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COUNCIL	THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2020	8:30 AM

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Council held on Thursday 10 September 2020, commencing at 8:30am in the Manawatū District Council Chambers, 135 Manchester Street, Feilding.

PRESENT:	Mayor Helen Worboys	(Chairperson)
	Cr Steve Bielski	
	Cr Stuart Campbell	
	Cr Shane Casey	
	Cr Michael Ford	
	Cr Heather Gee-Taylor	
	Cr Grant Hadfield	
	Cr Hilary Humphrey	
	Cr Phil Marsh	
	Cr Andrew Quarrie	
	Cr Alison Short	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Richard Templer	(Chief Executive)
	Hamish Waugh	(General Manager - Infrastructure)
	Brent Limmer	(General Manager – Community and Strategy)
	Frances Smorti	(General Manager – People and Culture)
	Rebecca Bell	(Strategy Manager)
	Michael Hawker	(Project Delivery Manager)
	Janine Hawthorn	(Community Development Adviser)
	Mathew Bayliss	(Community Facilities Manager)
	Carl Johnstone	(Parks and Property Team Leader)
	James Adamson	(Parks and Property Officer)
	Shelley Ashton	(Senior Adviser - Marketing and Community Engagement)
	Allie Dunn	(Governance Team Leader)
	Steph Skinner	(Governance Officer)

#### MDC 20/423 MEETING OPENING

Her Worship the Mayor declared the meeting open.

#### MDC 20/424 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

#### MDC 20/425 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made, however it was noted that none of the declarations presented a conflict for hearing of submissions.

Councillor Alison Short – Halcombe Playcentre, letter of support to Te Reu Reu water scheme as Chairperson of Ngā Manu Tāiko, husband signed Walking and Cycling Strategy submission.

Councillor Hilary Humphrey – Feilding Civic Centre Trust – noted her role in Eastern and Central Community Trust.

Councillor Stuart Campbell – accountant for Rangiwahia Environmental Arts Centre Trust.

Councillor Steve Bielski – Rangiwahia Community Committee.

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MDC 20/426 HEARING OF FUNDING REQUESTS FOR TEN YEAR PLAN 2021-31

Report of the General Manager – Community and Strategy dated 3 September 2020 presenting the schedule of those people who chose to speak to their request for Ten Year Plan 2021-31 funding. Strategy Manager, Rebecca Bell, outlined the process followed for encouraging submissions from the community for funding to be included in the Ten Year Plan.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Council accept the late submission from the Apiti Community Committee.**

**Moved by: Her Worship the Mayor**

**Seconded by: Councillor Michael Ford**

**CARRIED**

SUBMISSION 003 - TANGIMOANA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Hilary Robson spoke on behalf of the Tangimoana Community Community. She outlined the work they would like to undertake on Ellison Reserve in Tangimoana that required an arborist and a digger and asked that the Council include funding for this work in the Ten Year Plan of \$16,000 to be funded over two to three years. She noted they had been discussing the work required with Council’s Parks and Property Officer. She gave a presentation that showed photos of the work they would like to undertake.

Questions were asked regarding:

- The background and history of the reserve and the amount of time members devoted to working on the reserve;
- Plans to control Acacia;
- Whether other macrocarpa needed trimming in addition to the ones specified in the submission.

SUBMISSION 004 - FEILDING CIVIC CENTRE TRUST

David Stroud of the Feilding Civic Centre Trust, introduced the submission. David Young, the Trust’s Secretary and Treasurer, spoke to the submission seeking an increase in the Trust’s annual operating grant. He spoke about the history of the operation of the Civic Centre by the Trust and noted the increase in revenue since the Trust started managing the Centre. He spoke about the need to increase the operating grant as the operating costs had increased at a greater rate than inflation. They sought an increase to \$130,000 for their annual operating grant, noting the additional costs that had been imposed through regulation. He also noted the negative impact from Covid-19 through cancelled events that would take some time to recover from.

Their second request was for the reinstatement of the funds from the 2018 Long Term Plan of \$500,000 for improvement projects that had been reallocated to making the building water tight and fixing the drainage issues. He noted the upcoming Community Facilities Strategy.

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Questions were asked regarding wages, and whether the increased funding sought was to grow the events or to cover the cost of the current level of business. In response it was noted that the funding was sought to carry on the current level of business.

**SUBMISSION 010 - RANGIWAHIA ENVIRONMENTAL ARTS CENTRE TRUST INC (REACT) – BRIDGETTE MURPHY**

Bridgette Murphy, Rangiwahia Environmental Arts Centre Trust Inc, noted that she had not received a response from the previous submission that she made to Council.

She gave a presentation outlining the activities the Trust was involved in, noting that they had established their Trust as the go-to for quality environmentally focussed community led events in the lower North Island, with links to Councils, Museums and Event organisers. They hosted visiting artists from abroad and locally, and worked to establish green corridors between the three neighbouring reserves.

Jim Richards then spoke, outlining ideas for natural play art installations for reserves.

In summary they asked for:

- a better focus with regard to environmental solutions and resilience in the further reaches of the district;
- an area within Rangiwahia Cemetery to be set aside for a Living Cemetery, bordering the reserve working back towards the current traditional cemetery;
- that the Council be more accommodating for people wishing to live in Tiny Homes, with lower charges;
- financial and legal support for adaptations of McKinnon’s Reserve.

They asked that they be a point of contact for Council to enable a proactive relationship, rather than a reactionary one.

It was noted by the Council that the draft Cemeteries Strategy was currently out for consultation, and that the Council could forward their request for a Living Cemetery area in Rangiwahia to that process as a submission. The submission regarding Tiny Homes would also be forwarded to the District Plan review as a submission.

Questions were asked regarding:

- support from the Rangiwahia Community Committee; noting that REACT did not attend the community committee meetings;
- clarification of projects that the requested funding was tagged for, with it noted that there were no specific costings or projects identified at this stage.

**SUBMISSION 007 - KIMBOLTON COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

Tony Waugh, Kimbolton Community Committee, spoke to their submission seeking funding for upgrade of the Kimbolton Hall, including purchasing tables for use at the hall. They also asked that Council consider creating a walkway /cycleway when installing the pipework for the wastewater centralisation project.

*The hearing adjourned at 9:41am and resumed at 9:51am.*

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SUBMISSION 005 - BAINESSE/RANGIOTU COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Alan Horsfall and Trevor Donaldson, Bainesse / Rangiotu Community Committee, spoke to their submission outlining a proposal to make Bainesse / Rangiotu a more inviting place for people to stop. They circulated a diagram that outlined a proposal to make a tree lined avenue on the approach to Main Drain Road, with installation of a viewing platform and picnic tables.

They also proposed the Council purchase a section in the area for use as a depot for storing roading material, rather than contractors storing the material on the road side.

SUBMISSION 014 - TE MANAWA

Andy Lowe, Chief Executive of Te Manawa, accompanied by Councillor Rachel Bowen of Palmerston North City Council, gave a presentation noting they would be developing a new business plan over the next three years. Their presentation outlined how they would operate under their new business plan, the key drivers for Te Manawa, the work undertaken by Te Manawa, including showcasing work by renowned Manawatū artists and storytellers, the outreach programme delivered through the Feilding Library and the educational opportunities taken up by thirteen Manawatū district schools. They sought continuation of the funding provided by the Council.

*The hearing adjourned at 10:21am and resumed at 10:34am.*

SUBMISSION 009 - HALCOMBE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Rachel Lane, of the Halcombe Community Development Group, circulated a handout that provided a comparison of the Development Contributions collected districtwide, with Development Contributions collected from Halcombe and surrounding area.

They made two submissions:

- Kimber Street Seal – noted their understanding that Council was reviewing its street seal policy.
- Walkway network – their submission included documentation that was presented as part of the draft walking and cycling submission. Their proposal linked the western growth area to the village and included a walkway up to the school.

She asked that when the Council considers their submission, that the Council focus on how they could make this happen, and referred to the amount of development contributions collected from their community detailed on the handout that she circulated. She noted there would be further development contributions coming from their area.

She noted that their community supported their proposals and there was support for a targeted rate to help fund the projects.

They would like this project funded in 2021-22 and paid off over time. They would like the project to be Council led, but to work in collaboration with the Halcombe Community Development Trust.

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#### SUBMISSION 006 - KIWITEA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Deserae Silk and Darrell McMasters, of the Kiwitea Community Committee, spoke to their submission. They circulated a handout that provided detail of the projects they sought funding assistance with, and copies of photos showing the interior of the hall. They thanked the Council for the post-Covid-19 grant they received, the installation of the new roof and wheelchair accessible toilet at the Kiwitea Hall.

They noted the projects they had proposed for the next six years for the hall, which they had ranked in order of the importance for the committee. They noted they would also be applying for external funding grants for these projects, and were continuing to undertake fundraising.

#### SUBMISSION 013 - RANGIWAHIA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Fiona Morton, Shelley Dew-Hopkins and Nicola Martin of the Rangiwahia Community Committee, spoke to their submission. Fiona Morton noted that the Portal for making the submission restricted the amount of information they could include in their submission.

She spoke about projects they were seeking funding for. These included upgrades for the Rangiwahia Hall, noting the need for the kitchen refurbishment and upgrade. She noted their submission included roading projects, some of which were already underway. However they believed Te Parapara Road needed attention given to its drainage and cut off drains, especially at its northern end before it reaches Renfrew Road. She also spoke about the impact on safety on road users, including cyclists, by use of the roads in the area by logging trucks.

Shelley Dew-Hopkins spoke about problems with drainage and culverts that had not been maintained. They would also like the southern end of Te Parapara Road widened, noting the large campervans that use that road, and repairs and maintenance undertaken as well.

They asked for Council to consider sealing Karewarewa Road, to at least 100 metres further on from the Bridge over the Mangawhariki Stream.

They would also like the road down to Dress Circle tar sealed, however in the short term maintaining dust suppressant on that road and undertaking road counts during the busy period. They would also like a temporary toilet installed at Dress Circle for the summer period.

They spoke to their submission regarding the proposed beautification of the main street of Rangiwahia, seeking funding to establish planting of specimen trees and suitable protection.

They then outlined points from their submission regarding Rangiwahia Hall beautification, with establishment of a patio area with public barbecues, and talked about a future proposal to establish a community pool at that site.

They spoke about the Watt Memorial building on the Council domain in Rangiwahia, noting it was one of the oldest buildings in the district. They asked that an officer come out to look at the building to see if it would be worth restoring.

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#### SUBMISSION 008 - POHANGINA VALLEY COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Adrian Walcroft and Liz Besley, Pohangina Valley Community Committee, spoke to their submission. They circulated a handout that provided data for funding for the Pohangina Domain project.

Liz Besley gave a summary on progress with the Pohangina Domain project and future plans for that area.

She noted the sponsorship they had received for their projects, and the volunteer hours that had been provided. She spoke about their future projects, including a pathway in the domain.

Adrian Walcroft, Chair Pohangina Reserve School Committee, spoke about the operational matters the committee undertook, including the community pool operation, and bookings for the school house. He noted the pool had high usage during the summer and was a focal point in the community. He spoke about pool resurfacing works paid for by the Community Committee, however the pool required further resurfacing of the below water surfaces and leakages had been identified. He noted their funding for recoating the below water parts of the pool, and for re-fibreglassing the base of the pool. The reserve committee was able to contribute part of the funding for that project. It was noted there would need to be a condition assessment undertaken to identify where the leakages could be coming from.

#### SUBMISSION 012 - NORTHERN MANAWATŪ COMMUNITY COMMITTEES

Jane Renwick gave a presentation regarding a proposal for transport to health for rural communities, on behalf of four community committees in the Northern Manawātū area. She noted the submission was a precursor to undertaking research to establish whether there was an ongoing need for public transport in that area. Her presentation outlined the reason for the need for public transport to the northern areas of the district. She spoke about the alignment to the Council's strategic vision, outlined the feedback received from community meetings and spoke about the statistics and anecdotal evidence of need. She noted she did not have any costings for the service at this stage. The proposed service would be for health services access as a priority, but also for inclusion of others as well. It was noted that the St John Ambulance Health Shuttle did not travel up to that area and that discussions would be pursued with MidCentral District Health Board and Horizons Regional Council. It was also suggested that there may be government initiatives for this that could be investigated.

#### MDC 20/427 MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 11:54am