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MARTON COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 12 February 2025

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Chair: Ms Carolyn Bates

Deputy Chair: Mr David Christison

Membership: Ms Lyn Duncan
Mr Peter Farrell
Ms Jennifer Greener
Ms Belinda Harvey-Larsen
Ms Sally Moore
Mr John Whittaker
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Greg Maughan (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.

Quorum

The quorum for the Marton Community Committee is 5.

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

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

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¹ Appended to the Delegations Register

Notice is hereby given that a Marton Community Committee Meeting of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitīkei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Wednesday, 12 February 2025 at 6.00pm.

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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 **Marton Community Committee Meeting held on 11 December 2024 are attached.**

Attachments

- 1. **Marton Community Committee Meeting - 11 December 2024**

Recommendation

That the minutes of Marton Community Committee Meeting held on 11 December 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



ATTACHMENT 1

UNCONFIRMED MARTON COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 11 December 2024

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: 18 Humphrey Street
Marton

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

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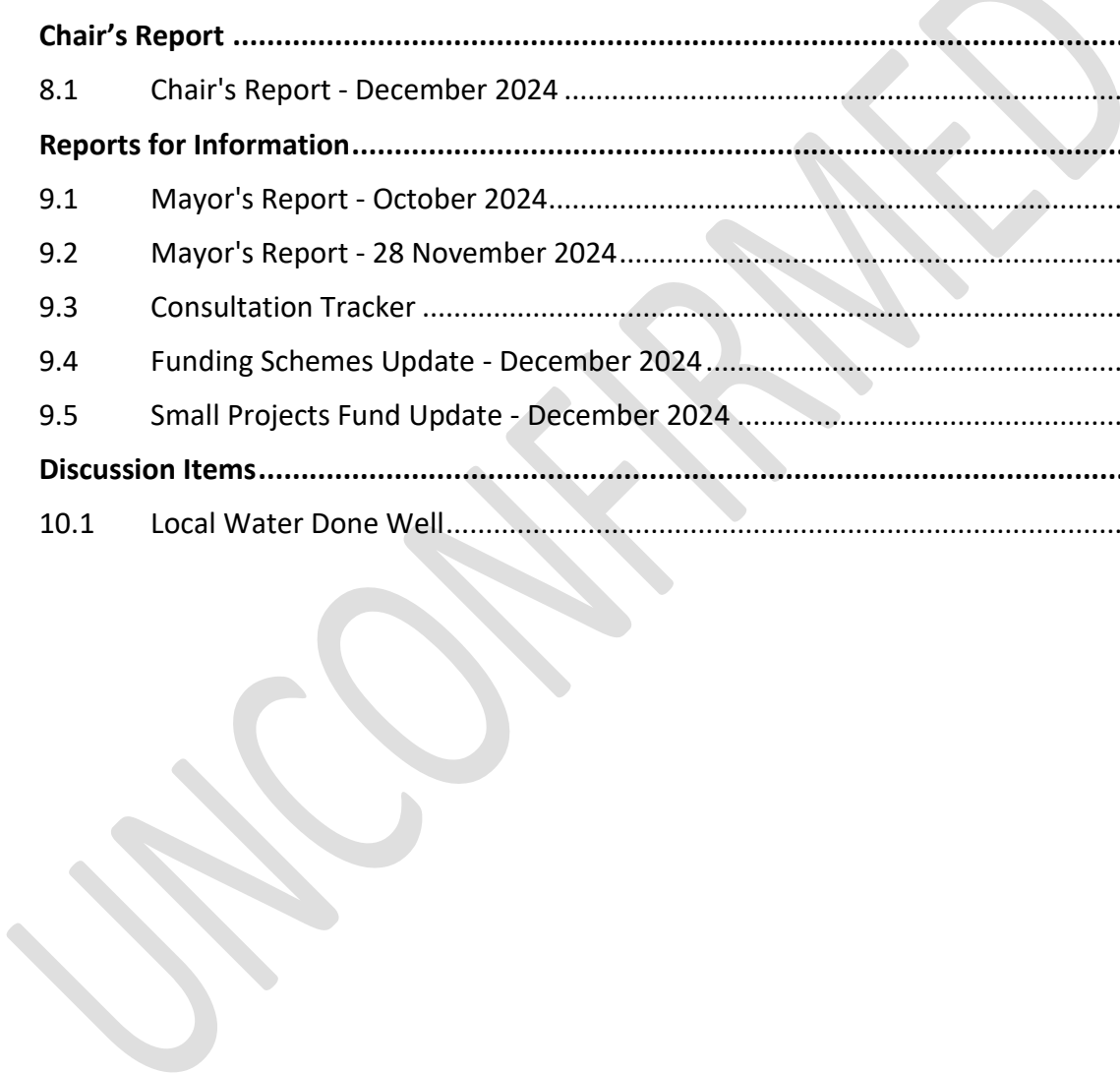
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1 Welcome

Carolyn welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

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

3 Public Forum

There was no Public Forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

The order of business was not changed.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 24/MCC/042

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

Ms S Moore/Mr J Whittaker. Carried

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Marton Community Committee Meetings

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

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

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

Item 2 - Update on Calico Line footpath installation:

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

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

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

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

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

Mrs Bates mentioned the swimming pool.

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

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

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

Resolved minute number 24/MCC/043

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

Mrs C Bates/Mrs J Greener. Carried

7 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - December 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr Christison asked if it was only one beam.

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

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

Cr Wilson said not that he was aware of that.

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

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

Resolved minute number 24/MCC/044

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

Mrs C Bates/Ms S Moore. Carried

8 Reports for Information

9.1 Mayor's Report - October 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resolved minute number 24/MCC/045

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

Mrs C Bates/Mr J Whittaker. Carried

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9.2 Mayor's Report - 28 November 2024

Resolved minute number 24/MCC/046

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

Mrs C Bates/Mr J Whittaker. Carried

ATTACHMENT 1

9.3 Consultation Tracker

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

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

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

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

Resolved minute number 24/MCC/047

That the report 'Consultation Tracker' be received.

Mrs C Bates/Mr D Christison. Carried

9.4 Funding Schemes Update - December 2024

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

Resolved minute number 24/MCC/048

That the Funding Schemes Update – December 2024 be received.

Mrs C Bates/Ms S Moore. Carried

9.5 Small Projects Fund Update - December 2024

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

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

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

Mr Christison said, next meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resolved minute number 24/MCC/049

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

Mr D Christison/Cr D Wilson. Carried

9 Discussion Items

10.1 Local Water Done Well

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10.2 Fluoridation

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

Cr Wilson said this was Whangarei.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10.3 Marton Water

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

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

Mr Whittaker asked about the bore and what is happening.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10.4 Closed Toilets in Lower High Street

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cr Wilson asked were they the Transit buses?

Mr Whittaker said they were the InterCity buses.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cr Wilson said Council hears that talk as well.

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

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

10.6 Walker Park, Bulls toilets

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

Mr Yates said no.

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

10.6 High Street buildings

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

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

10.7 Rail Hub Land

Mr Whittaker asked about news on the Rail Hub land.

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

10.8 Kensington Road Wood Plant

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

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

Mr Whittaker asked if it was that plastic wood.

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

The meeting closed at 7.05pm.

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

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Chairperson

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Marton Community Committee Meetings

Author: Kezia Spence, 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	21-Aug-24	The Marton Community committee endorses and supports the addition of water access on the deck of the Tutaenui Hall.	Sheryl S	This Tutaenui Hall committee have this on their to-do-list and have been passed on to staff. Ms Bovey can provide more detail at the meeting.	Completed.
2	14-Feb-24	Update on Calico Line footpath installation	Arno	Staff are investigating options. Staff will continue to update this item for the committees information.	In progress

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - February 2025

Author: Carolyn Bates, Chair

1. Reason for Report

1.1 A verbal report will be provided during the meeting.

1.1.1 The Chair noted the invitation from Purina Tux to the Marton Community Committee

Recommendation

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

ITEM 8.1

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Mayor's Report - 12 December 2024

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

1. Reason for Report

Local Government as an organisation is split up into zones or groups of councils around New Zealand. Rangitikei is in Zone 3 which includes councils such as Gisborne, Wairoa and Hawkes Bay councils, New Plymouth to Horowhenua and of course all of the councils in the Horizons region. I Co-Chair Zone 3 with Craig Little, Mayor of Wairoa. We meet as a Zone as Mayors, Councillors and Chief Executives to receive reports from Government, to work out how we collectively respond and update each other on what work we are doing on an individual basis. Many Zone 3 councils have been through Cyclone Gabrielle and it is a chance for us to provide support/assistance to our fellow councils. Recently Zone 3 met in Napier to coincide with the 150th celebration of Napier City so the timing was always going to be great and with Gabrielle it also gave us an absolute chance to reflect on the past history of Hawkes Bay and how it has been affected by cyclones and earthquakes in the past.

I have included the draft minutes of the Zone 3 meeting, minus the attendance register, and I thank Sarayde, the Administrator for Zone 3 for what is a very complete report. I wish to make a few small comments in addition to the reports –

- **The presentation from Hastings District Councillor Michael Fowler on the major weather events and how they have impacted Napier and Hawkes Bay** – incredibly interesting and show these events happen routinely over time and will happen again in the future. But one of the things he didn't really highlight was effectively the wealth that the earthquakes brought to Napier City. A huge amount of land was lifted out of the ocean, and it became council land that they were able to sell to provide business and industry in the area where the airport currently sits. In some ways this was a huge financial win for Napier City.
- **The presentation by Lawrence Yule, Crown Manager dealing with flood mitigation matters in Hawkes Bay** – fascinating, he has been funded and charged with the responsibility of dealing with things such as the Wairoa River Response where the stop-banks failed, partially due to a consequence that the Regional Council hadn't kept the bar clear. I stress that this is my view and will continue to be litigated in enquiries for quite some time to come. Lawrence is very well known to Local Government as previous Mayor of Hastings and Chair of LGNZ.
- **The NZTA presentation on Driver Licensing** – this has been an issue that the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs has campaigned for so long to different ministries including the Ministry of Education. In our view, not having a drivers licence is the greatest handbrake on employment for a huge number of people. Often not having a licence leads to the first interaction with courts. It would be magnificent if we could actually get progress on this nationally.
- **James Kilty and Don Elers from Powerco** presented at my specific request. Essentially our district has a huge number of wind farm and solar farms going through consenting and the view of Powerco was this absolutely needed to happen for NZ Inc and that power companies

are bending over backwards to facilitate this. James announced during the meeting that he will leave Powerco early next year to be Chief Executive of Transpower NZ. He suggested to me privately that I should have discussions with him around where the Rangitikei is prior to December and his changing role.

- **Day 2 featured very heavily on “Around the Regions”** – where every council gets a few minutes to talk about what they are doing and what their future direction is. I am not going to comment on individual councils as it has been very well recorded in the minutes and I invite you to have a read of them as it’s fascinating.
- **The Zone topic - “Working together to make our boat go faster – lessons and opportunities from around New Zealand” by NZ First MP Andy Foster.** You will of course remember his three years as Mayor of Wellington. We had reached out to Minister Shane Jones to attend the Zone meeting however in fairness to him his diary is incredibly complex and he put up Andy as an alternative. Andy produced a lot of financial figures around where New Zealand sits in terms of GDP and where we are placed now compared to where we were placed 10-15 years ago. The reality is that per head of capita, New Zealand is slipping, and slipping quite quickly. This becomes absolutely one of the drivers of the NZ First/National Party coalition to focus on GDP growth and in their view the need to make some very harsh decisions. It builds on the story of Minister Jones saying that we have to fast track for at least the short terms and accepts there will be some environmental damage as part of that process. This is purely a reflection on where we are as a country at the moment.
- **Hamish Saxton from Hawkes Bay Tourism talked on the great wine capitals of the world** and when we were putting the Zone agenda together I questioned whether this was an appropriate use of time for councils within the Zone. However his presentation was enlightening in terms of the economic advantages that have been gained for the Hawkes Bay councils as being regarded as one of the great wine capitals. There are a limited number of these capitals throughout the world, countries can apply and a number have applied that have been either turned down or told they don’t quite make the grade at the moment. The wine produced from these regions then becomes highly regarded worldwide and hence marketable. So I have to concede and apologise to some extent – this was a very worthwhile presentation.
- **The last real topic of the day was from Caroline Dumas – Zone 3 Department of Internal Affairs Representative.** Unfortunately for Caroline she was unable to make some of the announcements that the Minister was wanting to make a few days later at the Rural & Provincial meeting. What I would refer to you there is to look at my last council report detailing those changes. It illustrates the fact that Government’s position is changing on an almost daily basis. As part of that we are still waiting on the 3rd tranche of legislation that is due out before Christmas. It has been hinted that the regional CCOs that are currently being formed by councils will come nowhere close to gaining efficiencies that in Government’s view are deemed to be 200,000 connections for water or wastewater services. My next Mayor’s Report should have the last tranche of legislation that I can comment on.

I close with wishing everybody a very Merry Christmas - please travel safely. I am conscious of the number of people that we lose from our regions from road and water related fatalities every year at this time. I look forward to welcoming you all back next year.

ITEM 9.1

Mayor’s Engagements

December 2024

2	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended meeting with Local Government Funding Authority</p> <p>Attended Council Workshop</p> <p>Attended Mayors Taskforce for Jobs online meeting</p>
3	<p>Attended Emergency Management Standing Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended Regional Transport Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended Mayoral Forum Meeting</p> <p>Attended Erewhon Rural Water Scheme Meeting</p> <p>Attended Local Water Done Well Meeting for Rural Water Schemes</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
4	<p>Attended Executive Leadership Team Q&A session with Governors</p> <p>Attended Follow-up Hui re Napier-Taihape Road</p> <p>Attended Local Water Done Well Northern Iwi Meeting</p> <p>Attended meeting with ratepayers Taihape</p>
5	<p>Attended Governance Group meeting re Marton Office & Library Project</p> <p>Attended Nga Tawa End of Year Prizegiving</p> <p>Attended CE Recruitment Interviews</p> <p>Attended Turakina Community Committee Meeting</p>
6	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Bulls School Charity Concert</p> <p>Attended Mayor’s Christmas Function</p>
7	<p>Attended Marton Market Day</p>
8	<p>Attended Marton Christmas Parade</p> <p>Attended Marton Historical Society Christmas Party</p>
9	<p>Attended meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended meeting with previous Youth Councillor</p> <p>Attended Junior Neighbourhood Awards at James Cook School</p>
10	<p>Attended Merry Night in Marton Christmas Tree winners celebration</p> <p>Attended Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Meeting</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p> <p>Attended Ratana Community Board meeting</p>
11	<p>Attended Springvale Toilet acknowledgement lunch</p>

	<p>Attended Hautapu Bridges Blessing/Opening</p> <p>Attended Taihape Community Board Meeting</p>
12	<p>Attended Council Workshop for Annual Plan</p> <p>Attended Council Meeting</p>
13	<p>To attend meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>To attend Fortnightly Economic Development meeting with staff</p> <p>To attend Accelerate35 Meeting</p> <p>To attend Marton School Prizegiving</p> <p>To attend RDC Staff Christmas Function</p>
14	<p>To attend Bulls Christmas Parade</p>
15	<p>To attend Otiwhiti School of Agriculture Cadet Graduation & Prizegiving</p> <p>To attend Bulls Festival Day</p>
16	<p>To attend monthly breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys</p> <p>To attend meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>To attend Meet & Greet with MTFJ placements in Taihape</p> <p>To attend MTFJ Governance Group online meeting</p>
17	<p>To attend Regional Transport Matters Regional Chiefs Fortnightly online meeting</p> <p>To attend relationship meeting with Powerco</p> <p>To attend Citizenship Ceremony</p> <p>To attend weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p>
18	<p>To attend 40th anniversary morning tea celebration with staff member</p>
19	<p>To attend Governance Group meeting re Marton Office & Library Project</p> <p>To attend Council Meeting</p>
20	<p>To attend meeting with Chief Executive</p>
22	<p>To attend St Stephens Church Christmas Service</p>
25	<p>To attend community Christmas Lunch in Taihape</p>

Attachments:

1. **Zone 3 Draft Minutes 14 November 2024** [↓](#)
2. **Elected Member Attendance** [↓](#)

Recommendation

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



Zone Three Meeting

Thursday 14 November 2024

1.	<p>Mihi Whakatau The meeting opened at 12.10pm with a mihi whakatau from tangata whenua – Ngati Pārau, Kāhui Kaumatua and the Napier City Council Kapa Haka Group. Iwi representative/Māori Relationships Manager from Napier City Council performed a karakia, followed by a waiata himene and waiata-a-ringa.</p> <p>Mayor Little responded to the welcome by thanking tangata whenua and the welcoming group for the warm welcome.</p>
2.	<p>Mayoral Welcome – Napier City Council Mayor, Kirsten Wise Mayor Wise welcomed Zone 3 Councils to Ahuriri Napier and McLean Park, acknowledging this year as the 150th Anniversary for Napier. She highlighted Napier establishing a borough Council in November 1874 and the various natural disasters throughout Napier’s 150-year history and the profound impact these events have had on the city, including a devastating fire in 1886, significant flooding sometime later and the catastrophic 1931 earthquake.</p>
3.	<p>Zone Welcome and Admin - Zone Three Chairs, Andy Watson and Craig Little Mayor Little welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged all special guests and speakers in attendance.</p> <p>Confirmation of the Minutes from the Zone 3 Meeting held Thursday 21 and Friday 22 March 2024. <i>THAT the minutes from the Zone Three Meeting held 21 and 22 March 2024 be confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.</i> RESOLVED: Alex Walker / Tracey Collis CARRIED</p> <p>Apologies from member authorities. <i>THAT the apologies be received from member authorities.</i> RESOLVED: Craig Little / Sandra Hazlehurst CARRIED</p> <p>Securing the location for the next meeting. There was uncertainty around where the next Zone 3 meeting will be held. The decision for the next meeting location was deferred to Friday 15 November. It was decided on Friday 15 November: <i>THAT the next Zone 3 meeting location will be South Taranaki District Council in April 2025.</i></p> <p>Zone 3 Financial Report Mayor Watson stated he felt there was no need to call on further funds and on behalf of Zone 3 he wanted to acknowledge Sarayde Tapine (Zone 3 Administrator) work as the person who makes all the magic happen for the meeting. Mayor Watson was happy to report that all Councils were up to date with payments.</p>



	<p><i>THAT the Zone 3 Financial Report be received.</i> RESOLVED: Andy Watson / Bernie Wanden CARRIED</p> <p>Health and Safety Briefing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor Watson provided a health and safety briefing to the group followed by the itinerary for dinner that night at Mission Estate.
<p>4.</p>	<p>Zone Topic – ‘Speaking on major weather events which have impacted Napier and the Hawke’s Bay region over the past 150 years and what we have learnt from these events historically’ – Hastings District Councillor, Michael Fowler</p> <p>Michael Fowler provided an informative presentation on the history of flooding from Reverend William Colenso’s experiences to the local Maori. The following points from his presentation were highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> William Colenso’s statement in the 1840’s ‘why would you live in a damp hollow’. William and wife experienced floods and had silt deposits through his house. Memorial built to flood victims. Briefly touched on the flood mitigation across Napier, Hastings and Clive. 1895 was the only year there was no flooding.
<p>5.</p>	<p>Zone Topic – ‘Role of the Crown Manager in dealing with the flood mitigation matters in the Hawke’s Bay region’ – Crown Manager, Lawrence Yule</p> <p>Lawrence Yule presented on his role as the Crown Manager for dealing with flood protection in the Hawke’s Bay region. The following notes were highlighted from his presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wairoa is a remote part of Hawke’s Bay, a really difficult road to get to on a coastal part of New Zealand and is highly prone to flooding. The Wairoa river is the largest catchment in Hawke’s Bay. Wairoa river mouth to Frasertown has no elevation. The Wairoa community has a small rating base with over 50% of Māori and simply cannot afford flood protection. Cyclone Bola which hit New Zealand in 1988 was a severe weather event that caused extensive damage, particularly in the North Island. Wairoa was one of the areas hardest hit by the cyclone’s powerful winds and flooding. Flood protection is not the end solution as you cannot beat the immense forces of nature, however, we can try and manage it. Lawrence Yule formally appointed as Crown Manager on 15 August 2024.
<p>6.</p>	<p>Zone Topic – ‘NZTA Driver Licensing – the current system, improvements underway and the future’ – NZTA National Manager Performance and Insights, ‘Jodi Mitchell’</p> <p>The NZTA Director of Regional Relationships Linda Stewart introduced the NZTA National Manager Performance and Insights, Jodi Mitchell presenting on community based driver licensing. The following points were highlighted from her presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barriers prevent equitable access and progress through our Graduated Driver Licensing System. In New Zealand, 3 in 10 novice drivers either become stuck on a learner or restricted licence or are slow to progress to their full. Not having a licence impacts individuals, families and communities.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She advised some funding sources have slowed down while others have picked up and noted Mayors to get in touch with the regional providers.
7.	<p>Zone Topic – ‘LGNZ Issues Paper – Electoral Reform Working Group’ – Hutt City Council Mayor, Campbell Barry</p> <p>Campbell Barry spoke to the LGNZ Issues paper in regard to the Electoral Reform Working Group with the below points highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elections coming up next year with induction planning well underway for this noting that the induction is designed to complement what Councils already do on their own. • The release of the free toolkit before the end of the year with some collateral and materials on voting and elections 2025.
8.	<p>Zone Topic – ‘Energy and Infrastructure Transition’ – Powerco, James Kilty and Don Elers</p> <p>James Kilty and Don Elers from Powerco company briefly introduced themselves with the following notes highlighted from their presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powerco’s footprint spreads across a lot of Zone 3 regions and serves just under a million Kiwis delivering electricity and gas. Currently expanding by building fibre in the Coromandel area at the moment. • Seeking Board approval next week for Smart and Gas meter rollout. • Powerco is a group of 500 plus highly committed Kiwis from all around the world and is committed to helping find a way to make our services and our industry effective to help New Zealand grow to net zero. • The great and “lucky” position New Zealand is in however there is a need to start leveraging what we have which in turn means having those difficult conversations about how things have to change in New Zealand across the board including local and central government and communities and the willingness from both sides to trade off things.
9.	<p>Brief/Close of meeting – Napier City Council Mayor, Kirsten Wise</p> <p>Mayor Wise offered the closing remarks for day one of the meeting noting the site visit to the Faraday Museum of Technology and dinner at Mission Estate. Mayor Little closed the meeting with a closing karakia at 4:17pm.</p>

Friday 15 November 2024

1.	<p>Opening/Welcome – Zone Three Co-chairs, Andy Watson and Craig Little</p> <p>The meeting started at 8:30am with a welcoming introduction and opening karakia by Mayor Little. Mayor Watson announced that South Taranaki will host the next Zone 3 meeting in April 2025.</p>
2.	<p>Around the Regions – ‘Nurturing Partnerships. How does your community benefit from your relationships? Maybe it’s a partnership with another council, central government, mana whenua or the community itself. Show off ONE project, plan or programme that makes the most of your strategic relationships’.</p>

	<p>The below points were highlighted from each Council’s around the regions presentation.</p> <p>Tararua District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on strategic partnerships in the taiao / environmental space with two iwi partners – Ngati Kahungunu ki Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua and Rangitāne o Tāmaki-nui-a-Rua. • Both iwi have been put under considerable resourcing constraints that were exacerbated by Cyclone Gabrielle to support the workloads of both Councils and government agencies. • Both iwi have signed the agreement for funding with scheduled monthly hui to discuss the project which focuses on establishing a strong relationship with the Council, overseeing cultural activities related to consenting and engaging with the council on environmental matters requiring iwi input. <p>Gisborne District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focussing on Te Tiriti partnerships, the ‘Te Tiriti Compass’ was developed by the GDC Māori Partnerships Team and is a path to develop effective and meaningful, genuine collaboration with mana whenua to ensure iwi and hapū have a long-term role in future planning and decision making for the region. • The compass consists of four pou – <i>Kāwanatanga</i> (Governance and shared decision-making), <i>Tino Rangatiratanga</i> (Self Determination), <i>Ōritetanga</i> (Equity between Māori and Tangata Tiriti) and <i>Whakapono</i> (Protection of customs and faith). <p>South Taranaki District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke to the great partnership between the Council and the Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust. The Rotokare Scenic Reserve consists of 230 hectares of predator free fenced wetland and lake habitat. Largest predator free fenced lake and reserve area in New Zealand. • In 2008 the predator free fence was built, and the Council has supported the project with over \$2.2m covering the fence and ongoing maintenance costs, as well as an annual grant of \$70k. • Home to over 54 species of birds, 36 being native of which a handful are threatened species. A lot of these species have been re-introduced to the area. <p>Manawatu District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented on empowering localism in small rural communities and marae. 16 community committees that work in partnership with the Council to be the voice for residents to ensure their views are being heard by the Council when making decisions that could potentially affect them. • Council is working with communities in their district to take charge of their own future and engaged environmental consultants (Boffa Miskell) to develop their community plans. • One of the smaller rural communities initially indicated that they didn’t want a community plan, however, as they have seen the benefits from other communities having plans, they now want to be a part of the community planning process. <p>Hawke’s Bay Regional Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spent collectively between ratepayers and taxpayers around \$200m in clearing up the hill country that has come down to the plains as a result of erosion during Cyclone Gabrielle.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land for life is a partnership between the Nature Conservancy, one of the largest global impact funders for environmental work in the world, MPI, the regional Council, local landowners and a series of financial institutions. This enables the Council to put in place a public / private partnership to help manage erosion in the hill country. <p>Whanganui District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with one of the local iwi on an initiative ‘Toitū Te Whānau’ which is a relationship agreement between iwi, hapū, Council and central government agencies. The approach consists of 5 elements – System, design, whānau engagement, resourcing and community operating model. The intent of this is telling central government what to do and not the other way around. <p>Napier City Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoke to the Tiaka project being a space in the inner city which was made earthquake prone in 2017 and closed. As a result, the city lost the local library, civic building, governance space and staff accommodation space. The Council have since embarked in partnership with mana whenua to design Tiaka and replace what was lost. Looking to keep and strengthen the library while demolishing the civic building. Currently at the detailed design and resource consent granting phase and going out for expressions of interest for head contractors. A core part of the project has been the development of a cultural narrative – a story telling foundation that expresses the spirit, identity and uniqueness of Tiaka. Through the partnership with mana whenua, they have shared their stories, insights and created a narrative that has been woven into every element of the process. <p>Ruapehu District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Video played to demonstrate that the Council is resilient and in partnership with other agencies to ensure a sustainable economy moving forward. The video also covered working together with other councils that cross boundaries. Focussed on the Ngā Ara Tūhono – Mountains and Sea Cycle Trail a project in partnership with Ngāti Rangi and local iwi totalling to about \$7m which Kānoa were involved in. The project presents an opportunity to link up with Whanganui, with a strong focus from the Council in working hard to getting the economy back on track. <p>Horizons Regional Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented on a project the Council is doing in Ernie’s patch for Lake Horowhenua for water quality improvements, namely the Arawhata Wetland Project. A part of the project is weed harvesting to take out some of the fast growing weed to break the nutrient cycle that feeds the toxic algae blooms. The lake is privately owned, and Council has been working closely with trustees from the inception of the project including consenting, building the boat ramp and then getting out on the lake with the harvesting. Collaborative project overseen by a governance group consisting of 9 members, of which 4 are iwi. <p>New Plymouth District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Played a video as part of their presentation.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NP Partners encompasses the power of a shared vision by community leaders for a particular area and committing to investing in the growth and expansion of the city and creating greater community value and impact through a partner-led, Council managed programme. • Proposal by the Mayor to enhance and increase private sector investment in the community. <p>Central Hawke’s Bay District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke to the Tamatea Housing Taskforce first beginning in 2019 with a team approach between the Council, the Heretaunga Tamatea Settlement Trust and the Local Taiwhenua Trust. • Taskforce created to provide leadership and guidance to address housing challenges in Tamatea and to oversee the “Our Homes” strategy for Tamatea. • To date the taskforce has worked to move the dial and as such has resulted in zero people living in emergency housing, the Salvation Army delivering 7 transitional housing spaces and Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga delivering 18 transitional spaces. • The community now has 2 active commercial rental property developers and are now facing the challenge which is the national average rental price which has been outstripped so the market has to adjust and Ngati Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated has confirmed investment into affordable rentals. <p>Rangitikei District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke to how quickly relationships need to change. • A new relationship having to be created very quickly with the closure of the mill and 1000 tonnes of logs heading over a road not designed for heavy transport. Looking to assemble KiwiRail, the two Councils, forest owners, road transport operators, NZTA and Ports of Napier into a room to discuss next steps moving forward as what is currently happening is unsustainable. The potential relationships this could establish was noted. • Marton Swimming Pool – one beam in the centre has collapsed and is not included in the LTP to repair with estimated costs of \$3m. In this case a private individual stepped up and has decided to fund the pool roof repair with a previous playground investment for the community of \$650k. • Rangitikei Council continues to lead as the highest performing Council for Mayors Taskforce for Jobs in New Zealand. <p>Palmerston North City Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focussed on an economic partnership Te Utanganui the central NZ distribution hub consisting of rail, road, air and sea connections and stands as one of the Council’s largest joint venture projects. • The project encompasses several infrastructure projects which when combined will create the primary distribution and transport hub for central New Zealand, supporting the transport and logistics centres of South Auckland, Waikato and Canterbury. • The project is expected to take development in Manawatu to the next level, building on initiatives already planned for the area like KiwiRail’s Regional Freight Hub and/or roading projects including the Manawatu/Tararua highway and Otaki to North of Levin expressway. <p>Hastings District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiaroha celebrates the strong relationship between the Council and Heretaunga mana whenua that reflects the dedication of partnership fostered by Councils and Rangatira.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiaroha communicates the importance of caring for the water and is aimed at not only providing safe drinking water but also emphasising the critical importance of water taonga and how to protect and conserve it for future generations. • Through engagement with primary schools the feedback given was that the education centre would be a great way to tell the water story and the partnership with Ngati Kahungunu has been integral to the success of the project. <p>Stratford District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke to the Stratford Park project that arose around 5 years ago when the Council were approached by 3 different groups with vastly different interests and needs. The one thing in common they had was a lack of space around their current facilities already owned. • Through the collaboration that followed from this approach a partnership arose namely, the Stratford Park project. • The Council decided to lend \$7m to buy neighbouring land to expand on each of their ideas. <p>Wairoa District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focussing on the Cultural Trail project is a partnership between Wairoa Young Achievers Trust, Mayor’s Taskforce for Jobs Initiative, Rongomaiwahine Iwi Trust and the local Council. • The project encompasses a vision as a partnership driven cultural experience that enhances Te Wairoa as a must visit destination and to share the unique stories and places of Te Wairoa for generations to come. • Initial focus on two cultural sites of significance within Wairoa township with the vision for growth to expand to other sites and communities across the Wairoa rohe. <p>Horowhenua District Council –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke to concentrating on the basics and delivering on wellbeing as that it extremely crucial to the Council to understand and inform their decision-making. Strong focus on the Community Wellbeing Committee Structure set up within their Council. • The Community Wellbeing Committee has been in place for well over 10 years with the Council deciding to strengthen it by having a number of forums that feed into the committee including iwi partners, access and inclusion, youth services, older persons, education and part of the refugee community. • The purpose of the Committee is to provide collective leadership, advocacy and holistic outcomes that enable the population of Horowhenua to be well together. <p>Taranaki Regional Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke of the dramatic direction change in the last year for regional councils. The Council is in a position where they have held 29 meetings with the community around the district to get real opinions of what people thought. The direction change to the farming community was also noted.
<p>3.</p>	<p>Zone Topic – ‘Working together to make our boat go faster – lessons and opportunities from around New Zealand’ – NZ First MP, Andy Foster</p> <p>The following points were highlighted from NZ First MP Andy Foster’s presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous background of working 27 years in Council and three years as Mayor in Wellington.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted the tough job of Mayors and Elected members throughout the country. You can never please anyone while juggling all sorts of aspirations. • Jobs for nature and how NZ First are building up a business case for it to return. • Focus on how we manage our economy is crucial to performing well economically with a need for more high-skilled jobs.
<p>4.</p>	<p>Zone Topic – ‘LGNZ General Update’ – LGNZ Chief Executive, Susan Freeman-Greene Susan Freeman-Greene introduced herself and thanked the co-chairs for the invitation to the meeting. The below points were highlighted from her presentation timeslot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGNZ is launching a toolbox on Thursday 21 November which will contain 25 tools that will make a difference for local government and will indicate to central government what councils need assistance with. • Earlier this month LGNZ released their four monthly reports containing a lot of information and attendees were encouraged to read it. LGNZ pushing for Councils to table the report, quarterly at their council meetings. • Akona now has 22 varied modules which have come from Council suggestions and 10 ako hours which are discussions with subject matter experts on more specialist topics. • Planning on election inductions is well in advance with LGNZ doing things differently this time around. The induction is designed to complement what Councils do already within their own Councils. Offering in-person courses between the 22 October and 07 November. Straight after the election is Elected member inductions and the Regional council Chairs induction in November. • Releasing a free toolkit before the end of the year on voting 2025 materials.
<p>5.</p>	<p>Zone Topic – ‘Talking on Great Wine Capitals, a global network of the finest wine regions in the world of which Hawke’s Bay is the NZ representative. His talk will focus on the economic benefits we have seen from becoming a Great Wine Capital and how other regions could capitalise on their unique – Hawke’s Bay Tourism, Hamish Saxton</p> <p>Hamish Saxton of Hawke’s Bay Tourism introduced himself before expanding on Great Wine Capitals to the zone 3 group. The following notes were highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hawke’s Bay are the largest premium red wine and chardonnay producer in the country with 38 varietals of wine that are produced in the region. • Hawke’s Bay have New Zealand’s oldest surviving wineries founded in 1851 (Mission Estate). • 80% of New Zealand’s sector features rums from Hawke’s Bay. • Hawke’s Bay has more than 45 food and beverage experiences including cooking schools, food and wine operators, food experiences and tasting rooms. • May 2022, the twin city region (Hastings and Napier) jointly applied for the Great Wine Capital. Application put together in December 2022 and Hawke’s Bay is officially the newest Great Wine Capital of the world. Recognised as an exceptional wine destination Hawke’s Bay joins many of the world’s most prestigious wine locations including Bordeaux Mendoza, Verona, Adelaide, Napa Valley and more and is now connected to a global network of wine and tourism expertise.



<p>6.</p>	<p>Zone Topic – ‘DIA General Update’ – Zone 3 DIA Representative, Caroline Dumas The DIA Zone 3 Representative Caroline Dumas provided a brief update to zone 3 members with the following points highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new Governments change in approach to a locally led reform of water services letting Councils make their own decisions. • Local Government Act requires Councils to develop Water Services Delivery Plans by 03 September 2025. These plans are expected to cover information across three key areas financial and asset information, investment required and service delivery arrangements. • Guidance to be released in December on council commitment and shareholder agreements surrounding the set-up of CCO’s. Guidance will be inclusive of – set-up rights and obligations of each shareholder in Council, how shares are allocated, what specifies the whole business of the CCO, how directors are appointed, how assets are issued and organised and how shareholders get reporting for example. • Regional deals will be based on a 30 year vision which is critical to thinking strategically long-term. • The priority objective for regional deals will be building economic growth, delivering connected and resilient infrastructure and improving the supply of affordable quality housing.
<p>7.</p>	<p>Closing Comments - Zone Three Chair, Craig Little and Host Council Mayor, Kirsten Wise Mayor Little and Mayor Wise gave closing remarks to the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance across the 2 days. Mayor Wise wished everyone well on their travels home and closed the meeting at 12:10pm.</p>

	A	B	C	D	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
2	Date	Meeting	HWTM	Wilson	Carter	Dalgety	Duncan	Hiroa	Lambert	Loudon	Maughan	Sharland	Raukawa	Wong	Notes
214	7-Oct-24	HRWS Meeting	PR			PR			PR						
215	7-Oct-24	HCC Meeting	AP			PR			PR						
216	8-Oct-24	TRAK Hui	PR				PR	PR					PR		
217	8-Oct-24	Ratana CB	CB					PR							
218	9-Oct-24	Taihape CB	CB				PR							PR	
219	9-Oct-24	Marlon CC	PR	AP							PR				
220	10-Oct-24	AIN Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR		PR	PR	PR	PR		AP	
221	17-Oct-24	Council Workshop	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	
222	29-Oct-24	ORWS	PR				PR								
223	31-Oct-24	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	PR	AP	AT		AT	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	
224	31-Oct-24	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	AP	PR	
225	13-Nov-24	Creative NZ Committee	PR				PR								
226	13-Nov-24	Bulls CC	PR		PR							AT	PR		
227	20-Nov-24	PPL Meeting	AP	PR			PR	AP	PR		PR			PR	
228	20-Nov-24	AIN Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR		PR	PR	PR	AP		PR	
229	28-Nov-24	Finance/Performance	PR	PR	PR	PR			AT	PR	PR	PR		PR	
230	28-Nov-24	Council Meeting	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
231	3-Dec-24	ERWS Meeting													Minutes not received
232	5-Dec-24	Risk and Assurance	CB	PR		PR		PR		PR					
233	5-Dec-24	Turakina CC													Minutes not received
234															
235									Present (and is a member of the committee)					PR	
236									Apology					AP	
237									Absent - no apology received					AB	
238															
239									Not a member of the committee						
240									Not a member of the committee (but still attended)					AT	
241									Not present as on Council business					CB	
242									Attended via Zoom [this indicator is no longer used]					ZM	
243															

9.2 Consultation Tracker - December**Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor****ITEM 9.2****1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 This is included for the committee's information. The attached schedule will be update regularly and has been taken from the December CE Report.
- 1.2 This dashboard highlights the topic, staff lead and expected consultation period. There is a lot planned across the local government sector and for our Council over the next 12 months so it is of benefit to provide this to not only Council but also our Community Committees on a monthly basis.

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. **Consultation Tracker December** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report 'Consultation Tracker - December' be received.

2025 Consultation Tracker
Rangitikei District Council



Project	Staff Lead	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25
Gambling Policy / TAB Venues	Janna		Dec 12: Adoption of draft policy/preferred option	Consultation Jan 27th - 21 Feb											
Local Water Done Well	Arno	Engagement	Preferred arrangement decided 12 Dec	Adoption of CD	Consultation 24 Feb - 21 Mar										
District Plan Review						Engagement 1 Mar - 1 Apr					Notification				
Urban Growth Plan Change	Tiffany														
Annual Plan	Janna					Adoption of CD & draft annual plan 13 Mar	Consultation 21 Mar - 22 Apr								
Fees & Charges	Janna														
Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy	Janna/Derek							Consultation as part of Annual Plan							
Waste Minimisation Plan	Arno					Adoption of draft W MMP 13 Mar	Consultation as part of Annual Plan								
Marton Streetscape Upgrade Plan	Jarrold	Engagement													
Marton-Bulls Wastewater Strategy	Arno							Adoption	Consultation						
Local Body Elections	Carol								National, regional, local campaign			Pre-election period - no campaign comms	Election		
Māori Wards Referendum	Carol								National, regional, local campaign				Election		
Rātana Road Naming (landowners only)	Katrina		Consultation	Consultation											
Economic Strategy & Action Plan	Jarrold														
Bulls Recreation Master Plan	Clare				Engagement										

Christmas closedown period: 20th December-6th January

ITEM 9.2 ATTACHMENT 1

9.3 Funding Schemes Update - February 2025**Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor****1. Overview**

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

2. Community Initiatives Fund

- 2.1 This is a Council fund intended to support community-based projects in the Rangitikei District that develop community cohesion and community resilience.
- 2.2 Council allocated \$30,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 2.3 Round one for 2024/25 opened 01 July 24 and closed 31 August 24. Decisions were made at the September Finance and Performance meeting with funds totalling \$12,337.
- 2.4 Successful applicants were:
 - 2.4.1 Bulls and Community Development Trust
 - 2.4.2 Marton and Districts Budget Service
 - 2.4.3 Parkinson's NZ
 - 2.4.4 House of Science NZ Charitable Trust
 - 2.4.5 Te Kai Whaka Ora- Marton Youth Trust
 - 2.4.6 Forest and Bird Society- Rangitikei Branch
 - 2.4.7 Marton and Surrounds ICT Hub Charitable Trust
 - 2.4.8 Marton and District Historical Society
- 2.5 Round two for 2024/25 opened on the 01 February 25 and closes 31 March 25. Decisions will be made at the Community Grants Committee meeting on the 17 April 25.

3. Events Support Scheme

- 3.1 This is a Council fund intended to support events in the district that help to develop community cohesion and reinforce economic growth.
- 3.2 Council has allocated \$25,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds.
- 3.3 Round one for 2024/25 opened 01 July 24 and closed 31 August 24. Decisions were made at the September Finance and Performance meeting totalling \$15,460.
- 3.4 Successful applicants were:
 - 3.4.1 Turakina Caledonian Society

- 3.4.2 Hunterville Huntaway festival
- 3.4.3 BCDT, Christmas Parade
- 3.4.4 Manawatu Wanganui Golf Ass Inc
- 3.4.5 Taihape Area Dressage Group
- 3.4.6 3 Stand 8-Hour Strong Wool Shearing Record Attempt- Hunterville
- 3.4.7 Marton Country Music Festival
- 3.4.8 BCDT, Bulls 147th Annual Rose Show and Fest a Bull
- 3.4.9 St Joseph’s School PTA

3.5 Round two for 2024/25 opened on the 01 February 25 and closes 31 March 25. Decisions will be made at the Community Grants Committee meeting on the 17 April 25.

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 2024/25 opened on the 10 December 24 and will close on the 10 April 25. Decision will be made on the 28 May 25.

5. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

5.1 This fund is supplied by Sport NZ and administered by Council. The fund is targeted at young people aged between 5 and 19 years and is open to rural sport club teams and rural school club teams with eligible members who require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions.

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

5.3 Applications are now open for this fund and close 31 March 25. The decision will be made on the 17 April 25.

6. Further Information

6.1 More details about these funding opportunities can be found on the Council website (link below) and this is also where applications can be submitted:

<https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/district/community/grants-funding>

Recommendation

That the Funding Schemes Update – February 2025 be received.

9.4 Small Projects Fund Update - February 2025**Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor****1. Allocation**

1.1 The yearly allocation of the 2024/25 Small Projects Fund for the Marton Community Committee is \$4,167.19, this includes the carry-forward of \$667.19.

2. Breakdown of Allocation

2.1 Sport Whanganui has been paid totaling \$842.87.

2.2 The remaining funds available to the committee are **\$3,324.32**

3. Funding requests

3.1 Toaiva Lauano-Tunai may be in attendance to speaking to a funding request.

Attachments:

1. **Small Projects Fund Application Toaiva Lauano - Tunai** [↓](#)

Recommendation

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

11 Toia Street

Marton 4710

02/12//2024

Re: Application for funding

It is with utmost respect that I humbly write, formally requesting your assistance in providing funding for my studies, commencing in the beginning of 2025.

Education Provider: Otago Polytechnic

Studies towards: Bachelor of Social Services, Mental Health and Disability

I will be undertaking studies towards this degree through a process known as an Independent Learning Pathway or Capable NZ, a one year journey, designed to produce graduates who can apply research, theory and integration of models of practice to working within professional framework of practice in a competent and consistent way in accordance with a selected area of specialization /field of studies.

The programme aims to produce graduates who are recognised within their profession as effective practitioners and able to meet professional association competency standards.

As you can see, our so-called rural communities are growing multi-culturally and our health systems are exhausted with limited capacities. It is the ultimate goal I have in mind to further my studies, so I could contribute to the betterment of our Rangitikei community. My vision is not only to assist the growing Pacific Island population with health literacy, advocacy, navigation around avenues they access help but also contributing to the overall health of our communities through health promotion so our people can take ownership of their own health and having the confidence in living communal lifestyles. Bachelor of Social Services degree will enable me to gain knowledge and skills, learn how to access and draw on support and resources to address barriers, build resilience and help make a real difference in our people's lives. This will no doubt help our people and their whanaus improve the quality of life.

So all in all, the studies I am proposing to undertake are not for my personal benefit but for the betterment of our community as whole.

ITEM 9.4**ATTACHMENT 1**

I am attaching proper documentation of the offer of acceptance to study as well as the course fees. It is very unfortunate that all other funding sources have been closed until later next year but the proposed studies I am going to undertake start early next year.

I will try my best to complete this degree within the timeframe given and I will be more than happy to update the committee of all progress if the need arises.

I would make myself available for an interview anytime convenient to you if I am required to.

If granted funding, I am happy for you to pay it straight to the education provider for transparency.

Should you require further information from me, I can be contacted through mobile number 0273962114 or email : luanotunaitoiva@gmail.com

Thank you in advance.

Toaiva Lauano-Tunai (Iva)

10 Discussion Items

10.1 Rangitikei District Council Consultation: Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy and TAB Venue Policy

Author: Carolyn Bates, Chair

1. Reason for Report

1.1 The Chair requested this item be included in the order paper.

1.1.1 Email to Chair from staff on the 22 January 25 is attached.

1.1.2 Consultation closes on the 24 February 25

Attachments:

1. Email: RDC Consultation: Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy and TAB Venue Policy [↓](#)

Recommendation

If needed:



Fwd: Rangitikei District Council Consultation: Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy and TAB Venue Policy

From Carolyn Bates
Date Wed 22/01/2025 1:08 PM
To Kezia Spence

If this is not on the list for MCC on 12 Feb would you please include it.

Thanks
:-) Carolyn
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Carolyn Bates
Chair, Marton Community Committee
021-342-524

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Janna Harris**
Date: Wed, 22 Jan 2025 at 10:03
Subject: Rangitikei District Council Consultation: Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy and TAB Venue Policy
To:

Kia ora,

Rangitikei District Council will be consulting on the following draft gambling related policies.

The two policies that Council is consulting on are:

- **Draft Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy**
- **Draft TAB Venue Policy**

Council is required to review these policies every three years and seek public feedback through consultation.

We're inviting you to make a submission on these draft policies for Council to consider.

The two key things you need to know are:

- Council's preferred options for both policies is the status quo (gaming machine numbers to remain the same, and to not allow the establishment of stand-alone TAB venues in the Rangitikei).
- We're seeking to make minor adjustments to the policy that won't impact how the policies are implemented. These can be found in the attached Statement of Proposal.

Do you agree with Council's preferred options? Or do you think Council needs to rethink these options?

For more information on what we are proposing, please visit the links below:

[Statement of Proposal](#)

[Draft Gambling Venue \(Class 4\) Policy](#)

[TAB Venue Policy](#)

[Social Impact Assessment](#)

If you'd like to make a submission you can do so:

- Online: you can find the online submission form at: www.rangitikei.govt.nz/consultations
- In person: hard copies of the form are available at and can be dropped off to: Council's Community Hubs in Marton, Bulls and Taihape, from the Council's Main Office in Marton or from the Council's website www.rangitikei.govt.nz
- Email: email your submission to submissions@rangitikei.govt.nz
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The consultation period closes on Monday, 24 February at 5pm.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us and we'll get back to you as soon as possible.

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10.2 Age Concern Whanganui

Author: Carolyn Bates, Chair

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Michelle Malcolm, Manager of Age Concern Whanganui will come to talk to the Marton Community Committee about their services.

Recommendation

If needed:

ITEM 10.3

10.3 Marton Community Committee Workshops

Author: Carolyn Bates, Chair

1. Reason for Report

1.1 The Chair requested this item:

1.1.1 Will Marton Community Committee have a workshop on Wed 12 Mar 25?

1.1.2 Topics to be discussed eg Publicity of MCC.

Recommendation

If needed:

11 Meeting Closed.

