



Rangitikei District Council

Ratana Community Board Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 11 October 2011 – 6:30 p.m.

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Present: Geoffrey Hipango, Chair
Audrey Williams
Doreen Gardiner
Cr Soraya Peke-Mason

In attendance: Michael Hodder, Community Services Group Manager, RDC
Laurel Campbell, Governance Administrator, RDC (Minute Taker)

1 Public Forum

There were no public present.

2 Whakamoeiti

Mr Hipango opened the meeting.

3 Apologies

The apologies of Tainui Pene were noted.

4 Chair's report

The Chair chose not to give a report as all items he wished to discuss were on the agenda.

5 Minutes of last meeting

Resolved minute number **11/RCB/019** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the Ratana Community Board meeting held on 14 June 2011 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

A Williams / D Gardiner Carried

6 Matters arising

- 1 Ms Gardiner asked what Council did with the information from the half-yearly rating public toilets. Mr Hodder explained that it was part of Council's annual reporting against the Annual Plan and that it was also useful in highlighting matters which staff needed to address.
- 2 Ms Williams asked about progress with drainage on the rugby field. She had spoken to Colin Anderson regarding the drainage on the rugby field and was waiting to hear what action will be taken. Mr Hodder undertook to follow this up.
- 3 Ms Gardiner had not had any contact from the Council regarding the fence in the top urupa. Mr Hodder advised that there had been some changes to staff roles and he would follow up to ensure someone did contact Ms Gardiner.
- 4 The Board considered the merits of a Community Committee rather than a Community Board and the possible savings to rate payers in the Ratana Community. Cr Peke-Mason outlined the requirements to look at this every six years and the processes the Board had used in the past to communicate with the residents in Ratana.
- 5 In response to Board members' questions Mr Hodder explained that waste transfer charges were set during the annual review of all Council fees and charges (during the

preparation of the Annual Plan) and that repairs to the road network were done in accordance with a priority ranking in terms of accessibility and safety for users.

7 Update on Ratana water and wastewater projects

1 The Ratana waste water system

The Board discussed Mr van Niekerken's update. They expressed a wish to meet with him to gain a better understanding of the matter and the viable options to secure a compliant discharge. Mr Hodder undertook to speak with Mr van Niekerken with a view to having a site visit for Board Members on the day of their next meeting.

2 The Ratana water project

Cr Peke-Mason read a letter dated 23 September 2011 from David de Jager (Senior Advisor, Environmental & Border Health, Ministry of Health) advising that the Council's application for Capital Assistance Programme (CAPS) funding had been unsuccessful. The letter offered suggestions for improving the information for a future application – the next round closes on 28 February 2012. Mr Hodder advised that another application was being prepared. The Board wished to be actively involved by lobbying politicians visiting the settlement and by writing a letter of support to accompany the application. They were keen to see a draft of the application at the Board's next scheduled meeting (13 December 2011).

8 Financial report

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That the Financial report on the Ratana Community Board for 1 July 2011 – 30 September 2012 be received.

A Williams / G Hipango Carried

9 Draft financial strategy

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That the draft financial strategy be received.

A Williams / G Hipango Carried

Mr Hodder explained the strategy was a key component of the Long Term Plan. Two major considerations in the strategy were the extent to which depreciation would be funded across all of Council's community assets (including housing) and the need to manage debt.

10 Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (as presented to SP&P 29 September 2011)

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That the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (as presented to SP&P 29 September 2011) be received.

G Hipango / D Gardiner Carried

Mr Hodder spoke to the document and explained the challenges the Council faced in dealing with waste. The general desire for recycling and the plans for treating green waste separately were discussed. The Board agreed on the importance of education and the involvement of young people in waste reduction.

The Board had no further suggestions to make on the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.

11 Late items

- 1 There is some concern regarding roaming dogs in the Ratana settlement. Mr Hipango will approach some of the owners of dogs that are known to be roaming regularly and Mr Hodder will arrange for the Council's Animal Control Officers to make random drive through visits to the settlement.
- 2 Te Kura o Ratana will receive ultra fast broadband in 2012 and the community is looking to capitalise on this, tapping into the expertise of Puawai Hagger and her husband. The ICT hub in Ratana is working well and the Board acknowledged the assistance of Council staff and Cr Peke-Mason in gaining this resource.

12 Date of next meeting

13 December 2011

13 Closing Whakamoemiti

Mr Hipango closed the meeting at 7.57 pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____