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RANGITIKEI
DISTRICT COUNCIL
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TURAKINA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, 8 August 2024
Time: 7.00pm
Venue: The Anglican Church Hall, St George's
State Highway 3
Turakina

Present
Ms Linda O'Neill
Mr Duran Benton
Mr Ian Stephens
Cr Brian Carter
HWTM Andy Watson

In attendance
Ms Kym Skerman, Manager Events & Venues
Mrs Melaine Bovey, Manager, Heritage & Culture
Ms Deb Haworth, Minute Taker

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1 Welcome

2 Apologies

Apologies received from Ms Cvitanovich. Mr Smith did not attend the meeting.

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

Item 10.2 Welcome to the Rangitikei Billboards was moved to the beginning of the meeting for staff to present.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 24/TCC/015

That the minutes of Turakina Community Committee Meeting held on 6 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.

Mr D Benton/Ms L O'Neill. Carried

7 Follow-up Actions

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Turakina Community Committee Meetings

Mr Benton reported Mr Smith has ordered the signs and they have arrived, and Ms Cvitanovich was still working on the sign placement.

Resolved minute number 24/TCC/016

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

Mr D Benton/Ms L O'Neill. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - August 2024

Mr Benton verbally reported the Turakina Community Committee held an intermediate meeting with the local committee members on the first Thursday of July 2024.

Mr Benton will invite Paul Chaffe, Senior Emergency Management Advisor, to the next intermediate meeting in September 2024 to present the Civil Defence information, noting this will be a lengthy presentation.

Resolved minute number 24/TCC/017

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

Mr D Benton/Ms L O'Neill. Carried

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Mayor's Report

Mr Stephens arrived at the meeting at 7.24pm

HWTM Watson wished to acknowledge the hard work being done in the community which was amazing and needed recognition.

HWTM Watson also spoke to the Three Waters issues and legislation already put in place, Māori Wards, the Local Government conference.

Mr Stephens noted the recent news report where Councils can borrow more money. HWTM Watson informed the Committee this exists now, and it is changes to the debt limits and the debt being separated out all as part of the CCO. Three Waters is a hot topic.

The Committee discussed primary sectors not making a profit, everything has gone up including rates, the cost of compliance, insurance, and power. The price to produce has skyrocketed and its right across the board

Resolved minute number 24/TCC/018

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

HWTM A Watson/Cr B Carter. Carried

9.2 Small Projects Fund Update - August 2024

The Small Projects funds have been carried over.

The signs are to be paid for and as mentioned, Mr Smith has received them.

Resolved minute number 24/TCC/019

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

Mr D Benton/Cr B Carter. Carried

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Funding Schemes Update - August 2024

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/TCC/020

That the Funding Schemes Update –August 2024 be received.

Mr D Benton/Ms L O'Neill. Carried

10.2 Welcome to the Rangitikei Billboards

This item was moved to the beginning of the meeting.

Kym Skerman, Manager, Events & Venues, presented the Welcome to the Rangitikei Billboards report and asked for any feedback about what could be displayed at the back of the Boards. The reverse on the front or use different scenes. Ms Skerman answered questions from the Committee, and it was agreed the committee liked the concept and details.

Resolved minute number 24/TCC/021

That the 'Welcome to the Rangitikei Billboards 'report be received.

Ms L O'Neill/Mr D Benton. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/TCC/022

That the new 'Welcome to The Rangitikei' billboards be accepted as a positive step and inclusion to the Destination Management Plan with the intention of showcasing our natural assets and activities from around the district.

Ms L O'Neill/Mr D Benton. Carried

11 Discussion Items

11.1 Coffee Cart in the Village

Mr Benton noted the 5 local members of the committee support establishing the Coffee Cart in the Village.

Cr Carter noted NZTA (Waka Kotahi) as the Government agent would provide consent.

HWTM Watson then confirmed when Council looks at this consent, they would go to NZTA for their opinion, and they may be guided by that.

Resolved minute number 24/TCC/023

That the Turakina Community Committee support the establishment of a coffee cart in Turakina.

Cr B Carter/Ms L O'Neill. Carried

11.2 Letters of Support for Grants

Mr Benton asked if it was appropriate for the committee, if asked, to write a letter of support for grant applications.

This was discussed by the committee with HWTM Watson noting it would be appropriate, but conflicts of interest must be illustrated.

If the event was in the interest of the wider community and any conflicts of interested illustrated, this could be done through the committee.

11.3 Turakina Internet installation

Mr Stephens asked when there was going to be internet in Turakina as he had seen some work being done but there doesn't seem to be any ISP planned.

ACTION: Mr Benton to follow this up.

11.4 Community Committee Communications

Mrs O'Neill asked if it was appropriate to include the Turakina Community Committee discussions into Whangaehu School and Turakina School Bulletins and local communications and did this need to be put through the Council.

Mel Bovey noted the Comms Team at Council would be able to help with the compilation of any communications if needed.

Mrs O'Neill and Ms Cvitanovich would pass any communications onto Mr Benton in the first instance.

11.5 Community Committees vs Community Boards

Mr Stephens asked about the rules for community committees under legislation and can they do more moving forward.

HWTM Watson advised there are community boards which are through local Government. They are elected and usually there is a salary. Community committees are members of the community which create a link from Council to the community and provide local input. Some community committees can be granted decision making powers and budgets.

Mr Stephens asked who the community boards are and HWTM Watson responded that these are Ratana and Taihape Community Boards.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Turakina Community Committee held on 3 October 2024.

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Chairperson