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TAIHAPE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 12 June 2024

Time: 5.30pm

Venue: Kokako Street Pavilion
2 Kokako Street
Taihape

Chair: Mr Peter Kipling-Arthur

Deputy Chair: Ms Emma Abernethy

Membership: Ms Gail Larsen
Mr Les Clarke
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Jeff Wong
HWTM Andy Watson

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Notice is hereby given that a Taihape Community Board Meeting of the Rangitikei District Council will be held in the Kokako Street Pavilion, 2 Kokako Street, Taihape on Wednesday, 12 June 2024 at 5.30pm.

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1 Welcome

2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

The Taihape Museum will be in attendance regarding the photo boards.

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 **Taihape Community Board Meeting held on 10 April 2024** are attached.

Attachments

1. **Taihape Community Board Meeting - 10 April 2024**

Recommendation

That the minutes of Taihape Community Board Meeting held on 10 April 2024 [**as amended/without amendment**] be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

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UNCONFIRMED: TAIHAPE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 10 April 2024

Time: 5.30pm

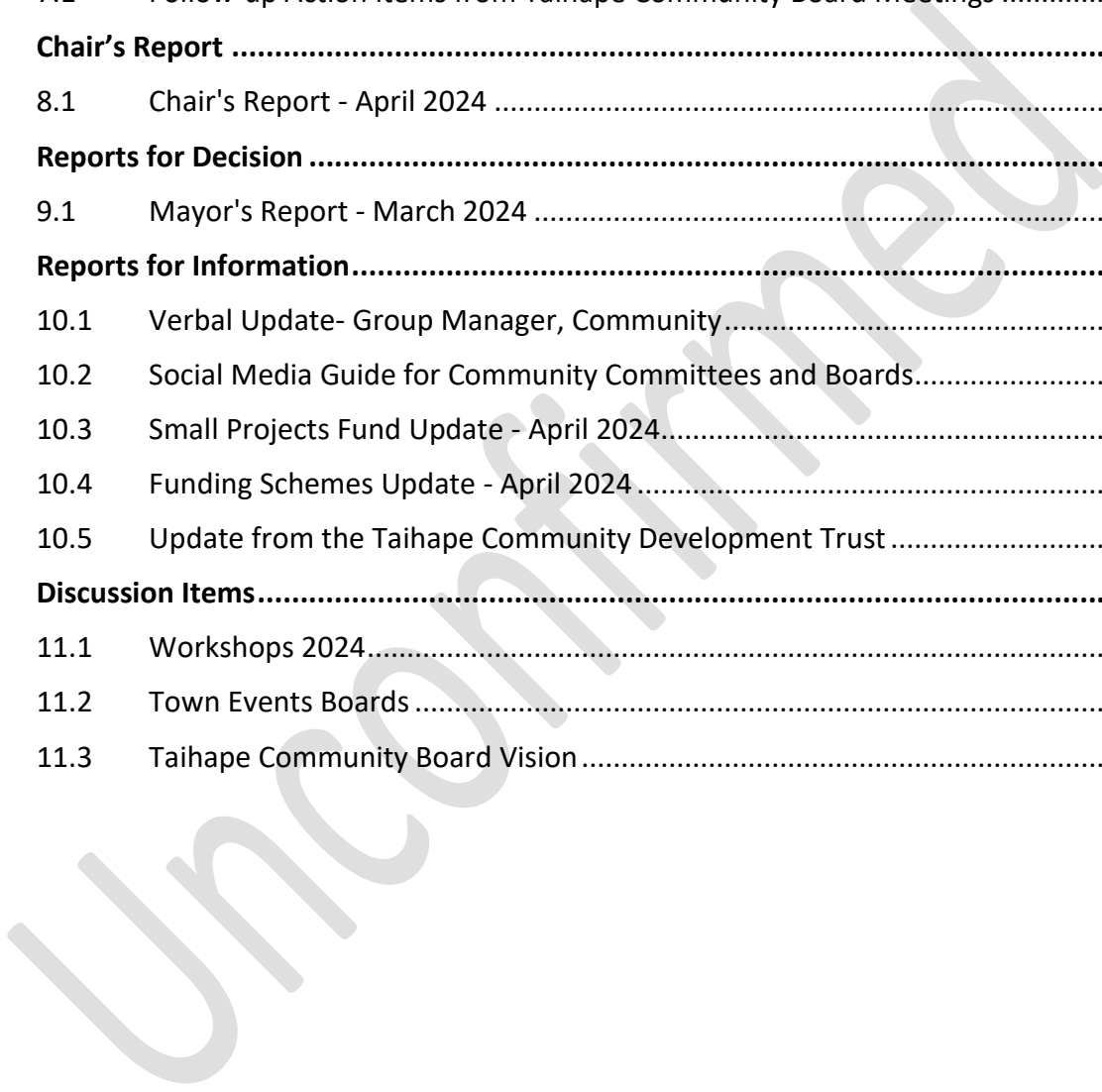
**Venue: Kokako Street Pavilion
2 Kokako Street
Taihape**

Present Mr Peter Kipling-Arthur
 Ms Gail Larsen
 Ms Emma Abernethy
 Mr Les Clarke
 HWTM Andy Watson
 Cr Jeff Wong

In attendance Mrs Sheryl Srhoj, Manager- Community Property
 Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager- Community
 Ms Dawn Hesketh, Administration

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1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

2 Apologies

Apologies received Cr Duncan and Ms. Gaylene Prince for lateness.

3 Public Forum

Ms. Charity Davis provided an update on behalf of The Taihape Playground Group.

Council have confirmed the site locations as per their request. The area allocated by the grandstand would be used as a playground for smaller children. The next stage is to seek some advice from a playground designer and put together a draft conceptual plan.

Also discussed, was the need for a new toilet facility within the playgrounds vicinity. The current public toilet does not meet the needs of families as it did not have a baby change table and was not accessible for wheelchairs.

Mayor Watson advised that Council would take over the upkeep of the playground once it was completed and signed off.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Mr Kipling-Arthur declared a conflict of interest in regard to Item 10.3

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the Order of Business

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/010

That the minutes of Taihape Community Board Meeting held on 21 February 2024 **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.

Ms G Larsen/Cr J F Wong. Carried

7 Follow-up Actions

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Taihape Community Board Meetings

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/011

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

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - April 2024

The Chair spoke to his tabled report.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/012

That the Chair's Report – April 2024 be received.

Ms E Abernethy/Ms G Larsen. Carried

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Mayor's Report - March 2024

The Mayor spoke regarding the Utiku slip work. Waka Kotahi had advised that emergency work only has been carried out and they have committed to finding a long term solution

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/013

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

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Verbal Update- Group Manager, Community

Ms Prince provided the following updates:

Hautapu Bridges

- Resource Consent has been granted - Building Services have been notified. The first pour inspection(only) has been scheduled.

Taihape Town Hall:

- An update was provided to the Taihape Town Hall User Group on 28 March 2024..Taihape Grandstand

- The structural consultants have recommended a series of investigations to be undertaken before the final solution can be determined. They have estimated these investigations would take between 4 to 8 months. The Project Management Team are now seeking a second opinion from another structural consultant.

Mangaweka Cantilever Bridge

- Notification has been received that Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga has approved the Mangaweka Cantilever Bridge (List No. 9746) for entry on the New Zealand Heritage List/Rārangi Kōrero ('the List'). This took effect on 21 March 2024. Note: Due to a database limitation, only one Council can be listed in the 'Local Authority' field. Manawatū District Council is also noted as 'Local Authority' but does not currently display in the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga record.

Parks Update

- Bellis Park and the surrounding road corridor adjacent State Highway 1 /Heron Drive has had a number of 'tired' trees removed, while others have been lifted. A number of stumps have been ground down and areas recontoured. Grass seed to be sown in the coming weeks. A selection of trees will be replanted during late winter. Local resident Gordon Collier has been supporting RDC with this project.
- A number of flax bushes along Hautapu Street which inhibit motorist visibility will be removed.
- In conjunction with Friends of Taihape, RDC is currently pricing up weed control for a number of recently installed walking tracks within the vicinity of Papakai Park.
- A post & rail fence will be installed at the Nga Awa car park to restrict vehicle access to Memorial Park fields.

Taihape Cemetery

- The conifer hedge has been partially trimmed with a shelter trimmer. A larger machine was scheduled to complete the hedge however this machine was destroyed by fire several weeks ago. The Parks Team are waiting to hear if a replacement machine is available. If not, it will be completed the old fashion way within 3 weeks.
- Two new burial and two new cremation berms have been installed to increase capacity.
- The majority of trees throughout the site have been lifted, with a number of specimens pruned back off burials throughout the southern part of the cemetery. A number of stumps have been ground throughout the site.
- The front fence bordering State Highway 1 has been water blasted ready for repainting. RDC is aware of the request to install a tap at either entrance of the cemetery. We hope to renew a number of water lines throughout the cemetery during the 2024/25 financial year. If this project is undertaken, hand washing taps will be installed as part of this project. No interim taps or facilities will be installed at this site.

Taihape Toilets

- Ms Srhoj gave a verbal update on the Tui Street public toilet block. The roof has been sprayed for moss and lichen control but it will take 10 to 12 months for this to be effective. Councils Maintenance and Renovation Technician will be undertaking remedial work in order to refresh and tidy these toilets.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/014

That the 'Verbal Update' be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms E Abernethy. Carried

10.2 Social Media Guide for Community Committees and Boards

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/015

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

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

10.3 Small Projects Fund Update - April 2024

Mr Kipling-Arthur declared a conflict of interest with this item.

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/016

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

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

10.4 Funding Schemes Update - April 2024

The report was take as read.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/017

That the Funding Schemes Update –April 2024 be received.

Ms E Abernethy/Ms G Larsen. Carried

10.5 Update from the Taihape Community Development Trust

Tabled report was received.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/018

That the verbal updates from 'Update from the Taihape Community Development Trust' be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

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11 Discussion Items

11.1 Workshops 2024

Mr L Clarke is to organise the venue for the July workshop which is to be held in Mangaweka.

The remaining workshops are:

September – Mataroa

November – Moawhango

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/019

That the workshop dates and venues be received.

Ms E Abernethy/Mr P Kipling-Arthur. Carried

11.2 Town Events Boards

Ms S Srhoj reported that the Taihape Southern Events Board would need a resource consent and NZTA approval if it was to be relocated to a more visible location.

The Board agreed to discuss this further at their next workshop.

11.3 Taihape Community Board Vision

Ms Gaylene Prince presented a printout template to be used to gather information. This is to be discussed at the Boards next workshop.

The meeting closed at 6.35pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Taihape Community Board held on 19 June 2024.

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Chairperson

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Taihape Community Board Meetings

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

1.1 On the list attached are items raised at previous Taihape Community Board 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 Taihape Community Board Meetings' be received.

Current Follow-up Actions

Item	From Meeting Date	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments	Status
1	30-Oct-23	That the phonebox outside of Greenstone Insurance be removed to allow for better pedestrian visibility.	Arno Benadie	Sitting AIN: Council staff have passed on the request to Waka Kotahi. The assigned number is SR37577945. Staff have requested a further update.	In progress.
2	12-Oct-23	That Council engage with Waka Kotahi over the Gretna corner Give Way as the give way sign has been removed and the markings are not clear and consider repainting the road markings clearly.	Arno Benadie	Sitting AIN: Council staff have passed on the request to Waka Kotahi. The assigned number is SR37514935	In progress.
3	12-Oct-23	That Council staff consult with the Taihape Community Board over the feasibility of low garden edging along the corners on Hautapu Street. There are issues with heavy rains and the bark and much flowing into gutters and drains	Arno Benadie	Sitting AIN: After further consultation with the TCB on this issue, Council staff have passed on the request to Waka Kotahi. The assigned number is SR37623007	In progress.
4	12-Oct-23	That Council staff consult with the Taihape Community Board over the feasibility of the issue with overnight truck parking on Kakako street. Requesting signage directing trucks to the new area.	Arno Benadie	Sitting AIN: Parking behaviour is subject to enforcement activities not available to Council staff.	Completed.
5	12-Oct-23	That Council staff consult with the Taihape Community Board over the feasibility of marae signage.	Arno Benadie	Sitting AIN: Council staff will pass on the requests to Waka Kotahi for consideration. (This relates to Winiata Marae)	In progress.
6	12-Oct-23	That Council engage with Waka Kotahi on traffic speed specifically for areas, Mataroa Rd extended to Bellis Park and the 70k from Jones Road to Bellis Park to 50km.	Arno Benadie	Sitting AIN: Council staff have passed on the request. Staff are communicating with Waka Kotahi staff who have asked for clarification of the request.	In progress.
7	12-Oct-23	That Council engage with Waka Kotahi about the safety concerns for pedestrian crossings on Hautapu street- such as repainting the crossings, markings before and after the lanes to provide colour blocks, and keeping the vegetation trimmed to below 1.2m. The board would like Belisha beacons to all work.	Arno Benadie	Sitting AIN: Council staff will pass on the requests to Waka Kotahi for consideration. The assigned number is SR37635947	In progress.

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - June 2024

Author: Peter Kipling-Arthur, Chair

This year the Community Board is taking its workshops out to the smaller communities in our Northern Ward. The key dates are Mangaweka 10 July; Mataroa 11 September; Moawhango 13 November. The board will discuss at least two key topics and members of the public will be invited to have their input on these and other issues they would like help with from the TCB individual board members will be organizing each meeting.

Councillors and Staff have been keeping us informed about the rather longwinded process involved in the rejuvenation of the Town Hall and Memorial Park Grandstand. The current economic climate and the restrictions on the RDC budgets have added another degree of difficulty.

Road safety remains a concern despite the feedback RDC has achieved from Land Transport NZ. Some of the work has been partially carried out but we have been informed that the contractors budgets have been very restricted as a result of other extraordinary disruption to roading in the country. It is now almost 11 months since the board presented to council on this issue.

As Chair I have met with the Principal at TAS, firstly as a courtesy call, also to emphasise that the board has made two generous donations to students who are involved in leadership training and that we will be very interested to hear how they have done and contributed to the community when they present to the Board in August.

It was disappointing to all the members of the board that the photo board at Gumboot throwing area at the Outback was pushed off its base in late May. This means the TCB must fund its repair and reinstatement from our own limited funds.

We should continue to strongly push for Rangitikei District Council's RFS system for notification of concerns etc, is continued to be recommended as the best means of bringing people's concerns to the attention of the RDC staff.

Recommendation

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

8.2 Taihape Community Board Report: Workshops May 2024**Author: Peter Kipling-Arthur, Chair**Taking the TCB to the wider community

This year we are taking the TCB workshops to three of the smaller communities. Here, after we have an introduction about who we are and what we do, there will be a workshop covering two topics. The community attendees will be invited to have input after the board members have covered the outlines. After the two notified topics have been covered if there is time the community will be asked for other topics and issues, they would like help with from the TCB.

The workshops in Order

- July: Mangaweka Date 10 July
- Les Clarke to organize a venue and let the community know. Advert in TUT and flyer drop. Peter to place notification on Facebook. Community contact Allison Dorrien or Ruth Rendell
- Suggested topics; Road Safety, preservation of the historic Bridge. Extension of the Rail tunnel walk.
- September: Mataroa 11 September
- Gail Larsen to contact Steve Bradley re venue and notifying the community. Notes into TUT. Peter to place details on Facebook.
- Suggested topics; Road Safety, Phone coverage for emergency
- November: Moawhango 13 November
- Emma Abernethy to contact a local person re venue and notifying the community. Notes into TUT. Peter to place details on Facebook.
- Suggested topics; Road Safety, Phone coverage for emergency, Napier Taihape Closure notices usage

Recommendation

If needed:

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Mayor's Report - 30 May 2024

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

1. Reason for Report

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

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

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

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

Roading

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

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

1. David Gordon

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

increase competition. The point is that roading authorities/NZTA should do the same.

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

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

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

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

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

We must submit to this consultation process!

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

ITEM 9.1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rural & Provincial

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

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

Fast Track Consenting Bill – What it Means

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

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

Concerns re the Bill –

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

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

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

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Mayors Engagement

May 2024

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

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

Attachments:

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

3. Elected Member Attendance [↓](#)

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Recommendation

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

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2 May 2024

Kia ora,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Key proposed changes to FARs and associated thresholds, include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ngā mihi



Nicole Rosie
Chief Executive - NZTA



20 May 2024

Rt Hon Christopher Luxon

Hon Simeon Brown

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

Rt Hon Winston Peters, Leader, New Zealand First

Hon David Seymour, Leader, ACT

Kia ora Prime Minister, Ministers, and party leaders

Changes to Māori ward and constituency poll provisions

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

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

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

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

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

Ngā mihi nui

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Mayor Sam Broughton
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xx Council

Chair xx
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159	9-Apr-24	TRAK Meeting	PR					AP								
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161	10-Apr-24	Taihape CB	PR					AP							PR	
162	10-Apr-24	Marton CC	CB	PR									PR			
163	11-Apr-24	PPL Meeting	CB	PR			AT	PR	PR	PR					AT	
164	15-Apr-24	Hunterville CC	CB				PR			AP						
165	18-Apr-24	LTP Hearings	PR	PR		AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR			PR	PR	
166	24-Apr-24	Sport NZ RTF	PR	PR										PR		
167	24-Apr-24	Finance/Performance	PR	PR		AP	PR	AT			PR	PR			PR	
168	24-Apr-24	Council Meeting	PR	PR		AP	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	PR	
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Present (and is a member of the committee)	PR
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Absent - no apology received	AB
Not a member of the committee	
Not a member of the committee (but still attended)	AT
Not present as on Council business	CB
Attended via Zoom [<i>this indicator is no longer used</i>]	ZM

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Verbal Update- Group Manager, Community

Author: Gaylene Prince, Group Manager - Community

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Ms Prince will provide an update to the committee on council and requested items from the Taihape Community Board.
- 1.2 Items requested by the Chair to staff:
 - 1.2.1 Taihape Public Toilets repair and maintenance
 - 1.2.2 Update on Taihape Grandstand
 - 1.2.3 Update on Taihape Town Hall and involvement of the advisory group
 - 1.2.4 Update on the Gretna Give Way
- 1.3 Items requested by the Chair to councillors:
 - 1.3.1 Issues from Council meeting that Northern ward councillors to bring to the Taihape Community Board for information or discussion

Recommendation

That the 'Verbal Update' be received.

10.2 Inward Correspondance**Author: Peter Kipling-Arthur, Chair****1. Reason for Report**

1.1 The Chair has requested that all correspondence be included for the board to received.

Attachments:

1. Colin Baird- Rotunda Repainting [↓](#)
2. Elizabeth Tierney- Restoration and Repurpose of the Cemetery Shed [↓](#)
3. Jan Byford- Community Events Advertising Board [↓](#)
4. Jan Byford- Taihape Art Society [↓](#)
5. Jan Byford- Taihape Art Society-Peter Jean Caley [↓](#)
6. Simone Simpson- Spark Cell Tower [↓](#)
7. HWTM Andy Watson- Cellphone Coverage [↓](#)
8. St Margaret's Anglican Church- Small Project Fund [↓](#)
9. St Margaret's Anglican Church- part 2 [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the inward correspondence be received.

ITEM 10.2 ATTACHMENT 1

Fw: Quote QU-0885 from Baird Built Ltd for Taihape rotary

Carolyn and Peter Kipling-Arthur >
Tue 4/06/2024 12:01 PM
To:Kezia Spence <

Peter Kipling-Arthur

From: Colin & Margaret <
Sent: 07 May 2024 12:57
To: Carolyn and Peter Kipling-Arthur <
Cc: Jan Byford <
Subject: Re: Quote QU-0885 from Baird Built Ltd for Taihape rotary

Hi Peter, Yes the Rotary Club is seeking funding. From The Rangitike District Council ?
To clarify the issue . As I understand the situation with the Rotunda.
It was originally built by Rotary well before my time down at Papakai park.
Council moved it to its present location and was given joint ownership by the Rotary Club.
The last time it was painted as I recollect was around 2010! Council provided all the paint and the Rotary Club did all the preparation and painting. Two coats over everything including the roof.
Time has come around to do it again. Council obtained a quote for the work and submitted it to Rotary. Rotary felt another quote should be obtained so I asked my grandsons firm of Bairdbuilt to submit a quote for every thing above the handrail and Rotarys contribution would be to do the physical painting, inside and out on the bottom section of the building. Paint to be provided. The original quote had been for the whole building I understand.
I have submitted a copy of Kyle Baird's quote to yourself as requested and a copy to Rangitike District Council.
Rotary are awaiting a response from Council as to how they are going to handle this.May be they have got other quotes to consider
I hope this explains the situation as we await to hear what Council decides,
Regards, Colin Baird.

Sent from my iPad

On 3/05/2024, at 1:03 PM, Carolyn and Peter Kipling-Arthur wrote:

Hi Colin,

Is Rotary seeking funding or is the club able to self fund this project??

Peter Kipling-Arthur

From: Colin & Margaret <
Sent: 26 April 2024 13:41

To: Carolyn and Peter Kipling-Arthur
Subject: Re: Quote QU-0885 from Baird Built Ltd for Taihape rotary

Thanks Peter, No Rotary has not applied to any organisation for funding costs for this project.

Regards, Colin Baird.

Sent from my iPad

On 23/04/2024, at 4:32 PM, Carolyn and Peter Kipling-Arthur
wrote:

Hi Colin,

I have forwarded this to the RDC with a request that they confirm that they will fund the paint.

Has your organisation applied to other funding sources for the remainder of the costs?

Awaiting your response.

Peter Kipling-Arthur

From: Colin & Margaret < >
Sent: 19 April 2024 10:42
To:
Subject: Fwd: Quote QU-0885 from Baird Built Ltd for Taihape rotary

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kyle Baird <
Date: 17 April 2024 at 10:04:20 AM NZST
To:
Subject: Quote QU-0885 from Baird Built Ltd for Taihape rotary
Reply-To:

 Baird Built Ltd

Hi,

Thank you for your enquiry.

Here's quote QU-0885 for NZD 7,547.28.

View your quote online:

<https://in.xero.com/fYmXQQ0uC9hEUO7ZXUGpVvNJ4UqehpG91BRHKwHz>

From your online quote you can accept, decline, comment or print.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Thanks,
Baird Built Ltd

Terms
Terms of Trade:

For works under \$10,000

We require a 30% deposit prior to commencing work. For non-residential projects please provide a purchase order number if required.
Balance of payment due 10 days from date of invoice.

For all works over \$10,000

We require a contract with agreed payment schedule included. This will cover health and safety liability and ensure all responsibilities are accounted for.

In the event of significant price increase of material or subcontractor occurring during the performance of the quote through no fault of Baird Built, the quote sum, shall be equitably adjusted. A change in price of an item shall be considered significant when the price of an item increases 5% percent between the date of this quote and the date of installation.

Account Number: 01-0190-0539364-00

Please advise us if you wish to accept or decline this quote.,

Fw: Taihape Community Board

Carolyn and Peter Kipling-Arthur <carolyn@taihape.govt.nz>

Tue 4/06/2024 12:02 PM

To: Kezia Spence <Kezia.Spence@rangitikei.govt.nz>

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Peter Kipling-Arthur

From: Betty Tierney
Sent: 22 May 2024 17:04
To: Carolyn and Peter Kipling-Arthur <carolyn@taihape.govt.nz>
Subject: Taihape Community Board

To the Chairperson

Taihape Community Board

Dear Peter

On a recent visit to the Taihape Cemetery on a very wet day I noticed the shed at the North end of the cemetery which at the moment only contains rubbish.

I would like to suggest to the Board that this shed could have a coat of paint and a concrete floor put in with perhaps some bench seating the same as the one down at the main entrance. It could then be used by those attending a funeral to shelter in, I'm sure it would not be a costly exercise.

I would also like to suggest a Board be put up somewhere at the Cemetery with a map of the grave sites as I have seen at other cemeteries. There are so many people these days doing research into their relatives it would help them I'm sure. I know there is a map at the Information Centre but not every one knows of this

While I'm one a roll I would also like to suggest that our public toilets at the Railway Station need to be brightened up. A mural painted on the front of them would look great, perhaps depicting a Train or Engine in acknowledgment of the important part the railways played in our town and lives over many years. I am sure Tim Pekamu could come up with something that would attract attention to our sad looking Station.

I know the community Board has a certain amount of money to spend on projects so I am hoping you might look at these ideas of mine favourably

Yours faithfully

Elizabeth (Betty) Tierney QSM

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Community events advertising board

Jan Byford
Tue 16/04/2024 1:28 PM

Hello Peter,

As you may be aware, as my first Taihape community project as a first time Rangitikei District Councillor in the late 1990s I was instrumental in the initial setting up of the event boards at each end of town for the benefit of community events being visible to the passing traffic (SH1 is a window to the world). This also enabled the business sector to advertise and it was a means of a financial stream that could in turn be used to assist with sign maintenance and invest in boards that would help the community groups advertise their events.

For many years this process was extremely useful to the community but concerns have been raised regarding the use of the money raised and little assistance has been offered to community groups in the past few years.

There is also the matter of insertion and removal of the signs which is not an easy task and not always timely. A dedicated handyman could be used for this & paid from the funding. This worked so well in the distant past.

It is my belief that this whole project is in need of a review to make it more user friendly & I would be more than willing to be a part of the consultation.

As per our conversation on Monday I see an opportunity for the TCB to start this process and ask that two boards are purchased for the sole purpose of Community Event advertising & be made available for either one-off events or be assigned to be used annually. I suggest also that the boards purchased are of aluminium composite which has a long shelf life. Corflute is more ideal for a one-off event as it is very flexible & if not retained well on the events board it is likely to fly away.

All artwork for the signs would be the responsibility of the event organisers.

Permission for these newly purchased signs (I suggest Lasercraft in Taihape) could firstly be assigned for the annual **Art Exhibition and Sale** due in early June and convened by Elizabeth Cottrell on behalf of St Margarets Church. This event is emerging as a very iconic annual event gathering momentum and so worthy of the support of the board and community.

This would also be an opportunity for the TCB to be seen as a sponsor of the event.

As the time frame for the free one month advertising prior to the Art Exhibition and Sale is only 3 weeks away I ask that the boards purchase be immediate to give time for the art work to be designed and added.

I thank you in anticipation for your foresight and support.

Kind regards

Jan Byford

President - Taihape Art Society.

ITEM 10.2 ATTACHMENT 3

Taihape Art Society
2 Kokako Street,
Taihape.
15 May 2024

Mr Peter Kipling-Arthur
Taihape Community Board Chairman,
Taihape.

Dear Peter,

At a recent meeting of the Taihape Art Society the matter of a display area for art or similar was discussed in length. The Society has been well known for their annual art exhibitions in the past and their display stands have been used on many occasions for various celebrations, anniversaries, and the like around the district.

The Society is involved with the June Art Exhibition & Sale at St Margarets Church and there is much encouragement in the community to have a more permanent high profile space for not only their art work but for all manner of displays about Taihape & the community. Activities without interference to the auditorium activities and indeed could be a great add-on for any town & district celebration that may also be using the auditorium. For example – displaying costumes for a drama production, school science competition, ANZAC Day commemoration display, Rural Schools promotion, a district tourist promotion. The opportunities for the district to have a display area in Taihape are endless and now is the time to future proof our wonderful Town Hall which will further become a community centre. It would also add another 'Go To' place for locals & passing visitors. A place on a wet day to while some time away.

We believe while the Taihape Town Hall is under refurbishment that an opportunity for this walled space for displays of all kinds could be incorporated into the plans possibly in an extended area out the back of the library. This secure area could be monitored by the council staff and be available during all opening hours for visitors.

We ask for an opportunity for our society members and in particular our art tutor & prominent artist from Mangaweka Peter Caley who has had international & national experience with art exhibitions to meet with you and/or the project manager. Peters' expertise would be of great value.

Yours sincerely

Jan Byford
President Taihape Art Society

ITEM 10.2 ATTACHMENT 4

Peter Jean Caley

Peter has been interested in painting since early childhood, training in New Zealand, Australia and Europe.

He has been a professional artist since 1988. Working largely in oils on canvas, his style is best described as 'inspirational realism.'

His work has featured on television, radio, in magazines and on radio in this country and overseas. He has exhibited in New York, California, Italy and Dubai and many other countries.

His large fine art painting of the winning NZ yacht in the Americas Cup in 2000 'Black Magic' on linen, hangs permanently in the Auckland National Maritime Museum.

Others of his work hang in Te Papa and private collections throughout New Zealand; his cultural works fetch acclaim overseas.

Peter Jean Caley's work contains many commissioned portraits; celebrities, Māori, bird and flowers all come within his oeuvre. His pastoral landscapes and topical rural scenes show his strength and versatility.

Peter's large paintings of the yachts in the Volvo Ocean yacht race in 2002 were exhibited at the Viaduct Harbour during the running of the race.

A recent commission was with the Royal New Zealand Navy where he designed large scale art works for their Memorial stained glass windows.

His talent for staging exhibitions world-wide is well known and valued.

Still active as a tutor and a full-time artist Peter lives quietly in the Rangitikei while working privately with his clients around the world.

Spark cell tower

Simone Simpson

Thu 7/03/2024 8:03 AM

Good day To whom it may concern

I wanted to send you a message as I feel my report from 20th February was not actioned.

Did you know on the Sunday 18th February in Taihape when they had there annual power shut down in the whole town our 1 spark cell phone tower didn't work at all.

This happened last year as well. Not a great thing if we rely on them for safety. This is a farming community and should an emergency arise we have no way to contact help.

I did report this to spark last year with no result. When I reported it again this year your staff didn't seem to take the report seriously. We can't report when it is happening as the tower is not working.

I feel the batteries are no longer holding their charge and they need to be replaced. The town maybe got 2 hours of signal before the back up batteries died.

We are also a town that can be hit with snow and lose power and as we head into winter it is a concern.

The back up batteries need to be addressed as a matter of priority as this is a safety concern.

I would appreciate hearing back from you on this matter.

I will also be passing this letter of concern onto our local council.

Regards

Simone Simpson

RE: CONCERNS OVER EMERGENCY PHONE COVERAGE IN THE NORTHERN WARD

Andy Watson <

Wed 22/05/2024 2:56 PM

To: Peter Kipling-Arthur ·

Hi Peter,

I have also met with Simone albeit some time ago. I have sympathy with her but no solutions. Some of our farms have transferred at expense to satellite services however that is costly. I will continue to lobby the providers

Ngā mihi

| Andy Watson | Mayor | Koromatua
| 46 High Street, Private Bag 1102, Marton 4741 | www.rangitikei.govt.nz |
| P 027 617 7668



From: Carolyn and Peter Kipling-Arthur ·
Sent: Friday, May 3, 2024 1:36 PM
To: Andy Watson · ; Kevin Ross Gill Duncan
Cc:
Subject: CONCERNS OVER EMERGENCY PHONE COVERAGE IN THE NORTHERN WARD

From the Chair of the Taihape Community Board

With the loss of the copper network our rural communities are facing periods of minimal telephone coverage. This is especially concerning in time of emergencies which include power cuts.

I have been approached by Simone Simpson of Papakai Rd Taihape who has had consistent failure of mobile coverage when the power is cut to the area. I have also talked with other rural residents who have voiced concerns over similar issues

It seems that the back up power supply to cell towers, regardless of which network provides the tower, can be of variable quality ranging from a day or so to only a few hours.

If rural residents have no access to copper landlines, or reliable back up power to the cellphone towers, then it places them at risk in the event of sudden illness, accidents, or other major incident.

Simone has been battling to obtain a clear and satisfactory answer from her provider [Spark] as to why the tower that services her rural area should fail to provide coverage in several events of power failure over time.

ITEM 10.2 ATTACHMENT 7

The Taihape Community Board on behalf of our wider community is requesting your assistance in:

a/ Confirming that all cell phone tower operators have sufficient back up power available in all rural areas where coverage can be minimal, and where for our rural based community an efficient method of emergency communication is essential.

b/ Ensuring that when the copper network ceases to operate that all mobile telecom providers are able to confirm adequate coverage in the case of an emergency.

c/ All telecom providers show an awareness of the needs of the rural community and respond adequately to the concerns of the community in these districts

I have attached links to newspaper articles that reference issues raised.

[Commerce Commission takes One NZ to court, accuses telco of breaching 111 contact code | Newshub](#)

[Why NZ's communications networks broke down in Cyclone Gabrielle | RNZ News](#)

[Time running out for NZ's copper phone network - NZ Herald](#)

Awaiting your response

Peter Kipling-Arthur

Chair Taihape Community Board.

Carolyn and Peter Kipling-Arthur

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any attachments to it in error, please take no action based on it, copy it or show it to anyone. Please
advise the sender and delete your copy. Thank you. -----

Application to Taihape Community Board Small Projects / Grants Fund – 2023/24

Submissions deadlines: 28th of Jan / Mar / May / Jul / Sep / Nov for consideration at the next Meeting.

Applicant	St Margaret's Anglican Church
Organisation (if applicable)	Main Church Fundraiser
Contact Address	Elizabeth Cottrell
Telephone	
Email	
Amount Requested	\$xxx to \$444 \$200
Project Title	SIGNAGE BOARD ART EXHIBITION AND SALE June 6-9th 42 Hui a Street, 3rd Right
Detail	Purpose St. Margaret's wants to include the whole Taihape community to visit + take part in their 3rd Art Exhibition and Sale. It is a fundraiser, but it is also about the joy of art + outreach in the wider community. We have invited Taihape Art Society + all members of the community to display, sell, or donate a piece of their original art if they would like to share it. We hope to include the lobby, TTS, St Joseph's as well. We also
Beneficiaries	want to share the sign board with other organisations / events in town. It has been expensive to have the sign made + we
Supporting Documentation	COSTING: (\$380 + GST) have asked the local maker to use a board that can be used on the back, the lettering can also peel off.
Alternative Funding	Donation from??? Taihape Art Society has given us \$100 towards the sign. Please note we hope to continue (see attached)
Bank Details	Please <u>attach</u> confirmation of your bank account, eg provide a deposit slip or an screenshot / image showing your bank account name and number (no transactions need to be provided). Do not enter bank details here.

The purpose of the fund is to assist entities with the purchase of small items or additional services which are not included in Council's operating budgets and which will benefit the local community. Examples would be signage, park furniture, plants, paint, a leaflet or other publication or an event, including implementing community-led initiatives.

Applications are normally expected to be for the benefit of the whole Community (not for individuals or small groups eg only club members). More than one application can be submitted in any financial year.

- Applications cannot be for:
- Provision of training or conference attendance.
 - Additional payment(s) for goods or services subject to a contract with Rangitikei Council.
 - Amounts which exceed the Committee's annual allocation.

If you have any queries regarding your application please contact a Taihape Community Board Member 021-0233-9254).
Send request to: Taihape Community Board:

St Margaret's Anglican Church

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- Please note in the past some of the money raised as gone to the new entrants of T.A.S. for a new school bag, t-shirt + shorts and stationery for each new student aged 5. We also continue to give towards the school breakfasts and have an annual scholarship for a T.A.S school leaver.
- This year as well as continuing with the above 3 projects, we want to use the money raised to improve our church hall.
- We have the bathrooms + kitchen to be upgraded with secure windows + some painting. We have applied to the Pudding Trust for further help with this as well.
- We also would love to get a sign made for the north of town to be used by the Taihape community + the Art Exhibit in the future.

Elizabeth Gifford
Covenor
April 29, 24

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

- 1.1 The allocation of the 2023/24 Small Projects Fund for the Taihape Community Board is \$9,185.15, since the February meeting.

2. Remaining allocation

- 2.1 The remaining allocation for the fund is \$7,715.
2.2 Staff have included the financial breakdown in an excel sheet as requested by the Chair.

3. Requests to the Taihape Community Board

- 3.1 This item was requested by the Chair
3.2 Anglican Church- Signboard
3.3 Taihape Museum and Historical Society- Photo board
3.4 Re-instatement of the Gumboot Photo board at the Outback
3.5 Rotunda repainting
3.6 Cemetery Shed Restoration

4. Carry-forward

- 4.1 Below is a recommendation for the Taihape Community Board to carry forward the remaining funds. This recommendation will go to the next Council meeting for approval.

Attachments:

1. **Small Projects Fund- Excel Sheet** [↓](#)

Recommendation

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

Recommendation

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

ITEM 10.3 ATTACHMENT 1

Financial Year	Income	Expenditure	Amount
	\$13,948.15		
		Taihape Neighbourhood Support Group- Painting	\$250
9-Aug-23			
11-Oct-23		Bill Nelson-Out Back Photo Board	\$889
5-Dec-24		Hautapu Rural Supplies	\$94
13-Dec-23		V-Ray Lighting	\$1,500
13-Dec-23		Mangaweka Heritage Incorporated	\$1,000
13-Dec-23		Taihape Dance Academy	\$500
13-Dec-23		Aaakiya Tihore	\$1,000
21-Feb-24		Maya Cross	\$1,000
Remaining	\$7,715.15		

Tagged future expenses	Amount
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10.4 Funding Schemes Update - June 2024**Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor****1. Overview**

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

2. Community Initiatives Fund

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

3. Events Support Scheme

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

4. Creative Communities Scheme

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

- Encourage a transfer of artistic skills
- Support diversity and inclusion
- Projects with a youth focus are also encouraged

4.2 Creative NZ typically allocates \$24,090 (+ GST) to the Rangitikei District Council on an annual basis, and this is distributed across two separate funding rounds.

4.3 Round two for 2023/24 opened on 03 November 2023 and closed 01 May 2024.

5. Creative Communities Scheme – CCS Festivals Fund

5.1 Council has received an additional \$7,861.70 to go towards established festivals, this funding round will align with round two of the 2023/24 financial year.

5.1.1 The CCS Festival Fund can *only* support **established** festivals that celebrate the life experiences, stories, cultures, and regional identities of New Zealanders.

5.1.2 Applicants must have delivered a festival at least once in the previous five years (this may include digital presentation). Applicants should include evidence of previous delivery in their application.

5.2 The round for 2023/24 opened on 03 November 2023 and closed 01 May 2024.

6. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

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

6.2 Sport NZ typically allocates \$9,500 (+ GST) to the Rangitikei District Council on an annual basis. There is one funding round per year. This year the fund increased to \$12,825.

6.3 The funding round is open for applications 19 May 2023 and closed on the 04 April 2024.

6.4 The allocation of funds was made at the Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund meeting on the 24 April.

7. Further Information

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

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

Recommendation

That the Funding Schemes Update –June 2024 be received.

ITEM 11.1

11 Discussion Items

11.1 Rangitikei District Council Bylaw and Policy Consultations

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The Chair requested this item be included in the order paper.
- 1.2 Attached is the email that was sent to the Community Board.

Attachments:

1. Rangitikei District Council Bylaw and Policy Consultations [↓](#)

Recommendation

If needed:

Rangitikei District Council is Consulting on the Draft Smokefree and Vapefree Policy 2024, and the Draft Signs and Public Places Bylaw 2024.

Consultation will run until 5pm Monday 1 July 2024, with the hearing scheduled for Thursday 25 July 2024.

Rangitikei District Council would like to invite your committee or board to make a submission.

Submissions can be made:

- Online at Consultations: Rangitikei District Council
- By emailing info@rangitikei.govt.nz
- Or by completing a hard copy form available on our website and service centres.

Draft Smokefree and Vapefree Policy 2024

Council has a statutory obligation under the Public Health Act 1956 'to improve, promote and protect public health within its district'. The Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990 covers Council's workplaces but does not extend to outdoor areas under Council control. Smoking tobacco is the leading cause of lung cancer. The incidence of smoking in the Rangitikei District is higher than the national average. Vaping is one way in which smokers can end their addiction, but its long-term effects are unknown. However, unlike Australia, the availability of vapes in New Zealand is not confined to pharmacies. Vaping is being promoted to non-smokers and sometimes leads to people starting smoking. Most councils in New Zealand have such a policy.

Summary of the Policy:

- Prohibits smoking and vaping in all Council-owned or controlled parks, playgrounds, reserves, skateparks, swimming pools, bus stops, and beaches.
- Prohibits smoking and vaping in all Council owned or controlled facilities including when hired or occupied by other people.
- Prohibits smoking and vaping in all footpath dining areas in town centres and within four metres on footpaths adjacent to Council building entrances.
- Allows Council's Chief Executive to establish a designated area for Council staff who are smokers or vapers.
- Requires all Council-funded events to be smokefree and vapefree.
- Anticipates Council working alongside agencies like Te Whatu Ora | Health New Zealand, the Cancer Society and the Asthma and Respiratory Foundation to discourage smoking and vaping.

The full policy and a summary of information can be found on our website: Draft Smokefree and Vapefree Rangitikei Policy: Rangitikei District Council

Draft Signs and Public Places Bylaw 2024

Council is proposing to replace the Public Places Bylaw 2013, Trading in Public Places Bylaw 2013, and Control of Advertising Signage Bylaw 2013 with the Draft Signs and Public Places Bylaw 2024.

Council Bylaws are a set of rules that are created to control specific activities within the Rangitikei District. Bylaws are a way the Council can address nuisances and health and safety concerns. Bylaws focus on the issues that Council has determined can be dealt with appropriately using regulatory enforcement.

The purpose of this draft Bylaw is to:

- Protect the public from nuisance and maintain public safety in public places,
- Regulate trading in public places, and
- Regulate signs in public places.

In particular, this Bylaw addresses:

- Damage to public facilities which may have an adverse effect on other users,
- Obstruction of public access and projections onto public spaces,
- Use of public places that have a detrimental effect on the ability of the use of public places,
- To regulate the conduct of people selling goods and services in public places,
- To regulate the conduct of people using vehicles, trailers or relocatable structures to sell goods and services in public places, and
- To regulate signs to ensure the safety of vehicles and pedestrians using public places.

The statement of proposal and the draft bylaw can be found on our website: Draft Signs and Public Places Bylaw 2024: Rangitikei District Council

11.2 Taihape Community Board Vision

Author: Peter Kipling-Arthur, Chair

1. Reason for Report

1.1 This item was requested by the Chair.

Recommendation

If needed:

ITEM 11.3

11.3 Updates on the Events Boards

Author: Peter Kipling-Arthur, Chair

1. Reason for Report

1.1 This item was requested by the Chair.

Recommendation

If needed:

12 Meeting Closed.