

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 25 July 2024

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

HWTM Andy Watson
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Brian Carter
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Richard Lambert
Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa
Cr Coral Raukawa
Cr Jeff Wong (Zoom)
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
Ms Sharon Bennett, Group Manager - People and Performance
Mr Johan Cullis, Group Manager- Regulatory Services (Zoom)
Mr Jarrod Calkin, Economic Wellbeing Lead
Ms Katrina Gray, Manager Strategy and Development
Ms Tiffany Gower, Senior Policy Planner
Mr Eswar Ganapathi, Senior Project Manager
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting at 1.01pm.

2 Apologies

No apologies were received. Cr Duncan advised she would be leaving the meeting early.

3 Public Forum

Maraton Arts and Crafts

Mrs Carol Bryant spoke on behalf of the Maraton Arts and Crafts group regarding a grant received under the Event Support Scheme for the EMS event being held. Unfortunately, this event will not be happening and would like this to be redirected to another event in Spetember. This will achieve the same outcomes as outlined in their previous application.

Miss Nyssa Nepe

Miss Nepe spoke of her experience with the TUIA programme and her positive perspective on local government.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

A conflict of interest was declared by Cr Raukawa in relation to item 9 – CE Report and the Marae Development Fund.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Amendment: NBS Rating – (Taihape project plan) needs to be updated.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/205

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 June 2024 **as amended** 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 P Sharland/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Item 10 - Bulls Bus Lane

Mr Benadie responded to questions on the ability to have barrier arms. This is unlikely due to fitting this into the space.

Item 7 - Otara Bridge

Mr Benadie highlighted the costs for this project to councillors and advised he will send an email to councillors with the breakdown of costs.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/206

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report

His Worship the Mayor highlighted the resignation of Mayor Max Baxter from the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/207

That the Mayor's Report – 25 July 2024 be accepted.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/208

That Rangitikei District Council endorses the following remits for the 2024 AGM for LGNZ:

- Representation Reviews

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/209

That Rangitikei District Council endorses the following remits for the 2024 AGM for LGNZ:

- Community Services Card

Cr G Duncan/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/210

That Rangitikei District Council endorses the following remits for the 2024 AGM for LGNZ:

- Local government constituencies & wards should not be subject to referendum.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr C Raukawa. Carried Unanimous

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/211

That Rangitikei District Council endorses the following remits for the 2024 AGM for LGNZ:

- Entrenchment of Māori wards seats for local government

Cr P Hiroa/Cr C Raukawa. Carried Casting vote.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/212

That Rangitikei District Council endorses the following remits for the 2024 AGM for LGNZ:

- Graduated driver licensing system

Cr G Duncan/Cr S Loudon. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/213

That Rangitikei District Council endorses the following remits for the 2024 AGM for LGNZ:

- Proactive lever to mitigate the deterioration of unoccupied buildings.

Cr G Duncan/Cr S Loudon. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/214

That Rangitikei District Council endorses the following remits for the 2024 AGM for LGNZ:

- Appropriate funding models for central government initiatives

Cr F Dalgety/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/215

That Rangitikei District Council endorses the following remits for the 2024 AGM for LGNZ:

- Goods and services tax (GST) revenue sharing with local government

Cr F Dalgety/Cr R Lambert. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - July 2024

Opportunities to submit to External Agencies

Mr Cullis responded to questions that approximately 50% of all inspections fail every week, due to a range of issues, including some information not being provided when applications are submitted.

Marae Development Fund

Cr Raukawa declared a conflict of interest regarding this item.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/216

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

Cr G Duncan/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/217

That Council approves the submission on the proposal from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and the Ministry for the Environment “*making it easier to build granny flats*”.

HWTM/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/218

That the report ‘Annual Report to the Alcohol and Regulatory Licensing Authority for the year ending 30 June 2023’ be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/219

That Council approves the carry-forward of \$1,673.60 for the Bulls Community Committee for the 2024/25 financial year.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/220

That Council approves the carry-forward of the unspent Marae Development fund (\$15,934) from the 2023/24 financial year to the 2024/25 financial year.

Cr G Duncan/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/221

That Council approves the funding of \$1,600 granted to the Marton Arts and Crafts through the Events Sponsorship Scheme be redirected to another project undertaken by the Marton Arts and Crafts group.

Cr D Wilson/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Marton Industrial Development Area Plan Change - Setting an Operative Date

Ms Gray advised that all appeals are now resolved and it is necessary to formally declare the plan change operative.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/222

That the report ‘Marton Industrial Development Area Plan Change - Setting an Operative Date’ be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/223

That Council adopt the Marton Industrial Development Area Plan Change, pursuant to Clause 17 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 in accordance with the decision of the Environment Court dated 15 May 2024, and declares the plan change operative as of 12 August 2024 in accordance with Clause 20 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

10.2 Contract Award Recommendation - Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment

Mr Ross advised this report is provided to bring this decision into the public arena. Councillors noted the a contestable procurement process during the initial stages of this project.

His Worship the Mayor requested an amendment to the Project Plan that makes it clear that there are options for both the façade and the first floor.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/224

That the report "Contract Award Recommendation - Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment" be received.

Cr P Sharland/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/225

That Council confirms that the direct appointment of the preferred contractor is independent of the original procurement process for the Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment and that Council approves setting the requirements of the Procurement Policy aside for this appointment on this occasion.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/226

That the Project Work Plan for the Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment be adopted as amended.

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/227

That Council authorise the Chief Executive to enter into a contract with Maycroft Construction Limited in a sole contractor arrangement for the Design and Construction of Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment project, for a sum not exceeding \$14 Million excl. GST in accordance with the submitted programme and decision-making hold points.

Cr D Wilson/Cr S Loudon. Carried

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Mayors Taskforce for Jobs 2023/24 Review

Mr James Towers and Ms Louise McCoard provided their report on the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs for the past financial year. The Mayor noted that the Rangitikei district has been the highest achiever in the country.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/228

That the report Mayors Taskforce for Jobs 2023/24 Review be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

11.2 Project Management Office Report – July 2024

Staff advised that Mr Haasbroek will be leaving Council for another opportunity in Australia.

Marton Water Strategy

Mr Ganapathi responded to questions that Council is basing estimates off the trial plant as part of the application to PowerCo. The estimates have nothing to do with the application to Power Co, but to measure operating costs in terms of consumables and power consumption.

Mr Ross advised that the issues with iwi engagement for this project is a consequence of how busy iwi are, however, staff continue to inform iwi of any developments.

Councillors noted that there are new regulations on dams and staff advised that council is aware and are on top of these.

His Worship the Mayor noted that there were offers received on Taihape water. Mr Benadie responded that due to staff capacity this will be looked at next year.

Taihape Grandstand

His Worship the Mayor spoke that the benefit of concept designs coming out of the \$1 million will allow the community to understand the costs associated and support their fundraising efforts. Councillors noted that there was a MOU request with the Taihape Grandstand subcommittee group and requested staff to revisit this.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/229

That the report 'Project Management Office Report - July 2024' be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/230

That Council investigates for any future options for the proposed water source for Taihape, noting this item is added to the follow-up actions register.

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/231

That Council approves expenditure of up to \$40,000 from the existing Taihape Grandstand budget to enable staff to progress concept designs and engage a quantity surveyor, as the next steps for the Taihape Grandstand project.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

The report was taken as read.

Cr Raukawa advised that the Bulls Community Committee noted an outstanding action item relating to Criterion and Taumaihi streets which needs to be looked at.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/232

That the following minutes are received:

- Santoft Domain Management Committee-06 March 24
- Finance and Performance- 30 May 24
- Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa -11 June 24
- Erewhon Rural Water Scheme- 11 June 24
- Ratana Community Board- 11 June 24
- Policy and Planning - 13 June 24
- Santoft Domain Management Committee- 19 June 24
- Risk and Assurance - 20 June 24
- Finance and Performance - 27 June 24

Cr C Raukawa/Cr R Lambert. Carried

13 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 3.13pm.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/233

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

- 1 Public Excluded Council Meeting - 27 June 2024
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Rate Remission Application

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
13.1 - Public Excluded Council Meeting - 27 June 2024	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 27 June meeting.	S48(1)(a)
13.2 - Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings	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)
13.3 - Rate Remission Application	To protect the privacy of the people involved. s7(2)(a) – Privacy	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 B Carter/Cr D Wilson. Carried

14 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 3.58pm

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/234

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

24/RDC/234 - 24/RDC/237

Cr P Hiroa/Cr B Carter. Carried

The meeting closed at 3.58pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 August 2024.

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Chairperson