

Monday, 10 June 2024

Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga

Hastings District Council

Hastings District Rural Community Board Meeting

Kaupapataka

Agenda

Te Rā Hui:
Meeting date: **Monday, 10 June 2024**

Te Wā:
Time: **9.00am**

Te Wāhi:
Venue: **Council Chamber
Ground Floor
Civic Administration Building
Lyndon Road East
Hastings**

Te Hoapā:
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Te Āpiha Matua:
Responsible
Officer: **Transportation Manager - Jag Pannu**

Hastings District Rural Community Board – Terms of Reference

The Community Board is a separate entity to the Council. The role of the Community Board is set out in Section 52 of the Local Government Act 2002. The Council is authorised to delegate powers to the Community Board.

Membership (7 members)

- Chair (elected by the Board).
- Deputy Chair (elected by the Board).
- 4 Elected Community Board Members.
- 1 Mōhaka Ward Councillor.
- 1 Kahuranaki Ward Councillor.
- 1 Takitimu Ward Councillor.
- 1 non-voting Youth Council appointee.

Quorum – 4 members

DELEGATED POWERS

General

- 1) To maintain an overview of services provided by Council within the Community Board's area.
- 2) To represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of the community represented.
- 3) To consider and report on all matters referred to the Board by Council, or any matter of interest or concern to the Community Board.
- 4) To communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community.
- 5) To undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by Council.
- 6) To appoint a member of the Community Board to organisations approved by the Council from time to time.

Long Term Plan/Annual Plan/Policy Issues

Authority to make a submission to the Long Term Plan/Annual Plan process on activities, service levels and expenditure (including capital works priorities) within the Board's area or to make a submission in relation to any policy matter which may have an effect within the Board's area.

Roading and Traffic

Authority to exercise the Council's powers and functions in relation to roads within the Board's area under the following sections of the Local Government Act 1974:

- Section 335 (vehicle crossings);
- Section 344 (gates and cattle stops);
- Section 355 (overhanding trees).

Authority to exercise the Council's statutory powers in accordance with Council policy (including any relevant powers conferred by bylaw) over roads within the Board's area in respect of;

- Road user behaviour at intersections.
- Controls on stopping or overtaking.
- Controls on turning.

- Pedestrian safety.
- Footpath maintenance and improvements.
- Accident investigation studies, lighting and other safety works.

For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this delegation authorises a Community Board to deal with a matter, in the exercise of delegated authority, in a manner which is in conflict with any policy or decision of Council or any standing committee of Council in relation to the same matter.

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Heamana

Chair: Jonathan Stockley

Deputy Chair: Isabelle Crawshaw

Vicki Scoular and Abby Morley

Mematanga:

Committee Members:

Ngā KaiKaunihera

Councillors: Ana Apatu, Marcus Buddo and Tania Kerr

Youth Council appointee: - Theo King

Tokamatua:

Quorum:

4 members

Apiha Matua:

Officer Responsible:

Kaiwhakahaere Rōpū

Transportation Manager: Jag Pannu

Te Rōpū Manapori me te

Kāwanatanga:

Democracy & Governance

Services:

Louise Stettner (Ext 5543)

Te Rārangi Take

Order of Business

Apologies – Ngā Whakapāhatanga

- 1.0** An apology from Abby Morley has been received.
Leave of Absence had previously been granted to Jonathan Stockley
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2.0 *Conflict of Interest – He Ngākau Kōnatunatu*

Members need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a Member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have. This note is provided as a reminder to Members to scan the agenda and assess their own private interests and identify where they may have a pecuniary or other conflict of interest, or where there may be perceptions of conflict of interest.

If a Member feels they do have a conflict of interest, they should publicly declare that at the start of the relevant item of business and withdraw from participating in the meeting. If a Member thinks they may have a conflict of interest, they can seek advice from the General Counsel or the Manager: Democracy and Governance (preferably before the meeting).

It is noted that while Members can seek advice and discuss these matters, the final decision as to whether a conflict exists rests with the member.

Confirmation of Minutes – Te Whakamana i Ngā Minitī

- 3.0** Minutes of the Hastings District Rural Community Board held Monday 26 February 2024.
(Previously circulated)
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- 4.0** **Long Term Plan Submissions 2024-2034** **9**
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- 5.0** **Rural Transportation Activity Report** **13**
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- 6.0** **Rural Strategy Scoping Report** **17**
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- 7.0** *Minor Items – Ngā Take Iti*
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8.0 Urgent Items – *Ngā Take Whakahihi*

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Te Rārangi Take

Report to Hastings District Rural Community Board

Nā:
From: **Lex Verhoeven, Strategy Manager**

Te Take:
Subject: **Long Term Plan Submissions 2024-2034**

1.0 Purpose and summary - *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Board on submissions received to the Draft Long-Term Plan. Matters of relevance to the rural community are highlighted and the Board’s guidance in respect of these matters is sought.
- 1.2 This report concludes by recommending that the report be received and that officers forward any feedback from the Board to the Council Long Term Plan meeting of 11 June 2024.
- 1.3 The Draft Long-Term Plan was released for public consultation on 19 April 2024 with submissions closing on 27 May 2024. The Council has received 461 on-line submissions to the draft plan, along with a further 250 responses via other consultation methods used by the Council.
- 1.4 The results from the responses to the 4 key consultation issues are detailed below:

Key Issue 1 – Cyclone Recovery Targeted Rate

Source	Responses	It’s about right	Pay less, recover slower
Online Feedback	396	38%	62%
Consultation Document tear-off	220	54%	46%

Key Issue 2 – Growth

Source	Responses	It's about right	Pay more, accept more risk
Online Feedback	346	92%	8%
Consultation Document tear-off	193	93%	7%

Key Issue 3 – Nice-to-have projects

Source	Responses	It's about right	Pay more, add projects	Pay less, slow down
Online Feedback	385	21%	6%	73%
Consultation Document tear-off	219	29%	6%	65%

Key Issue 4 – Three Year rates and debt plan

Source	Responses	It's about right	Pay more, go faster	Pay less, take longer
Online Feedback	395	25%	3%	72%
Consultation Document tear-off	219	40%	4%	56%

- 1.5 Submitters who have requested to speak to the Board and/or submissions which have a rural focus have been summarised below with the corresponding submission number for reference. A separate volume of these submissions (in submission number order) is attached to this agenda.

Submitters speaking to the Board

Sub no.	Name	
166	Terry O'Connor	Growth, waterways, rates
177	Andrew Stone	Woody biomas solution
390	James Kerr	various
423/425	Megan Linnel	Maraekakaho Hall

Other submissions with a rural focus/address

15	Margaret Symons	Turirau Stream
19	Sam Hartree	Rates increases
40	Karen Burridge	Consultation document response
41	Claire Hanse	Rates increases
125	Chris Verburg	Rates increases
135	Peter Alexander	Various

180	John McConville	Consultation document response
204	Roxy Hickman	Heavy vehicle access Mangone river
208	Noel Bates	Rural housing proposal Puketitiri
232	Lucas Himschoof	Consultation document response
249	Ben Friar	Rates increases
306	Charlie Cordwell	Waipatiki surf tower
366	Cristy Hughes	Rates increases
379	Juliet Galliers	Whirinaki speed limit
382	Gabrielle Perry	Rates increases
387	Megan Linnell	Rural road recovery, rivers, Maraekakaho Hall
389	Dianne Wells	Rates increases
392	Jayne Flynn	Rates increases
393	Paul Baker	Rates increases, pathways for youth, rural services
399	Colin Maunder	Rates increase, cyclone recovery rate
408	Harry Gaddum	Kereru Hall
413	Federated Farmers	Rates increase, cyclone recovery rate, other
448	Sue Averill	Various - Pakowhai

1.6 Officer comments in response to the submissions above will be circulated separately.

2.0 Recommendations - Ngā Tūhunga

- A) That the Hastings District Rural Community Board receive the report titled Long Term Plan Submissions 2024-2034 dated 10 June 2024
- B) That officers table feedback from the Rural Community Board at the Council Long Term Plan meeting commencing 11 June 2024.

Attachments:

1	Corporate Planning - 2024 LTP - Submissions and Responses - Terry O'Connor	CP-12-2-24-166	Vol 2
2	Corporate Planning - 2024 LTP - Submissions and Responses - Andrew Stone	CP-12-2-24-177	Vol 2
3	Corporate Planning - 2024 LTP - Submissions and Responses - James Kerr	CP-12-2-24-390	Vol 2
4	Corporate Planning - 2024 LTP - Submissions and Responses - Jonathan Stockly	CP-12-2-24-423	Vol 2
5	Corporate Planning - 2024 LTP - Submissions and Responses - Jonathan Stockley (Duplicate with 423)	CP-12-2-24-425	Vol 2
6	Corporate Planning - 2024 LTP - Submissions and Responses - Margaret Symons	CP-12-2-24-15	Vol 2
7	Corporate Planning - 2024 LTP - Submissions and Responses - Sam Hartree	CP-12-2-24-19	Vol 2
8	Corporate Planning - 2024 LTP - Submissions and Responses - Karen Burrige	CP-12-2-24-40	Vol 2
9	Corporate Planning - 2024 LTP - Submissions and Responses - Claire Hanse	CP-12-2-24-41	Vol 2

10	Corporate Planning - 2024 LTP - Submissions and Responses - Chris Verburg	CP-12-2-24-125	Vol 2
11	Corporate Planning - 2024 LTP - Submissions and Responses - Peter Alexander	CP-12-2-24-135	Vol 2
12	Corporate Planning - 2024 LTP - Submissions and Responses - John McConville	CP-12-2-24-180	Vol 2
13	Corporate Planning - 2024 LTP - Submissions and Responses - Roxy Hickman	CP-12-2-24-204	Vol 2
14	Corporate Planning - 2024 LTP - Submissions and Responses - Noel Bates	CP-12-2-24-208	Vol 2
15	Corporate Planning - 2024 LTP - Submissions and Responses - Lucas Himschoot	CP-12-2-24-232	Vol 2
16	Corporate Planning - 2024 LTP - Submissions and Responses - Ben Friar	CP-12-2-24-249	Vol 2
17	Corporate Planning - 2024 LTP - Submissions and Responses - Charlie Cordwell	CP-12-2-24-306	Vol 2
18	Corporate Planning - 2024 LTP - Submissions and Responses - Cristy Hughes	CP-12-2-24-366	Vol 2
19	Corporate Planning - 2024 LTP - Submissions and Responses - Juliet Galliers	CP-12-2-24-379	Vol 2
20	Corporate Planning - 2024 LTP - Submissions and Responses - Gabrielle Perry	CP-12-2-24-382	Vol 2
21	Corporate Planning - 2024 LTP - Submissions and Responses - Megan Linnell	CP-12-2-24-387	Vol 2
22	Corporate Planning - 2024 LTP - Submissions and Responses - Dianne Wells	CP-12-2-24-389	Vol 2
23	Corporate Planning - 2024 LTP - Submissions and Responses - Jayme Flynn	CP-12-2-24-392	Vol 2
24	Corporate Planning - 2024 LTP - Submissions and Responses - Paul Baker	CP-12-2-24-393	Vol 2
25	Corporate Planning - 2024 LTP - Submissions and Responses - Colin Maunder	CP-12-2-24-399	Vol 2
26	Corporate Planning - 2024 LTP - Submissions and Responses - Harry Gaddum	CP-12-2-24-408	Vol 2
27	Corporate Planning - 2024 LTP - Submissions and Responses - Rhea Dasent	CP-12-2-24-413	Vol 2
28	Corporate Planning - 2024 LTP - Submissions and Responses - Sue Averill	CP-12-2-24-448	Vol 2

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Te Rārangi Take

Report to Hastings District Rural Community Board

Nā:
From: Adam Jackson, Transportation Operations Manager

Te Take:
Subject: Rural Transportation Activity Report

1.0 Executive Summary – *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 This report is to update the Rural Community Board with the Rural Transportation Programmed Project Status and Activities Report.
- 1.2 This report concludes by recommending that the report be received.

2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūhunga*

That the Hastings District Rural Community Board receive the report titled Rural Transportation Activity Report dated 10 June 2024.

3.0 2023/2024 Major Works Programme

- 3.1 The 2023/24 financial year is the third and final portion of the 2021-24 Long Term Plan programme.
- 3.2 The following is the status of the final Area Wide Pavement Treatment programme for the 2023/24 financial year and beyond.

Road	Section	Status/Impact
Kererū Road	Kererū Road – Section 3	Large section of this affected by TC Gabrielle. Once the new bridge is built, section will be reassessed.

Road	Section	Status/Impact
Kahurānaki Road	Km7 to km9	AWPT project. This section of road has been several affected by TC Gabrielle. Design is on hold pending the slips being repaired.
Waimārama Road	Before quarry hill	AWPT project. Build complete.

- 3.3 The following is the status of the low cost/low risk (old minor safety), and Road to Zero programme for the 2023/24 financial year.

Road	Section	Status/Impact
Taihape Road	Guardrail on bridges	Works completed.
Various Rural Settlements		Puketapu Road between pub and school complete.

4.0 Speed Limit Review

- 4.1 A Statement of Proposal for Speed Limit changes will be taken to the Council meeting on 27 June. The general philosophy adopted by HDC with its speed management approach for the rural areas is to have variable speed limits so that any lower speed limit would only be in operation at the times of greatest risk to road users i.e. the drop off and pick up times. This provides the best balance in terms of fairness and reasonableness from an enforcement perspective and is consistent with the intent of what the Minister is looking at.

5.0 Bridge Update

- 5.1 Waikoau Gorge design to strengthen is progressing. Current works that started at the end of May is to bring the bridge to a 30T limit without requiring permits.

6.0 Ex TC Gabrielle Recovery Programme and Contractor Supplier Panel

- 6.1 The transport cyclone recovery programme is underway, and we are working to improve communications about the programme of work.
- 6.2 HDC's website has been updated to show areas by ward and show the progress happening on an updated dashboard for the whole region and by ward.
- 6.3 All newsletters and community presentations are saved in the relevant ward areas, and we will be working to keep this up to date.
- 6.4 We are aware with the onset of winter that there is anxiety in the community, and that the condition of the network is fragile, with increased volume and weight of traffic having an impact on already fragile roads. There is increased monitoring and maintenance, and we encourage community to report any issues to FixIt, in order to ensure work can be assigned to contractors and attended to as soon as possible.
- 6.5 A large portion of the recovery effort is to repair major slips, replace large broken culverts, and to repair broken roads. A contract has been written to engage a number of suppliers to do this work, and at time of writing the evaluation of bids was being undertaken.
- 6.6 A verbal update of the contract process will be given during the meeting.

7.0 Kereru Gorge 3 – Update

7.1 A verbal update will be provided by Michelle Parnell who is the project manager for this project.

8.0 Waka Kotahi Update

8.1 Verbal update provided by Waka Kotahi staff.

9.0 Works Update

9.1 **Attachment 1** will provide the Board with a photographic snapshot of activities undertaken between February 2024 and May 2024.

Attachments:

1	Transport - Roads General - RCB Photos - February 2024 to May 2024	TR-8-24-10145	Vol 1
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Summary of Considerations - *He Whakarāpopoto Whakaarohanga*

Fit with purpose of Local Government - *E noho hāngai pū ai ki te Rangatōpū-ā-Rohe*

The Council is required to give effect to the purpose of local government as set out in section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. That purpose is to enable democratic local decision-making and action by (and on behalf of) communities, and to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future.

[Link to the Council's Community Outcomes – Ngā Hononga ki Ngā Putanga ā-Hapori](#)

This report promotes the performance of regulatory functions for the purpose of providing safe, reliable, and efficient transport networks.

Māori Impact Statement - *Te Tauākī Kaupapa Māori*

No known impacts for tangata whenua over and above the impact on the rural district.

Sustainability - *Te Toitūtanga*

This is a progress report and sustainability issues are not addressed.

Financial considerations - *Ngā Whakaarohanga Ahumoni*

The works identified within this report are within existing budgets.

Significance and Engagement - *Te Hiranga me te Tūhonotanga*

This report has been assessed under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy as being of minor significance. Individual projects will have been addressed under the significance and engagement policy during the planning and decision-making phase of those projects.

Consultation – internal and/or external - *Whakawhiti Whakaaro-ā-roto / ā-waho*

No consultation is required as part of this report.

Risks

Risk management and mitigation issues have been addressed in project planning and organisational health and safety policies. The major risk noted in this report is the potential for increase in tender costs in the maintenance contract rewrite. There are many ways to manage this risk such as decreased level of service, increased funding (and rate take), loan funding projects and negotiations with successful tenderer.

Rural Community Board – *Te Poari Tuawhenua-ā-Hapori*

The Rural Community Board will have an interest in the operations and transportation activities within the DRA2 rating area.

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Report to Hastings District Rural Community Board

Nā:
From: **Mark Clews, Principal Advisor: District Development**

Te Take:
Subject: **Rural Strategy Scoping Report**

1.0 Executive Summary – *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 This report presents the Final version of a Scoping Study on the potential benefits or otherwise of undertaking a strategic planning exercise for the rural areas of the district. It follows Council being successful in obtaining pro bono services of Policy and Strategy Consultants Allen and Clarke in September last year.
- 1.2 The scoping study drew on a survey and interviews with selected members of the rural community including Rural Community Board members. The report is therefore presented for the members information and consideration. Given the current fiscal situation and current strategic work programme, including the Future Development Strategy and pending RMA reforms no recommendations are made at this point to initiate a Rural Resources and Communities Strategy, but note that this may be a consideration for setting budgets in near term Annual or Long Term Plans.

2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga*

That the Hastings District Rural Community Board receive the report titled Rural Strategy Scoping Report dated 10 June 2024 and attached report from Allen and Clarke dated February 2024.

3.0 Background – *Te Horopaki*

- 3.1 Each year Allen + Clarke provides hundreds of hours of pro-bono work without charge to organisations that need consulting support. Aware of this opportunity staff submitted a project for

consideration this year to scope the need for strategic planning on the future use, challenges and opportunities, of rural resources in the district.

- 3.2 Rural communities currently face many complex emerging, unexpected and longer-term trends e.g., such as climate change (hazards and land use change), pressures from urban growth, energy generation, carbon farming, future farm succession / agri-business, freshwater management community resilience etc.

The purpose of this project was therefore to:

- *understand the key problems and issues facing the rural sector in the Hastings district and the likely challenges and opportunities*
- *understand what tools may be available to help the rural sector prepare for the future, and*
- *scope the specific role of the Council in addressing the issues identified.*

- 3.3 Allen and Clarke finished their work on this project earlier this year and a copy of the report is attached. Officers are interested in obtaining feedback from the Committee on whether they set value in moving to a full strategic planning exercise and when that would be best undertaken.

4.0 Discussion – *Te Matapakitanga*

- 4.1 Allen and Clarke's Report is attached as **Appendix 1**. Through both qualitative and quantitative data collected by *Allen + Clarke* capturing a range of rural community perspectives, there are several findings put forward for HDC to consider when exploring the possibility of developing a bespoke rural strategy as follows:

- **Finding 1** – There is currently a lack of rural focus within existing HDC policies. This is a risk to the district's future planning and development as these communities represent approximately 15 percent of the district's population and a large proportion of the district's economic activity.
- **Finding 2** – The needs and issues affecting rural communities in Hastings are distinct and not necessarily addressed in existing policies and strategies.
- **Finding 3** – There was broad consensus across all groups that recognised the importance of the primary industries and rural communities to the district's economy.
- **Finding 4** – All groups also recognised the importance of promoting sustainable practices that protect the environment. They expressly identified a tension between the costs of sustainable practices and the economic viability of primary industries.
- **Finding 5** – Environmental Sustainability was important to all respondents. However what promoting sustainability meant for farmers and growers ability to produce compared to current levels, varied greatly between different respondent groups.
- **Finding 6** – Rural communities identified the importance of services and infrastructure that support connectedness such as roads, bridges and community assets that provide safe spaces for all. While there is considerable resilience across rural communities already, improving connectivity would enhance this resilience.
- **Finding 7** – The appetite for increased tourism in rural communities is variable. There is greater interest in attracting new residents of rural communities for a permanent shift, rather than short-term tourism.
- **Finding 8** – Greater support from local and central government was identified by community members as a prerequisite for any positive change. This support varied from increased funding to incentivising sustainable practices, to more long-term infrastructure investment into assets as well as investments in the development of safe spaces in rural communities.

- **Finding 9** – People in rural communities, especially producers such as farmers and growers, need support to deal with rising rates, costs of compliance, and the general increase in cost of living. Farmers and growers disproportionately feel the effects of rising costs due to compliance costs often being based on the amount of land or infrastructure.
- 4.2 Cyclone Gabrielle has exacerbated existing pressures on the region and added urgency around the need to plan for and be strategic around future land use. However, at present the focus remains understandably on the more immediate recovery tasks and standing up and reconnecting communities. With the introduction and then repeal of the Natural and Built Environment Act and Spatial Planning Act, the planning and regulatory environment around land use is also undergoing significant change and is highly uncertain.
- 4.3 Given this, the current fiscal position of Council and existing strategic planning commitments such as the Future Development Strategy, no provision has been made for a full strategic planning exercise in the Draft LTP at this time. However, depending upon the Board’s feedback the scoping report could be usefully used to support budget bids as part of Annual Plans or LTPs in the near to medium term future.
- 4.4 Accordingly there are no recommendations made other than the report and attachment be received.

Attachments:

1 	Rural Resource Strategies - Rural Strategy Scoping Report Final Allen and Clarke	STR-7-7-24-13	Vol 1
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