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TURAKINA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, 13 February 2025
Time: 7.00pm
Venue: The Anglican Church Hall, St George's
State Highway 3
Turakina

Chair: Mr Duran Benton
Deputy Chair: Ms Linda O'Neill
Membership: Ms Rachel Cvitanovich
Mr Ian Stephens
Mr Nathan Smith
Cr Brian Carter
HWTM Andy Watson

Purpose of the Committee

- To provide a local link and point of contact for Council liaison with the community.
- To provide for the exchange of information, communication, and to assist with the Council's consultative processes.
- To exercise delegated authority for the annual allocation for "defined small local works" in line with the guidelines provided¹.
- Particularly, to help ensure that any minor remedial or renewal works are brought to Council's attention through the Request for Service procedure, by promoting its use and advising community members on how to use it.
- To be the first point of contact (prior to Council) for community groups. Where this is not possible, the Committee will be informed of the approach by the community group to the Council.
- To engage with wider/small communities of the ward represented.

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¹ Appended to the Delegations Register

Notice is hereby given that a Turakina Community Committee Meeting of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the The Anglican Church Hall, St George's, State Highway 3, Turakina on Thursday, 13 February 2025 at 7.00pm.

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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 **Turakina Community Committee Meeting held on 5 December 2024 are attached.**

Attachments

1. **Turakina Community Committee Meeting - 5 December 2024**

Recommendation

That the minutes of Turakina Community Committee Meeting held on 5 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.

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Date: Thursday, 5 December 2024
Time: 7.00pm
Venue: The Anglican Church Hall, St George's
State Highway 3
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Present Mr Duran Benton
Ms Linda O'Neill
HWTM Andy Watson
Ms Rachel Cvitanovich

In attendance Ms Mel Bovey, Manager - Heritage & Culture
Mrs Deb Haworth, Minute Taker

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1 Welcome

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr Stephens.

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

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 24/TCC/030

That the minutes of Turakina Community Committee Meeting held on 3 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 D Benton/Ms L O'Neill. Carried

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Turakina Community Committee Meetings

Mrs O'Neill said they were still following up on the signs. She feels he hasn't bought anything.

Mr Benton said if he doesn't turn up tonight, he will ring Mr Smith tomorrow.

Mrs Cvitanovich noted it might be a good thing if he hasn't at this stage. If he hasn't, it should be put on hold.

Mrs O'Neill said jumping forward to the Small Projects Fund, it includes the carry over, so there is certainly no funds out of that, that would have paid for these.

Mrs Bovey said she hasn't seen anything for payment and Mr Smith hasn't been to a meeting since he said he was going to get a quote.

Mrs Cvitanovich said they are thinking maybe he hasn't bought them in which case we could refund that one if he hasn't.

Mr Benton said if he definitely hasn't bought them they would do something after Christmas and he was going to suggest another picnic table near the toilet.

Mrs Cvitanovich thinks that would be of more use and she doesn't know that people will be really wanting the signs. If they are already bought, try and work with that but if not, we could discuss that.

Resolved minute number 24/TCC/031

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

Mr D Benton/Ms L O'Neill. Carried

7 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - December 2024

Mr Benton presented his verbal Chair's Report.

He mentioned the Broadband cabinet has been installed on the corner of Beach Road and the people who are still working on copper will notice a big difference in speed as he did. It is fibre to the cabinet but still copper to the houses in his area. He went from 2.7mg which is pathetic, up to 20 mg download.

Mrs Cvitanovich has installed Starlink. It is over a 100mg which makes a huge difference. In the event of an emergency it will be good.

Mrs O'Neill said it is interesting because all of Civil Defence is moving to Starlink rather than satellite phones.

Mrs Bovey noted it is sensible for rural areas certainly.

Mr Benton noted he will follow up with Mr Smith regarding the signs.

Mrs O'Neill asked if there was anything that came out of the mid meeting?

Mr Benton said we just need to confirm some things with Paul Chaffee for the Turakina Civil Defence Plan. There was a bit more discussion about the revitalisation of the stream.

Mrs Cvitanovich said she heard the group was going to kick in from about February from Harriett, she will come back to you all with that.

Resolved minute number 24/TCC/032

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

Mr D Benton/Ms L O'Neill. Carried

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8 Reports for Decision

9.1 Mayor's Report - 28 November 2024

The Report was taken as read and he wanted to highlight a few things. There was a report meant to go into this Report but he ran out of time.

The Chief Executive process is at final stages and he thinks Council would look to appoint someone before Christmas but it probably means they won't take the role until February March maybe.

Mrs Cvitanovich asked if they were happy with the applicants.

HWTM Watson said they got over 40 applications, that's after the absolute rubbish is cut out. With Wellington and the Corporates and the Government Departments being told, you can imagine there are a lot of people out of work looking for high power stuff.

Referencing back to page 19, the Gentle Annie Road. The last meeting he said this was a disaster in the making. He got the Ports of Napier, two Councils, Road Transport operators, KiwiRail and the Forestry's in the same room. He said from his point of view, he has them all there and he feels like he wants to lock the doors and not leave until they had a deal. 4 hours later they had a deal so those logs will end up going by rail but it will take a month to set the infrastructure up for it. But it is only a deal for a year so this issue will resurface and he is in talks with NZTA and the two Councils now for long term solutions. That is a win.

HWTM Watson gave an update on Ratana.

The Duddings Trust announcements should be out before Christmas, the minutes have been approved, so people will know what they have got.

HWTM Watson talked last time about Local Water Done Well and the need to have relationships and the time frame ticking with that. Effectively we have reached the end of the time frame where all Councils are going through processes. We won't announce our preferred options until 12 December but he can say the general desire is to have as many people in the relationship within the Horizons region as we could. He can tell some specifics, for instance, these are Council decisions, Manawatu wants to try and go it alone. However they realise that is probably not going to be allowed but they are making that statement. Horowhenua's option is to try and go it alone but also in the same boat. Their second option is a relationship with Kapiti Coast and their third is Kapiti Coast, Palmerston North and Manawatu and Horowhenua, but Kapiti Coast don't want to be in bed with anybody other than Horowhenua. So with all the confusing messages, it looks as though we are likely to say first of all, we would like everybody in knowing that Horowhenua and Tararua will probably go elsewhere but it may end up being Whanganui, Ruapehu and ourselves. However that doesn't give you efficiency of scale. The Government has signalled very strongly that 200,000 connections are required to make it viable and so he suspects the Government will then step in and say we are telling you, you have had chances. Who knows how that is going to play out. The third tranche of legislation he has previously referred to, is due out potentially next week. He had heard rumours but he can't confirm its going to be the 9th. Buried in his other reports, he made comments

about the risks of price harmonisation that Government hadn't declared that. They have now said there will not be enforced price harmonisation. So you can form the entity and say Whanganui, Ruapehu and ourselves, form the separate entity and the entity says it is cheaper to provide most water solutions to Whanganui so they get a cheaper rate. Or equally they could say Marton and Bulls could get it cheaper than Taihape because of the difficulties in providing the service. The original move of price harmonisation to support rural Councils supported by metros is not playing out that way. That was Labour vision, National have now said no. We are still waiting for legislation, for the standards of disposal. What quality of waste water can you put into the waterway for example. That will overflow into those quality standards indirectly into farming we think.

In terms of the performance of the sectors, agriculture has lifted a little bit. Still not fantastic in his view and he suspects farmers aren't rushing out to book their month's holiday in Europe on the basis of it.

Mrs Cvitanovich said from a dairy farming perspective, they are probably doing better.

HWTM Watson noted there has been \$12 million cut out of the roading budget and how it is playing out, 3 Councils spoke of roading and a Mayor said they had a woman in their office who had fallen over and smashed their shoulder on the footpath, three of them in a row said the same deal. We can't service our footpaths. There is a road at the top of Turakina Valley where a huge slump has occurred and he can't guarantee they can get access to their farm and a separate house. Potentially that slump could cost a million dollars plus. Forestry that has been harvested, the road has then slumped, the consent between Horizons and the contractor that milled, both pointing the stick at everybody else. But Council still has a role in trying to maintain an access, but at what stage do you say we can't, as a District, afford to spend a million dollars servicing one or two properties. That sort of situation is going to get worse.

HWTM Watson said he is happy to take any questions around any of the reports, he said the Reports are long but you can pick and choose what you want to read.

Mrs Cvitanovich said as they have said it before, they appreciate the effort that goes into his Reports.

Mrs O'Neill said when you see the calendar and how much he is doing, then see the lengthy report that goes with it, you are communicating with us.

HWTM Watson said all he can do is tell the story. The last thing, Merry Christmas.

Mrs Cvitanovich asked if there was much interest from the communities at the Local Water Done Well meetings?

HWTM Watson said there was no interest, he held meetings with two in Marton, two in Bulls, two in Taihape. Other than staff turning up, the total number of people engaged was 12. All he can do is say this is the decision making process. It will be different in consultation in February March 2025 and the proverbial will hit the wall when people get three bills in their letterbox. For Council to set up a CCO alone, or with very small numbers, the set up costs are high. There will be no efficiency.

Mrs Cvitanovich asked if the Government doesn't like what everyone decides, going alone or end up more coming in, does HWTM Watson have a gut feeling, does he think there is a set plan there now of how many you have to come with, any thoughts? Or are they going to come in and tell you.

HWTM Watson said that is what the Government absolutely wants to do however having the courage to do what they want to do. You have to think they are looking over their shoulder, Labour got thrown out because of this. This could all go pear shaped for them where they have 20 or 30 different entities and if that is the case they may hope that over time aggregation happens. International evidence tells you that when you set up water entities, over time they get bigger and bigger, so you start setting up lots of them now there is one. There will be pain in this space.

Resolved minute number 24/TCC/033

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

HWTM A Watson/Mr D Benton. Carried

9 Reports for Information

10.1 Small Projects Fund Update - December 2024

Mr Benton said they had covered this, there is \$2,000 in there and they want to do something meaningful with it.

Committee Recommendation

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

Ms R Cvitanovich/Ms L O'Neill.

10.2 Funding Schemes Update - October 2024

Mrs Cvitanovich said she had finally completed the Whangaehu Hall Acquittal Form for the funding received from Council for the Community Initiatives Fund. It has taken a while and it was good to do it because there was actually stuff in there that they did learn and there was some good info, some things did go well and some things didn't go well, it's the truth about the project.

Mr Benton said things like that can also help you as well.

Mrs Cvitanovich said Council was very good about it as it has been dragging on, it was a long process for one reason or another, around the legality of that particular bit of land. She was getting quite worried about it but when she had a look, it just had the Report was pending. To be fair Council had been pretty good and they didn't feel hassled to get it done. They have been able to finish the project and get it done without having to feel they were under pressure because they hadn't done it yet.

Resolved minute number 24/TCC/034

That the Funding Schemes Update –October 2024 be received.

Mr D Benton/Ms L O'Neill. Carried

10.3 Consultation Tracker

Resolved minute number 24/TCC/035

That the report 'Consultation Tracker' be received.

Ms L O'Neill/Mr D Benton. Carried

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Turakina Community Committee held on Thursday 13 February 2025.

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Chairperson

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7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Turakina Community Committee Meetings

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

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

Current Follow-up Actions

Item	From Meeting Date	Details	Person Assigned	Status Comments	Status
1	15-Feb-24	Surveillance camera signs, N Smith to price	Committee members	Update at the meeting.	In progress

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8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - February 2025

Author: Duran Benton, Chair

1. Reason for Report

1.1 The Chair will provide a verbal report.

Recommendation

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

9 Reports for Information

9.1 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

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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.

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>

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	Attended Hautapu Bridges Blessing/Opening 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 Rangi 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>

ITEM 9.1 ATTACHMENT 2

	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															

9.2 Small Projects Fund Update - February 2025**Author:** Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor**Authoriser:****1. Allocation**

1.1 The allocation of the 2024/25 Small Projects Fund for the Turakina Community Committee is \$2,053.40. This includes the carryover from the previous financial year of \$1,253.40.

2. Breakdown

2.1 There have no payments for the current financial year.

2.1.1 There is a tagged payment of \$500 for the signage.

2.1.2 The total remaining is \$1,553.40.

Attachments**Recommendation**

That the 'Small Projects Fund Update –February 2025' report be received.

9.3 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								
Marlon Streetscape Upgrade Plan	Jarrod	Engagement													
Marlon-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	Jarrod														
Bulls Recreation Master Plan	Clare				Engagement										

Christmas closedown period: 20th December-6th January

9.4 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.

10 Discussion Items

10.1 Discussion item: Bus Shelter

Author: Duran Benton, Chair

1. Reason for Report

1.1 This item was requested from the Chair:

1.1.1 Project for discussion- the bus shelter in the village has been tagged a couple of times and is looking shabby regardless.

1.1.2 Potential for a full repaint

Recommendation

If needed:

ITEM 10.1

11 Meeting Closed.