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Hastings District Council: Rural Halls Subcommittee Meeting

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Te Rā Hui:

Meeting date: **Monday, 7 September 2020**

Te Wāhi:

Venue: **Landmarks Room
Ground Floor
Civic Administration Building
Lyndon Road East
Hastings**

Time start – end: **1.05pm – 1.20pm**

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Kua Tae ā-tinana: **Chair:** Nick Dawson
Present: **Councillors:** Tania Kerr (Deputy Chair), Sophie Siers, Alwyn Corban and Ann Redstone
Marcus Buddo, Sue Maxwell and Jonathon Stockley

Kua Tatū:
In attendance: Chief Executive (Nigel Bickle)
Group Manager: Asset Management (Craig Thew)
Community Grants Advisor (Kev Carter) via Zoom
Acting Group Manager: Community Wellbeing & Services – (Peran Hutchings)
Group Manager: Marketing & Communications
Manager: Democracy & Governance (Jackie Evans)
Democracy & Governance Advisor (Vicki Rusbatch)

The Chairman, Nick Dawson, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Mr Stockley notified a potential conflict of interest as Chair of the Maraekakaho Church Hall Trust. Councillor Redstone notified a potential conflict of interest as her son administered the Haumoana Hall.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to confirm.

Recommendation to Council Meeting 15 September 2020

4. RURAL HALLS REPORT, SEPTEMBER 2020

(Ref. 20/668)

Community Grants Advisor, Kevin Carter, who was present via Zoom, asked that the report be taken as read.

The purpose of the report was to update the Rural Halls Subcommittee on the progress of the Rural Halls Maintenance Fund. Due to the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) one-off “Renovations to Town Halls and War Memorials Fund”, the annual contestable Rural Halls Maintenance Fund round was not held at the usual time. Hastings District Council was successful in receiving \$290,395 from the PGF to support projects at 7 rural halls.

The report was requesting that the Subcommittee consider the timing of the next funding round; the holding of a workshop for individual hall custodians; and the proposed amendment to the current policy.

The 2020 funding round could be held later this year, in November 2020, or those funds could be held over to next year.

The community workshop for the individual Hall Custodians, would cover basic governance and legal requirements; health and safety; funding opportunities (Council and non-Council), and held prior to the funding round.

The proposed amendment to the current policy would remove the requirement for halls to fund 50% of projects that cost more than \$500.00, and replace it with a more simple statement, such as: *Preference will be given to those Halls that show that they are also contributing to the project. This may include voluntary labour and donated materials.*

In response to comments and questions from the meeting, Mr Carter advised that a booklet could be compiled and sent to hall committees to keep people upskilled, however attendance at the workshops was important for networking and the health and safety component. There could be two workshops for the Hall custodians – one before the 2020 funding round and another workshop in the new year before the next funding round.

Mr Buddo/Mrs Maxwell

- A) That the Subcommittee receives the report titled Rural Halls Report, September 2020.
- B) That the Subcommittee agree to hold the 2020 funding round in November 2020 which will be considered at a meeting of the Rural Halls Subcommittee to be held on Monday 30 November 2020.
- C) That the Subcommittee agree to host workshops for the individual Hall Custodians before the November 2020 and before the 2021 funding round.
- D) That the Subcommittee agree to amend the current policy to enable the Subcommittee to fund more than 50% of a group’s proposed maintenance project.

CARRIED

5. MINOR ITEMS

There were no additional business items.

6. URGENT ITEMS

There were no extraordinary business items.

The meeting closed at 1.20pm

Confirmed:

Chair:

Date: