



Rangitikei District Council

Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 29 January 2015 – 9:30 a.m.

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Present: His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
Cr Dean McManaway
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Richard Aslett
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Angus Gordon
Cr Tim Harris
Cr Mike Jones
Cr Rebecca McNeil
Cr Soraya Peke-Mason
Cr Ruth Rainey
Cr Lynne Sheridan

In attendance: Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mr George McIrvine, Finance & Business Support Group Manager
Mr Hamish Waugh, Infrastructure Group Manager
Ms Denise Servante, Senior Policy Analyst
Ms Gaylene Prince, Community & Leisure Services Team Leader
Ms Samantha Whitcombe, Governance Administrator

Tabled document **Item 17** Aerial map of proposed works for Ratana water treatment plant

1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Council prayer

Cr Aslett read the Council Prayer.

3 Public forum

No one had asked to speak at Public Forum.

4 Apologies/Leave of absence

That the apology for lateness from Cr Gordon be received.

Cr McManaway / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

5 Members' conflict of interest

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

6 Confirmation of order of business

His Worship the Mayor informed Council that he did not envisage a change to the order of business from that shown in the order paper.¹

7 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number	15/RDC/001	File Ref
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That the Minutes and Public Excluded Minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 December 2014 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Aslett / Cr Belsham. Carried

8 Mayor's report

His Worship the Mayor spoke briefly to his report. He apologised for not getting to the Ohingaiti Sports Day, noting that the Deputy Mayor had told him it had been a very good day. The pop-up shop at Wilson Park during the County Music Festival had earned \$400 which he had passed to the Marton Town Centre Steering Group. Cr Peke-Mason took the

¹ Subsequently, having regard for staff availability, His Worship took item 17 after item 10.

opportunity to acknowledge the presence of His Worship the Mayor and other Councillors at the Rātana Celebrations on 23 January 2015 and the generous koha from Council.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/002** **File Ref** 3-EP-3-5

That the Mayor's report to Council's meeting on 29 January 2015 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Council agreed with the Mayor's recommendation in his report that he write to Mr James Howard and Hon. Tariana Turia for their recent awards in the New Year Honours.

9 Administrative matters – January 2015

Mr McNeil spoke to the report focusing on the points to be made in Council's submission to the Horizons Regional Land Transport Plan.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/003** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That the report 'Administrative matters – January 2015' be received.

Cr Jones / Cr Aslett. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/004** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That Council advocates for the implementation of increased commuter/passenger transportation services to and from the District, and works together with Horizons Regional Council to define the specific outcomes of this service.

Cr Ash / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/005** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That the Mayor be authorised to sign a submission to the draft Horizons Regional Land Transport Plan which:

- supports the identified priorities;
- requests inclusion (as part of Strategic Priority 3) of the need to provide access to land-locked parcels of land so that their productive use and contribution to the national economy can be maintained; and
- recommends inclusion (as part of Strategic Priority 2) of developing more resilient flood protection on SH3 at Whangaehu.

Cr Jones / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/006** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That Council endorses the Mayor's reappointment of Alan Thomas as a trustee to the Powerco Wanganui Trust, effective 31 March 2015.

Cr Jones / Cr McManaway. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/007** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That objections to the proposed partial road closure of Papakai Road to permit the Taihape District Car Club to hold a hill climb event on Saturday 14 March 2015 are considered and determined by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive.

Cr Belsham / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/008** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That Council confirms/amends in a further public notice, as required by the Transport (Vehicular Traffic Road Closure) Regulations 1965, the publicly notified intention to close part of Papakai Road to permit the Taihape District Car Club to hold a hill climb event on Saturday 14 March 2015.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved

That, in terms of Council's rates remission policy with regard to development, the application for rates remission made by Village Milk Marton/Bulls for the site at 1448 Wellington Road, Marton, is approved in principle.

Cr Aslett / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Motion

That, in terms of Council's rates remission policy with regard to development, the application for rates remission made by Village Milk Marton/Bulls for the site at 1448 Wellington Road, Marton, is approved to a sum of \$1,500 for one year.

Cr Sheridan / Cr McNeil.

Amendment

That, in terms of Council's rates remission policy with regard to development, the application for rates remission made by Village Milk Marton/Bulls for the site at 1448 Wellington Road, Marton, is approved to a sum of \$1,000 for one year.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Aslett Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/009** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That, in terms of Council's rates remission policy with regard to development, the application for rates remission made by Village Milk Marton/Bulls for the site at 1448 Wellington Road, Marton, is approved to a sum of \$1,000 for the period of one year(s)

Cr Sheridan / Cr McNeil. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/010** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That the Schedule of Fees 2014/15 is amended with respect to the Certificate of Acceptance to be:

Certificate of Acceptance for unconsented work done under urgency (sections 42 and 96(1)(b) of the Building Act)

\$282.00

Certificate of Acceptance for unconsented work which was not done under urgency (section.96(1)(a) Building Act 2004)

\$564.00 plus fees, charges and levies that would have been payable if a consent had been applied for before the work was carried out.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

10 Audit/Risk Committee – appointment of independent Chair and date for first meeting

His Worship the Mayor spoke briefly to the item. Mr McNeil suggested that it would be a good idea to set the final programme of meetings for the Audit/Risk Committee in conjunction with the Chair. It was also suggested that the authority to set the annual remuneration for the Chair, within the \$10,000 cap set by Council, lies with the Chief Executive. Council agreed with these suggestions.

17 Acceptance of recommendation to negotiate Contract C975 for the new Ratana Water Treatment Plant

Mr Waugh spoke to the report, outlining the process to be undertaken for the design and construction phases of the project, and tabled a map of the proposed works. He confirmed that the new reservoir would provide a 48 hour capacity and able to meet potential demand from the proposed subdivision. The current storage tank and bore was of interest to the neighbouring dairy farmer: using it would not affect the extraction limits for the new bore.

The terms of the subsidy from the Ministry of Health required work to be complete by end of June 2015. However, Mr Waugh was confident that the subsidy would not be lost if the work was not fully complete; communication on progress with the project would be maintained with Ministry officials.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/011** **File Ref** 1-CM-1-975

- 1 That the report on the recommended procurement process for Contract C975 for the new Ratana Water Treatment Plant be received.
- 2 That a negotiated contract for the design and construction of the new Ratana Water Treatment Plant be entered into with Filtration Technology Ltd with a target cost of not more than \$587,000 including a 10% contingency sum plus GST.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr McManaway. Carried

Cr Ash left the meeting 10.30 am, returning 10.38 am.

11 Financial Highlights and Commentary to 31 December 2014

Mr Mclrvine spoke briefly to the Financial Highlights, giving a brief overview of the commentary provided in the report.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/012** **File Ref**

That the report 'Financial Highlights and Commentary to 31 December 2014' be received.

Cr Jones / Cr Belsham. Carried

Meeting adjourned 10.51am / reconvened 11.01 am

12 Half-year Statement of Service Performance

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the Half-Year Statement of Service Performance, giving a brief overview of the main changes from the half-year statement for 2013/14.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/014** **File Ref**

That the Statement of Service Performance 1 July – 31 December 2014 be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Belsham. Carried

13 Long Term Plan – Walkthrough of Consultation Document

Mr McNeil narrated a PowerPoint presentation on the 2015-25 Long Term Plan Consultation Document ('What's the Plan Rangitikei...?').

14 Update on 2015-25 Long Term Plan (January 2015)

This item was discussed during the previous item.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/015** **File Ref** 1-LTP2015-2

That the report "Update on 2015 -25 Long Term Plan (January 2015)" be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr McManaway. Carried

15 Draft work programme 2015-2018 with the MOU partner agencies for inclusion in the draft 2015-25 Long Term Plan

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the report giving a brief outline of the proposed work programmes for council's MOU agencies.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/016** **File Ref** 3-GF-10

That the report on "Draft work programme 2015-2018 with the MOU partner agencies for inclusion in the draft 2015-25 Long Term Plan" be received.

Cr Jones / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/017** **File Ref** 3-GF-10

That the Council confirms the draft work programme and invites the Marton and Bulls Community Committees, the Taihape Community Board, the Marton, Bulls and Taihape Town Centre Plan Steering Groups to provide comment during February 2015.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Belsham. Carried

16 Skate Parks in the Rangitikei District

Ms Prince spoke briefly to the report.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/018** **File Ref** 6-RF-1

That the report, 'Skate Parks in the Rangitikei District' be received.

Cr McManaway / Cr Aslett. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/019** **File Ref** 6-RF-1

That the draft 2015-25 Long Term Plan includes an option of \$30,000 to upgrade the skate parks in Bulls, Taihape and Marton as part of the key choices for Community and Leisure Assets.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon. Carried

18 Options for recovering the costs of damage to roads from forestry harvesting

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the report, giving a brief overview of the information provided within the report.

Council decided that there was not sufficient time during this meeting to discuss this item and requested that it be brought back to the 26 February 2015 meeting of Council.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/020** **File Ref** 3-PY-1-11

That the report 'Options for recovering the costs of damage to roads from forestry harvesting' lie on the table until the 26 February 2015 Council meeting.

Cr McManaway / Cr Rainey. Carried

19 Receipt of committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/021** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the following meetings be received:

- ~~Turakina Community Committee, 4 December 2014 to be tabled~~
- ~~Turakina Reserve Management Committee, 4 December 2014 to be tabled~~
- Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, 9 December 2014
- Bulls Community Committee, 9 December 2014

Cr Aslett / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/022** **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from Bulls Community Committee dated 9 December 2014 be received and referred to staff for comment:

14/BCC/079

That the Bulls Community Committee recommends to Council that the speed limit along Parewanui Road, from the 50km/h sign to Ferry Road, be reduced to 70km/h.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried

20 Late items

None

21 Future items for the agenda

Meeting adjourned 11.55am / reconvened 3.10 pm

22 Public excluded

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/023** **File Ref**

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

Item 1: Proposed Bulls Community Centre

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to this matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of the matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing of this resolution
Item 1 Proposed Bulls Community Centre	Briefing contains information which it is necessary to withhold to enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) <i>Section 7(2)(i)</i>	Section 48(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 McManaway / Cr Aslett. Carried

23 Open meeting

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/024** **File Ref**

That Council moves back into open meeting.

Cr Harris / Cr Sheridan. Carried

24 Next meeting

Thursday 26 February 2015, 1.00 pm

25 Meeting closed – 3.45pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____