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# ORDER PAPER

## RĀTANA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, 7 December 2021

**Time:** 6.30 pm

**Venue:** Ture Tangata Office  
Ihipera-Koria Street  
Rātana Pa

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**Chair:** Mr Charlie Mete

**Deputy Chair:** Mr Jamie Nepia

**Membership:** Mr Lequan Meihana  
Mr Charlie Rourangi  
Mrs Soraya Peke-Mason (TRAK representative)  
Cr Waru Panapa  
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**Notice is hereby given that a Rātana Community Board Meeting of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Ture Tangata Office, Ihipera-Koria Street, Rātana Pa on Tuesday, 7 December 2021 at 6.30 pm.**

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### **1 Whakamoemiti**

### **2 Apologies**

### **3 Public Forum**

No public forum.

### **4 Conflict of Interest Declarations**

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

### **5 Confirmation of Order of Business**

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

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

### 6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

**Author:** Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

#### 1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from the Rātana Community Board meeting held on 05 October 2021 are attached.

#### Attachments

1. Rātana Community Board Meeting - 05 October 2021

#### Recommendation

That the minutes of Rātana Community Board Meeting held on 05 October 2021, **[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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## **UNCONFIRMED: RĀTANA COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING**

**Date: Tuesday, 5 October 2021**

**Time: 6.30 pm**

**Venue: Ture Tangata Office  
Ihipera-Koria Street  
Rātana Pa**

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Present                    Mr Charlie Mete  
                                 Mr Jamie Nepia  
                                 Mr Lequan Meihana  
                                 Mr Charlie Rourangi  
                                 Mrs Soraya Peke-Mason (TRAK representative)  
                                 Cr Waru Panapa  
                                 HWTM Andy Watson

In attendance            Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer  
                                 Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager – Democracy and Planning  
                                 Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

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## 1 Whakamoemiti

The meeting opened at 6.32 pm. Cr Panapa read the whakamoemiti.

Mr Benadie and Mrs Gordon introduced themselves to the Board.

## 2 Apologies

Nil.

## 3 Public Forum

No Public Forum.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Item 11.2 (Possibility of Rezoning the Boundary Lines of the Ratana Community Board) was discussed after item 10.1 and before item 10.2.

Item 10.5 (Late Item – Land Purchase for Ratana Cemetery Extension) was discussed after item 11.3 and before the other two late items (12.1 and 12.2).

Three late items were discussed at the meeting:

1. Land Purchase for Ratana Cemetery Extension (Item 10.5)
2. Road Names (Item 12.1)
3. Flooding in the Village (Item 12.2)

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

### **Resolved minute number 21/RCB/022**

That the minutes of Rātana Community Board Meeting held on 10 August 2021, as amended, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Amendments:

Mr Meihana and HWTM were recorded as present, however they did not attend the meeting.



Item 4.1 Ratana Playground Group: Josephine Renata's last name was spelt incorrectly. It should be 'Renata', not Ratana.

Mr L Meihana/Mr C Rourangi. Carried

## 7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

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

The Board requested that the item regarding Seamer Street and Rangatahi Road kerb and channel installation remain as a standing follow-up action, with any new updates to be provided for future meetings.

**Resolved minute number 21/RCB/023**

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

Mr J Nepia/Mr C Rourangi. Carried

## 8 Chair's Report

### 8.1 Chair's Report - October 2021

The Board discussed whether non-residents should be charged for using plots at the cemetery.

The locks at the toilet block have been replaced, and both shop owners have a key.

Ms Peke-Mason advised that work on the Ratana Playground will begin in the new year.

**Resolved minute number 21/RCB/024**

That the 'Chair's Report – October 2021' be received.

Cr W Panapa/Mr L Meihana. Carried

## 9 Mayoral Update

### 9.1 Mayoral Update - September 2021

#### Three Waters

The Mayor advised that public feedback on Three Waters was overwhelmingly negative, with most respondents expressing an opinion against the reform proposals. Some of the common concerns were:

- Whether the new water entity would treat the Rangitikei with any priority (as we are a small district compared to others within the entity boundaries),
- Respondents not wanting Council to relinquish control of our water assets, and
- Disagreement with the proposed co-governance model between the entity board and iwi.

#### Forestry

Regarding the forestry letter from the Tararua and Wairoa District Council's, Ms Peke-Mason advised that this is particularly relevant as there is a lot of forestry in this area. There are strong incentives for landowners to invest in carbon credits, but there is a lack of consideration about what will happen to the trees on these plantation blocks in the future.

#### Landlocked Land

The Mayor advised that this is a tricky issue as there are often competing claims about which iwi are the mana whenua of certain areas of land. Additionally, a lot of landlocked land is under control of the Crown and the tribunal will need to rule on whether the Crown should open up access ways to landlocked parcels of land.

**Resolved minute number 21/RCB/025**

That the Mayoral Update – September 2021 be received.

Mr L Meihana/Mr C Rourangi. Carried

## **10 Reports for Information**

### **10.1 Community-led Development of Council Owned Facility Guide**

The Board received this guide positively, noting that it will be useful for future projects.

**Resolved minute number 21/RCB/026**

That the report 'Community-Led Development of Council Owned Facilities Guide', including the attachment, to the Ratana Community Board 5 October 2021 meeting be received.

Mr J Nepia/Mr C Rourangi. Carried

### **10.2 Representation Review 2021 - Initial Proposal**

The Mayor encouraged the Board to make a submission and proposed three questions that they may want to consider:

- Whether there should continue to be a Ratana Community Board,
- Whether there should be Maori wards, and
- Where the boundary line between the two proposed Maori wards is appropriate.

Mrs Gordon advised that there were electoral restrictions regarding the boundary line, with each ward needing to have a certain percentage of the included population on the Maori electoral roll in order to ensure fair representation.

The Board agreed that the Ratana Community Board should remain and agreed there should be Maori wards, although there was some discussion around whether there should be one or two Maori wards. The Board agreed to write a submission to Council following the meeting.

**Resolved minute number 21/RCB/027**

That the report 'Representation Review 2021 - Initial Proposal' be received.

Mr L Meihana/Mr J Nepia. Carried

**10.3 Funding Schemes Update - October 2021**

Taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 21/RCB/028**

That the Funding Schemes Update – October 2021 be received.

Mr C Mete/Mr C Rourangi. Carried

**10.4 Change to Collection of Payments for Council**

Mrs Gordon thanked Josephine Hotu on behalf of Council staff for her assistance in providing a payment service for rates payments. She noted that there were two users of this service within the last 18 month period. From 01 January 2022, rates payments will no longer be able to be made through Josephine Hotu's shop.

**Resolved minute number 21/RCB/029**

That the report 'Change to Collection of Payments for Council' be received.

Mr L Meihana/Mr C Mete. Carried

**10.5 Late Item - Land Purchase for Ratana Cemetery Extension**

This report was tabled in the meeting. Mr Benadie advised that in his opinion this proposal was an ideal solution to address capacity concerns at the current cemetery. There isn't a formal easement over the current site and staff are trying to formalise the existing access.

Mr Nepia requested that staff consider providing better facilities for volunteers who dig new plots. Mr Benadie advised that staff will consider this during the design.

**Resolved minute number 21/RCB/030**

That the Late Item "Land Purchase Ratana Cemetery Extension" be received.

Mr L Meihana/Mr J Nepia. Carried

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## 11 Discussion Items

### 11.1 Request Regarding Discretionary Fund for Ratana Community Board

Mrs Gordon provided some clarity around the Small Projects Fund for the Ratana Community Board. During the 2009-2019 Long Term Plan, it was proposed that a discretionary fund of \$5,000 be made available for both the Taihape and Ratana Community Boards. Taihape agreed, but Ratana did not, due to the funding mechanism for the fund being through a targeted rate to residents. The Ratana Community Board of the time stated that they would undertake consultation with residents during year 2 of the 2009-2019 Long Term Plan, but it appears that this did not take place.

Mrs Gordon advised that Council could consider a nominal fund for the Ratana Community Board to cover the remainder of the 2021-22 year, and then consider a more permanent solution during the 2022-2023 Annual Plan process. A recommendation to this effect was made below.

Ms Peke-Mason asked if Ratana residents contribute towards the Turakina Community Committee's Small Projects Fund. Mrs Gordon believed that they do, but she will double check this.

**Resolved minute number 21/RCB/031**

That Council provide the Ratana Community Board with a discretionary fund of \$500 for the 2021/22 year, recognising that any future fund needs to be considered as part of the 2022/23 Annual Plan.

Mr L Meihana/Mr J Nepia. Carried

### 11.2 Possibility of Rezoning the Boundary Lines of the Ratana Community Board

The Board discussed the current zoning of the Ratana Community Board, noting that several houses in the Pā currently sit outside of the zone. The Board asked staff if these properties outside of the boundary are connected to the Ratana infrastructure (e.g. water) and whether the new developments would exceed the current water facility. Mr Benadie advised that there will be enough capacity with regards to drinking water and wastewater. Mrs Gordon advised that staff will look into the boundary lines and confirm exactly which properties are excluded. She also advised that Council could approach Stats NZ to consider a re-zoning, but that this would not be able to be finalised until the election cycle in 2025.

**Resolved minute number 21/RCB/032**

The Ratana Community Board recommends that Council approach Statistics NZ and request that they reconsider the Ratana Community ward boundary line.

Mr L Meihana/Mr J Nepia. Carried

**11.3 Alternative Venue for Future Meetings**

The Board agreed that they would not hold meetings during a tangi and that as a general rule, they would cancel any future meetings that cannot be held. Staff advised that they were happy to allow the Board to hold meetings at Council Chambers, if the need arose.

**12 Late Items**

**12.1 Late Item - Road Names**

Ms Peke-Mason queried who was responsible for naming new streets. The Mayor advised that this sits with the Board.

Mr Meihana noted that the new housing development at the back of the Pā may have a new street, but that this will be outside of the Ratana Community Board area under the current boundary lines. The Mayor noted that in this case, the street naming would sit with Council for a decision. In these cases, Council would generally be open to a name suggestion from a housing developer.

**12.2 Late Item - Flooding in the Village**

Cr Panapa raised an issue of flooding along Taitokorau Street, and whether further culverts along the back of the houses would allow water to flow better. He also queried if the new housing developments would be likely to compound the issue of flooding in the future. Mr Benadie advised that the upper housing development has a retention area for stormwater. He further advised that unfortunately it was impossible to build stormwater capacities for all possible storm events, as this would be cost-prohibitive. The current NZ standard is to create pipes that can accommodate a “1 in 10 year rain event” – any event more serious than this would overwhelm stormwater capacities and could result in flooding. He will double check with the housing developers that all stormwater considerations have been included in the design process. He also clarified that the new housing developments would not result in greater levels of flooding – they would be neutral to pre-existing levels of water volume.

**The meeting closed at 8.57 pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ratana Community Board held on 7 December 2021.**

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**Chairperson**

## 7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

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

**Author:** Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

ITEM 7.1

#### 1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 On the list attached are items raised at previous Ratana Community Board meetings. Items indicate who is responsible for each 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 Ratana Community Board Meetings' be received.

**Current Follow-up Actions**

From Meeting Date	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments	Status
5-Oct-21	Ms Peke-Mason requested advice on whether the properties outside the of the Ratana Community Board boundary line are connected to current infrastructure, e.g. sewerage and drinking water.	Arno Benadie	All properties currently outside the urban boundary (3 in total) are connected to services.	Closed
5-Oct-21	Staff to investigate the zoning of the Ratana Community Board area and clarify exactly which properties are outside of the boundary lines.	Katrina Gray	Emailed the Board with confirmation of the boundary lines 21 Oct 21.	Closed
5-Oct-21	With regards to the Ratana Cemetery Extension: Staff to consider providing better facilities for volunteers who dig new plots.	Arno Benadie	Suitable facilities will be investigated.	In progress
5-Oct-21	Regarding the new housing developments: Staff to double check with the developers that all stormwater considerations have been covered in the design process.	Arno Benadie	All stormwater design standards has been considered by the design of the new development. The stormwater detention pond forms part of phase two of the development.	Closed
5-Oct-21	Regarding the Small Projects Fund for the Turakina Community Committee: Staff to confirm if Ratana ratepayers are contributing to this.	Carol Gordon	The small projects funds are funded by the 'General Rate' - so by all ratepayers across the District.	Closed
5-Oct-21	Staff to compile a list of properties at Ratana that Council administers / owns to show their status and whether any can be passed back to the Ratana community (this includes the flats, gym, sections etc)	Arno Benadie	Work in progress	In progress

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10-Aug-21	<p>Staff to follow-up on funding for the roading project in Ratana, in light of Waka Kotahi's reduced funding in the LTP (LTP comments below):</p> <p><i>Seamer Street and Rangatahi Road kerb and channel installation would cost \$35,000. This was not previously planned but can be accommodated under the existing Drainage Renewals programme in Years 1-3 of the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan (still subject to approval from Waka Kotahi).</i></p> <p><b>Action</b>  <i>Seamer Street and Rangatahi Road kerb and channel installation will be completed in Years 1-3 of the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan (subject to approval from Waka Kotahi).</i></p>	Arno Benadie / Allen Geerkens	<p>Waka Kotahi have approved sufficient funding in the Drainage Renewal budget for kerb and channel to be installed at Seamer Street and Rangatahi Road.</p> <p>Programmed for construction in Feb/March 2021.</p>	<b>Standing Item</b> - any new progress to be advised in the Status Comments
10-Aug-21	Mr Meihana to organise a visit to the Ratana Pa for staff members.	Lequan Meihana	As the previous scheduled date of 19 September 2021 was cancelled (due to Covid) a new date will be proposed once Covid levels allow.	In progress
10-Aug-21	The Board requested advice from staff about how the Ratana Playground Group might best manage the playground project construction.	Adina Foley	The group is managing the construction themselves but will work with RDC staff who are involved in any future maintenance to make sure the project has considered their involvement.	In progress
18-May-21	Investigate options for increased signage at the Ratana cemetery.	Lequan Meihana	<p>Alicia Hansen has confirmed that signage for the Ratana Cemetery will be on the radar to be done following 1st July when we get into our new budgets/new financial year.</p> <p>Alicia also confirmed that her team will work closely with myself and the Chair of the Ratana Community Board to get wording on the information signage up to speed.</p>	In progress



18-May-21	Cr Panapa will investigate the option of having the Seamer house as an alternative venue for future meetings and report back to the Board	Cr Panapa	<p>Cr Panapa has sent an email to the Secretary of the Communal Board to request both the venue as a meeting place as well as following up on using Seamer House as accomodation for the Kaumatua residents during the renovations planned in October.</p> <p><b>Update 11 Nov 21:</b> Closed as the Board agreed at its meeting 05 Oct 21 not to hold a meeting if a tangi is taking place. Staff advised the Board that Council Chambers are an option, if the need arises.</p>	Closed
16-Feb-21	A meeting was held on Friday 15 January with Rangitikei District Council representatives, including the Mayor, Chief Executive, Members of the Executive Team and Lequan Meihana along with members of the Rātana Communal Board, where good progress was made on the proposed MoU. Amendments are being made to the MoU and will be presented back to the Rātana Communal Board for their feedback.	CE	<p>The MOU is currently being drafted, once its completed a draft will be provided to the Board.</p> <p><b>Update 18 Aug 21:</b> the draft MOU is still a work-in-progress. Emailed Board members and advised them - Ash G.</p> <p><b>Update 28 Sep 21:</b> any further updates will be advised at the 05 Oct Board meeting.</p>	In progress
16-Feb-21	<p>Grace Taiaroa advised that at a previous meeting there was a discussion on rates rebates. A Rangitikei District Council staff member was going to take Grace through the process so she could then assist those in the community applying for the rebate. The staff member is believed to be Graeme Pointon.</p> <p>Mr Meihana to follow up with Mr Pointon to set up a meeting with Grace Taiaroa.</p>	Lequan Meihana	<p>Graeme Pointon and Grace Taiaroa will meet sometime in the near future to discuss in person.</p>	In progress

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## **8 Chair's Report**

### **8.1 Chair's Report - December 2021**

**Author: Charlie Mete, Chair**

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

1.1 A verbal report will be provided during the meeting.

#### **Recommendation**

That the 'Chair's Report – December 2021' be received.

## 9 Mayoral Update

### 9.1 Mayoral Update - November 2021

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

1. As I write this report it is pouring outside and has done so for the last couple of days. While any rain at this time of the year is appreciated, as we need to desperately build up soil moisture levels, at the moment this is the cropping window for our district. The crops being planted are vulnerable for a very short time before germination has occurred and there will be a large number of cropping farmers nervous. While I'm on the farming sector that we absolutely rely on for our district I will make comment around where the markets are at. The red meat sector, driven by freezing works schedules, is incredibly buoyant, dairy payments are high and virtually every sector is showing somewhere between a 20-30% increase on last year. However, the cost of raw supply has also dramatically increased, the cost of freight and fertiliser in particular means that the net benefit over the last year is there but only to a slight extent.
2. What we are now seeing is the slow crawl of Covid southwards from Auckland. It is a matter of when not if we have Covid within the Rangitikei. It is now in the Wairarapa, South Taranaki Tararua and Taupo Districts and it is inevitable we will be hit. I would encourage everybody to get vaccinated and for those people who elect not to do so, I respect your personal choice. What I am seeing around the country at the moment is an incredible amount of unrest and demonstrations around not only the anti-vax position but other Governmental positions such as Three Waters. We are undoubtedly facing uncertain times. Like many organisations such as schools and prison services Council needs to go through its own process, driven by the Chief Executive, as to how we handle Covid and vaccination status as an organisation. It is likely that in Council buildings areas will be split between general public access and areas that only vaccinated staff can work in. Latest updates can be found on our website or via the [covid19.govt.nz](https://covid19.govt.nz) website. The threat and risk of Covid means that a number of things have to change. We have already had a number of events cancelled throughout our region and Covid does impact on Christmas Parades so we have made the decision now that Christmas street parades are unable to proceed this year. Several of our communities are looking at alternatives and when we know exactly what will happen, we will put the information on our website. Equally for Councils, the Regional Chiefs (who are the Mayors, Chief Executives and Councillors) meet through what we call Zone meetings and Rural & Provincial meetings where we discuss Government's position over legislation etc. These meetings are all having to go to Zoom which to be honest are second choice. It is important they still happen but Zoom doesn't offer the same level of engagement that face-to-face meetings provide.
3. There are a number of issues that I would like to take the opportunity to update Council and the community on:
  - a. Three Waters – like most Councils in the country our Council has written to the Minister and Government expressing concerns over where the reforms are at. Our Council, like virtually every other Council, has agreed in principle that there needs to be changes and we welcome the new water regulator Taumata Arowai that officially came into position (taking over from the Ministry of Health) on Monday, 15 November. At the moment we are still unsure exactly what the role of that new regulator will be and how regulations will change. The Government has responded to the Mayors saying they accept the concerns of the Local

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Government sector around such things as review of the governorship or leadership model of the entities, the role of the economic regulator and how the rural water schemes will be managed. To do this the Government has formed a series of working parties involving a number of Mayors throughout New Zealand so we wait now until we hear what changes could be possible. It is still certain though that the Government will mandate the Three Waters segment by way of legislation. These entities will become law. Our website is kept up to date with information as it comes to hand.

- b. There are a number of things that Council can celebrate. Finally, we have been able to purchase land for the Ratana Wastewater Project which will see a land disposal of wastewater therefore removing contamination of Lake Waipu. I would like to congratulate the Council staff, Ratana community and Iwi as to how they have been able to work together to make this possible and we appreciate the Government money that has largely funded this project. We would expect construction of the pipelines etc to take place over the next 6-12 months.
- c. Our spatial planners are starting to engage with communities on spatial planning – Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond. This is a helicopter view over our district and looks long term at where growth should occur, where we want leisure and recreational facilities, combined with how our infrastructure will be provided etc. If you get the opportunity to attend a community session around spatial planning please take it up – this is your chance to influence what the district will look like in the next 30 years.
- d. The Marton Memorial Hall is another project that has gone on for some time and we are in the final stages of painting, redecoration, rewiring, asbestos removal and all of the other upgrades that were required. Once again this is a project that has been funded by the Government under Minister Jones’ PGF fund and we appreciate the chance to bring a magnificent public facility back up to where it should be.
- e. Later this month we are involved in what is called CouncilMARK - an evaluation of our Council and district. This is a Local Government review done independently that looks at Council’s performance. This is the second time that Council has taken this opportunity and it is a “warts and all” look at our governance, our operational team, our financing and our connection with communities. The initial review that we did some time ago, while illustrating we were performing okay, pointed us in terms of what some other Council are doing as leaders in the sector. We have taken this review very seriously where we have looked for some time at how we operate in effect. That, together with the review of the Te Matapihi building project has brought about, for instance, the Project Management Office and the use of a better business case study when we are undertaking major projects. It will be interesting to see how Council is reflected under the second review. As I’ve said Council is now using the Better Business Case Study model which is an internationally recognised process for determining the decision making around capital works. We have started this process for the potential Marton Council Facility rebuild, as required under earthquake prone legislation.
- f. On 11 November we recognised Armistice Day and I apologise that I could not be there as I was away on urgent Council business, however the Deputy Mayor and some Councillors and staff attended the RSA service held at the Marton Cenotaph. However, I did attend a Memorial Service at St Stephen’s Church on Sunday and this was a chance to recognise the servicemen who have given their lives not only in WWII but in all other conflicts around the world.
- g. On 11 November I attended the Climate Action Joint Committee Workshop at Horizons which is made up of Regional Mayors, authorities and Iwi representatives. We have obligations under current laws and proposed law changes with the revision of the Resource

Management Act (RMA) and international accords for climate change. We need to set local priorities, work plans and future direction with regards climate change to be tabled in these discussions. Like many of our neighbouring Councils we are still yet to effectively do the work that is required. As part of this report, I request that Council set policy direction early in the new year as to how we handle climate change. Whereas many districts in New Zealand focus on sea level rise as the major factor of climate change, for us, while that is important, the frequency of storm events and flooding in our district is possibly the major consideration of climate change. The reform of the RMA into 3 separate pieces of legislation is a key part of how the country will handle climate change. These reforms that the Government has already mandated are possibly some of the most significant pieces of legislation to come before Parliament over the last decade. One of the principles of the RMA reform is that local Councils will not make their own planning decisions – they will be made on a regional basis and this is again where our local voice is being lost.

4. I have received a request from Mayor Don Cameron of Ruapehu District Council seeking our support in engaging with iwi/hapu as part of the business case work on the North Island Regional Passenger Rail which is proposed to be a key element within a resilient and sustainable transport network providing opportunities for regional communities to grow. The work is situated along the length of the North Island Main Trunk Railway and the leadership and support of iwi is crucial.

Improved access between regions will enable stronger whanau and better jobs, education and health benefits while respecting the principles of Kaitiakitanga. It is anticipated that we will meet and inform iwi prior to a hui being set in December/early new year to discuss views and feedback. I propose an item be taken to Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa on 14 December. The letter and background paper from Ruapehu District Council is attached for your information (Attachments 1 and 2).

#### Attachments

1. **Background Informaton on the North Island Regional Passenger Rail** [↓](#)
2. **North Island Regional Passenger Rail - Iwi / Hapu Engagement** [↓](#)

#### Recommendation

That the Mayoral Update - November 2021 be received.

## ITEM 9.1

**Mayors Engagement**

November 2021

1	Attended lunch with Marton Memorial Hall painters
2	Attended Three Waters Zoom - Mayor Helen Worboys Attended Whanganui DHB Impact Collective Meeting – Covid Resurgence Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
3	Attended monthly Executive Leadership Team Meeting for Q&A Attended Three Waters Entity B Working Group Zoom
4	Attended Regional Leadership Group Zoom Attended Monthly RDC/Police Update with Area Commander Nigel Allan Attended BakerAg Agribusiness Industry Update – Manawatu Region
5	Attended Accessing Central NZ Governance Group Meeting at HRC
8	Attended Three Waters Zoom – Mayor Helen Worboys Attended PAG/GSAG Zoom meeting Attended Kensington Road project meeting
9	Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive Attended Civil Defence Hui#2 with Ngāti Hinemanu Ngāti Paki Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor
10	Attended Marton Civic Centre Better Business Case Workshop 3 Attended Rangitikei College Scholarship Interviews
11	Attended Climate Action Joint Committee Workshop at HRC Attended Council Workshop
13	Attended Motorbike Day Taihape
14	Attended Armistice Day Remembrance Sunday at St Stephens
15	Attended New Staff Orientation Day morning tea Attended Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond Advisory Group Meeting#4 Attended Zone 3 Zoom discussion Attended Creative NZ Committee Meeting
16	Attended Regional Chiefs Transport Matters Fortnightly Zoom Worked from Te Matapihi for morning Attended Tutaenui Scheme Liaison Committee Meeting Attended Oceania & Rangitikei – Aged Care Investment phone conference Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor Attended Three Waters/Spatial Plan meeting with Scotts Ferry community

17	<p>Attended Kanoa/RDC Catchup Meeting</p> <p>Attended fortnightly discussion on Economic Development</p> <p>Attended online Regional Relationship Meeting with Waka Kotahi</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>Attended Rangitikei College Senior Prizegiving</p> <p>Attended meeting with Denis O’Callahan re Chief Executive’s Performance Review</p> <p>Attended Taihape Community Response Group Meeting – preparing for Covid illness</p>
18	Attended Zone 3 Meeting Whanganui (online)
22	Attended Three Waters Zoom – Mayor Helen Worboys
23	<p>Attended breakfast meeting with Mayor Helen Worboys</p> <p>Attended meeting with Kanoa – Alex Matheson</p> <p>Attended weekly meeting with Deputy Mayor</p> <p>Attended Marton Development Group Meeting</p>
24	<p>Attended Finance &amp; Performance Committee Meeting</p> <p>Attended Council Meeting</p> <p>Attended Marton Development Group Meeting</p>
25	<p>To attend Rural &amp; Provincial Sector Zoom Meeting</p> <p>To attend Three Waters Update – Mayors, Chairs &amp; CE’s</p>
29	<p>To attend weekly meeting with Chief Executive</p> <p>To attend Three Waters – Entity B Working Group Zoom</p>
30	<p>To attend CouncilMARK Councillor Session with Assessors</p> <p>To attend CouncilMARK Communication and Engagement session</p> <p>To attend Whanganui DHB Impact Collective Governance Zoom – Covid Updates</p>



## RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

11 November 2021

### Background information on the North island Regional Passenger Rail

Roughly 2.5 million people currently live alongside the NIMTR. According to information provided by StatsNZ (Tauranga Aotearoa), more than three out of four people live in Te Ika-a-Māui - North Island. The population of North Island will increase by an average of 0.9 percent a year between 2018 and 2048, from 3.8 million to 4.8 million (medium projection). International case studies show that these population numbers can suit passenger rail networks.

A key focus is "Connection" and the opportunities for regional communities to grow. For our communities to prosper, access needs to be inclusive. Better access between regions will enable stronger whānau, and better jobs, education, health and opportunities. Good connections between people spark great ideas that enable a better future.

We now inhabit a changed world that revolves around Zoom meetings and Teams calls.

However, sustainable connectivity also requires face to face contact. This means transport infrastructure investment that respects Kaitiakitanga principles. Kaitiakitanga includes the conservation, replenishment and sustainability of the environment. It is about safeguarding the future. Aotearoa - New Zealand is required to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The recent release of the Emissions Reduction Plan, by the government, helps identify what is needed, to change the configuration of our communities.

A North Island reconfiguration should not assume Auckland must continue to be the focus of population growth, along with accompanying infrastructure and housing challenges. Another way to respect Kaitiakitanga principles, may be to provide an attractive, low carbon transport network, to "connect" our communities, and encourage the growth of our people, through-out Te Ika-a-Māui.

We propose that North Island Regional Passenger Rail, will be a key element within a resilient and sustainable transport network. Steel wheels on rails powered by renewable electricity = the lowest possible carbon footprint.

The work done to date, builds upon the business case development, by Greater Wellington and Horizons Regional Council, for a brand new lower North Island fleet of trains. These modern vehicles will be "tri-mode". Powered by a mix of overhead catenary electric power, battery electric power, and on-board diesel power to assist re-charging of batteries, the new trains will transform regional connectivity in the lower North Island.

Our investigations also build upon the pioneering work for the Te Huia passenger train service, led by Waikato Regional Council, with partners KiwiRail, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, Hamilton City Council, Waikato District Council and Auckland Transport.

Te Huia is the first new regional passenger train for many years. It is trail-blazing the challenges and opportunities, that come with a start-up service. When the COVID-19 alert level drops back to 2, the Te Huia train service is to re-start. All services will operate all the way into central Auckland, a new stop at Puhinui to connect to the airport has been provided, along with additional frequency. The services to date have been a mix of highly popular weekend trains, but also less than successful early morning weekday services. Te Huia will continue to evolve, to meet customer demand, and long-term growth in the Waikato region.





# RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

ITEM 9.1  
ATTACHMENT 2

11 November 2021

Dear Mayor or Chair

## **NORTH ISLAND REGIONAL PASSENGER RAIL – ENGAGEMENT WITH IWI / HAPU**

Further to the high level Feasibility Study being agreed by the participating Councils and delegated to this Council to progress following discussion with Mayors, Chairs, Chief Executive, key staff and stakeholders, we are looking to further this as a key element within a resilient and sustainable transport network.

We would like seek your support in engaging with your respective iwi / hapu as part of the business case work which will ramp up during 2022. We are looking for suggestions as to how that crucial engagement can be done in an effective and meaningful way.

We would anticipate that you set the scene with your iwi / hapu so that we can hold an online hui online either in December or the New Year to discuss and consider their views. As this work and proposal is situated along the length of the North Island Main Trunk Railway, the leadership and support of iwi / hapu in a Rangitiratanga role is crucial to this exercise.

Would you please gauge the support for this suggestion with your iwi / hapu and provide some feedback around the possibility of a hui in December or the New Year.

I attach an attachment some background information which may be useful for your discussions.

Yours sincerely

Don Cameron, JP  
**MAYOR**

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## 10 Reports for Decision

### 10.1 Road Naming: Right of Way off Rangatahi Road

**Author:** Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner

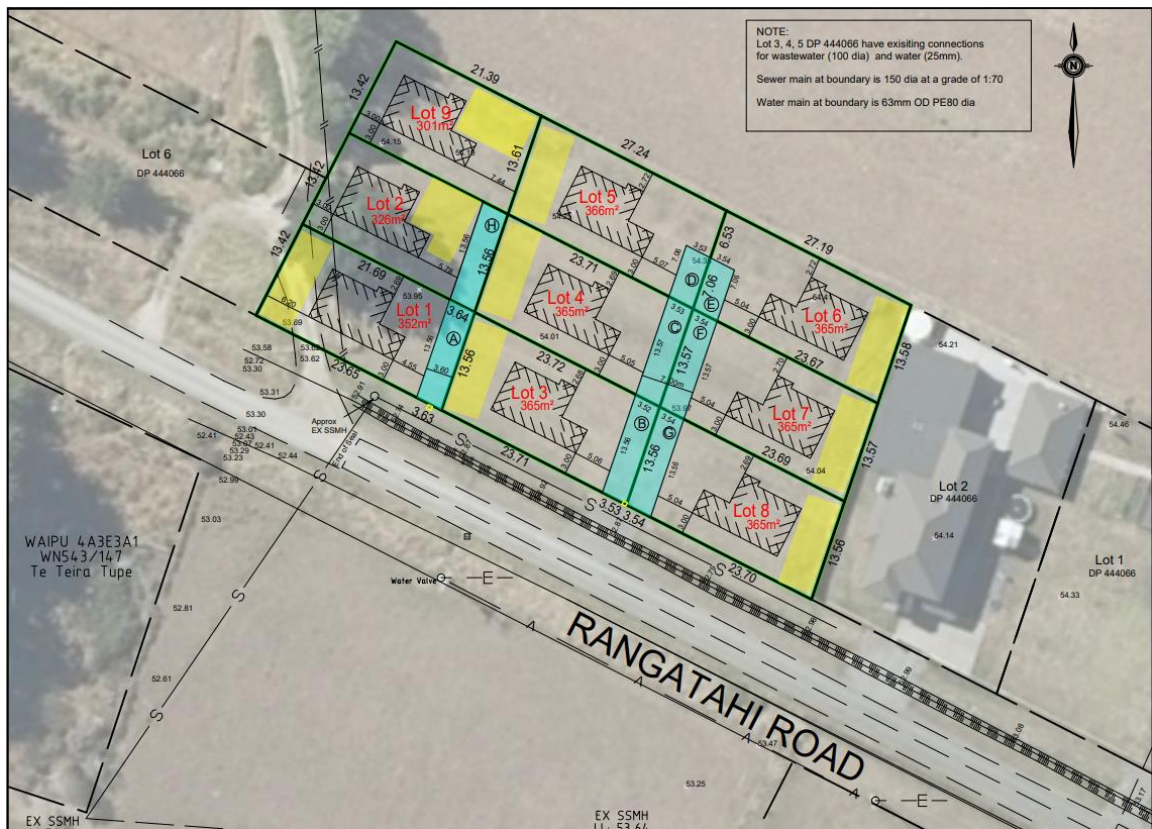
**Authoriser:** Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy & Planning

#### 1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 For the Ratana Community Board to provide a recommendation to Council on the naming of the Right of Way for the subdivision off Rangatahi Road.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 Resource consent RM200035 was granted in July 2020 for a 9 lot subdivision off Rangatahi Road Ratana. The subdivision will be accessed via two Right of Ways. The Eastern most Right of Way will service 6 dwellings, the western Right of Way will service 3 dwellings.



#### 3. Road Naming

- 3.1 The Road Naming standards identify that Rights of Way shall be named if they service more than 5 lots. As the Right of Way to the East services 6 lots it is required to be named.
- 3.2 Council has the following criteria to guide the naming of streets and roads.

##### ***Naming of Streets and Roads***

*In naming streets or roads, the following criteria apply:*

- *The name be consistent with the naming pattern of other street or road names in the locality.*
- *That the name avoid duplication or similarity with other street or road names in the District.*
- *That there is no obvious consistency in street naming patterns, consideration shall be given to the history or unique characteristics of the road or street locality.*
- *That the terms place, crescent, court, street, lane or road shall reflect the physical characteristics of the road or street.*
- *Developers of roads may be asked to submit names for roads or streets. The Council may consider any submission when selecting names for streets or roads.*

*Explanatory note: The patterns for naming of streets and roads in the District have been varied however some consistency in the towns can be noted such as the name of streets in Taihape after birds; the “airforce block” in Bulls taking aircraft names; in Marton, the naming of streets after Mayors and in the Marton Junction, after notable Māori.*

*Street names have also been given after prominent citizens and land developers, and as a result of local choice or the choice of street residents.*

#### 4. Proposed name

4.1 The developer has proposed the following name (letter attached):

- Meihana Place

4.2 They have provided the following background information to the name:

*“The name “Meihana” is the surname of a prominent citizen of Ratana it is the surname of Harerangi Meihana, who is a long-standing resident of Ratana who was born and raised in Ratana Paa and is the grandson of Tahupotiki Wiremu Ratana, founder of the Ratana Church and Movement. Harerangi Meihana is also the current head of the Church. The decedents (Grandchildren) of Harerangi Meihana will be the owners and occupiers of the new homes being built and will be a reflection of the Street residents.”*

#### 5. Process

5.1 The Ratana Community Board has delegation for naming roads within the Ratana Community Board area. The subdivision in question is outside of the Community Board area. Therefore, the Ratana Community Board are asked to provide a recommendation to Council.

#### Attachments

1. Letter from the developer [↓](#)

**ITEM 10.1**

**Recommendation 1**

That the report 'Road naming: Right of Way off Rangatahi Road' be received.

**Recommendation 2**

That the Ratana Community Board recommend to Council the Right of Way associated with RM200035 serving 6 lots along Rangatahi Road be named \_\_\_\_\_.

14 November 2021

Tēnā koutou kotoa

We are very excited about the subdivision taking place at Ratana which is located at Rangatahi Road, Ratana. There will be a total of 9 houses being built with the LINZ addressing standards identifying 6 lots accessed via a private ROW, and therefore should be provided a road name (as there are more than 5 lots accessing from the ROW).

We are the developers who is responsible for the co – ordination of this housing project and we would like the opportunity to submit a name for the row.

We would like to submit the following name:

Meihana Place

The purpose of this name:

Meihana

The name “Meihana” is the surname of a prominent citizen of Ratana it is the surname of Harerangi Meihana, who is a long-standing resident of Ratana who was born and raised in Ratana Paa and is the grandson of Tahupotiki Wiremu Ratana, founder of the Ratana Church and Movement. Harerangi Meihana is also the current head of the Church. The decedents (Grandchildren) of Harerangi Meihana will be the owners and occupiers of the new homes being built and will be a reflection of the Street residents.

Place

Using place reflects the road type of short, narrow, enclosed roadway similar if not a cul-de-sac.

It would be much appreciated if this name could be considered for the new private Row.

If you have any further questions or require any clarification, please let me know.

Ngā mihi nui



Talia Anderson-Town



Cameron Town

## **11 Reports for Information**

### **11.1 Update on Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti**

**Author:** Soraya Peke-Mason, TRAK representative

**ITEM 11.1**

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

- 1.1 Ms Soraya Peke-Mason will provide a verbal update.

#### **Recommendation**

That the report 'Update on Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti' be received.

**11.2 Discretionary Fund Update - December 2021****Author:** Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor**Authoriser:** Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy & Planning**1. Allocation**

- 1.1 At its meeting 05 October 2021, the Ratana Community Board asked Council to consider providing a small discretionary fund of \$500 for the 2021/22 year, for the Board's use<sup>1</sup>.
- 1.2 Council approved this request at its meeting 28 October 2021, recognising that any fund for future years would need to be considered as part of the 2022/23 Annual Plan<sup>2</sup>.
- 1.3 As is the process for the Taihape Community Board, payments from this fund will require approval, via a resolution, at a Community Board meeting. Payment will be made by Council either by invoice (Council's preference) or if an invoice is not available then by receipt for reimbursement. Council staff can work with the Board on the best process for this.

**2. Budget**

- 2.1 No payments from the fund have been made so far, so the amount of the fund is \$500. An update will be provided each Community Board meeting on the remaining balance of this fund.

**3. Future Funds**

- 3.1 The Ratana Community Board are asked to consider whether they want a discretionary fund from 2022/23; if they do then an amount needs to be proposed and this will be consulted on as part of the 2022/23 Annual Plan process.

**Recommendation**

That the 'Discretionary Fund Update – December 2021' report be received.

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution 21/RCB/031

<sup>2</sup> Resolution 21/RDC/385

**11.3 Funding Schemes Update - December 2021****Author: Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor****1. Overview**

1.1 Council currently administers five funding schemes for the Rangitikei District:

- a. Community Initiatives Fund
- b. Events Sponsorship Scheme
- c. Parks Upgrades Partnership Fund
- d. Creative Communities Scheme
- e. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

**2. Community Initiatives Fund**

- 2.1 This is a Council fund intended to support community-based projects in the Rangitikei District that develop community cohesion and community resilience.
- 2.2 Council allocates \$30,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds. \$11,910 was distributed in Round 1 (2021/22), leaving \$18,090 available for Round 2 (2021/22).
- 2.3 The current funding round (Round 2, 2021/22) is OPEN for applications and closes 24 March 2022. The Finance/Performance Committee will meet to consider funding applications on 24 April 2022.

**3. Events Sponsorship Scheme**

- 3.1 This is a Council fund intended to support events in the district that help to develop community cohesion and reinforce economic growth.
- 3.2 Council allocates \$50,000 to this fund annually, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds. \$17,900 was distributed in Round 1 (2021/22), leaving \$32,100 available for Round 2 (2021/22).
- 3.3 The current funding round (Round 2, 2021/22) is OPEN for applications and closes 06 March 2022. The Finance/Performance Committee will meet to consider funding applications on 31 March 2022.

**4. Parks Upgrades Partnership Fund**

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



## 5. Creative Communities Scheme

- 5.1 This fund is supplied by Creative NZ and administered by Council. Applications are encouraged from community groups and individuals whose projects:
- Demonstrate growth over time
  - Develop and support local artistic communities
  - Encourage a transfer of artistic skills
  - Support diversity and inclusion
  - Projects with a youth focus are also encouraged
- 5.2 Creative NZ has allocated \$43,615.63 to the Rangitikei District Council for 2021/22, to be distributed across two separate funding rounds. \$11,550 was distributed in Round 1 (2021/22), leaving \$32,065.63 available for Round 2 (2021/22).
- 5.3 The current funding round (Round 2, 2021/22) is OPEN for applications and closes 28 April 2022. The Creative NZ Committee will meet to consider funding applications on 02 June 2022.

## 6. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

- 6.1 This fund is supplied by Sport NZ and administered by Council. The fund is targeted at young people aged between 5 and 19 years, and is open to rural sport club teams and rural school club teams with eligible members who require subsidies to assist with transport expenses to local sporting competitions.
- 6.2 Sport NZ has allocated \$9,500 to the Rangitikei District Council for 2021/22. There is one funding round per year.
- 6.3 This funding round opened for applications 16 November 2021 and closes 18 March 2022. The Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund Committee will meet to consider applications on 28 April 2022.

## 7. Further Information

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

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

## Recommendation

That the Funding Schemes Update – December 2021 be received.

## **12 Discussion Items**

### **12.1 Spray and Clear Drain on Rangatahi Street**

**Author:** Charlie Mete, Chair

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

- 1.1 Mr Mete will discuss this item at the meeting.

#### **Recommendation**

If required:

## **13 Meetings for 2022**

The Rātana Community Board is scheduled to meet on the below dates in 2022:

- 01 February
- 05 April
- 07 June
- 02 August
- 04 October
- 06 December

## **14 Whakamoemiti / Meeting Closed**