

# MINUTES

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, 24 April 2024

**Time:** 1.00pm

**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Rangitikei District Council  
46 High Street  
Marton

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Present

- HWTM Andy Watson
- Cr Dave Wilson
- Cr Gill Duncan
- Cr Richard Lambert
- Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa
- Cr Coral Raukawa
- Cr Jeff Wong
- Cr Simon Loudon
- Cr Greg Maughan
- Cr Fi Dalgety
- Cr Paul Sharland

In attendance

- Mr Kevin Ross, Chief Executive
- Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer
- Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy and Planning
- Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager - Community
- Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager - Corporate Services
- Mrs Sharon Grant, Group Manager - People and Performance
- Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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## 1 Welcome / Prayer

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting at 1.00pm

## 2 Apologies

**Resolved minute number 24/RDC/095**

Apologies were received from Cr Carter.

Cr D Wilson/Cr S Loudon. Carried

## 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

Item 10.1 - 1pm - Declaration - New Southern Ward Councillor was moved before item 6.

Item 11.1 - Councillor Reports from LGNZ Zone 3 Meeting was moved to 8.1.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number 24/RDC/096**

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 March 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.

Cr R Lambert/Cr J F Wong. Carried

## 7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

### 7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

#### Item 8- Otara Bridge

Councillors requested that staff communicate again with Manawatu District Council to provide updates as timely as possible to go on Council's website and ask them to confirm that the interested parties are receiving email updates on the bridge.

### Item 10 - Rental Amounts

Ms Prince advised that the only similar property is the Hunterville Town Hall with payment of \$1.

**Resolved minute number 24/RDC/097**

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings' be received.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

## **8 Mayor's Report**

### **8.1 Mayor's Report - April 2024**

His Worship the Mayor spoke of the work that has gone into the B & C dams and highlighted the enormous amount of work from volunteers.

He commented on the Road Controlling meeting and spoke positively of the meeting, noting that there has been strong direction from Central Government for NZTA Waka Kotahi.

Councillors acknowledged the work done by Mr Lequan Meihana for the Ratana Community Board and as a previous staff member. Council is in the process of seeking nominations for the Ratana Community Board By-Election.

#### Councillor Reports from LGNZ Zone 3 Meeting

Cr Raukawa thanked Council for the opportunity to attend this meeting and highlighted the ARK flood barriers and that this will be helpful for the district and marae.

His Worship the Mayor thanked Cr Raukawa for the way she spoke on Māori wards at the zone meeting.

Cr Dalgety spoke with Mr Nic Peet at the meeting and talked about making sure that Council's early warning systems are working and that everyone knows what this looks like. Cr Dalgety queried whether Council is connecting with other councils in the region.

Cr Duncan appreciated the opportunity to attend and enjoyed the snapshot updates from the regions Chief Executives. She spoke of the importance of raising awareness around water safety.

#### Māori Wards Update

Mrs Gordon updated Council advising that the Māori ward options will come to a future Council meeting, which will include the costs associated with this.

Cr Hiroa spoke about the submission received at the oral hearings regarding her attendance at meetings last week and that the submitter is not aware of the work or community commitment she has completed. Council acknowledged that the work Cr Hiroa does for the community is highly valued and that this will come to Council as part of the deliberations.

### Whare Kura Morehu o Ratana's 100 Year Centennial Celebrations

A question was asked about why this was not received through the grant funding rounds and that this event would fit the criteria. It was noted that there may be funds remaining from the previous grant rounds earlier in the morning.

**Resolved minute number 24/RDC/098**

That the Mayor's Report – 24 April 2024 be received.

HWTM/Cr Hiroa. Carried

**Resolved minute number 24/RDC/099**

That Council agrees to provide sponsorship for Whare Kura Morehu o Ratana's 100 Year Centennial Celebrations to the value of \$1500.

Cr D Wilson/Cr Hiroa. Carried

## 9 Chief Executive's Report

### 9.1 Chief Executive's Report - April 2024

#### Update on Local Water Done Well

Mr Ross noted that there had been significant work previously undertaken around Three Waters and this work may need to be reviewed and reproduced under Local Water Done Well (LWDW). He said there are several different figures to rationalise, and this process is being worked through.

Mr Benadie advised that Council needs to provide a proposal to the DIA as to how a CCO or an alternative utility will work. There will be discussions with Council about who they want to align with going forward.

His Worship the Mayor advised he has communicated with other councils in the Horizons region regarding engaging with each other but noted there are some councils wanting to wait until direction is clear from Central Government.

Mr Ross advised iwi considerations will be part of this process.

#### Update on Shared Services Between Manawatu District (MDC) and Rangitikei District Council (RDC)

Mrs Gordon advised that she and Mrs Grant met with affected staff and are currently working through this process.

**Resolved minute number 24/RDC/100**

That the Chief Executive's Report – April 2024 be received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

## 10 Reports for Decision

### 10.1 1pm - Declaration - New Southern Ward Councillor

Cr Sharland read and signed the Councillor declaration. His Worship the Mayor welcomed Cr Sharland to Council.

## 11 Reports for Information

### 11.1 Councillor Reports from LGNZ Zone 3 Meeting

This item was included as part of the Mayor's Report.

#### **Resolved minute number 24/RDC/101**

That the LGNZ Zone 3 Meeting reports from Cr Raukawa, Cr Dalgety and Cr Duncan be received.

Cr S Loudon/Cr R Lambert. Carried

### 11.2 Project Management Office Report – April 2024

#### Taihape Papakai Pump Station

Mr Benadie responded to questions, noting that this project would be completed in the current financial year and the contractor should be off site in the next two weeks. He noted there have been savings throughout the project, and the initial contingency allocation was high due to potential unknowns with this project.

#### Marton Civic Centre

Council asked when they were going to receive an update on this project, as there has been no further information since December. Mr Ross advised a comprehensive report will come to Council in May.

#### Ratana Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Ratana Community Board has not received updates about this project and requested staff provide an update as soon as possible. Mr Benadie advised this was because there had not been any progress to report since the consent had been lodged.

#### Putorino Landfill

His Worship the Mayor requested a report on this item to come to Council, specifically on whether there was any remaining contaminated soil.

#### Scott's Ferry

There is work currently happening on this project, and will be progressed within the next month.

Mr Ross confirmed that information is being relayed to the community in Scott’s Ferry.

**Resolved minute number 24/RDC/102**

That the report ‘Project Management Office Report - April 2024’ be received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr Sharland. Carried

**12 Minutes from Committees**

**12.1 Minutes from Committees**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 24/RDC/103**

That the following minutes are received:

- Taihape Community Board- 21 Feb 24
- Finance and Performance- 28 Mar 24
- Turakina Community Committee- 04 Apr 24
- Hunterville Rural Water Scheme-08 Apr 24

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Carried

**13 Public Excluded**

The meeting went into public excluded session 2.23pm.

**Resolution to Exclude the Public**

**Resolved minute number 24/RDC/104**

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

- 1 Public Excluded Council Meeting - 28 March 2024
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987* for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution

<b>13.1 - Public Excluded Council Meeting - 28 March 2024</b>	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 28 March meeting.	S48(1)(a)
<b>13.2 - Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings</b>	To consider the matters arising from previous public excluded meetings. s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding or the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as specified above.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

## 14 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 4.43pm

**Resolved minute number 24/RDC/105**

That the public excluded meeting move into an open meeting, and the below recommendations be confirmed in the open meeting:

24/RDC/104 - 24/RDC/109

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

**The meeting closed at 4.43pm**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 May 2024.**

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Chairperson