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TAIHAPE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 12 February 2025

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 February 2025 at 5.30pm.

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1 Welcome

2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

Taihape Netball represented by Mary Haggie and Lily Alabaster

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 11 December 2024** are attached.

Attachments

1. **Taihape Community Board Meeting - 11 December 2024**

Recommendation

That the minutes of Taihape Community Board Meeting held on 11 December 2024 [**as amended/without amendment**] be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

MINUTES



UNCONFIRMED: TAIHAPE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 11 December 2024
Time: 5.30pm
Venue: Kokako Street Pavilion
2 Kokako Street
Taihape

Present Ms Gail Larsen
Mr Peter Kipling-Arthur
Mr Les Clarke
HWTM Andy Watson (left at 5.53pm)
Cr Jeff Wong

In attendance Ms Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager
Ms Sheryl Srhoj, Administration

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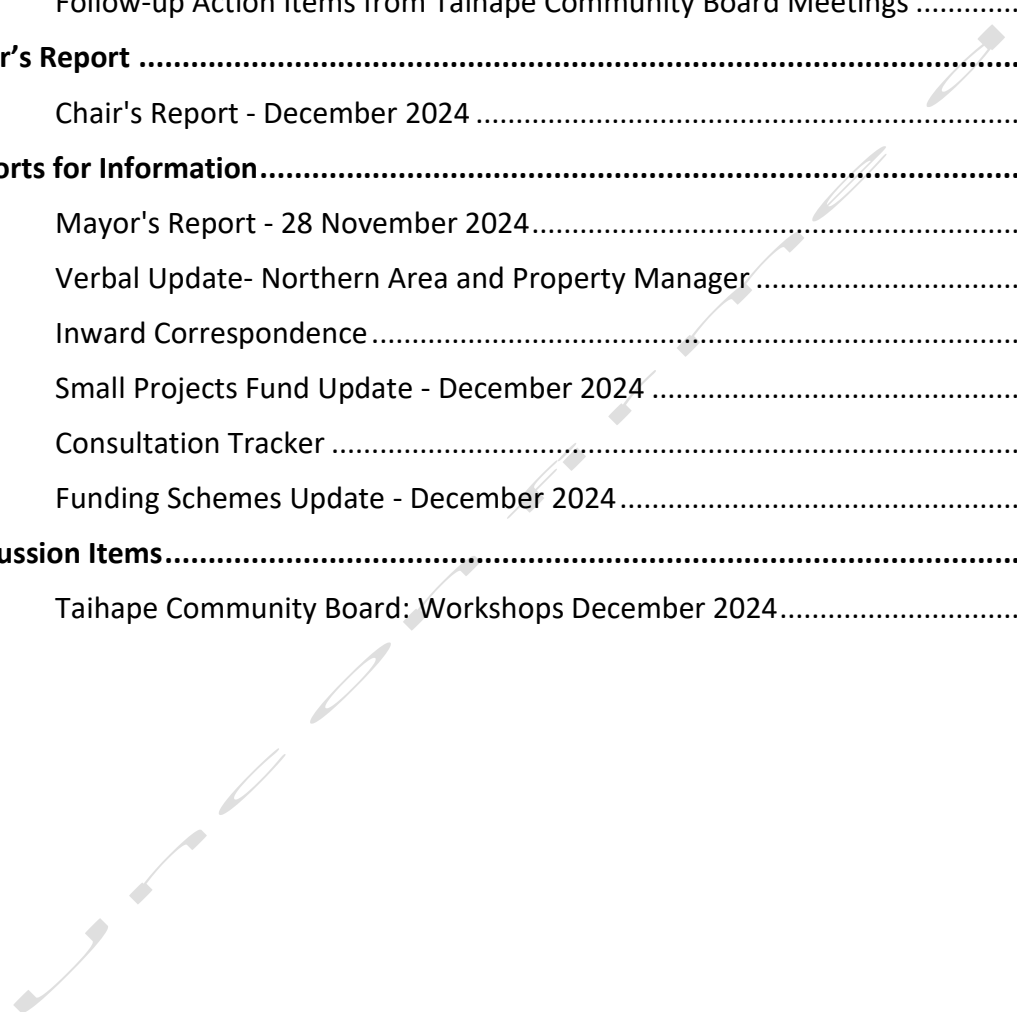
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1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **24/TCB/053**

Apologies for absence were received from Cr Duncan and Ms Abernethy and for early departure from His Worship the Mayor.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

3 Public Forum

Utiku & Old Boys Rugby Club (UOB) representative, Barry Thomas was in attendance to support Taihape Rugby Club with their request for the continued use of the changing rooms under the grandstand. Although UOB. were happy with the new facilities that Nga Awa provided, they said, and had always said, that at times during the season, 6 changing rooms were required.

(HWTM left at 5.53pm)

(Kurt Ball, Taihape Rugby arrived at 5.54pm)

Mr Ball requested use of two of the grandstands changing rooms and for the teams to be able to run out from underneath the grandstand. He also expressed concerns that without the use of underneath the grandstand, they would have nowhere to store their tackling pads, flags and other items.

Council staff outlined the requirements that would be needed if the underneath of the grandstand was to be used.

Taihape Rugby have been using it, but if there are any concerns for safety, the Chief Executive has the right to close the building. The proposed seismic strengthening (which does not include the lower level of the grandstand) would also result in the changing rooms no longer being able to be used.

A letter was presented outlining the wishes of the Taihape Rugby Club.

The Board were supportive of the content of the letter and suggested that it be forwarded to Council for their consideration, with a formal resolution to this effect to be confirmed at the Boards next meeting.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

It was agreed that Item 9.1 - Mayors Report- 28 November 2024 be taken as the first item due to the Mayor having a prior engagement and requesting to leave the meeting earlier

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/054

That the minutes of Taihape Community Board Meeting held on 9 October 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.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. 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/055

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

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Mr L Clarke. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - December 2024

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/056

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

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Mr L Clarke. Carried

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Mayor's Report - 28 November 2024

The Mayor provided the Board with an update on the Gentle Annie Road following his meeting with forestry owners, KiwiRail, NZTA and other parties. It had been agreed that as of next year the logs would be transported by Rail. This is only applicable to forestry operations currently underway.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/057

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

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Cr J Wong. Carried

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9.2 Verbal Update- Northern Area and Property Manager

Ms Prince provided a verbal update.

Taihape Grand stand

Cost estimates for three concept designs were presented to Council during the (Public Excluded) meeting in November 2024. It was noted that the costs were only to provide Seismic upgrades. Upgrading the changing rooms on the lower level were not part of the scope. The whole lower level will have to be demarcated as inaccessible space to circumvent the additional fire regulations.

Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment

Maycroft have completed the preliminary site investigations along with an asbestos survey. Initial seismic report, building fabric report, Fire and services reports have been submitted. Concept seismic design along with initial costing is expected in time for the December 19th Council meeting. (These costs are only for seismic upgrades.)

Hautapu River Parks

Two bridges have been completed, which have Certificate of Public Use. A blessing and opening took place this afternoon, with a number of public attending.

Springvale Toilet

A morning tea was held this morning to acknowledge the foresight and contribution of Warren Plimmer and James Williams, owner of Otupae Station to provide a toilet by Springvale Bridge
Roading

Roading contract tender to closed 13th December.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/058

That the 'Verbal Update' be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Mr L Clarke. Carried

9.3 Inward Correspondence

A letter of thanks received from Mrs Margaret Coogan on behalf of the Taihape Art Society for the Boards donation.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/059

That the inward correspondence be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

9.4 Small Projects Fund Update - December 2024

Tree Removal

The Board were all in favour of engaging a local contractor to remove the tree that was currently obscuring the Southern Events Signage Board.

Picnic Table Replacement

Following damage to the picnic tables at the Taihape dog park and Quickstop locations, the Board agreed that there was a need to replace one of the tables with a much sturdier model.

Undertaking: The Chair to follow up with the Parks & Reserves Manager regarding the installation of a concrete pad for the dog park picnic table.

Ms Prince noted that Council staff were applying to have the lease renewed for the dog park area.

Undertakings:

The Chair to consult with Murray Bond regarding the possibility of reinstating the Taihape Town Clock bells.

The Chair to investigate costs to have an Ode of Remembrance inserted on the risers of the Taihape Cenotaph steps.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/060

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

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/061

That the Taihape Community Board accept the quote of \$400.00 plus GST from Mckays Contract Gardening to remove the tree by the Southern Events Board and that this be funded from the Small Project Fund.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Ms G Larsen. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/062

That the Taihape Community Board consider options for a heavy duty replacement picnic table up to the value of \$700 and that this be funded from the Small Project Fund.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Mr L Clarke. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/063

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That the Taihape Community Board agree to fund \$300 towards the Taihape MusicRoom event and that this be funded from the Small Project Fund.

Cr J Wong/Ms G Larsen. Carried

9.5 Consultation Tracker

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/064

That the report 'Consultation Tracker' be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Cr J Wong. Carried

9.6 Funding Schemes Update - December 2024

Ms Prince advised that next February, Council would have access to GrantGuru which is one-stop-shop grants portal. The portal would be available on Councils website for all organisations to use.

Resolved minute number 24/TCB/065

That the Funding Schemes Update –December 2024 be received.

Mr P Kipling-Arthur/Mr L Clarke. Carried

10 Discussion Items

10.1 Taihape Community Board: Workshops December 2024

Further workshops to be discussed at a later date.

The meeting closed at 7.00pm.

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

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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	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	Council intends passing this matter onto the newly appointed Senior Regulatory Compliance Officer to investigate further as to what action might be able to be taken.	In progress.

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - February 2025

Author: Peter Kipling-Arthur, Chair

Northern Matters

Taihape Community Board February 2025

As this board begins the third year of its term, we still have the opportunity to continue advocating for the residents in the Northern Rangitikei and building on the achievements of the past years

As chair, opening of the SpringVale toilet block, this it might seem a small achievement. the co-operation between the council and local community has made the Napier Taihape Rd a more pleasant journey. It was incredibly pleasing to see what has been done by volunteers council staff and DOC at Papakai Park river walks. This has the potential to become a major attraction for visitors to Taihape and again builds on the jewel in the crown that is the Memorial Park reserve adjacent land.

We will have three more workshops out in the rural areas. It is a way of extending communication and building a wider community that can see the difference between town and country.

As regards traffic issues it is hopeful that with the council's roading staff being in house but we will be able to have more effective communication on small issues and also speak with a united voice on issues concerning Glen transport NZ there are items up for discussion as this at this meeting but cover both aspects.

We will be looking at this year to make full use of the Small Projects Fund. Some of the items under consideration could well require longer than one year to come to fruition. I would like this the Community Board would like to discuss the possibility of indexing our annual funding to CPI, in order that the board has the ability to cover increased costs for small projects. Especially as our funding has not increased these past several triennium. I realise that we are in a time of overall funding shortages, but I believe that with some small added funding and annual increases the Community Board could be more effective in its role as defined by the Council.

Recommendation

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

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9 Reports for Information

9.1 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.

9.2 Small Projects Fund Update - February 2025

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.
 - 2.2.5 Payment to the Taihape Arts Society of \$700
 - 2.2.6 Payment to Taihape MusicRoom of \$300
- 2.3 Earmarked
- 2.3.1 Mckays Contract Gardening - \$460
 - 2.3.2 Picinic Table \$700
- 2.4 Remaining funds for 2024/25 is \$5,383.20

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 \$60 to Mataroa Hall.
- 4.2 The remaining funds are \$190 for the rural workshop allocation.

5. Small Projects

- 5.1 The Chair requested that the board consider:
- 5.1.1 Netball Taihape request
- 5.2 Updates
- 5.2.1 Tree removal: this should be completed by mid-February

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5.2.2 Picnic table replacement: the least damaged picnic table is being worked on and will be replaced by the end of the month. A new heavy-duty table has been verbally quoted at \$700 and will be read mid-March.

5.2.3 Replacement Directional Signage for the Dog Park:

5.2.4 That the board fund replacement signage up to \$200 for the Dog Park

5.3 Undertakings

5.3.1 Town clock bells: discussions with Murray Bond and investigations underway.

5.3.2 Remembrance Ode: the chair is investigating with Darrell O'Hara the feasibility of this concept.

Attachments:

1. **Small Projects Fund- Excel Sheet** [↓](#)
2. **Application- Taihape Netball** [↓](#)

Recommendation

That the report 'Small Projects Fund Update – February 2025' 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		
4-Dec-24		Taihape Arts Society	\$700		
22-Jan-25		Taihape MusicRoom	\$300		
				Mckays Contract Gardening	\$460
				Picnic Table	\$700
Remaining	\$5,383.20				

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	Lily Alabaster
Organisation (if applicable)	Taihape Netball Centre INC.
Contact Address	PO Box 64
Telephone	0277337921
Email	lilyalabaster2001@gmail.com
Amount Requested	\$500
Project Title	Children in Sport Workshop
Detail	We are seeking funding of \$500 from the Taihape Community Trust to support the Taihape Netball Centre's upcoming <i>Children in Sport Workshop</i> , which is currently in the planning stages. This event, set to take place in March, is a collaborative effort involving Sport Whanganui, REAP, and Central Netball, and will serve as an inclusive community event designed to inspire, educate young athletes and parents. The workshop will cover a variety of important topics, such as fostering a healthy mindset in sports, navigating sport performance pathways, and the dangers of prioritising winning at all costs. We are thrilled to have a special guest speakers, such as renowned netball legend Irene Van Dyk, who will share her valuable insights and experiences with attendees. The workshop will be open to the entire community, from Taihape and surrounding areas, with the aim of promoting active lifestyles, building positive sport culture, and providing opportunities for people to engage in constructive sports education. The funding will help cover costs such as promotional materials and speaker honorariums, ensuring the event is accessible, impactful, and well executed for all participants.
Beneficiaries	The beneficiaries of this funding request include young athletes and their parents from Taihape and surrounding areas, who will gain valuable knowledge and insights to support their development in sports. The broader local community will also benefit from the event's inclusive, community-oriented nature, promoting physical activity, positive sport culture, and mental well-being. The Taihape Netball Centre, as the organising entity, will strengthen its role within the community by hosting an impactful event, while collaborating organisations such as Sport Whanganui, REAP, and Central Netball will enhance their partnerships and engagement with the local population. Additionally, renowned netball legend Irene Van Dyk, along with other presenters, will benefit from the opportunity to share their expertise and inspire the next generation of athletes, further connecting them to the community. Overall, the workshop will have a lasting positive impact on both individuals and organisations, fostering a healthy and supportive environment for youth sports.

Supporting Documentation	<p>COSTING:</p> <p>Speaker Honorarium X2: \$300 This amount covers a portion of the honorarium for two guest speakers.</p> <p>Promotional Materials: \$50 This covers the cost of printing flyers, posters, and promoting the event through social media or other advertising channels.</p> <p>Light Supper: \$150 This would cover the cost of providing a light supper for attendees, such as snacks, drinks, and light refreshments, helping to create a welcoming environment and encourage networking after the workshop.</p>
Alternative Funding	<p>Donation from???</p> <p>None</p>
Bank Details	<p>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.</p>

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:

9.3 Mayor's Report - 12 December 2024

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

1. Reason for Report

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

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

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

me privately that I should have discussions with him around where the Rangitikei is prior to December and his changing role.

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

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

ITEM 9.3

Mayor's Engagements

December 2024

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

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

Attachments:

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

Recommendation

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



Zone Three Meeting

Thursday 14 November 2024

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

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



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

Friday 15 November 2024

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

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



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



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

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

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

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

2. RDC Website

- 2.1 Council's website lists all open and recently closed consultations (see the below weblink). This is also where individuals can make submissions.
<https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/council/consultation/current-consultations>

Attachments:

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

Recommendation

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

2025 Consultation Tracker
Rangitikei District Council



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

Christmas closedown period: 20th December-6th January

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

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

2. Community Initiatives Fund

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

3. Events Support Scheme

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

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

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

4. Creative Communities Scheme

4.1 This fund is supplied by Creative NZ and administered by Council. Applications are encouraged from community groups and individuals whose projects:

- Demonstrate growth over time
- Develop and support local artistic communities
- Encourage a transfer of artistic skills
- Support diversity and inclusion
- Projects with a youth focus are also encouraged

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

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

5. Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund

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

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

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

6. Further Information

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

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

Recommendation

That the Funding Schemes Update – February 2025 be received.

9.6 Inward Correspondence

Author: Peter Kipling-Arthur, Chair

ITEM 9.6

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The Chair has requested that all correspondence be included for the board to receive as a standing item.

From the Mayor; Horizons monthly planner link

From Chorus: Calendar and jigsaw

Taihape Netball: Application for Small Project Fund

KTB: Information reworks with Council

From the Mayor: New CE appointment

From Janna Harris: Draft Policies to respond to

From J Byford: Copies of RFS re lights

Recommendation

That the inward correspondence be received.

10 Discussion Items

10.1 Workshops for 2025

Author: Peter Kipling-Arthur, Chair

1. Reason for Report

1.1 Item requested by the Chair.

1.1.1 Suggestions at present: Utiku Ohingaiti and Taoroa

Recommendation

If needed:

ITEM 10.1

10.2 Traffic Issues

Author: Peter Kipling-Arthur, Chair

ITEM 10.2

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 Huia/Hautapu St intersection
- 1.2 Gretna intersection: Islands and Signage
- 1.3 Paradise Terrace T-Junction; Installation of a Mirror
- 1.4 Toilet Signage to Nga Awa;
- 1.5 Pedestrian Patrol at school times on both major crossings:
- 1.6 Footpath near Brown Sugar café. Irregular surfaces.

Recommendation

If needed:

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

Author: Peter Kipling-Arthur, Chair

1. Reason for Report


- 1.1 The Chair requested this item be included in the order paper.
 - 1.1.1 Email to Chair from staff on the 22 January 25 is attached.
 - 1.1.2 Consultation closes on the 24 February 25

Attachments:

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

Recommendation

If needed:

 Outlook

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

From: Janna Harris ·

Sent: 22 January 2025 10:02

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

Kia ora,

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

The two policies that Council is consulting on are:

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

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

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

The two key things you need to know are:

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

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

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

- [Statement of Proposal](#)
- [Draft Gambling Venue \(Class 4\) Policy](#)
- [TAB Venue Policy](#)
- [Social Impact Assessment](#)

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

- Online: you can find the online submission form at: www.rangitikei.govt.nz/consultations
- In person: hard copies of the form are available at and can be dropped off to: Council's Community Hubs in Marton, Bulls and Taihape, from the Council's Main Office in Marton or from the Council's website www.rangitikei.govt.nz
- Email: email your submission to submissions@rangitikei.govt.nz
- Post: **Gambling Venues Policy Review**
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street, Private Bag 1102, Marton 4741

The consultation period closes on Monday, 24 February at 5pm.

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

Janna Harris	Corporate Planner
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10.4 Letter from Rugby Club on Taihape Granstand

Author: Peter Kipling-Arthur, Chair

ITEM 10.4

1. Reason for Report

1.1 The Chair requested this item.

1.1.1 Letter to the council re use of the grandstand to be continued in 2025 supporting the joint rugby club's approach. Chair to circulate a draft.

Recommendation

That the letter from the Taihape Community Board be sent to the Rangitikei District Council.

11 Meeting Closed.