

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 12 December 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 Richard Lambert (Zoom)
- 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
- Ms Janna Harris, Corporate Planner
- Mr Michael Hodder, Advisor to the Chief Executive
- Mr Jarrod Calkin, Economic Advisor Wellbeing
- Ms Sophia Sykes, Communications Manager
- Mr Brent Manning, Local Water Done Well Contractor
- 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

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/350

That the apologies be received from Cr Duncan.

Cr B Carter/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Loudon declared a conflict of interest in Item 7 - Follett Street, Marton Service Lane - Deputy Chief Executive's Report - December 2024.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

That staff include a statement referring to Kaimatawi road at Item 8 - Mayor's Report noting that 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.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/351

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 November 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 B Carter. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Item 3 - Macron in Rangitikei

Mrs Gordon advised there had been objections to LINZ about adding the macron in “Rangitīkei”, during the submission phase, so now the Minister will decide on whether the macron will be added.

Two further items were raised by councillors:

- Noting that the Marton swim classes are not on the website; and
- that further information is needed on the website news item regarding the Hunterville residents increase of water consumption. Mrs Sykes undertook to follow up on the Hunterville water consumption request.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/352

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

8 Mayor’s Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - 12 December 2024

The Mayor commented on the opening of the Springvale toilet, and thanked the Williams and Plymouth families who undertook putting in the long drop. The Mayor also highlighted that the new toilet is a brilliant facility and that 7000 people have already used it.

The Mayor commented on the opening of the first two bridges at Papakai Park which involved significant volunteer hours and fundraising. There are a further three bridges planned to be installed in 2025 that will complete this project.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/353

That the Mayor’s Report – 12 December 2024 be accepted.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

9 Chief Executive’s Report

9.1 Deputy Chief Executive's Report- December 2024

Marae Development Fund

Officers responded to questions and confirmed that the recommendations to approve funding are required to be provided to Council for approval in accordance with the Marae Development Fund Policy.

Follett Street, Marton - Service Lane

Cr Loudon declared a conflict of interest with this item as a property owner, noting that he has no pecuniary interest associated with this item.

Regional Deals

The Mayor noted this is a late item as part of the Deputy Chief Executive's Report. The purpose of the resolution is to gain Council endorsement to submit interest for a regional deal. The reason the item is included in the Council meeting as a late item is because the deadline for submitting a proposal is before the next Council meeting.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/354

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

Cr P Hiroa/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/355

That in relation to Follett Street Marton - Service Lane, Council endorses the intended actions to grant easements and legalise the formed access as road (service lane).

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/356

That Council agrees with the Recommendation from Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa and approves the allocation of \$15,000 funding to Opaea Marae from the Marae Development Fund.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/357

That Council agrees with the Recommendation from Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa and approves the allocation of \$15,000 funding to Kauangaroa Marae from the Marae Development Fund.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/358

That Council registers its intention with the Department of Internal Affairs to submit a proposal for a Regional Deal by 28 February 2025, with the preferred partners being Horizons Regional Council and other all territorial authorities from the Horizons region, or a subgroup of those Councils.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr J Wong. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Local Water Done Well- Proposed Water Services Delivery Model for Consultation

Mr Manning and Mr Hodder were in attendance to provide guidance on the recommendations and answer questions.

Mr Manning provided an update, advising that since the report was prepared, Whanganui District Council has indicated its preferred option as partnering with Rangitikei and Ruapehu District

Councils, while Tararua District Council has expressed a preference for partnering with councils in the Wairarapa region. He also noted that the third bill has been released and contains substantial material. He noted the information in this legislation is not expected to impact the decisions being made at this meeting.

Mr Hodder explained that the legislation allows councils the discretion to include or exclude rural water schemes from the transition.

In response to questions, Mr Manning clarified that the Commerce Commission Levy and the Environmental Levy are both included in the legislation. He also confirmed that there are no legislative requirements regarding the size of the CCO, and this decision remains at Council's discretion. He noted that while an indicative figure of 200,000 connections has been suggested, this scale is larger than the entire Horizons region.

The Mayor noted that iwi representation within the CCO has not yet been considered and will be addressed later in the process.

Councillors highlighted that previous workshops have demonstrated that a stand-alone option is not viable given Council's size and agreed that Council is likely to benefit from any regional groupings.

Councillors noted that it was likely that Central Government would have some say on the final outcome and therefore this is an opportunity to highlight Council's preference.

Mr Manning noted that Council would need to go out for consultation with the preferred councils being named.

His Worship the Mayor advised that he would inform relevant Mayors of Council's decision.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/359

That Council receives the report 'Local Water Done Well - proposed water services delivery model for consultation.'

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/360

That Council notes the Government requires councils to –

- Identify a preferred water services delivery model and include that in the water services delivery plan,
- Demonstrate compliance with financial sustainability tests by 30 June 2028, and
- Ring-fence revenue for three waters so that is separate from other council activities from 30 June 2028.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/361

That Council confirms that it will not proceed with an in-house water service delivery model.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr C Raukawa. Carried Unanimous.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/362

That Council confirms that it will not proceed with further consideration of the consumer trust water services delivery models.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr G Maughan. Carried Unanimous.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/363

That Council confirms that it favours establishing a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) to deliver all three water services (drinking water, wastewater, stormwater), transferring the relevant assets to the CCO.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/364

That Council confirms that its second preference is to establish a joint water services Council Controlled Organisation with as many other councils as possible within the Manawatū-Whanganui region, subject to confirmation from those other councils.

AND

That Council confirms that its first preference is to establish a sub-regional water services Council Controlled Organisation with Whanganui and Ruapehu District Councils, subject to confirmation from those two councils.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/365

That Council confirms that its first preference is to establish a sub-regional water services Council Controlled Organisation with Whanganui and Ruapehu District Councils, subject to confirmation from those two councils.

AND

That Council confirms that its second preference is to establish a joint water services Council Controlled Organisation with as many other councils as possible within the Manawatū-Whanganui region, subject to confirmation from those other councils.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/366

That in addition to the prescribed consultation on Council's preferred water services delivery model ('the proposed model') and the prescribed identification of the advantages and disadvantages of the enhanced status quo (i.e. standalone business unit),

Council will not include information about any other options which it has considered.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/367

That Council acknowledges the interest from iwi in the Council's delivery of three waters services and confirms it will involve iwi in progressing its preferred water services delivery model.

Cr D Wilson/Cr S Loudon. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/368

That Council acknowledges the current uncertainty about the requirements for rural water supply schemes in the Local Water Done Well reform programme and confirms it will engage with scheme members following the introduction of the further Local Government Water Services Bill (expected

December 2024) so that their concerns are included in the Council's submission to Parliament on that Bill.

Cr G Maughan/HWTM Carried

10.2 Adoption of Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy and TAB Venue Policy for Consultation

The Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy and TAB Venue Policy were presented to Council for adoption for community consultation with the community. It was confirmed that the policy for consultation identified Council's preferred option as a cap.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/369

That the report 'Adoption of Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy and TAB Venue Policy for Consultation' is received.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/370

That Council adopts the Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy as amended for consultation.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/371

That Council adopts the TAB Venue Policy as amended for consultation.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

11 Minutes from Committees

11.1 Minutes from Committees

Councillors noted that the Bulls Community Committee minutes are recorded differently than other council committees.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/372

That the following minutes are received:

- Bulls Community Committee Meeting - 13 Nov 24
- Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting - 20 Nov 24

Cr P Hiroa/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

12 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 2.27pm.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number **24/RDC/373**

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

- 1 Public Excluded Council Meeting - 28 November 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
12.1 - Public Excluded Council Meeting - 28 November 2024	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussions at the 28 November meeting.	S48(1)(a)
12.2 - 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)

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 F Dalgety/Cr B Carter. Carried

13 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 2.35pm.

