



**RANGITIKEI**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL  
*Making this place home.*

# ORDER PAPER

## MARTON COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, 4 October 2022  
**Time:** 6.00 pm  
**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Rangitikei District Council  
46 High Street  
Marton

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**Chair:** Ms Carolyn Bates  
**Deputy Chair:** Ms Philippa Hancock  
**Membership:** Mr Mark Ballantyne  
Ms Lyn Duncan  
Mr Peter Farrell  
Ms Jennifer Greener  
Ms Belinda Harvey-Larsen  
Ms James Linklater  
Ms Annie McDowell  
Ms Sally Moore  
Mr John Whittaker  
Cr Nigel Belsham  
Cr Dave Wilson  
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 provided<sup>1</sup>.
- Particularly, to help ensure that any minor remedial or renewal works are brought to Council's attention through the Request for Service procedure, by promoting its use and advising community members on how to use it.
- To be the first point of contact (prior to Council) for community groups. Where this is not possible, the Committee will be informed of the approach by the community group to the Council.
- Applications for the Parks Upgrade Partnership Fund are considered and commented on by the Committee prior to the application being considered by Council.
- Placemaking initiatives that are taking place on Council land will be considered and commented on by the Committee before the application is considered by the Chief Executive.
- To engage with wider/small communities of the ward represented.

## Quorum

The quorum for the Marton Community Committee is 7.

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 31 October 2019) 11.2 provide: The quorum for Council committees and sub-committees is as for Council, i.e. half the number of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even or a majority if the number of members is odd.

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

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<sup>1</sup> Appended to the Delegations Register

**Notice is hereby given that a Marton Community Committee Meeting of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitīkei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Tuesday, 4 October 2022 at 6.00 pm.**

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## **AGENDA**

### **1 Welcome**

### **2 Apologies**

#### **Recommendation**

That the apology for His Worship the Mayor be received.

### **3 Public Forum**

No 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 with as a late item at this meeting.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

### 6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

**Author:** Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

#### 1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from the Marton Community Committee Meeting held on 10 August 2022 are attached.

#### Attachments

1. **Marton Community Committee Meeting - 10 August 2022**

#### Recommendation

That the minutes of Marton Community Committee Meeting held on 10 August 2022, **[as amended/without amendment]**, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

# MINUTES



## **UNCONFIRMED: MARTON COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Date:** Wednesday, 10 August 2022  
**Time:** 6.00 pm  
**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Rangitikei District Council  
46 High Street  
Marton

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Present Ms Carolyn Bates  
Ms Philippa Hancock  
Mr Mark Ballantyne  
Ms Lyn Duncan  
Mr Peter Farrell  
Ms Jennifer Greener  
Ms Annie McDowell  
Mr John Whittaker  
Cr Nigel Belsham  
HWTM Andy Watson

In attendance Ms Melanie Bovey, Manager – Library Services

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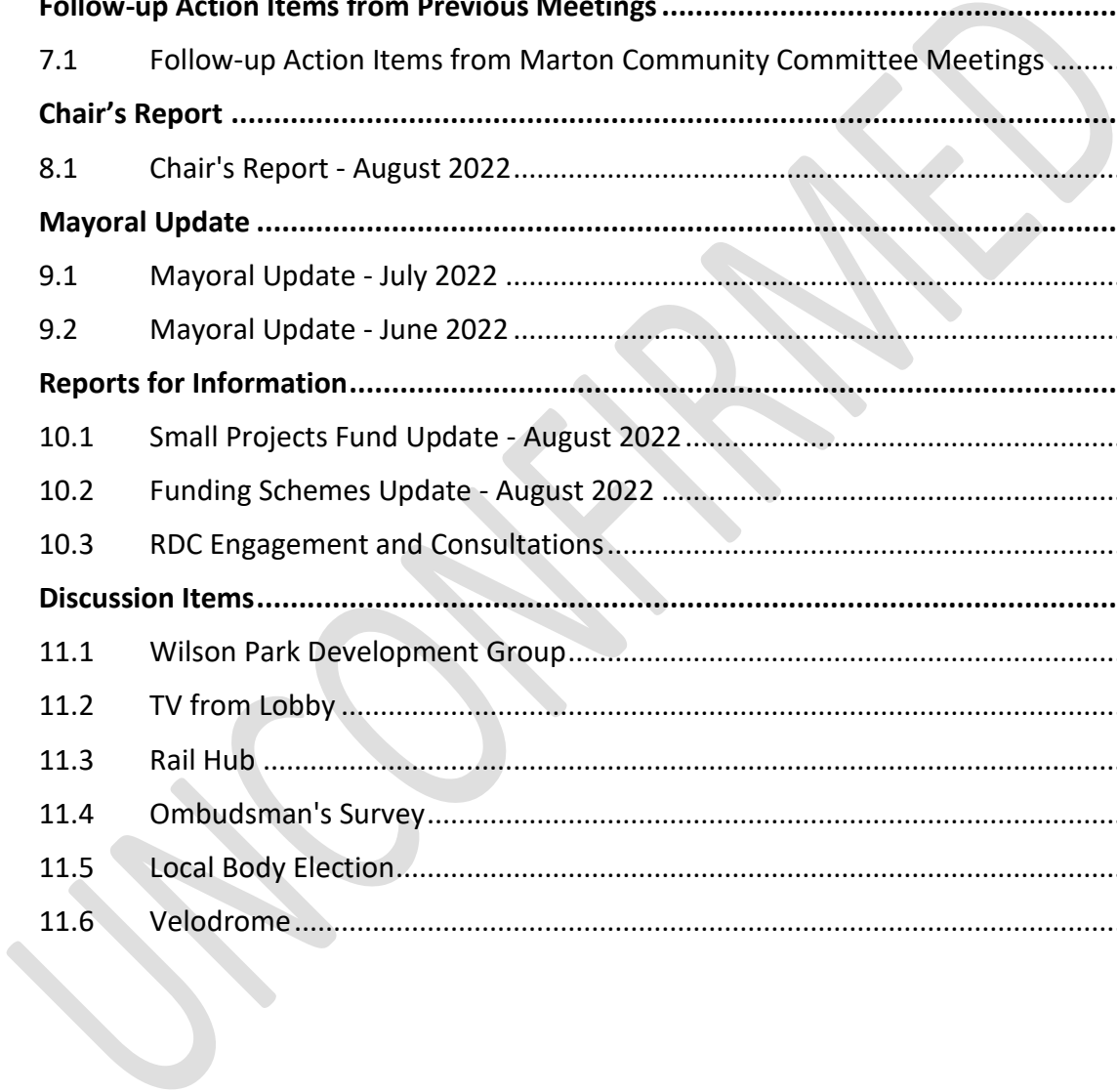
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**ITEM 6.1  
ATTACHMENT 1**



## 1 Welcome

Ms Bates welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Ms Bovey for attending in place of Ms Manuel.

## 2 Apologies

**Resolved minute number 22/MCC/026**

That the apologies for Dave Wilson, James Linklater, Jo Manuel, and Sally Moore be received.

Ms C Bates/Mr M Ballantyne. Carried

## 3 Public Forum

Tim Wilson, Secretary, Wilson Park Development Group was expected, but he did not arrive.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

None.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Tim Wilson, Wilson Park Development Group was expected to speak in support of the Group's Funding Application, he would be given the opportunity to speak on his arrival.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number 22/MCC/027**

That the minutes of Marton Community Committee Meeting held on 8 June 2022, 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.

Item 9.2 amend two instances of "\$1,500 for a Freezer from Marton Food Pantry" to read:

"\$1,500 for a Freezer **for** Marton Food Pantry"

Ms C Bates/Ms P Hancock. Carried



## 7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

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

Taken as read.

## 8 Chair's Report

### 8.1 Chair's Report - August 2022

Ms Bates gave a verbal update on topics not contained within her report.

**Resolved minute number 22/MCC/028**

That the Chair's Report – August 2022 be received.

Ms C Bates/Ms A McDowell. Carried

## 9 Mayoral Update

### 9.1 Mayoral Update - July 2022

Taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 22/MCC/029**

That the Mayoral Update – July 2022 be received.

HWTM A Watson/Ms C Bates. Carried

### 9.2 Mayoral Update - June 2022

The Mayor spoke about a variety of topics which could be utilised locally eg The Central Hawkes Bay initiative to aid 16 year olds have driving licences plus activities in the Hawkes Bay which had a strong iwi involvement with collective improvements.

**Resolved minute number 22/MCC/030**

That the Mayoral Update – June 2022 be received.

HWTM A Watson/Ms C Bates. Carried

## 10 Reports for Information

### 10.1 Small Projects Fund Update - August 2022

#### Wilson Park Development Group.

Carolyn explained the group had been invited to attend, to respond to any questions. A wide range of questions were raised regarding their intentions.

**Resolved minute number 22/MCC/031**

That the report 'Small Projects Fund Update – August 2022' be received.

Ms L Duncan/Ms J Greener. Carried

**Resolved minute number 22/MCC/032**

The Committee decided to re-invite the secretary to the next meeting to further clarify their future plans.

Ms A McDowell/Mr M Ballantyne. Carried

### 10.2 Funding Schemes Update - August 2022

Taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 22/MCC/033**

That the Funding Schemes Update – August 2022 be received.

Cr N Belsham/Mr P Farrell. Carried

### 10.3 RDC Engagement and Consultations

RDC Buildings a business case report is due, councillors were not sure if it will be at RDCs Aug meeting.

**Resolved minute number 22/MCC/034**

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

Ms A McDowell/Mr J Whittaker. Carried

## 11 Discussion Items

### 11.1 Wilson Park Development Group

As Mr Wilson and Ms Harvey-Larsen did not attend the meeting, no update was given.

**11.2 TV from Lobby**

The TV which had been in the Lobby was raised as to its current location.

**11.3 Rail Hub**

The Mayor answered questions regarding the Rail Hub – who / what is going to go there?

**11.4 Ombudsman's Survey**

The Mayor answered questions regarding the Ombudsman’s Survey.

**11.5 Local Body Election**

A general discussion took place regarding the upcoming election. Ms Bates prompted that the last Committee meeting for this triennium would be earlier in October to fit it in before the election.

**11.6 Velodrome**

Mr Farrell spoke about resurfacing of the Velodrome, he committed to provide an update for the October meeting.

**The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.**

**Next Meeting date 4 October 2022. Last meeting before election on Sat 8 Oct 22.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Marton Community Committee held on 4 October 2022.**

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**Chairperson**

## 7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

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

**Author:** Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

#### 1. Reason for Report

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

#### 2. Decision Making Process

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

#### Attachments:

1. Follow-up Actions Register [↓](#)

#### Recommendation

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

**Current Follow-up Actions**

Item	From Meeting Date	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments	Status
1	8-Jun-22	The Marton Community Committee would like to have input into the design of future signage in the Marton area.	Arno Benadie	To be investigated, staff will get in touch with the Committee RE this in due course.	In progress

## **8 Chair's Report**

### **8.1 Chair's Report - October 2022**

**Author:** Carolyn Bates, Chair

#### **1. Reason for Report**

1.1 The Chair's Report is attached.

#### **Attachments:**

- 1. MCC Chair's Update - October 2022** [↓](#)

#### **Recommendation**

That the Chair's Report – October 2022 be received.

**Marton Community Committee (MCC) Chair's Update - 4 Oct 22**

**Thank you** - I would like to begin by thanking everyone who has been involved with the Community Committee, your attendance and input have made my job much easier. Those of you who have come along to various activities with me - I do appreciate the extra time, effort and wisdom you have shared. The questions you asked were extremely worthwhile. Very many thanks, for being there, for me, for the committee and most definitely, the community we represent.

**Plentyful** - Their "Goodbye to Plastic Packaging" seminar on Thu 8 Sep was a sell out.

**Welcoming Communities** - Rhianna Flaherty, RDCs Welcoming Communities Officer, has advised there will be "Welcome Plan Workshops" on 26 Oct in Bulls and 27 Oct in Taihape.

**Te Kotahitanga Community Hall** - I've had no further update on their progress, but have noticed changes to the outside of the hall.

**Health Network Meeting** - Their 25 Aug meeting involved 3<sup>rd</sup> year Otago Medical Students. As well as meeting with regular participants in Marton, they had meetings in Wanganui as well as Marilyn Archbold (Public Health Nurse) took some out with her on "home visits", to give them exposure as to what she does.

**Election** - I have lost count of how many people I've spoken to regarding the 8 Oct election.

I went to Meet the Candidates sessions in Taihape, Bulls and Marton, good to see good attendances.

**GreyPower** - I've been approached to have a chat with GreyPower regarding funding options, that has yet to happen, but should take place in the next week.

**Wilson Park Development Group (WPDG)** - Following our last meeting, I caught up with Tim Wilson, Secretary of WPDG. There has also been communication from Julie Turner, WPDGs Chair. Someone from the WPDG committee should attend the meeting.

**Small Projects Fund**

- **WPDG from previous meeting.** Please refer to my WPDG report (MCC Order Paper for 10 Aug 22, pages 29-34), with background info and WPDGs most recent request.
- **The Food Pantry** - A thank you was received for MCCs support for their new Freezer.
- **Community Patrol** - It has been good to see they are operational with their new vehicle.
- **Defibrillator for Friendship Hall** - Red Cross are still awaiting stock to arrive into the country.

Finally, thank you again for all your efforts, I look forward to seeing you as part of the new committee.

## 9 Mayoral Update

### 9.1 Mayoral Update - September 2022

**Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor**

The passing of our Queen, Elizabeth the Second, dominates our thoughts. All of us have grown up under her rule as Head of State. Never has there been a greater example of service - as a young Queen in 1953 Queen Elizabeth pledged a lifetime of service to her people and she lived to fulfil that promise. First and foremost, our thoughts are of course with her family. We join the world in mourning that loss and we have pledged our allegiance to King Charles III as our King. I have been asked as Mayor to attend the Remembrance Service to be held in New Zealand on 26 September to add our district's voice to the commemoration.

This Council meeting is the final meeting for the triennium. As such it is fitting that those Councillors who are not standing are acknowledged and have the right to have a valedictory speech to express their views of the past, present and future for Council. Council farewells Councillors Ash, Panapa, Gordon and Belsham - all of whom have served this district with distinction. Councillor Gordon and Deputy Mayor Councillor Belsham have had the added responsibility of chairmanship where their input has been invaluable. For those of us standing who may or may not be returning to this table, good luck. Congratulations to Councillors Coral Raukawa, Brian Carter, Tracey Hiroa and the incoming new Councillor Jarrod Calkin.

Often there are thoughts and criticisms that the last Council should not make decisions that could or should be made by the new Council. This is something that Councillors should consider but the reality is that many of the decisions before us today need to be made before Council effectively rests for the next two months.

On 21 September I will be one of six Mayors throughout the country taking our concerns over roading to the Board of Waka Kotahi in Wellington. Mayors meeting with the Board is unusual and signifies our concerns over the maintenance state of both local and national roading networks. We also question that successive Governments follow a three-year cycle with limited long term views over roading priorities. Hopefully this meeting will result in a closer future working relationship with Waka Kotahi and Government.

I have attended a number of Fire Brigade events over the last few weeks honouring the service of our volunteers. One of the highlights was going to the opening of the new Fire Station in Taihape. My congratulations go to Chief Fire Officer Curly Troon and the brigade for the business case work to make this happen.

My congratulations also to the organisers and presenters of the Bio-Polymer seminar held at Te Matapihi on 8 September. The information was well presented and painted a potentially fantastic future for our district and the environment.

On 30 August at Rangatira the Rangitikei River Catchment Collective held their AGM. The number of collectives is growing and the work that they do for the environment is spectacular. Roger Dalrymple, Mark Chrystall and the team need to be applauded for their efforts.

I have been approached by Mayor Don Cameron, Ruapehu District Council (copy of letter attached – Attachment 1) requesting funding from councils relating to the North Island Main Trunk Railway. Funding is for an application to government agencies to fund the bulk of the North Island Regional Passenger Rail (NIRP) Indicative Business Case. Rangitikei District Council's share would be \$3,500.



Finally, my last message to the community is to please vote. Too often we don't engage but criticise later.

## Mayors Engagement

September 2022

1	Attended Reforms Update Zoom Attended BA5 at Pokapu Gallery Bulls
2	Attended Ngati Hauiti Planting Day in Taihape Attended Accelerate25 Lead Team Zoom Meeting
5	Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended Audit & Risk Meeting Attended Climate Action Joint Committee Meeting Attended Regional Chiefs Meeting
6	Attended RCA Forum in Wellington
7	Attended monthly Executive Leadership Team Meeting for Q&A Attended Taihape Network Meeting Attended CE Performance Review Process Meeting
8	Attended Goodbye to Plastic Packaging Symposium
9	Attended PTWG Co-Chairs Briefing Attended PTWG ZOOM meeting
10	Attended Taihape Fire Station Opening
12	Attended meeting with new Rural Police Officer
13	Attended Taihape Rotary Meet the Candidates Public Meeting
14	Meet & Greet: RDC MRH Project Director Attended Celebrating Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori: Aotearoa Reorua - Bilingual Towns and Cities
15	Attended Council Workshop Attended PTWG Final Endorsement Zoom Attended Reforms Update Zoom
16	Attended TRAK Workshop Attended Review of Presentation to Waka Kotahi Board Meeting Zoom
17	Attended Bunnythorpe Volunteer Fire Brigade Service Honours
19	Attended monthly breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys Attended NZDF Base Ohakea Meeting re Defence Issues relevant to Manawatu
20	Attended Regional Transport Matters/Regional Chiefs Fortnightly Zoom Meeting Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended MRH Board Meeting – Environment Court Update

**ITEM 9.1**

	<p>Attended BonnyGlen Trust Meeting – Funding Applications</p> <p>Attended Scotts Ferry Rural Women Meet the Candidates Evening</p>
21	<p>Attended Waka Kotahi Board Meeting in Wellington</p> <p>Attended Meeting at Mokai Station Taihape</p> <p>Attended Bulls &amp; District Historical Society informal community meeting</p>
22	<p>Attended Whanganui Community Foundation Annual Zoom Meeting</p> <p>Attended St Joseph’s School Taihape – mural unveiling</p> <p>Attended BA5 Meeting in Marton</p>
23	<p>Attended LGNZ Zoom Workshop on Transport issues</p>
24	<p>Attended Taihape Spring Fling</p>
25	<p>Attended Rotary Meeting</p>
26	<p>Attended State Memorial Service for Queen Elizabeth II in Wellington</p>
27	<p>Attended Council Workshop</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended 3W Reform Impact on Rural Water Schemes Zoom (Clive Manley)</p> <p>Attended Meet the Candidates Evening at RSA &amp; Citizens Memorial Hall</p>
28	<p>Attended 4 Weekly RDC/Police ZOOM Update</p> <p>Attended Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee Meeting</p>
29	<p>Attended Finance/Performance Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended Council Meeting</p> <p>Attended End of Triennium Dinner</p>

**Attachments:**

- 1. Ruapehu District Council letter to Mayors and Chairs re funding for NIRP [↓](#)**

**Recommendation**

That the Mayoral Update – September 2022 be received.



# RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

4 August 2022

Dear Mayor or Chair

## Application for funding from Councils

Ruapehu District Council delivered and distributed the NIRP (North Island Regional Passenger) Rail High-Level Feasibility Study to the 20 Councils of the North Island Main Trunk (NIMT) Railway group at the end of 2021. Many thanks go to the Councils who all funded the High-Level Feasibility Study.

The study builds upon earlier work by KiwiRail, and the recently completed Lower North Island Rail Integrated Mobility (LNIRIM) Rolling Stock Project Detail Business case (DBC). Together, these documents make up the initial NIRP Strategic Assessment, with key deliverables being (a); an outline of the for change, and (b); an overview of the strategic context.

Since December 2021, we have had multiple discussions with the Ministry of Transport, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency and with Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) over the last couple of months. The purpose for the meetings, was to understand our required actions, timetable and funding options available to progress the NIRP business case development. From out of those meetings, we have an understanding of required actions and a timetable.

Following New Zealand government 'Better Business Case' guidelines, and the advice received through our engagement with funders, the recommended pathway is for NIRP to proceed to an Indicative Business Case (IBC), followed by a Detailed Business Case (DBC).

## Time constrained opportunities

NIRP must align with the LNIRIM Rolling Stock Project timeline to create synergies and economies of scale. That timeframe is explained in detail within chapter 12 of the LNIRIM DBC and section 5.3 of the NIRP High Level Feasibility Report.

To maximise the 'value' opportunity, the NIRP project must be adequately defined, to enable input into the LNIRIM procurement and design, from early 2024. The investment proposed for NIRP must be formally approved by funders by mid-2025 to align with LNIRIM.

Past a certain point of progress of the LNIRIM procurement, the NIRP opportunity to benefit from economies of scale will quickly erode. The lengthy Detailed Business Case and Indicative Business Case timeframes, prior to project funding approval, ultimately drive the requirement to submit the Indicative Business Case funding application, with urgency in September 2022.

## Scale of Next Steps

The projected estimation for a NIRP Indicative Business Case (IBC) is likely between \$500,000 and \$1 million but will depend greatly on its scope, as the outcomes of other passenger rail initiatives currently studied from Auckland to Wellington and the Minister of Transport's position on the next

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New Zealand Rail Plan review will likely influence funding agencies' requirement with regards to NIRP.

Key government funding sources for the IBC and DBC, include the Climate Emergency Response Fund (CERF), and Local authorities have their own planning processes in 2023/2024 for funding passenger transport studies through the 2024-2034 Regional Land Transport Plans (RLTPs).

To meet the proposed timetable, we must apply for government funding of the NIRP Indicative Business Case (IBC) by mid to end of September 2022. To support the IBC funding application, a scope of work has been identified as requiring a budget of \$80,000. The scope includes:

- Technical Strategic Summary
- High Level NIRP Benefits Framework
- High-Level Patronage Demand Forecast
- Iwi/hapū Engagement

Further details on these elements of scope are provided below:

#### High Level NIRP Options Analysis and High level Benefits Framework

This will be informed by previous works carried out on the initiative, neighbouring rail planning projects, and an institutional knowledge base related to passenger rail worldwide. This framework will provide a comprehensive list of benefit categories that regional rail services are likely to produce. Each category of benefits will be categorised between tangible and intangible benefits. The framework will document accepted standard and practice for benefit measure, and opportunities to integrate environmental and social benefit quantification along with transport's benefits.

The framework will be documented on an excel spreadsheet, supported by technical notes, and will be reflective of funder's expectations. For example, environmental benefits could be expressed in the format prescribed by the CIPA team of the Ministry for the Environment, to easily inform a CERF funding bid.

#### Initial High-Level Patronage Demand Forecast

Most benefits linked to passenger rail will have to be quantified as function of patronage. The Patronage Demand Forecast will be based on a simple population and uptake models applied on a limited arbitrary set of service patterns. The aim of this initial demand forecast will be to validate the benefit framework and instil confidence in funders that further study of the opportunity is warranted.

For clarity, this does not include the validation via stakeholder engagement, nor does it include any longitudinal analysis of trends. While limited in the depth of its approach to meet timing and budget constraints, this initial approach to the quantification of benefits will set the foundation for all future Cost Benefit Analysis on the initiative.

#### Iwi/hapū Engagement

Ruapehu District Council will be in the process of engaging with iwi/hapū along the North Island Main Trunk (NIMT), using consultants who work in this field. The role of the consultants will be to provide information on the NIRP project, including progress through the business case process. This process in turn, allows for iwi/hapū to partner in the NIRP project in a Rangatiratanga role. Funding for a consultant at this initial stage, will allow for engagement to begin, including agreement on a deliverables template.

NIRP can encourage an alternative pathway to 70+ years of "urbanism". As a result, Māori communities that allowed access to their land from 1885 to build the railway, in exchange for the promise of economic benefits, may have a chance to see their tamariki grow and flourish on their land, rather than in a distant city.

#### **The \$80,000 interim funding gap**

Ruapehu District Council has committed \$10,000 towards the Indicative Business Case funding application. There is therefore a balance of \$70,000 needing to be funded by the 20 Councils on the

North Island Main Trunk (NIMT). A one-off cost of \$3,500 per Council will allow for the Indicative Business Case (IBC) application to proceed in time to meet the September 2022 deadline.

**Value for Money**

Ruapehu is proposing to re-engage our technical advisory resources on a direct appointment basis. Direct appointment results in a time saving of between 3 and 6 months, in comparison with a tender process. Our current high-calibre team have a proven track record on domestic and international rail projects. As well as detailed “nuts-and-bolts” knowledge of technical aspects, the team has demonstrable capabilities in the economic assessment methodologies for rail projects.

The rates used in the high-level NIRP programme and scope of works estimates, were benchmarked on competitively tendered rates, carried forward from LNIRIM. Value for money on pricing and methodology, has been demonstrated by the successful delivery of the LNIRIM DBC. The LNIRIM DBC has been peer reviewed and technically reviewed by multiple government agencies.

In earlier correspondence (20220121 NIRP Tech Team Mtg MINUTES), it was proposed that an indicative budget of \$1.5 million be set for producing the NIRP DBC. It also noted that Greater Wellington had a budget of \$5 million for the LNIRIM DBC, subsequent procurement and delivery process, approved through Waka Kotahi’s NLTF in Budget 2020.

Ruapehu’s technical advisor team have responded to our request for pricing with a proposed baseline NIRP IBC/DBC budget that is substantially less than the \$1.5 million proposed. As we develop the IBC application, we will be in a position to disclose further budget details, and proposed scope of work.

In summary, Ruapehu calls upon our fellow Councils of the North Island Main Trunk (NIMT) Railway, to agree to each put in an equal contribution of \$3,500 / Council, towards an application to government agencies, to fund the bulk of the NIRP Indicative Business Case (IBC).

Ngā mihi nui



Don Cameron JP  
**MAYOR**

**9.2 Mayoral Update - August 2022****Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor**

Thank you to those people who have put up their hand to stand for Council or Community Boards. Now that nominations have closed several positions are confirmed. I would like to congratulate Jarrod Calkin and Brian Carter as being the two Southern Ward Councillors. Tracey Piki Te Ora Hiroa and Coral Raukawa will represent Council as Tiikeitia ki Uta (Inland) and Tiikeitia ki Tai (Coastal) Maori Wards. The Ratana Community Board received four nominations, so Lequan Meihana, Charlie Mete, Jamie Nepia and Grace Taiaroa are elected and the Taihape Community Board have five nominees standing for four positions. The formation of Community Committees in Bulls and Marton will take place after the elections.

Late last week I called into have a look at the old Council library in Bulls, which we effectively handed over the Bulls Museum. One of the conditions of the handover was the building was to be earthquake strengthened to meet compliance. This work has been done, it looks great and was done at a relatively affordable price as I believe. Earthquake strengthening alternatives have come a long way over the last few years. As such I will be going to an earthquake strengthening presentation to be held at Te Matapihi on Friday 19 August. At a subsequent Council meeting I should be able to share comment at that event and many of the lessons learned.

Last weekend I had the pleasure of attending two community tree planting events - one in Taihape and one in Marton. In Taihape the community attended in force with about 80 people planting about 1400 trees in around 4 hours – a great effort! If you have not walked around the Hautapu River reserve, you should see the trees and plants which are stunning. The Marton planting was to finish off the winter planting programme around the B&C dams. This dam walk is incredibly popular and as a result several people have asked me about the earthworks at the toe of the bottom dam. This is the site of the second well being drilled to provide a stable water source for Marton's drinking water, removing the need to use dam water. This is part of an \$11m planned upgrade improvement to Marton Water. Essentially it should address odour and taste issues.

I thank motorists for their patience in dealing with the SH1/SH3 roadworks. The roadworks are to put in place the new Marton to Bulls wastewater connection which will be part of the new Marton to Bulls sewerage system.

I am presenting to the Government's Select Committee this week regarding Council's response to the Water Services Entities Bill, i.e. Three Waters legislation. I understand that the Government is trying to deal with about 83,000 submissions, most of which will not be in support of the Bill. Our Council is one of those and we are arguing that the reforms are rushed, poorly consulted on and will result in taking away the public voice along with other concerns. Regardless of what people say, the Government's reform process is and will continue at pace.

I have received the attached letter from the Living Hope Samoan Assembly of God Incorporated requesting a donation to the church building fund. A copy of my response is also attached in which I undertook to bring the matter before Council for consideration.

At the Bulls Volunteer Fire Brigade Annual Honours Night held on 30 July Rangitikei District Council was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of support for Fire and Emergency New Zealand volunteers, and our commitment to helping build a strong, safe and caring community.

As you are aware Rangitikei District Council is one of eight councils that the Ombudsman has identified to look at how meeting practices are carried out. In discussion with the current elected members we have suggested that, as we are so near to the end of this triennium, that a discussion will be held with the new Council to consider how the requirement for transparency can be achieved when workshops or informal meetings are held. That discussion will take place with the new elected members later this year.

Mayors Engagement - August 2022

1	Attended Hunterville Community Committee Meeting
2	Attended weekly catchup with Chief Executive Attended weekly catchup with Deputy Mayor
3	Attended Executive Leadership Team Health & Safety and Governor’s Q&A session
4	Attended Zoom meeting with Minister David Parker Attended Candidate Information Presentations in Taihape and Marton
5	Attended Regional Leadership Group monthly online meeting
8	Attended quarterly catchup with GPCAPT Rob Shearer at NZDF Base Ohakea
9	Attended Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti Meeting Attended weekly catchup with Chief Executive Attended Defence Hub Meeting at NZDF Base Ohakea
10	Attended Waka Kotahi regional relationship meeting Attended Marton Community Committee Meeting
11	Attended Policy/Planning Committee Meeting Attended Peacock & Sons store opening Attended MDG AGM
12	Attended fortnightly discussion on Economic Development Attended fortnightly discussion on Pae Tawhiti Spatial Plan Attended Accessing Central NZ Governance Group Zoom Meeting
13	Attended Hautapu River Parks Planting Day
15	Attended breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys Attended MRH Mediation in Palmerston North
16	Attended meeting with Minister David Parker Attended Ohakea Rural Water Scheme Opening Ceremony Attended weekly catchup with Chief Executive Attended weekly catchup with Deputy Mayor
17	Attended Three Waters Planning Technical Working Group 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hui in Wellington
18	Attended Council Workshop Attended Reforms Update – Mayors & CEs
19	Attended Earthquake Strengthening Event at Te Matapihi

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20	Attended the Unveiling of Bulls artworks at Te Matapihi
23	Attended Regional Transport Matters fortnightly meeting Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended site visit to Ratana wastewater land in Whangaehu
25	To attend Finance/Performance Committee Meeting To attend Councillor only session To attend Council Meeting To attend Elected Member and CE Fortnightly catchup
26	To attend BA5 Marton
27	To attend Multicultural Feast & Fest at Te Matapihi
29	To attend meeting with Chief Executive re Bio Polymer seminar To attend Unpacking Resource Management Reform Zoom
30	To attend New Staff Whakatau To attend meeting with Sam Hooper, Director Wellington & Company re development To attend weekly meeting with Chief Executive To attend Rangitikei Rivers Catchment Collective meeting at Rangatira Golf Club
31	To attend 4 Weekly RDC/Police Update

**Attachments:**

1. Letter from Living Hope Samoan Assembly of God Incorporated and Letter from Mayor in response [↓](#)

**Recommendation**

That the Mayoral Update – August 2022 be received.



FROM THE  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



9 August 2022

File Ref: 3-EX

Living Hope Samoan Assembly of God Incorporated  
3 Morris Street  
MARTON

Dear Pastor Levine

Thank you for your request asking Council to consider donating funds to the Church Building Fund.

I would love to be able to say that I have a discretionary fund which I could use to help fund a church. Unfortunately I don't have any discretionary funds, nor does Peter our Chief Executive. Any application to fund would need to go to Council and what I will do is take this tabled letter and add it to a Council agenda for consideration.

Funding things like this would normally go through an Annual Plan process which is out for community consultation. So it will be a difficult ask.

I understand absolutely your desire to locate a church as a place of worship within Marton. I will support this endeavour wherever I can personally and would be happy to help advise how we could apply for funds to external agencies and perhaps assist the fundraising committee.

It is a pleasure to work with you Levine and I wish you and the parishioners all the best.

Kind regards

Andy Watson  
Mayor – Rangitikei District Council

*Making this place home.*

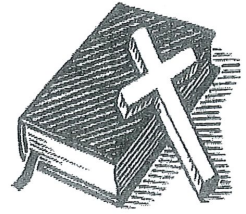
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LIVING HOPE SAMOAN ASSEMBLY OF GOD INCORPORATED

Pastor Levine Tofa
3 Morris Street
Matron 4710
Mob-021-02511683 or 021-02445282



8th August 2022,

TO: HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR ANDY WATSON
CHIEF EXEXUTIVE PETER BEGGS

RE: REQUEST FOR DONATION TO PURCHASE A PROPERTY FOR THE LIVING HOPE SAMOAN A.O.G
CHURCH MARTON

Dear Sirs,

We are respectfully writing you to request your collaboration with a donation of funds to the LIVING HOPE SAMOAN A.O.G CHURCH BUILDING FUND. We are raising to buy a property in Marton to permanently locate our church as our membership is growing and we need a place of our own.

I understand that you have a discretionary fund that covers causes such as ours, we would be immensely grateful if you would find it in your heart to help us with this need.

Many of our members would like to buy their own home and once we acquire a property for our church, they will settle close to us in Marton.

May God bless your generosity.

[Signature of L Tofa]
Church Leader – Ps. Levine Tofa

[Signature of Mareko Leupolu]
Church Secretary – Mareko Leupolu

[Signature of Eeseese Vafusuaga]
Church Treasurer – Eeseese Vafusuaga



## 10 Reports for Information

### 10.1 Committee Election Process for the 2022-25 Triennium

**Author:** Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

**Authoriser:** Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy & Planning

#### 1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 To explain Council's internal election process for Community Committees.

#### 2. Context

- 2.1 Local Government elections are held on 08 October 2022, and the new Council for the district will be sworn in on 25 October 2022.
- 2.2 The new Council will hold their first ordinary meeting on 03 November 2022. At this meeting, Council will formally consider the committee structure for the 2022-25 triennium, including Community Committees.

#### 3. Elections for Community Committees

- 3.1 If Council continues with the current structure there will be elections for members for Community Committees.
- 3.2 Council's process around elections for Community Committees is an internal one and is not prescribed by legislation (unlike the elections for Council and Community Boards).
- 3.3 This internal process is detailed in Council's Delegations Register and is consistent for all four of the existing Community Committees.

#### 4. Nominations

- 4.1 Provided Council decides to re-establish the Marton Community Committee, the below process will take place:
  - a. There will be a call for nominations made on 04 November 2022, with a closing date of 27 November 2022 (at 11.59 pm).
  - b. Nominations will be able to be submitted via the official Rangitikei District Council website.
  - c. There are **no** personal requirements or restrictions on standing for a Community Committee, including (but not limited to); qualifications, citizenship, criminal convictions, place of residence, age or gender.

#### 5. Election and Declaration of Members

- 5.1 The process for declaring members to a Community Committee is dependent on the number of nominations received. The Delegations Register states that the Marton Community Committee shall have between 7 and 10 community members. This does not include any elected members (i.e., the Mayor or Councillors). Accordingly:
  - a. If 7 – 10 nominations are received, all candidates will be declared elected.

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- b. If more than 10 nominations are received, the Council will call for a public meeting\* and conduct an election by secret ballot.
- c. If fewer than 7 nominations are received, the Council will call for a public meeting\* to seek additional nominations. If the total nominations received prior to and at the public meeting exceed 10, an election by secret ballot will be held.

*\*A minimum of 10 eligible voters are required to be present.*

- 5.2 The Chairperson will be appointed by, and from among, the newly declared Committee members. This will take place at the Committee's inaugural meeting, which is scheduled for 14 December 2022.

## 6. Further Information

- 6.1 Please direct any queries on this election process to Council's Deputy Electoral Officer, Mrs Carol Gordon ([carol.gordon@rangitikei.govt.nz](mailto:carol.gordon@rangitikei.govt.nz)).

## Recommendation

That the report 'Committee Election Process for the 2022-25 Triennium' be received.

**10.2 Small Projects Fund Update - October 2022****Author: Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor****1. Allocation**

- 1.1 The 2022/23 allocation to the Committee's Small Projects Fund was \$3,550.
- 1.2 Additionally, \$373 was carried-forward from the 2021/22 budget.
- 1.3 Therefore, the total allocation for 2022/23 is **\$3,923**.

**2. Earmarked Payments from 2021/22 yet to be paid**

- 2.1 The below payments were earmarked in 2021/22, but have not yet been paid. Payment for these will come from last year's budget and will not affect the allocation or balance for 2022/23.
  - a. Friendship Club: \$1,000 was allocated towards the maintenance of the bench chairs outside the old Bulls Town Hall. Council has not received payee details for this.

**3. Breakdown**

- 3.1 No payments have been made so far in 2022/23.

**4. Request from the Wilson Park Development Group**

- 4.1 As per the attached information from Ms Bates, the Wilson Park Development Group have requested \$455.81 in funding in order to install signs. See Recommendation 2, below.

**Recommendation 1**

That the report 'Small Projects Fund Update – October 2022' be received.

**Recommendation 2**

That the Committee approves / does not approve **[delete one]** funding of \$455.81 to the Wilson Park Development Group, for the purpose of installing signs.

### 10.3 Funding Schemes Update - October 2022

**Author:** Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

#### 1. Overview

- 1.1 Council currently administers five funding schemes for the Rangitikei District:
- a. Community Initiatives Fund
  - b. Events Sponsorship Scheme
  - c. Parks Upgrades Partnership Fund
  - d. Creative Communities Scheme
  - e. 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 allocates \$30,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 2.3 The current funding round (Round 1, 2022/23) is CLOSED for applications. Round 2 of 2022/23 opened for applications on 03 October 2022.

#### 3. Events Sponsorship 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 allocates \$50,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 3.3 The current funding round (Round 1, 2022/23) is CLOSED for applications. Round 2 of 2022/23 opened for applications on 03 October 2022.

#### 4. Parks Upgrades Partnership Fund

- 4.1 This is a Council fund and is the only one available for capital purchases. The Council provides up to 33% in cash of the value – in cash or in kind - of the contribution from the community for small-scale, community-led, capital projects.
- 4.2 Applications may be submitted at any time and will be considered at the next available Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting.

#### 5. Creative Communities Scheme

- 5.1 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

- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 The current funding round (Round 1, 2022/23) is OPEN for applications and closes 13 October 2022.

## 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.
- 6.3 The funding round opened for applications 17 May 2022 and will close 13 April 2023. The Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund Committee will meet to consider applications on 27 April 2023.

## 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 – October 2022 be received.

**10.4 RDC Engagement and Consultations****Author:** Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor**1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 Attached is the most recently updated schedule for RDC Engagement and Consultations. This schedule is updated on a monthly basis, prior to going to full Council for receipt.

**2. RDC Website**

- 2.1 Council's website lists all open and recently closed consultations (see the below weblink). This is also where individuals can make submissions.

<https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/council/consultation/current-consultations>

**Attachments:**

1. RDC Engagement and Consultations Schedule - Updated September 2022 [↓](#)


**Recommendation**

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



# Engagement / Consultations - 2022/23

## RANGITĪKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL

TOPIC	Staff (Lead)	Elected Member (Lead)	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Marton Buildings	Adina	Cr Wilson									Public Consultation				
Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond - Spatial Plan	Katrina	Cr Gordon								Public Consultation					
Future of Local Government	Peter		Stakeholder Engagement								Public Consultation				
Three Waters	Arno														
RMA Reforms	Katrina						Public Consultation								
Annual Plan 2023/24	Carol												Public Consultation		
Forestry Differential	Dave							Public Engagement							
Traffic and Parking Bylaw	Georgia												Public Consultation		
Local Body Elections	Carol	N/A	Local, Regional and National Campaign												
Business Baseline Survey	Jo		Public Engagement												
Primary Producers' Needs Assessment	Jo			Public Engagement											
Welcoming Communities Rangitikei	Rhianna		Public Engagement				Stakeholder Engagement								

**Key**

- Stakeholder Engagement (by other orgs)
- Public Consultation
- Public Consultation (by Central Government)
- Stakeholder Engagement (RDC)
- Public Engagement
- Local and national campaign - Enrolments, Standing for Council, Voting



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## **11 Discussion Items**

### **11.1 Wilson Park Development Group**

**Author:** Carolyn Bates, Chair

#### **1. Reason for Report**

1.1 Mr Tim Wilson (group secretary) has been invited to attend the Committee meeting.

#### **Recommendation**

If needed:

### **11.2 Velodrome**

**Author:** Carolyn Bates, Chair

#### **1. Reason for Report**

1.1 The Chair has advised that Mr Peter Farrell may provide an update to the Committee.

#### **Recommendation**

If needed:

### **11.3 Village Green Improvements**

**Author:** Carolyn Bates, Chair

#### **1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 The Chair has advised that Mr Dave Wilson (Chair of Marton Rotary) may provide an update to the Committee.

#### **Recommendation**

If needed:

## **12 Meeting Closed**