

MINUTES

MARTON COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 12 June 2024

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: 18 Humphrey Street
Marton

Present	Mrs Carolyn Bates Mr David Christison Ms Lyn Duncan Mr Peter Farrell Mrs Jennifer Greener Mrs Belinda Harvey-Larsen Ms Sally Moore Mr John Whittaker Cr Dave Wilson
In attendance	Mrs Jo Manuel, Manager Community Wellbeing Mrs Deb Haworth, Minute Taker Mr Greg Smith, Chair, Bulls Community Committee Mr David Yates, Bulls Community Committee Mrs Sue Wells, Marton Food Pantry Mr Simon Spence

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1 Welcome

The meeting started at 6.05pm.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **24/MCC/023**

Apologies received from HWTM Andy Watson and Cr Greg Maughan.

Mr J Whittaker/Mr P Farrell. Carried

3 Public Forum

Mrs Wells from the Marton Food Pantry joined the meeting at 6.10pm and spoke in support of her application of \$2,000 from the Small Projects Fund to provide assistance with their overheads.

Mrs Wells answered questions relating to what the funding would be used for, their process and informed the Committee that there were a lot of operating costs. Their biggest need is funding for food but this is difficult due to it being perishable and intangible.

Mr Smith, Chair, Bulls Community Committee, asked if they were working with the Bulls Food Pantry. Mrs Wells explained that they did start off doing that but have since been working alone as they have differing processes. Mr Smith asked if there was competition for food and Mrs Wells said yes, but they are all able to do that without restrictions.

This funding would be used for the overheads noted in their application in the Order Paper.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Action arising: Mrs Bates stated the Committee's preference to be named in the minutes going forward.

Resolved minute number **24/MCC/024**

That the minutes of Marton Community Committee Meeting held on 10 April 2024 **without amendment** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr D Wilson/Ms S Moore. Carried

7 Follow-up Actions

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Marton Community Committee Meetings

Item 3- Calico Line Footpath

Cr Wilson spoke to the Calico Line footpath. A survey of Calico Line had indicated incorrect boundaries which are historic and all around the region. This has added to the complexity of this work being done. There is no time line at present to indicate an end to this project.

Resolved minute number 24/MCC/025

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

Mrs C Bates/Mr J Whittaker. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - April 2024

There was no Chair's Report.

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Mayor's Report - April 2024

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/MCC/026

That the Mayor's Report – 24 April 2024 be received.

Mrs J Greener/Ms S Moore. Carried

9.2 Mayor's Report - 30 May 2024

Mrs Bates raised the question about the NZTA meeting and changing the qualifying figure for emergency events from 1 in 10 to 1 in 20 for emergency funding.

Cr Wilson spoke to the NZTA proposed changes. Submissions are due 13 June 2024 and the Marton Community Committee could submit. The FAR road assistance rate affects Ratepayers.

Minister Bishop announced a “pot hole fund’ where Council gets a portion and this is the same as the FAR Rate. HWTM Andy, Council CEO and Cr Wilson will be attending an Infrastructure meeting in Wellington the next day.

Mr Whittaker noted the Mayor’s Report was very thorough and was appreciative of it.

Resolved minute number 24/MCC/027

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

That the Committee supports voicing its concern and endorses HWTM Andy’s concerns regarding the proposed roading changes

Mrs J Greener/Ms S Moore. Carried

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Funding Schemes Update - June 2024

Mr Christison and Ms Harvey-Larsen joined the meeting at 6.25pm during this item.

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/MCC/028

That the Funding Schemes Update –June 2024 be received.

Mr J Whittaker/Mr D Christison. Carried

10.2 Small Projects Fund Update - June 2024

Resolved minute number 24/MCC/029

That the application from the Marton Food Pantry be approved for funding of \$2,000 for their overheads as it stands in the Order Paper

Mrs C Bates/Mrs L Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/MCC/030

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

. Ms L Duncan/Mr P Farrell. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/MCC/031

That the Marton Community Committee request the remaining allocation of \$667.19 is carried forward to the following financial year 2024/25.

Ms S Moore/Mrs L Duncan. Carried

10.3 Submission: Harmony Energy Solar Farm

The Committee discussed this submission.

Mr Christison spoke about his negative experiences with their personal solar installation including our location, recycling and the environmental issue.

Mrs Harvey-Larsen spoke to her positive experiences where it is doing what she expected, reducing power cost and availability for medical equipment and various appliances in the event of a power cut.

Mr Smith, Chair, Bulls Community Committee gave an overview of how the lines work currently, the constrained capacity, extra system plugins never designed for and with more lines, every connection is depleted and the effect on the community by increasing Transpower's levies. He spoke to the base load, solar, wind, geo thermal and hydro sources of power noting that solar is intermittent generation by the sun so not controllable.

Mr Whittaker spoke to it making no difference, as it is rubber stamped.

Mrs Bates had researched who they were owned by, and they are out of Knaresborough, North Yorkshire, UK.

Mr Wilson noted 20% of the farm would be covered and sheep would graze around the panels with Greg Smith noting that nothing grows under the panels.

Mr Farrell disagreed with the negative comments and spoke to doing everything during the day when the sun is out. He took some time to work out what his power bills would be versus the solar investments then made his decision to go with solar.

ACTION: Cr Wilson asked the Committee to thank the staff of making the Committee aware of this as it has created great conversation .

After discussion and recognising the Committee's diverse range of views, the Committee agreed that the item be received as per the Order Paper and any submissions would be made on a personal level, due by 1 July 2024

Resolved minute number 24/MCC/032

That the item 'Submission: Harmony Energy Solar Farm' be received.

Cr D Wilson/Mr J Whittaker. Carried

10.4 Marton Solar Farm

Mrs Bates noted this was an Australian (Hawthorn, Victoria) based Company and solar farm is located on Wellington Road, Marton.

The Committee agreed that any submissions would be made on a personal level, due by 1 July 2024.

Resolved minute number 24/MCC/033

That the 'Submission: Marton Solar Farm' be received.

Mrs C Bates/Mr J Whittaker. Carried

11 Discussion Items

11.1 Rangitikei District Council Bylaw and Policy Consultations

Cr Wilson noted the Council is one of the few without a Smokefree and Vapefree Policy.

Cr Wilson also noted the Draft Signs and Public Places Bylaw 2024 was about Council tidying up three policies and amalgamating them.

Resolved minute number 24/MCC/034

The Committee endorses the both the Draft Smokefree and Vapefree Policy 2024 and Draft Signs and Public Places Bylaw 2024 as recommended by Council

Mr J Whittaker/Mr D Christison. Carried

11.2 Request for Service

Mrs Bates and Cr Wilson discussed the rotting fence at the Wellington Road flats. It was on the Council radar, it looked shabby, and has since been removed.

Mr Whittaker informed the Committee there was a notice in the mail saying a new fence is being built.

Cr Wilson suggested the Marton Community Committee lodge any RFS's and this is seen as raised by the Committee which may give them a push.

11.3 Annual / Long Term Plan Input

Mrs Bates was mindful when putting together the LTP submission, there had been missed opportunities. With this in mind, this has been included as an Action List in preparation for the next Annual or Long Term Plan where, as a Committee, topics can be added to remain to the Committee's attention, if there are any follow up actions and if closed, why and it can be added again

Mrs Bates talked about things like the Small Projects Fund and whether this should be inflation adjusted, or increased, or carry overs be part of the delegation every year. And staff attending the Committee meetings being added to the Agenda and Order Paper, for example Jo Manuel and Deb Haworth

Cr Wilson noted the carry overs of funds process is a required action for audit purposes and the next Annual Plan is next year, 2025.

11.4 Rubbish dumped at old Hospital site

Mrs Duncan raised concerns about the rubbish being dumped at the old Hospital site on Rira Street near Ohura Street

There was discussion about this and Cr Wilson said the question is what, if anything can the Council do. Because it is private property, Council is not in a position to enforce this and is not able to send a letter to them in this circumstance

Mr Spence asked if the Council can change the laws to which Cr Wilson responded, this was a very big question and it can't be done. It would be a very large piece of work. What people do on their private property is their business unless it becomes a public health or safety issue.

Resolved minute number 24/MCC/035

ACTION: The Committee will raise its concerns with Council about the rubbish being dumped on Rira Street near Ohura Street (to the old Hospital site).

Mr J Whittaker/Ms J Greener. Carried

11.5 Street sweeping

Cr Wilson noted the streets have been swept since the last meeting after the question was asked. Taihape was completed, then Marton. There is a schedule for the whole district.

11.6 The Clock

Ms Duncan talked about the Clock being repaired and reinstated with the owners approval. It is ready to go.

11.7 John Hill

Mrs Bates noted she had been provided with an incorrect email for John Hill. Sally Moore will locate an email.

ACTION: Cr Wilson recommended an email be sent to John Hill and thank him for the work that has been done. Mrs Bates will action this.

11.8 Postal delivery

The postal delivery by a NZ Post employees (Bunty) stops as of 1 July 2024. NZ Post Contractors will be delivering mail from then on and may affect the flow of Post.

Cr Wilson commented this could be seen an opportunity, rather than being staff, being a contractor.

The meeting closed at 7.33pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Marton Community Committee held on 14 August 2024.

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Chairperson