



Rangitikei District Council

Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 26 February 2015 – 1:00 p.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 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
Ms Joanna Saywell, Asset Manager – Utilities
Mr Mike Fletcher, Project Engineer – Utilities
Mr David Rei Miller, Asset Engineer - Utilities
Ms Denise Servante, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Ms Katrina Gray, Policy Analyst
Ms Ceinwyn Bannister, Policy Analyst (Wanganui District Council)
Ms Samantha Whitcombe, Governance Administrator

Tabled documents:

Item 8	Administrative Matters – February 2015: additional information on the proposed pedestrian crossing for Broadway, Marton)
Item 12	Electricity Contract Renewal: further information comparing the current contract rates with those available on a new one-year and two-year contract.
Item 20	Marton Community Committee – minutes 11 February 2015

1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Public forum

Charissa Christie, Bronwyn Robb and Bridget King, from the Mangaweka Play Centre, spoke to Council on the fundraising efforts undertaken to finance a new building for the Mangaweka Play Centre.

Over the past three years, between 15 and 20 children had attended. The closest similar facilities were in Taihape and Hunterville. No mobile kindergarten now operated.

The total project would cost about \$270,000.

8 Administrative matters – February 2015

Mr McNeil spoke to the item within the Administrative Matters report on the Mangaweka Play Centre.

Motion

That Council, with respect to the application from the Mangaweka Play Centre for a remission of building consent fees for the rebuild at 4 Broadway, Mangaweka, approves a remission of \$3,420.00.

Cr McManaway / Cr Aslett

Amendment

That Council, with respect to the application from the Mangaweka Play Centre for a remission of building consent fees for the rebuild at 4 Broadway, Mangaweka, approves a remission of \$2,500.00

Cr Rainey / Cr Peke-Mason. Lost

Resolved minute number

15/RDC/025

File Ref

That Council, with respect to the application from the Mangaweka Play Centre for a remission of building consent fees for the rebuild at 4 Broadway, Mangaweka, approves a remission of \$3,420.00.

Cr McManaway / Cr Aslett. Carried

Cr Peke-Mason voted against

His Worship the Mayor left the meeting, 1.25 pm
Cr McManaway assumed the Chair

3 Apologies/Leave of absence

That the apology for absence from Cr Jones be received.

Cr Harris / Cr Belsham. Carried

His Worship the Mayor returned and assumed the Chair, 1.27 pm

4 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.

5 Confirmation of order of business

His Worship the Mayor informed Council that there would be no further changes to the order of business from that set out in the agenda.

6 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/026** **File Ref**

That the Minutes and Public Excluded Minutes of the Council meeting held on 29 January 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham / Cr Ash. Carried

7 Mayor's report

His Worship the Mayor spoke briefly to his report.

Cr Peke-Mason and Cr Sheridan both congratulated His Worship the Mayor on his work progressing the issue of land-locked land within the Rangitikei District.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/027** **File Ref** **3-EP-3-5**

That the Mayor's report to Council's meeting on 26 February 2015 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

8 Administrative matters – February 2015

Mr McNeil spoke to the report providing further detail on the items within the report.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/028** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

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

Cr McManaway / Cr Aslett. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/029** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

1 That Council authorises the Chief Executive to prepare a draft Phase 2 application to the Ministry for Primary Industry's Irrigation Acceleration Fund to further investigate decentralisation of the Hunterville Rural Water Supply, on the basis that there will be a sharing of costs for the project between the Ministry and the Council, and that the draft application be presented to Council for approval.

2 That Council notes an application is being made to the Ministry of Health's Capital Assistance Programme for a subsidy to upgrade the Hunterville town supply through using one or more bores rather than the rural supply scheme.

Cr McManaway / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/030** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

1 That Council continues to provide a discount to non-profit community organisations using Council-managed halls, charging one fifth of the base hireage fee throughout the year, and that the delegation to waive such fees entirely is withdrawn.

2 That Council continues to provide a discount to non-profit community organisations for non-contact sporting or other recreational activities on Council parks, and that the delegation to waive such fees entirely is withdrawn.

Cr Aslett / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/031** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

- 1 That Council, with respect to consent and other fees set under the Building Act 2004 incurred by a local non-profit community organisation (other than government levies), reserves to itself any decision to remit or waive any such fees.

- 2 That Council, with respect to administrative charges set under the Resource Management Act 1991 incurred by a local non-profit community organisation (other than government levies), reserves to itself any decision to remit or waive any such fees.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Motion

That, having regard for the damage done by the recent fire in the Santoft area, Council approve a grant of \$277.40 to the owners of 1105E Santoft Road in lieu of remitting one instalment of the rates due.

Cr McManaway /
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Resolved minute number **15/RDC/032** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That Council declines the request for a grant of \$277.40 by the owners of 1105E Santoft Road.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/033** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That Council agrees to the installation of a raised pedestrian platform on Broadway, Marton (near Centennial Park), incorporating kerb extensions and a centre island at an estimated cost of \$21,360 to be funded from unsubsidised roading.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

9 Options for Manfeild Trust

His Worship the Mayor informed Council that this item would be left to lie on the table for the time being.

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

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the report, reminding Councillors of where this item was progressed at the previous meeting.

Ms Gray spoke to the report, giving a brief overview of the information contained in the report.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/034** **File Ref** 3-PY-1-11

That the report 'Options for recovering the costs of damage to roads from forestry harvesting' be received.

Cr McManaway / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/035** **File Ref** 3-PY-1-11

That Council defer the consideration of implementing a differential rating system to recover the costs of damage to roads from forestry harvesting until the 2018/28 Long Term Plan cycle or until national guidance for managing the impact of heavy vehicles on low volume roads is released by the Road Controlling Authorities Forum.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/036** **File Ref** 3-PY-1-11

That forestry harvesting provisions are not included as part of a future District Plan change.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried

Motion

That a further report on the potential for a bylaw to regulate the use of local roads by logging trucks be prepared for consideration at a subsequent meeting of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee, together with a proposed engagement plan with affected property owners and the relevant industry organisations.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Lost

11 Acceptance of Tender for Contract C976 Ratana New Water Mains

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the report and Mr Fletcher gave Council a brief update on the progress of the project so far. While the reservoir would be completed by the end of May, there needed to be on-site trials with the new treatment plant, running the water from the new bore. Completion was unlikely before November. Discussions had been held with the Ministry of Health about extending the time specified in the funding agreement; no difficulty was anticipated with this. Mr Fletcher noted there was interest from Ratana Dairying in taking over one of the current bore and one of the storage tanks, and one storage tank would be kept for the cemetery; the others would be demolished.

Mr McNeil indicated that it would be timely to provide the Ratana community with an update via a further newsletter.

Resolved minute number	15/RDC/037	File Ref	5-CM-1-976
1	That the report on Acceptance of Tender for Contract C976 Ratana New Water Mains be received.		
2	That the Council award Contract C976 to I.D. Loader Limited for the sum of three hundred and one thousand, one hundred and sixty dollars (\$301,160.50) including \$30,000 contingency, excluding GST.		

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr McManaway. Carried

Cr Harris left Chambers 2.39 pm / 2.42 pm

12 Electricity Contract Renewal

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the report and Mr Miller gave a brief overview of the report and tabled document. The offered one-year contract offered savings from the current contract and would enable Rangitikei to participate with other councils in the MW LASS initiative for a regional contract.

Resolved minute number	15/RDC/038	File Ref	3-CF-4-9
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That the report 'Electricity Contract Renewal' be received.

Cr McManaway / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number	15/RDC/039	File Ref	3-CF-4-9
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- 1 That Council indicates the term of contract desired: 1 year.
- 2 That Rangitikei District Council sign a contract with Meridian Energy, aligned with the Manawatu District Council contract (with alignment of contracts contingent on acceptance by Manawatu District Council).

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr McManaway. Carried

13 Draft Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy – adoption for consultation

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the item.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/040** **File Ref**

That the proposed Dangerous and Insanitary Buildings Policy, Statement of Proposal, Summary of Information and Submission Form [without amendment/as amended] be adopted for public consultation using the special consultative procedure prescribed by the Local Government Act 2002 during the period 2 March 2015 to 2 April 2015.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried

14 Draft Policy on Disposal of Surplus Lands and Buildings

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the item.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/041** **File Ref**

That the draft Policy on Disposal of Surplus Lands and Buildings be adopted to come into effect from 2 March 2015.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Aslett. Carried

The meeting was adjourned for afternoon tea 3.01 pm / 3.16 pm

15 Adoption of the Town Centre Plan for Marton

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the report, acknowledging the very considerable work of the steering group, David Engwicht and Kevin Morris

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/042** **File Ref** 1-CP-7-4

That the memorandum 'Adoption of the draft Marton Town Centre Plan' be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/043** **File Ref** 1-CP-7-4

1 That Council thanks those who have contributed to the work of the Steering Group as the draft Marton Town Centre Plan has evolved.

2 That Council adopts the final draft Marton Town Centre Plan and includes it in the consultation process for the draft 2015-25 LTP.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Belsham. Carried

16 Adoption of the Town Centre Plan for Taihape

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the report, again acknowledging the very considerable work of the steering group, David Engwicht and Kevin Morris. He highlighted the intention to move to a new phase in the project, through the focus on recreational facilities on Taihape Memorial Park and indicated his intention to engage an independent and experienced facilitator to help with this.

Resolved minute number	15/RDC/044	File Ref	1-CP-7-1
1	That the memorandum 'Adoption of the draft Taihape Town Centre Plan' be received.		
2	That Council thanks those who have contributed to the work of the Steering Group as the draft Taihape Town Centre Plan has evolved.		
3	That Council adopts the final draft Taihape Town Centre Plan and includes it in the consultation process for the draft 2015-25 LTP.		
4	That Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. notes the areas of concern raised by the Taihape Town Centre Plan Steering Group;b. recognises that the community would welcome some refurbishment or redevelopment of the Taihape Town Hall site, but that further consensus is required on the nature of that refurbishment/redevelopment;c. undertakes an investigation to establish whether the Taihape Area School hall can be modified to adequately cater for 5-7 large events each year and whether a MOU can be negotiated to ensure suitable availability of the hall, what the cost will be and whether it adequately meets all the needs of the large events; and that any MOU agreement needs to be confirmed by the Ministry of Education first;d. undertakes to facilitate a process to urgently develop a similar or greater consensus relating to recreational facilities at Memorial Park, involving the Taihape Memorial Park Users group and Clubs Taihape, with a view to being able to include the outcome in the final Long-Term Plan; ande. develops a process that involves both the Taihape Community Board and the Taihape Community Development Trust in implementing community-led place-making projects in the town in the 2015-2018 period		

Cr Gordon / Cr Sheridan. Carried

17 2015/25 Long Term Plan

Mr McNeil narrated a PowerPoint presentation on the 2015-25 Long Term Plan, and asked that Elected Members indicate whether or not they felt that the financial information to be included in the Consultation Document was acceptable. At issue was whether there should be a further adjustment to ratepayers in Bulls and Mangaweka in 2015/16, to reduce the impact of the District-wide approach to funding water, wastewater and stormwater. An informal poll indicated most Councillor's preferred to leave the financial and rating proposals as they were presented.

Mr McNeil noted that the draft financials included two carry-forwards of capital projects – wastewater plant upgrades in Marton and Bulls, as the requirements for each had not yet been finalised. A resolution will be presented to the next Council meeting.

Council indicated that it would like to see 'laymen's terms' used in the wording of the graphs.

Cr Sheridan left the meeting 4.24 pm / 4.46 pm

18 Documents for concurrent consultation with 'What's the Plan Rangitikei...'

Council noted the information provided on the Revenue and Financing Policy and the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2015/16.

Mr McNeil suggested inclusion of one free tanker load of water per year for unconnected properties (the property owner to pay for cartage).

19 Marton Railway Station – subway neglect

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the item. Council has been approached by KiwiRail with a potential solution to the subway in Marton. He hoped to associate this with an opportunity to tidy up the station building and make it more attractive for passing travellers.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/045** **File Ref**

That the Chief Executive be authorised to undertake negotiations with KiwiRail for the initial clean-up and on-going maintenance of the subway in Marton.

Cr Belsham / Cr Rainey. Carried

Cr McManaway left the meeting 4.32 pm

20 Receipt of committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/046** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the following meetings be received:

- Taihape Community Board, 4 February 2015
- Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Committee, 9 February 2015
- Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, 10 February 2015
- Bulls Community Committee, 10 February 2015
- Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee, 11 February 2015
- Marton Community Committee, 11 February 2015
- Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 12 February 2015
- Policy/Planning Committee, 12 February 2015
- Ratana Community Board, 17 February 2015

Cr Aslett / Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/047** **File Ref**

That the following recommendations from the Taihape Community Board dated 4 February 2015 be confirmed:

15/TCB/005

That more emphasis is placed in the work programme for the MoU organisations on getting events on to www.rangitikei.com

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/048** **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee dated 9 February 2015 be confirmed:

15/HRWS/007

That the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Scheme Management Sub-Committee approves the work as outlined in quote Q14158A from Alf Downs Contracting Electricians Ltd, and asks that Council staff work with Alf Downs Contracting Electricians Ltd to spread the cost of the work over two financial years, 2014/15 and 2015/16.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Harris. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/049** **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti dated 10 February 2015 be confirmed:

15/IWI/004

That Council be invited to join the Komiti's next hui (on 14 April 2015) with the objective of sharing long-term perspectives and mechanisms to secure greater collaboration between Iwi and Council in the Rangitikei.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

The hui was expected to be at the Moawhango marae.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/050** **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from the Bulls Community Committee dated 11 February 2015 be confirmed:

15/BCC/004

That the kowhai tree between Platts Pharmacy and the Bulls Library be removed.

Cr McNeil / Cr Harris. Carried

21 Late items

None

22 Future items for the agenda

None

23 Public excluded

4.42 pm

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/051** **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 Peke-Mason / Cr McNeil.

24 Next meeting

Thursday 26 March 2015, 1.00 pm

25 Meeting closed – 5.19 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____