

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 28 November 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
Mrs Carol Gordon, Deputy Chief Executive
Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer
Ms Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager- Corporate Services
Ms Sharon Bennett, Group Manager - People and Performance (Zoom)
Ms Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager
Ms Katrina Gray, Manager Strategy and Development
Ms Joanne Manuel, Manager Mana Whenua and Community Hubs
Mr Jarrod Calkin, Economic Wellbeing Lead
Mr Eswar Ganapathi, Senior Project Manager
Ms Fran Pere, Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor
Mr Graeme Pointon, Strategic Property Advisor
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting at 1.01pm.

2 Apologies

There were no apologies received.

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Sharland declared a conflict of interest with item 9.1: Chief Executives report relating to the decision on the Bulls and Historical Society.

Cr Raukawa declared a conflict of interest with item 13.4: Mayors Taskforce for Jobs - FY2025/26 programme and procurement.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/328

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 October 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 B Carter/Cr P Sharland. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Item 8- Bulls Bus Lane

Mr Benadie responded to questions that staff are investigating an alternative solution for the Bulls Bus Lane and anticipates bringing this back to Council soon.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/329

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

Cr R Lambert/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - 28 November 2024

His Worship the Mayor recognised the passing of Nikki Kaye and highlighted her time as Minister of Civil Defence in 2015, which was a stressful time for the Rangitikei District.

The Mayor noted that there was an additional part to the Mayor's Report on the LGNZ sector meeting.

His Worship the Mayor clarified that there was no previous reference to the road in the Mayor's reports as stated during the Assets/Infrastructure meeting.

Rātana Infrastructure Support

Councillors acknowledged the work the Mayor has done to progress the financial commitment from central government for the infrastructure upgrades in Rātana.

His Worship the Mayor responded to comments that there are still details to be finalised regarding this funding.

Gentle Annie Road

Council noted that this road is an area of concern for the district due to the number of trucks now using the road. The Mayor noted there have been conversations, in-confidence, regarding this road and anticipates that there will be decision made on how to deal with this issue.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/330

That the Mayor's Report – 28 November 2024 be accepted.

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Deputy Chief Executive's Report - November 2024

ALGIM (Association of Local Government Information Manager) Awards

Council passed on congratulations to the team for these awards and the work done by the team to complete both projects simultaneously.

Submissions

Mrs Gordon advised that Council will be supporting the Taituara submission on the Remote Building Inspections Bill.

Council noted that the Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi Bill submission is closing on 7 January, and it is important for Council to take a position. Mrs Gordon responded to questions that this will go to Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa for their position, and a draft submission will be circulated to councillors to provide a position.

Bulls and Districts Historical Society – Roof Replacement

Cr Sharland declared a conflict of interest during this item and left the room at 1.31pm.

A document was tabled providing invoices to complete the roof, for both the materials and installation. The amount allocated, as part of the Long-Term Plan was for the costs of the materials only but came in at a lower cost. Council was asked to consider the funding the total cost of the roof, not just the materials.

In response to a question Ms Prince advised that the Hunterville Town Hall, leased to the Hunterville Community Assets Trust, was charged a \$1 lease.

During discussion it was noted that the work had been completed under budget and that the building is owned by Council.

There was a question about the previous resolution where it stated that the funds were only for materials, it was agreed there would be reference in these minutes to note the previous resolution (**24/RDC/106**) and it would be recorded again in these minutes:

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/106

That Council does purchase materials to the amount \$21,152.09, on the condition that the work is completed by the Bulls and Districts Historical Society, to replace the roof of the Bulls Commemorative Centre.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr S Loudon. Carried

There were speakers against the resolution and others that highlighted this as an overall win for both Council and the historical society and allows for savings for Council.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/331

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

Cr J Wong/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/332

That Council agrees to fund the total cost of the new roof of the Bulls Commemorative Centre, to be paid from the original allocation to the Bulls and Districts Historical Society, noting the total amount spent is \$17,282.34 for the roof materials and installation. Noting that if Council agrees to funding the total cost, the balance of the unspent funds of \$3,869.75 would remain with Council.

Cr G Maughan/Cr S Loudon. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Draft Terms of Reference and Membership - Tenders Board

Cr Sharland returned to the meeting at 1.48pm.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that he and two elected members be appointed to the Tenders Board, and that this should be a subcommittee of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee with the reason being due to the amount of CAPEX in this area and the likely number of tenders to be dealt.

Mr Ross highlighted the reason for the Board is to increase transparency with elected members and for decisions to be made more quickly.

It was noted some decisions will still come to Council and the Tenders Board can direct the decision to Council if the board views a tender as significant.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/333

That the report 'Draft Terms of Reference and Membership - Tenders Board' be received.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/334

That Council appoint a Tenders Board in accordance with Schedule 7, Section 30(1)(A) Local Government Act 2002 and delegates powers in accordance with Schedule 7, Section 32 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/335

That the Tenders Board becomes a subcommittee of the Assets/Infrastructure committee.

HWTM/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/336

That Council endorse the Terms of Reference for the Tenders Board without amendment.

Cr D Wilson/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Project Updates Report - November 2024

His Worship the Mayor left the Chair at 2.11pm and returned at 2.12pm. Cr Hiroa left the meeting at 2.11pm and returned at 2.13pm.

Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation

There has been some conversation with ANZCO Manawatu on the disposal of trade waste and whether this is appropriate. The conversation with ANZCO Manawatu has been positive and staff will have the same conversation with ANZCO Marton.

Rātana Wastewater Discharge to Land

Mr Benadie noted that this project is currently in the middle of the consenting process and negotiating with two parties. This will likely be heading to a full hearing at the end of the year.

There will be some funding, possibly \$3 million for the infrastructure as part of this project and \$7 million will be going on buildings in Rātana. Councillors noted this an ongoing conversation.

Staff responded to questions that the submitters are supportive of the concept, but the discharge of the waste is still an issue. These submitters are known to submit against all proposals.

Marton Offices and Library

Councillors discussed the Civil Defence component of the build and the need for dual space.

Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment

This will be coming to Council for decision at the meeting on the 19th of December.

Marton Swim Centre Structural Remediation

A report will come to Council on the possibilities for the Marton pool and the potential costs. Councillors will then decide the direction to take with the full information on the condition of the pool.

CLM have been able to secure a pool for the learn to swim classes. The details will be made available on Council's website. The Mayor noted he has requested a fortnightly update throughout this process.

Taihape Hautapu Bridges

Cr Duncan provided an update on this project, noting that the opening of the bridges will be on the 11th of December. There will be five bridges in total and the project will be completed in the next 15 months.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/337

That the report 'Project Updates Report - November 2024' be received.

Cr P Sharland/Cr R Lambert. Carried

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/338

That the following minutes are received:

- Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa- 08 October 24
- Omatane Rural Water Scheme- 29 October 24
- Finance and Performance Meeting- 31 October 24
- Creative Communities Scheme- 13 November 24

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

13 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 2.42pm.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/339

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

1. Public Excluded Council Meeting - 31 October 2024
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Kensington Road - Disposal of Land
4. Mayor’s Taskforce for Jobs - FY2025/26 programme and procurement
5. Taihape Grandstand - Cost estimates for seismic strengthening works

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 - 31 October 2024	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 31 October meeting.	S48(1)(a)
13.2 - Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings	To consider the matters arising from previous public excluded meeting. s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities	s48(1)(a)(i)

	s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	
13.3 - Kensington Road - Disposal of Land	To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations. s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities	s48(1)(a)(i)
13.4 - Mayors Taskforce for Jobs - FY2025/26 programme and procurement	To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations. s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities	s48(1)(a)(i)
13.5 - Taihape Grandstand - Cost estimates for seismic strengthening works	To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations. s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities	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 B Carter. Carried

14 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 3.55pm

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/340

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

24/RDC/340 - 24/RDC/349

Cr B Carter/Cr G Duncan. Carried

The meeting closed at 3.55pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 12 December 2024.

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Chairperson