

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 29 August 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
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
Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager - Corporate Services
Ms Katrina Gray, Manager- Strategy and Development
Ms Christin Ritchie, Senior People and Performance Advisor
Mrs Janna Harris, Corporate Planner
Mr Eswar Ganapathi, Senior Project Manager
Mr Graeme Pointon, Strategic Property Advisor
Mr Michael Hart, Facilities Compliance Officer
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor
Mr Mike Hart, Facilities Compliance Officer
Mr Jarrod Calkin, Economic Wellbeing Lead
Mr Greg Smith, Public Forum

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1 Welcome / Prayer

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting at 1.00pm.

2 Apologies

No apologies were received. Cr Hiroa will be leaving the meeting at 4.15pm.

3 Public Forum

Public Forum - Greg Smith

Mr Smith spoke about the Māori ward decision, raising concerns about public misinformation. He said he considered there had been a lack of consultation with the community, such as the community committees and community boards. He stated he believes there are a number of ways Māori have to interact with Council. He recommended that Council should resolve 2a for the Māori ward decision.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/235

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 July 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 G Duncan/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Item 4 - Waste Levy

Submission to the Ministry of Environment has happened and this can now come off the actions list.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/236

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

Cr B Carter/Cr P Sharland. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - 29 August 2024

His Worship the Mayor thanked those councillors who attended the recent LGNZ conference and commented on the delivery of the Prime Minister's comments.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/237

That the Mayor's Report - 29 August 2024 be received.

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - August 2024

Staff Movements

It was highlighted that staff from Manawatū District Council have come across into Council's water team and that there have been some roles filled in the roading team.

Update on Marton Pool

Officers noted that they are assessing all laminated beams at the Marton pool to understand why there was a failure to one of the beams. Officers are currently working on making the pool safe for the pool to open for the season, as well as more comprehensive repair and maintenance options.

Refrigeration Trucks Outside BP in Taihape

Mr Ross updated Council this is in relation to the overnight parking in Taihape and refrigeration units that can be disruptive for those in residential zones. Officers are currently looking at any potential enforcement mechanisms.

Old Mangaweka Bridge

The Mangaweka Bridge Society do not have the capability or the funding to support the maintenance for the bridge. The maintenance for the bridge is currently budgeted for by both Manawatū and Rangitikei district councils. Any further decisions will come back to Council.

Johnson Street Bulls - Relocated Buildings in Flood Plain

This is situated in an area that has previously flooded and an abatement notice has been issued.

Four Wellbeings

His Worship the Mayor responded to a question that Council supports the four wellbeings regardless of being in legislation such as by providing swimming pools, libraries, and advocacy.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/238

That the Chief Executive's Report - August 2024 be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr G Maughan. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Consideration of Māori Wards and Response to the Legislation Change

His Worship the Mayor ruled that, in relation to this item, Standing Orders (Section 22) relating to the number of speakers for and against would be set aside to allow all Councillors an opportunity to express their views.

Councillors asked if the wards were to be disestablished this year when can they be reestablished. His Worship the Mayor responded that there would be two terms before they can be reestablished.

His Worship the Mayor has received several emails regarding this item and has received an email in support of retaining the wards from Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa.

Councillors spoke positively for retention of Council's Māori wards highlighting the importance for decision-making, representation of the district and the significance for the community. It was highlighted that Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa also made a recommendation to Council to retain Māori wards.

Councillors noted that there was confusion and misinformation in emails they received, such as cost of the poll and that the Māori ward representatives increase the cost to council. This is not true, as remuneration is set independently for the Council as a whole.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/239

That the 'Consideration of Māori Wards and Response to the Legislation Change' report be received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/240

That Council agrees to retain the two Māori Wards (Tiikeitia ki Tai (Coastal) Ward and Tiikeitia ki Uta (Inland) Ward) and acknowledges a binding poll must be held with the October 2025 local election.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr C Raukawa. Carried Unanimous.

10.2 Adoption of the Smokefree and Vapefree Policy, Community Housing Policy and Signs and Public Places Bylaw

Meeting adjourned at 2.12pm and returned at 2.26pm.

Councillors noted that the Smokefree and Vapefree Policy, Community Housing Policy, and Signs and Public Places Bylaw have all been considered by the Policy/Planning Committee.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/241

That the report 'Adoption of the Smokefree and Vapefree Policy, Community Housing Policy and Signs and Public Places Bylaw' be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/242

That the Smokefree and Vapefree Policy be adopted.

Cr R Lambert/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/243

That the Community Housing Policy be adopted.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/244

That the Signs and Public Places Bylaw be adopted and:

- i) Is the most appropriate way to address nuisances and health and safety in public places, trading in public places, and controlling advertising signage, and
- ii) Is the most appropriate form of bylaw, and
- iii) Does not give rise to any implications under, and is not inconsistent with, the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

Cr G Duncan/Cr P Sharland. Carried

10.3 Updated Procurement and Contract Management Policy

It was requested that the 'Thinking Local' be a primary principal of the policy and therefore should be moved higher into the document to recognise its significance. Further discussion noted that this element is already included higher in the document.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/245

That the Report 'Updated Procurement and Contract Management Policy' be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr S Loudon. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/246

That the Updated Procurement and Contract Management Policy be approved.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Project Management Office Report - August 2024

Papakai Wastewater Pump Station

This will be removed from the reporting as a completed project following a final report that includes the final budget.

Marton Swimming Pool

His Worship the Mayor requested this project is added to the PMO report for future reporting. Any significant decisions relating to this project will come back to Council.

Marton New Offices and Library

Mr Ganapathi advised that there has been an increase in footprint size for the build from 1500 to 2200. This is under the assumption that the Horizons Regional Council will move to the same site, however this decision hasn't been finalised.

Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment

Maycroft have visited the Taihape Town Hall site and have looked at the specifications and seismic strengthening options which should be available to councillors in November.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/247

That the report 'Project Management Office Report – August 2024' be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/248

That the Marton Swimming Pool be added to the Project Management Office report.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/249

That the following minutes are received:

- Policy/Planning Hearings - 25 July 24

