

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 19 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 Gill Duncan
- Cr Coral Raukawa (Zoom)
- Cr Jeff Wong
- Cr Simon Loudon (Zoom)
- Cr Greg Maughan
- Cr Fi Dalgety
- Cr Paul Sharland

In attendance

- Mr Kevin Ross, Chief Executive
- Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer
- Ms Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager- Corporate Services
- Ms Katrina Gray, Manager Strategy and Development
- Ms Joanne Manuel, Manager Mana Whenua and Community Hubs
- Mr Darryn Black, Roothing Transport Manager
- Mr Eswar Ganapathi, Senior Project Manager
- Ms Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager
- Ms Clare Wooding, Senior Strategy Advisor
- Ms Sophia Sykes, Communications Manager
- Ms Johanna Verhoek, Manager Planning
- Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting at 1.00pm and Cr Duncan read the Council prayer.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/375

That the apologies be received from Cr Hiroa and Cr Lambert.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Duncan declared a conflict of interest with item 12.1 Recommendation from the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Committee.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

Mr Ross and councillors acknowledged the length of time Ms Prince has worked at the Rangitikei District Council.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/376

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 12 December 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 P Sharland/Cr B Carter. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Item 2- Progress on the macron in Rangitikei

Ms Gray updated councillors that the Minister has the last say on the decision to use the macron in the name Rangitīkei and that this has been declined. Council resolved to continue to use the macron in Rangitīkei.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/377

That Rangitīkei District Council reconfirm the continued use of the macron on Rangitīkei.

Cr G Duncan/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/378

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

Cr F Dalgety/Cr D Wilson. Carried

8 Chief Executive's Report

8.1 Chief Executive's Report - 19 December 2024

Item 2- Submissions

Ms Gray updated councillors that the dates are now available for the Resource Management Amendment Bill due on the 10 February noting that there is no indication from staff to submit. The Local Government (Water Services) Bill will close on the 23 February and that Council will submit on this.

Ms Gray updated that there was a media release this week on the Local Government Back to Basics and it indicates that the amendment to this will be coming out mid-2025.

Treaty Principles Bill Council Submission

Councillors discussed whether this was a space Council should be submitting on, it was noted that Council has relationships in this space such as MOUs and Māori wards and Te Rōpū Ahi Kā as a standing committee of Council.

Councillors discussed that there was a submission circulated by Cr Duncan with edits and His Worship the Mayor moved into recess to consider the edits to the submission.

Moved into recess at 1.25pm and reconvened at 1.30pm during this item.

His Worship the Mayor ruled that the motion stand as is, rather than with the amendments of the submission.

Item 4- Fees and Charges- updates to Te Matapihi booking fees

Ms Gray updated that this would come back to councillors in the new year.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/379

That the Chief Executive's Report – 19 December 2024 be received.

Cr G Maughan/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/380

That Council approves the submission on the Treaty Principles Bill without amendment.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried Cr Loudon abstained.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/381

That Council endorse the submission on the Treaty Principles Bill being made by Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa.

Cr G Duncan/Cr D Wilson. Carried Unanimous

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/382

That Council appoints Rob van Voorthuysen as an independent commissioner for the resource consent at 214 Otaihape Valley Road, Taihape.

AND

That Rob van Voorthuysen be delegated all powers, duties and functions under the Resource Management Act 1991 to consider, hear and decide the resource consent application for the resource consent at 214 Otaihape Valley Road, Taihape.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Sharland. Carried

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Calico Line Pathway

Councillors discussed the benefits of a shared pathway round the town and that this is important for growth, highlighting that in the future the cost will increase.

Some councillors noted that there is a risk for Council subject to safety process. Mr Ross responded there are people now walking on the road which could be considered a more significant risk.

It was noted that NZTA should be further engaged with the funding of footpaths within the District. Councillors supported the opportunity to engage with NZTA as part of the Nga Tawa loop.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/383

That the report 'Calico Line Pathway' be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/384

That Council proceeds with the construction of the shared pathway along Calico Line from Nga Tawa Road to Bredins Line in the 2024/25 financial year.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Project Updates Report - December 2024

Mr Benadie advised that there would be further information on the Marton Water Treatment Plant and the Marton Pool as part of the report to Council in February.

Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation

Mr Benadie responded to questions that there are testing of the flow of water and there will be standardised processes in this space.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/385

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

Cr F Dalgety/Cr P Sharland. Carried

11 Minutes from Committees

11.1 Minutes from Committees

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/386

That the following minutes are received:

- Erehon Rural Water Scheme Committee- 03 Dec 24

Cr G Maughan/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

12 Recommendations from Committees

12.1 Recommendation from the Erehon Rural Water Supply Management Committee

Cr Duncan declared a conflict of interest.

Erehon Rural Water Scheme need substantial money spent on their CAPEX programme and consenting process. The consent is for the extraction of water from the bore.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/387

That the Recommendation from the Erehon Rural Water Supply Management Committee be received.

HWTM/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/388

That Council-

1. Approves and accepts the Letter of Engagement from the AgFirst organisation dated 28 November 2024 including the approval of the schedule of charges for the consent consultation.
2. In doing so ERWS acknowledges that the consent will be between Rangitikei District Council, owner of the ERWS, and Horizons Regional Council as the regulator.
3. Council approves the grant assistance of up to \$50,000 for 50% of the costs associated with developing an Asset Replacement Programme for the scheme given to ERWS by Rangitikei District Council Ref 22/RDC/348, is able to be used by the Committee as assistance to fund the asset replacement programme which includes the resource consenting process.

HWTM/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/389

That the submission from the Erewhon Rural Water Scheme on Local Water Done Well be received.

Cr G Maughan/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

13 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 2.21pm.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/390

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

- 1 Public Excluded Council Meeting - 12 December 2024
- 2 Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
- 3 Options for Taihape Town Hall & Library Redevelopment
- 4 Expressions of Interest for Marton Office & Community Hub Project – Next Stage

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 - 12 December 2024	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 12 December meeting.	S48(1)(a)

<p>13.2 - Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings</p>	<p>To consider the matters arising from previous public excluded meetings.</p> <p>s7(2)(a) - Privacy</p> <p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - Negotiations</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i)</p>
<p>13.3 - Options for Taihape Town Hall & Library Redevelopment</p>	<p>To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations.</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - Negotiations</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i)</p>
<p>13.4 - Expressions of Interest for Marton Office & Community Hub Project – Next Stage</p>	<p>To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations.</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - Negotiations</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i)</p>

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 F Dalgety. Carried

14 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 3.30pm.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/391

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

24/RDC/380 - 24/RDC/384

Cr B Carter/Cr P Sharland. Carried

The meeting closed at 3.30pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 February 2025.

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Chairperson