meeting with staff</p> <p>Attended monthly RDC/Police catchup meeting</p> <p>Attended meeting with CE and Bryan Rendle re Otara Bridge</p> <p>Attended meeting with ratepayer in Huntermville</p>
19	<p>Attended Museum Open Day in Marton, Bulls, Huntermville and Taihape</p>
20	<p>Attended breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys</p> <p>Attended online MTFJ Governance Group meeting</p> <p>Attended Regional Relationship Meeting with NZTA</p> <p>Attended weekly LTP meeting with staff</p> <p>Attended Council Agenda meeting with staff</p>
21	<p>Attended NZ Tiny House Association online meeting</p> <p>Attended SLUI Advisory Group Meeting</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
22	<p>Attended catchup with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended onsite meeting at Putorino Landfill with staff and Horizons</p>
23	<p>Attended Council Workshop</p> <p>Attended LGNZ Transport Forum online meeting</p> <p>Attended BA5 – SAJE Web Marton</p>
24	<p>Attended catchup with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Western Architecture Awards (Nga Awa Nomination) at Massey University</p>
26	<p>Attended Pink Ribbon High Tea Fundraiser in Marton</p>
27	<p>Attended catchup with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended weekly LTP meeting with staff</p>
28	<p>Attended meeting with Taihape ratepayers</p> <p>Attended Taihape Playground Group Meeting</p>
29	<p>Attended Creative Communities Meeting</p> <p>Attended Huntermville Community Meeting to discuss Civil Defence Community Response Plan</p>
30	<p>Attended Finance/Performance Meeting</p> <p>Attended Council Meeting</p>
31	<p>To attend catchup with Chief Executive</p> <p>To attend fortnightly economic development meeting with staff</p> <p>Attend Talking Table at Taihape</p>

Attachments:

1. **NZTA Letter re consultation on Emergency Works FAR** [↓](#)
2. **Letter from LGNZ Mayors and Chairs on Maori wards and constituencies - May 2024** [↓](#)

3. Elected Member Attendance [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the Mayor's Report – 30 May 2024 be received

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2 May 2024

Kia ora,

Emergency works investment policies consultation – seeking organisational feedback by 19 June 2024

One of the key challenges for NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) and approved organisations (AOs) in managing New Zealand's land transport network is the impact of sudden events that damage transport infrastructure and require emergency works response and recovery activities.

NZTA needs to manage the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF) so that it can sustainably fund these emergency works in 2024-27.

In recent years, more frequent and intense weather-related events have put pressure on available funding for emergency works response and recovery.

Substantial Crown funding has been required for severe nationally significant weather events, such as Cyclone Gabrielle in the upper North Island in February 2023.

We've carried out a review of NZTA's emergency works investment policies and funding assistance rates (FARs) with a goal of reducing the financial burden on the NLTF and providing greater funding certainty for AOs.

Proposed changes to emergency works investment policies, including work category 141 and the uneconomic transport infrastructure policy, are set out in our consultation document for Emergency works policies - review and consultation feedback from the sector. This can be read in full at: www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/emergency-works-policies-review-and-consultation.

Key proposed changes to FARs and associated thresholds, include:

- changing the qualifying trigger for an emergency event attracting an enhanced FAR to a minimum frequency 1 in 20-year event, from the current 1 in 10-year event.
- reducing the enhanced FAR from normal FAR +20% to normal FAR +10%.
- restricting provision of a bespoke FAR (i.e., greater than an enhanced FAR) to only those extreme events for which Crown funding is made available.

The proposed FAR changes would take effect on 1 July 2025 to allow AOs time to adapt to these changes.

Other changes to make the policies clearer and easier to interpret, and better aligned with legislative requirements are proposed to take effect on 1 July 2024.

Your organisation's feedback is sought on the proposed changes. This feedback will help us finalise proposals for NZTA Board and managerial endorsement.

Please send feedback to EmergencyWorksReview@NZTA.govt.nz by **19 June 2024**.

If you have any questions, please contact your NZTA Investment Advisor or Director of Regional Relationships or email EmergencyWorksReview@NZTA.govt.nz

Ngā mihi



Nicole Rosie
Chief Executive - NZTA



20 May 2024

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon

Hon Simeon Brown

Hon Tama Potaka, Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti

Rt Hon Winston Peters, Leader, New Zealand First

Hon David Seymour, Leader, ACT

Kia ora Prime Minister, Ministers, and party leaders

Changes to Māori ward and constituency poll provisions

Local Government New Zealand and the Mayors and Chairs that have signed this letter are opposed to the changes the Coalition Government is proposing to Māori ward and constituency poll provisions.

The Government's decision to remove decision-making from councils by mandating that polls be run on Māori wards and constituencies is an overreach on local decision-making when current legislation already requires councils to seek community views. We are disappointed this is in contrast with the commitments the Government made during the election campaign to empower local government to make decisions about its own communities.

Our position – a position that has been held by Local Government New Zealand since 2018 – is that Māori wards and constituencies should be treated like all other wards and that decisions should be made at the council level. Polls aren't required on any other wards or constituencies, and requiring them will add increased costs to councils.

We are concerned that the Government's decision is a distraction from the hard work that councils are doing to deliver infrastructure and keep costs down for their communities. It also undermines the important contributions that Māori are making to local government.

We urge the Government to reconsider its position and leave it to local councils to make decisions about appropriate representation arrangements in partnership with iwi and their communities.

Ngā mihi nui

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ITEM 9.1 ATTACHMENT 3

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	Date	Meeting	HWTM	Wilson	Calkin	Carter	Dalgety	Duncan	Hiroa	Lambert	Loudon	Maughan	Sharland	Raukawa	Wong	Notes
156	28-Mar-24	Council Meeting	PR	PR		PR	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	AP		PR	PR	
157	4-Apr-24	Turakina CC	PR			PR										
158	8-Apr-24	HRWS	PR				PR			PR		AT				
159	9-Apr-24	TRAK Meeting	PR					AP								
160	9-Apr-24	Ratana CB	CB						PR							
161	10-Apr-24	Taihape CB	PR					AP							PR	
162	10-Apr-24	Marton CC	CB	PR									PR			
163	11-Apr-24	PPL Meeting	CB	PR			AT	PR	PR	PR			PR		AT	
164	15-Apr-24	Hunterville CC	CB				PR			AP						
165	18-Apr-24	LTP Hearings	PR	PR		AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR		PR	PR	
166	24-Apr-24	Sport NZ RTF	PR	PR												
167	24-Apr-24	Finance/Performance	PR	PR		AP	PR	AT			PR	PR			PR	
168	24-Apr-24	Council Meeting	PR	PR		AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
169	8-May-24	Bulls CC	PR			AP								PR		
170	9-May-24	AIN Meeting	PR	AP		AP	PR	PR		PR	PR	PR			PR	
171	14-May-24	TRAK Workshop	PR						PR					PR		
172	16-May-24	Council Meeting	PR	PR		AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
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Present (and is a member of the committee)	PR
Apology	AP
Absent - no apology received	AB
Not a member of the committee	
Not a member of the committee (but still attended)	AT
Not present as on Council business	CB
Attended via Zoom [this indicator is no longer used]	ZM

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Verbal Community Update from Staff

Author: Sheryl Srhoj, Manager - Community Property

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Ms Srhoj will provide an update to the committee on council activities.

Recommendation

That the 'Verbal Community update from Staff' be received.

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

1.1 The yearly allocation of the 2023/24 Small Projects Fund for the Huntermville Community Committee is \$1,114.

2. Breakdown

2.1 The committee decided on the 12 of February to sponsor the Huntermville Bulletin for \$360. This has been paid.

2.2 An invoice of \$67.36 has been received from Kelsey Smith. The invoice is attached.

2.3 The remaining allocation is for 2023/24 is \$686.64.

Attachments:

1. Invoice- Pantry [↓](#)

Recommendation

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

Recommendation

That the Huntermville Community Committee request that the remaining allocation of \$_____ is carried forward to the following financial year 2024/25.

INVOICE

DATE:
27 May 2024

TO: Rangitikei District Council
Attn: Sheryl Srhoj

INVOICE #
002

CUSTOMER ID:
Hunterville Community Committee

DESCRIPTION	LINE TOTAL
Donation towards the building of the Hunterville Community Pantry	\$67.36
\$67.36	

PLEASE MAKE PAYMENT TO SA & KA SMITH FARM ACCOUNT

ITEM 10.2 ATTACHMENT 1



Rural Timber and Hardware Ltd
T/A Central ITM Marton
40 Racecourse Avenue
Marton

Tax Invoice 498236

To:

Order Number : 5595806
Invoice Date : 14/05/2024
Customer Code : SMIT14
GST : 069-739-891

06 322 8030

Customer Order No: SHANE

Salesperson: Bevan Harrison

Description	Qty	Retail	Disc %	Net	Extended
PLY 2400x1200 12mm NON STRUCTURAL H3.2	2	83.33	27.30	60.61	121.22
PLY 2400x1200 19mm DOWNGRADE H3.2	1	133.45	27.30	97.05	97.05
SCREW 8x50 SQ SUREFAST GALV (100)	2.00	9.14	22.20	7.11	14.22
				Subtotal	232.49
				Tax (GST)	34.87
				Total	267.36

Payment Method

Charge

TERMS OF SALE

Claims and requests for credit must be made within 14 days of invoice A 20% restocking fee may apply
All returns must be in 100% resalable condition in their original packaging with proof of purchase
Payment Can Be Made Via Direct Credit to ANZ 06 0729 0365979 00
With Your Customer Code As A Reference - Thank You For Your Business

Shane's son to pick up

10.3 Funding Schemes Update - June 2024

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Overview

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

2. Community Initiatives Fund

- 2.1 This is a Council fund intended to support community-based projects in the Rangitikei District that develop community cohesion and community resilience.
- 2.2 Council allocated \$30,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 2.3 Council allocated \$13,730 in round one at the Finance and Performance meeting on the 31 August 2023.
- 2.4 Round two for 2023/24 opened on the 02 October 2023 and closed on the 31 March 2024.
- 2.5 Decisions on allocation of funding were made at the Finance and Performance committee meeting on the 24 April totalling \$9,357.
- 2.6 Round one for 2024/25 will open 01 August 24 and closes 30 September 24.

3. Events Support Scheme

- 3.1 This is a Council fund intended to support events in the district that help to develop community cohesion and reinforce economic growth.
- 3.2 Council has allocated \$25,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 3.3 Council allocated \$18,470 in round one at the Finance and Performance meeting on the 31 August 2023.
- 3.4 Round two for 2023/24 opened on 01 February 2024 and closed on the 31 March 2024.
- 3.5 Decisions on allocation of funding were made at the Finance and Performance committee meeting on the 24 April at totalling \$4,902.
- 3.6 Round one for 2024/25 will open 01 August 24 and closes 30 September 24.

4. Creative Communities Scheme

- 4.1 This fund is supplied by Creative NZ and administered by Council. Applications are encouraged from community groups and individuals whose projects:
 - Demonstrate growth over time
 - Develop and support local artistic communities
 - Encourage a transfer of artistic skills

- Support diversity and inclusion
- Projects with a youth focus are also encouraged

- 4.2 Creative NZ typically allocates \$24,090 (+ GST) to the Rangitikei District Council on an annual basis, and this is distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 4.3 Round two for 2023/24 opened on 03 November 2023 and closed 01 May 2024.

5. Creative Communities Scheme – CCS Festivals Fund

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

6. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

- 6.1 This fund is supplied by Sport NZ and administered by Council. The fund is targeted at young people aged between 5 and 19 years, and is open to rural sport club teams and rural school club teams with eligible members who require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions.
- 6.2 Sport NZ typically allocates \$9,500 (+ GST) to the Rangitikei District Council on an annual basis. There is one funding round per year. This year the fund increased to \$12,825.
- 6.3 The funding round is open for applications 19 May 2023 and closed on the 04 April 2024.
- 6.4 The allocation of funds was made at the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund meeting on the 24 April.

7. Further Information

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

Recommendation

That the Funding Schemes Update –June 2024 be received.

11 Discussion Items

11.1 Civil Defence Plan

Author: Karen Kennedy, Chair

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 This item was requested by the Chair for the committee to discuss.

Recommendation

If needed:

ITEM 11.2

11.2 Kiwiburn Update

Author: Karen Kennedy, Chair

1. Reason for Report

1.1 This item was requested by the Chair for the committee to discuss.

Recommendation

If needed:

11.3 Senior Citizens Morning Tea

Author: Karen Kennedy, Chair

1. Reason for Report

1.1 This item was requested by the Chair for the committee to discuss.

Recommendation

If needed:

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11.4 Food Pantry Donation

Author: Karen Kennedy, Chair

1. Reason for Report

1.1 This item was requested by the Chair for the committee to discuss.

Recommendation

If needed:

11.5 Minutes- Huntermville Community Committee

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

1.1 This item is to discuss an appropriate person to take the minutes.

Recommendation

If needed:

12 Meeting Closed.