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TAIHAPE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 9 October 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, 9 October 2024 at 5.30pm.

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AGENDA

1 Welcome

2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

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

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

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

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from **Taihape Community Board Meeting held on 14 August 2024** are attached.

Attachments

1. **Taihape Community Board Meeting - 14 August 2024**

Recommendation

That the minutes of Taihape Community Board Meeting held on 14 August 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.

MINUTES



UNCONFIRMED: TAIHAPE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 14 August 2024

Time: 5.30pm

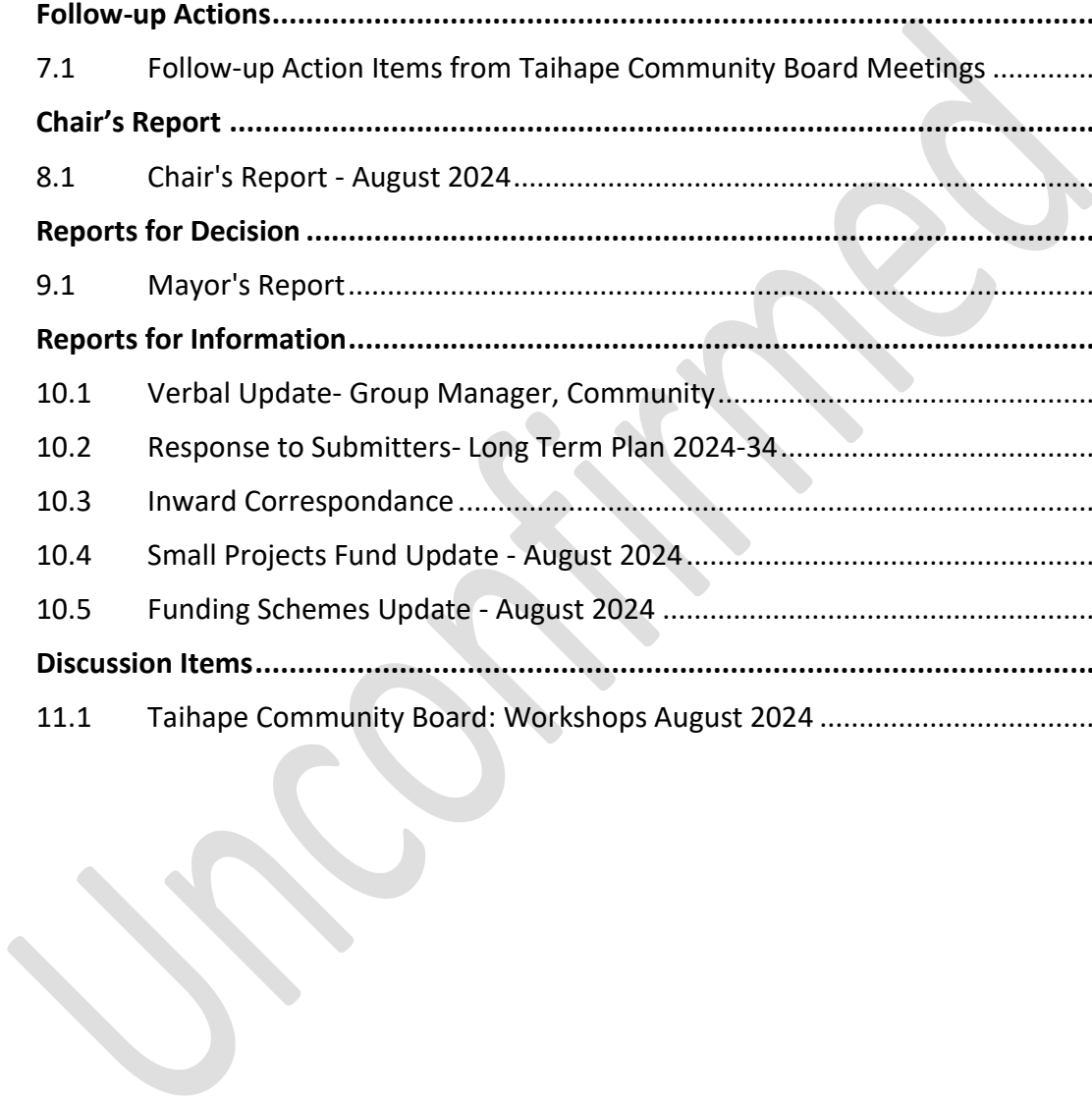
**Venue: Kokako Street Pavilion
2 Kokako Street
Taihape**

Present Mr Peter Kipling-Arthur, Chair
Ms Gail Larsen
Cr Gill Duncan
HWTM Andy Watson
Cr Jeff Wong

In attendance Ms S Srhoj, Manager Community Property
Ms Dawn Hesketh, Administration

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1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. L Clarke, Ms E Abernethy and Ms G Prince.

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

The Chair agreed that the following items be dealt with as late items at this meeting.

- Welcome to Rangitikei District Billboards
- Response to Museum request letter
- Letter from Jan Byford, Keep Taihape Beautiful
- Report from Mangaweka workshop meeting

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/032

That the minutes of Taihape Community Board Meeting held on 12 June 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.

Cr J Wong/Ms G Larsen. Carried

7 Follow-up Actions

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Taihape Community Board Meetings

Regarding the phone box outside Greenstone P Kipling-Arthur is to contact Spark.

Cr G Duncan has received a report of refrigerated trucks parking in Weka street at night and has spoken to CEO who has suggested this be reported as a noise issue. Mr P Kipling-Arthur stated he will write a letter to CEO re this matter.

The Belisha beacons have been fixed as requested.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/033

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 - August 2024

The Chair spoke to his tabled report.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/034

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

Cr G Duncan/Mr P Kipling-Arthur. Carried

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Mayor's Report

The Mayor spoke to his report.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/035

That the Mayor's Report – 25 July 2024 be accepted.

Cr G Duncan/Mr P Kipling-Arthur. Carried

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Verbal Update- Group Manager, Community

Ms Srhoj spoke to the update provided from Ms Prince regarding the Taihape grandstand and town hall

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/036

That the 'Verbal Update' be received.

Cr J Wong/Mr P Kipling-Arthur. Carried

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10.2 Response to Submitters- Long Term Plan 2024-34

The item was take as read.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/037

That the item 'Response to Submitters- Long Term Plan 2024-34' be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Cr J Wong. Carried

10.3 Inward Correspondence

Letter from Mr Brent Beadle in refence to the dog park. Ms Srhoj has been in contact with the Parks and Reserves Manager. It has been decided it would be too expensive to connect a water supply so an alternative is to be investigated. Parks and Reserves are not willing to supply "dog poo" bags but will look into suitable signage for this issue. Mr P Kipling-Arthur is to reply to Mr Beadles letter.

Letter from Keep Taihape Beautiful – Ms J Byford- regarding planter boxes. TCB is happy for Keep Taihape Beautiful to take over care of the planter boxes located on the corner of Mataroa Road and Hautapu Street. Mr P Kipling-Arthur to notify Ms J Byford of this decision.

Welcome to the Rangitikei Billboards. TCB suggest a picture of Mt. Stewart or Papakai park on the billboard for Taihape. Ms Srhoj is to provide feedback to Kym Skerman.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/038

That the inward correspondence be received.

Cr G Duncan/Ms G Larsen. Carried

10.4 Small Projects Fund Update - August 2024

Mr P Kipling-Arthur passed the Chair to Ms G Larsen and abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest regarding the new request from The Taihape & Districts Museum and Historical Society for funding.

Mr P Kipling-Artur took back the Chair.

Ms Frances McKeown has resubmitted a request for funding , due to her having exhausted all alternative avenues of funding.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/039

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

Ms G Larsen/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/040

That the Taihape Community Board agree to fund \$1500.00 to the Taihape & Districts Museum and Historical Society for the photo board project and that this be funded from the Small Projects Fund

Ms G Larsen/Cr G Duncan. Carried

10.5 Funding Schemes Update - August 2024

Mr P Kipling-Arthur is to put a post on Facebook encouraging groups to apply for project funding.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/041

That the Funding Schemes Update –August 2024 be received.

Cr J Wong/Cr G Duncan. Carried

11 Discussion Items

11.1 Taihape Community Board: Workshops August 2024

Cr Duncan said she had received very positive feedback regarding the Mangaweka meeting.

The meeting closed at 6.47pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Taihape Community Board held on 9 October 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	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. Contact was made by NZTA staff stating that this issue should have been resolved but were not sure. Officers have not heard further and will need to contact again.	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.	In progress.
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 have passed on this request to Waka Kotahi. The assigned number is SR37626048. This is in relation 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 to Waka Kotahi. Staff are communicating with Waka Kothai staff who have asked for clarification of thw 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. The assigned number is SR37635947. Parks and reserves staff have trimmed the vegetation.	In progress.

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - October 2024

Author: Peter Kipling-Arthur, Chair

Northern Matters

Taihape Community Board OCTOBER 2024.

I was unable to be at Mataroa in August for the second of the board's workshops in smaller rural communities. A fuller report of items discussed has been submitted by Les Clarke and Emma Abernathy. Thanks to Gail for her organization and the other board members and councillors for their support. The next key date is Moawhango 13 November. 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 continued to keep us informed about processes 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. It is anticipated that more information will be available in November.

The rejuvenated membership of Keep Taihape Beautiful is beginning to blossom. Working alongside Parks and Reserve staff is great as is their willingness to take over responsibility for the Quickstop/Gretna corner planters. The TCB should look at assisting with some seed funding for this.

I would encourage all our residents to take part in the SPRINGFLING/BIG DAY IN THE PARK. This to be an evolving event as is aimed and showcasing all that Taihape can offer to both residents and visitors. It features acknowledgment of the Grandstand at Memorial Park and the magnificent work of Papakai tracks.

Regarding the replacement of the Giveaway signs and markings at Hautapu St / Mataroa Rd. I have been in touch with NZTA and have been advised that this is scheduled to be completed by contactors this year. I have asked to be provided with a time frame for this work.

I also acknowledge that since the last meeting due to being overseas and being unwell on my return, not all the tasks set for the chair from August have been completed.

The TCB looks forward to the next year. It will be difficult given the current economic situation and changes to our region.

Recommendation

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

8.2 Follow-up Actions from the Chair

Author: Peter Kipling-Arthur, Chair

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 It was requested that all follow up actions for the Chair be added here for discussion/update:
 - 1.1.1 Cr G Duncan has received a report of refrigerated trucks parking in Weka Street at night and has spoken to CEO who has suggested this be reported as a noise issue. Mr P Kipling-Arthur stated he will write a letter to CEO re this matter.
 - 1.1.2 Regarding the phone box outside Greenstone P Kipling-Arthur is to contact Spark.
 - 1.1.3 Letter from Keep Taihape Beautiful – Ms J Byford- regarding planter boxes. TCB is happy for Keep Taihape Beautiful to take over care of the planter boxes located on the corner of Mataroa Road and Hautapu Street. Mr P Kipling-Arthur to notify Ms J Byford of this decision.
 - 1.1.4 Mr P Kipling-Arthur is to put a post on face book encouraging groups to apply for project funding.

Recommendation

If needed:

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Mayor's Report - 26 September 2024

Author: Andy Watson, His Worship the Mayor

I apologise for this report being late and therefore not included automatically in the Council agenda as circulated initially. Beth and I took a holiday and a breather for the first time in years to look around the South Island, returning just as this report was due. While I understand there will be no interest in our trip, there are a couple of reflections on the trip that have a relevance to our Council business.

- 1.1 Roothing - many of the South Island Council authorities have huge land areas but they have, from a roading perspective, significant advantages. Most of their roads are state highways with minimal roads to be locally funded and those that are locally funded are formed on a very solid and stable rock base. Metal is available everywhere, so cartage is low cost enabling very effective construction and reseal programmes. I envy them – our roads are often formed on soils that are poor, are subject to flooding, earth movement on slip zones and are built, in a lot of cases, a significant distance from metal sources. I guess these are the reasons and arguments for our enhanced FAR rates (financial assistance rates from Government).
- 1.2 The West Coast was predictably incredibly wet and challenging and that is one of the beauties of the coast. However, once you hit Bluff and start travelling north, particularly inland through places like the McKenzie District and Basin, it is a dust bowl. Because of the closure of the two mills at Tangiwai, I was interested in the power generation of New Zealand and so made a point of visiting most of the hydro schemes in the South Island. These hydro lakes, especially at Tekapo, are incredibly low hence the price of power in New Zealand. The Alps have significant snow to melt to feed these reservoirs which is great but there will be no immediate relief for those trying to farm within these catchments.
- 1.3 The South Island is swamped with tourists and Queenstown in particular is facing significant congestion and housing accommodation pressure for their workforce. Yes, tourists do spend money and support the local economy, but if travelling via camper vans contribute little (no rates) to supplying the services needed. This supports the arguments for visitor taxes.
- 1.4 For the rest of my report, I start by honouring and recognising our new Māori Queen and an acknowledgement to the service and passing of the Māori King.

It was with sadness that Rangitīkei District Council acknowledged the passing of Kiingi Tūheitia, the Māori King on 30 August. May his legacy continue to inspire and guide us towards a united future. In respect and honour of Kiingi Tūheitia's life, flags across the Rangitīkei were flown at half mast.

I would like to acknowledge and extend our respect to Kuini Nga-wai-hono-i-te-pō, the new Māori Queen. She succeeds her father, Kiingi Tūheitia, to become the eighth Māori Monarch (and only the second Queen).

- 1.5 I referred earlier to roading and there are a couple of updates –
 - i) The Government signalled that the build of our new major roads would be partially funded by way of a toll system. For us in our region this will mean tolls on the Te Ahu a Turanga linking Ashhurst to Tararua district and O2NL (the Otaki to North of Levin state

highway). Submissions to these two separate tolls are due by 30 September and hopefully after a meeting with my fellow regional mayors, I may have a suggested response for this meeting as I suspect that we need to support Palmerston North City Council, Tararua District Council and Horowhenua District Council as well as our own position.

- ii) On 30 September NZTA (New Zealand Transport Agency) confirmed our roading budgets. As indicated in our Long Term Plan, our maintenance budgets were reduced by \$5m over the three year term. Since then we have had a further reduction in what is called Low-Cost Low-Risk work that is used to improve local roads often as part of resilience work. We had requested \$12.8m and have received only \$300,000. From a short-term view this means that we have some budget available from what is a rated position of our share to reallocate. From a longer-term district view this reduction is challenging. There is also a potential trap here for authorities. Government, in making these cuts through NZTA, have also signalled that it will review some of our other resilience projects separately later so our spend could rise and that there is a further \$100m fund for resilience that can be applied for. So, if we reallocate funding now we could be in a difficult position later.

1.6 Our Capital Works Programme – at the LGNZ Conference I reported on earlier, both the Prime Minister and Minister Simeon Brown (Minister Local Government and Infrastructure) were very direct in referencing the removal of the four well-beings and the need to focus purely on essential work. They have since re-enforced this thinking by saying that if you apply for the Regional Infrastructure Funds (similar to Minister Jones’ previous funds) your budgets will be scrutinised. Council has been prudent, but we will also be facing some additional costs and uncertainty over programmed costs. These may include –

- a) Unforeseen costs for the Marton Pool which could be significant as indicated in this Council agenda;
- b) Uncertainty over budgets for two major builds in both Marton and Taihape.

Council should, in my opinion, be proactive here and as such I am making two recommendations as part of my report –

- a. Council reviews our Capex budget (capital spend) in this year’s Annual Plan and Long-Term Plan as soon as is possible.
- b. That staff provide direction/costings for this review based on best estimates available now and that staff also provide a report on the process required for an amendment to next year’s Annual Plan and this year’s Long Term Plan.

Amendments to Long Term Plans do come at a cost and I recognise that this also means a challenge to staff capacity and the need to consult. Regardless of the work that I am signalling, Council will face an amendment to the LTP already because of the Three Waters position with the likelihood of some sort of regional Three Waters CCO (Council Controlled Organisation) as required by Government.

1.7 On a positive note, I would like to welcome Linda and Den, the new owners of Fresh Choice to Marton and the Rangitikei. Fresh Choice, as I understand it, is a franchise owned subsidiary of the Woolworths New Zealand Group. The reshape of the store looks great and I would like to thank Deputy Mayor Dave for filling in for me at the official opening.

1.8 As part of the planning for the strengthening and refit of the Taihape Town Hall, Maycroft our preferred contractor, is digging a series of holes outside the building to check on the

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foundations that are there. Once that is done, they will be in a position to provide a contract price for the build work.

- 1.9 On Friday 27 September Rangitikei will host a Regional Growth Summit at Te Matapihi. This will be attended by the Regional Mayors/Chief Executives and some of the Councillors along with many of the region's principal industries. The event will be jointly hosted by ourselves, Department of Internal Affairs and Accelerate 35 the regional economic development group which are funded through Horizons. Several key Ministers will be there including Minister Jones. I will report back on this event later, but the format is really a given. Government has a fund that has been well publicised with the focus on creating economic growth for New Zealand that is unable to be used for a variety of things including three waters related projects. Minister Jones will want to emphasize the rules, the opportunity and stress that the assistance by and large will be on providing loan facilities. Any work that is assisted by Government will need to be consent ready etc. What will be of real interest will be the Q&A session from industries which may well include a question for example on electricity supply and cost.
- 1.10 In a similar vein, on Friday I sat in on a webinar on regional funding options called Reginal Deals which is separate to the above. The key messages are –
- i. They are regional in nature focussed on economic development.
 - ii. They are long term with a 30 year vision and negotiate 10-year plans.
 - iii. They will be linked to Council Long Term Plans.
 - iv. They should include community input and may include private/public partnerships.
 - v. Central and Local Government will establish an oversight body with an independent Chair.
 - vi. They can be used for resilience of infrastructure and housing.
 - vii. The selection of the first 5 regions should be known and signed up by the end of next year.
 - viii. The Regions are not necessarily the same as Regional Council regions. There could be various groupings.
 - ix. Regional deals in the future will need to be aligned to Local Government election cycles.

The message is also clear that for at least the first few deals Government does not have cash to support the regional deals, so assistance will be by the way of -

- a. Providing regulatory assistance/relief.
 - b. Unlocking funding tools which may be a reference to LGFA funding (The Local Government Funding Agency).
- 1.11 Three Waters or Local Water Done Well - for some time, the regional Chief Executives have been working with staff to understand the costs each Council will face to provide for drinking water and wastewater provisions over the next 30 years while focussing on the first ten years. This work has been exhaustive and has been hampered by continual changes of Government direction. Lately the regional Mayors have been part of those discussions and the first official briefings for Councillors were last week. Government has conceded that for regional CCO's

there has to be consultation and at least a limited amendment to LTP’s. These changes represent the most significant change to Local Government since 1989 and in my opinion must be consulted on. To meet the Local Government Act requirements, Councils will need to show a preferred Council position and the other option or options that could be considered. To understand the options Council will need to engage with other Councils as we are and to also engage with industry and Iwi. Councils will also need to determine how they intend to deal with stormwater.

Time is the difficulty - Government has legislated that Council have under a year to have a Council approved plan submitted to Internal affairs in Wellington. To meet this timeframe each Council in a possible regional CCO mix would need to have a preferred option before the end of this year. That would allow for a consultation as part of an Annual Plan prepared in April and May.

While all of the regional Councils are working together, some Councils are looking at options beyond the regional boundaries as well which is wise and while unlikely in my opinion a Council could look to go it alone and form a CCO alone. All this means is that the landscape could well change late this year.

The Councils are not yet able to share the financial modelling which still continues to change but what is becoming apparent is that financially it may make little difference over time as to which Councils are in or out.

- 1.12 Marton Op Shop – At the recent AGM I was asked about whether Council would contribute to the cost of disposing of items that are not able to be sold and have to be taken to the Waste Transfer Station. I will expand more on this at the meeting.

Mayor’s Engagements

September 2024

2	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended meeting with GM Department of Corrections Attended Climate Action Joint Committee Attended Mayoral Forum
3	Attended Emergency Management Standing Committee Meeting Attended Regional Transport Committee Meeting Attended Council Webinar – Water Services Delivery Plans
4	Attended monthly meeting for Q&A with Executive Leadership Team Attended walk-through Taihape Town Hall Building with Elected Members Attended meeting with BECA
5	Attended Meet & Greet with new owners of Fresh Choice Marton, Linda and Den Attended BA5 Meeting at Honest Wolf Hunterville
6	Attended Accelerate25 Meeting
10	Attended Council Webinar – Water Services Delivery Models & Financing Options Attended Weekly Meeting with Deputy Mayor

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18	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Risk & Assurance Committee Meeting Attended Local Water Done Well – Sub Regional Briefing Meeting
19	Attended LGNZ Transport Forum Meeting Wellington
20	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Fortnightly Economic Development Meeting with Staff Attended Regional Deals Strategic Framework online session Attended meeting with Jackson Stone Recruitment Agency
23	Attended meeting with Chief Executive Attended Mayors Taskforce for Jobs Governance Group Online Meeting Attended Manawatu-Whanganui Disaster Relief Fund Trust Online Meeting Attended Marton Christian Welfare Council AGM
24	Attended NZTA Regional Relationship Online Meeting Attended Citizenship Ceremony Attended Powerco “Achieving a Balanced Energy Transition” Event
25	Attended Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Workshop Attended Youth Council Meeting
26	To attend Whanganui Community Foundation AGM To attend Finance/Performance Committee Meeting To attend Council Meeting
27	To attend meeting with Chief Executive To attend Manawatu-Whanganui Regional Growth Summit with Minister Jones
30	To attend meeting with Chief Executive To attend LGNZ Focus Group Online Meeting

Recommendation 1

That the Mayor’s Report – 26 September 2024 be received.

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Verbal Update- Northern Area and Property Manager

Author: Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager

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.

Recommendation

That the 'Verbal Update' be received.

10.2 Funding Schemes Update - October 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 Round one for 2024/25 opened 01 July 24 and closed 31 August 24. Decisions were made at the September Finance and Performance meeting with funds totalling \$12,337.
- 2.4 Successful applicants were:
 - 2.4.1 Bulls and Community Development Trust
 - 2.4.2 Marton and Districts Budget Service
 - 2.4.3 Parkinson's NZ
 - 2.4.4 House of Science NZ Charitable Trust
 - 2.4.5 Te Kai Whaka Ora- Marton Youth Trust
 - 2.4.6 Forest and Bird Society- Rangitikei Branch
 - 2.4.7 Marton and Surrounds ICT Hub Charitable Trust
 - 2.4.8 Marton and District Historical Society
- 2.5 Round two for 2024/25 will open on the 01 February 25 and closes 31 March 25. Decisions will be made at the following Finance/Performance meeting.

3. Events Support Scheme

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

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

3.5 Round two for 2024/25 will open on the 01 February 25 and closes 31 March 25. Decisions will be made at the following Finance/Performance meeting.

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 one for 2024/25 opened 21 June 24 and closes 09 October 24.

5. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

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

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

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

6. Further Information

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

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

Recommendation

That the Funding Schemes Update –October 2024 be received.

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

1.1 The allocation of the 2024/25 Small Projects Fund for the Taihape Community Board is \$9,718, this includes the carry-over funds of \$4,718.

2. Breakdown

2.1 Staff have included the financial breakdown in an excel sheet as requested by the Chair. This shows the previous earmarked payments for the last financial year and the current financial year payments.

2.2 Payments made in 2024/25:

2.2.1 Payment to Hautapu Rural Supplies for \$114.80 for the supplies for the Photo Board

2.2.2 Payment to the Taihape Museum and Historical Society of \$1,500.

2.2.3 Payment to the Anglican Church of \$200.

2.2.4 Payments for the rural workshops totalling \$170, this breakdown is included below.

2.3 Remaining funds for 2024/25 is \$7,543.20.

3. Earmarked Funds

3.1 The earmarked funds from the previous financial year are listed below.

3.1.1 Hobby Hutt Planters- \$600

4. Rural Workshops Allocation

4.1 The allocation for Rural Workshops was \$360.

4.1.1 \$80 has been paid to Awastone (Mangaweka Adventure Company)

4.1.2 \$30 for printing out the flyers for the Mangaweka meeting.

4.1.3 Mataroa invoice has been received by staff however waiting for bank confirmation. The cost was \$60.

4.1.4 The remaining funds are \$190 for the rural workshop allocation.

Attachments:

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

Recommendation

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

	Income	Expenditure	Amount Paid	Tagged future expenses	Amount
Total earmarked					
12-Jun-24				Hobby Hutt Planter Boxes	\$600
Financial Year 2024/25					
Allocation	\$5,000				
Carry Forward 2023/24	\$4,718				
Total Funds available 2024/25	\$9,718				
12-Jun-24		Rural Workshops	\$190		\$170
26-Jul-24		Hautapu Rural Supplies	\$114.8		
24-Aug-24		Taihape Museum and Historical Society	\$1,500		
11-Sep-24		Anglican Church	\$200		
Remaining	\$7,543.20				

10.4 Taihape Community Board: Workshops October 2024**Author: Peter Kipling-Arthur, Chair****ITEM 10.4****1. Reason for Report**

1.1 This item is included as a standing item for discussion.

2. Taihape Community Board Workshop

2.1 The notes from the Taihape Community Board workshop at Mataroa Hall on the 11 September 24 are attached.

Attachments:

- 1. Taihape Community Board Workshop** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report Taihape Community Board: Workshops October 2024 be received.

Notes from Taihape Comm BD workshop meeting Mataroa Hall Wed 11/9/24.

Cell Phone Coverage :

Generally cell phone coverage in the Mataroa areas is poor with intermittent coverage over most of the area. Cell phone cover goes out when power goes out.

Rongoiti Junction area the coverage is dead.

Road Safety :

Speed through the village - past the school – passing the school bus was too high. Offenders appeared to be young shepherds mainly.

Problems around people approaching the rail bridge – speeding up trying to beat the oncoming cars or school bus.

Requested - better signage around the school – Police camera car sit outside the school - (Can't not an authorised and gazetted area for camera cars)

TARGA Rally :

Race apparently ends past the school and rail bridge area. The closed road area extends past the rail bridge area and because of this a large portion of the population cannot exit the area as they cannot access the rail bridge.

If the race stopped at the Mataroa Hall this would solve the problem.

The warning signs that are placed by the organisers are too small – some areas got no warning re the race at all.

DILLON Junction.

The Dillon Junction sign was removed some 15 years ago at the Ridge Road area. Can it be reinstated.

Taihape Cemetery

Gardens are in poor condition and need a do over – the rose gardens also. There is damage to the grave stones caused by the contractors ride on mowers. In particular the McCarten head stone - entrance road top of hill on the left hand side.

WE SPENT SOME TIME EXPLAINING THE ' Request for Service' form and how they should use them.

All together they seemed pretty happy with things. Speed in the village was the main concern.

Les Clarke

ITEM 10.4 ATTACHMENT 1

10.5 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 receive as a standing item.
- 1.2 The Chair will provide any correspondence received at the meeting.

Recommendation

That the inward correspondence be received.

11 Meeting Closed.