



Rangitikei District Council

Council Meeting

Order Paper – Thursday 28 May 2015 – 1:00 p.m.

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*Note: The draft final 2015-25 Long Term Plan is circulated to Elected Members only, and is available electronically from Council's website.

1 Welcome

2 Public Forum

3 Apologies/Leave of absence

4 Members' conflict of interest

Members are 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

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of minutes

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 May 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

7 Mayors report

A report will be tabled at the meeting.

File ref: 3-EP-3-5

Recommendation

That the Mayor's report to Council's meeting on 28 May 2015 be received.

8 Administrative matters – May 2015

A report is attached.

File ref: 5-EX-4

Recommendations

1 That the report 'Administrative matters – May 2015' be received.

- 2 That Council grants a certificate of exemption under clause 14(3) of the Camping-Ground Regulations 1985 to the current operator of the Mangaweka Camping Ground (being a remote camping ground) for the requirements of the Schedule to those regulations for a period of five years from 1 July 2015 subject to the Community & Leisure Assets Services Team Leader being satisfied that the camping ground provides a safe and hygienic environment.
- 3 That Council invites representatives of Powerco Limited to meet with Elected Members and key staff EITHER during a meeting of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee OR
- 4 That Council records its preference that the Mayor of the Rangitikei District is allocated a vehicle for private use, while acknowledging that this is a decision for the Mayor to make.
- 5 That the Chief Executive (i) requests the New Zealand Transport Agency to improve safety at the intersection of State Highway 3 and Williamsons Line, by installing a refuge right-turning lane and (ii) writes to Vern McDonald thanking him for his concern and informing him of Council's action.
- 6 That Council affirms its commitment to supporting a collaborative approach to securing improved facilities on Taihape Memorial Park, acknowledges the work done by Clubs Taihape to promote such a concept, and allows to lapse the commitment for a provisional lease to Clubs Taihape for part of Taihape Memorial Park until the current facilitation processes are complete and have identified a preferred option.
- 7 That Council applies the savings in the award of the new roading maintenance contract by

EITHER

- a. reducing the rates requirement for 2015/16.

OR

- b. increasing the roading programme (with a report being provided to the 9 July 2015 meeting of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee as to the specifics of that additional work).

OR

- c. applying the savings to other initiatives (to be determined by the Policy/Planning Committee at its meeting on 15 June 2015 following consideration of a report setting out potential options).

- 8 That with respect to the annual domain fee of \$303 charged to the Hunterville Rugby Club, Council EITHER waives% of the fee on an ongoing basis OR declines the request for waiver.

9 Rules Reduction Taskforce – Submission

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-OR-3-5

Recommendations

- 1 That the memorandum 'Rules Reduction Taskforce – Submission' be received.
- 2 That Council authorises the Mayor to sign the proposed submission to the Rules Reduction Taskforce.

10 Adoption of draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2015/16

At its meeting on 14 May 2015, Council considered submissions to the draft Schedule of fees and charges 2015/16. No amendments to the Schedule were made as a result of deliberations. A response will be sent to the one submitter on the proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges 2015/16.

The final draft Schedule of Fees and Charges 2015/16 for adoption is attached.

Recommendation

That Council adopts the final draft Schedule of fees and Charges 2015/16 [as amended/without amendment] to come into force on 1 July 2015.

11 Adoption of draft Policy on Development Contributions

Council's draft Policy on Development Contributions was put out for public consultation during the period 1 April 2015 to 4 May 2015, simultaneous to "What's the Plan Rangitikei...?" During this period no submissions were received on the draft Policy.

The draft Policy on Development Contributions is attached.

Recommendation

That Council adopts the final draft Policy on Development Contributions [as amended/without amendment] to come into force on 1 July 2015.

12 Project Central Wind: Consideration of objection from Meridian Energy to Council's decision to decline the application to extend the lapse date

A report is attached.

File ref: 2-LP-5-RM08 (80065)

Recommendations

- 1 That the report 'Project Central Wind: Consideration of objection from Meridian Energy to Council's decision to decline the application to extend the lapse date' be received.

- 2 That in considering the application from Meridian Energy to extend the lapse date for the consents granted by the Council for Project Central Wind (and the objection to Council's previous decision to decline it) Council notes (and agrees) that:
 - a. regard is required to be had to the three matters to be taken into account specified by section 125(1A) of the Resource Management Act 1991 and
 - b. the wider policy context for the project would be of potential relevance, including the practical and economic realities of constructing and completing a major development but not the company's financial position.
- 3 That Council notes (and agrees) that
 - a. the three matters to be taken into account specified by section 125(1A) of the Resource Management Act 1991 are evaluative, unprioritised, and inter-related, and that
 - b. they do not comprise 'bottom lines' which must all be met conclusively, but instead they are a reasonable conclusion on each test must be reached, and an overall decision then made.
- 4 That Council notes (and agrees) that
 - a. the quantum of effort and progress which has been (and continues to be) made towards giving effect to the Council's consents for Project Central Wind is substantial in terms of what can be done before physical construction begins, and that
 - b. further delay with the physical construction will make an overall assessment of 'substantial progress or effort' increasingly uncertain and unlikely.
- 5 That Council notes (and agrees) that consideration may be needed to the alternative of solar collectors at the Project Central Wind site should the present application be approved and there is a further application to extend the lapse date made in five years' time.
- 6 That Council notes (and agrees) that the evidence from reviewing consenting activity before and after the consents for Project Central Wind is that there is a very small number only of persons who may be potentially adversely affected from granting the extension to lapse the Council's consents.
- 7 That Council notes (and agrees) that the operative District Plan is not undermined by granting the application to lapse the Council's consents for Project Central Wind.

EITHER

- 8 That Council, having considered the Notice of Objection dated 14 May 2015 from Meridian Energy Ltd,
 - a. in terms of Standing Order 3.9.18, revokes resolution 15/RDC/127. and

- b. approves the application from Meridian Energy Ltd to extend the lapse date for the consents granted by Rangitikei District Council for Project Central Wind for five years (i.e. to 28 May 2020), thus resolving the objection.

OR

- 9 That Council, having considered the Notice of Objection dated 14 May 2015 from Meridian Energy Ltd,
 - a. confirms its decision in resolution 15/RDC/127 to decline the application from Meridian Energy Ltd to extend the lapse date for the consents granted by Rangitikei District Council for Project Central Wind for five years; and
 - b. authorises the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, to appoint an independent commissioner to conduct a hearing of the Notice of Objection under section 357C(3)(b) of the Resource Management Act and give Meridian at least five working days' notice of the date, time and place for this hearing.

13 Draft final 2015-25 Long Term Plan following Deliberations

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 1-LTP15-5-1

Recommendations

- 1 That the memorandum "Draft Final 2015-25 Long Term Plan following deliberations: be received
- 2 That the draft final 2015-25 Long Term Plan [as amended] be submitted to Audit New Zealand for scrutiny (and amendment as needed) prior to issue of its opinion and the adoption of the Plan by Council on 25 June 2015.

14 Draft response to submitters to "What's the Plan Rangitikei...?" and associated documents

A response to submitters has been drafted and is included as Article 8 Response to Submitters in the Draft final 2015-25 Long Term Plan following Deliberations. Following adoption of the audited Plan on 25 June 2015, this Article with any amendments made during the audit process, will be sent to all submitters and posted on Council's website.

A separate response will be sent to the one submitter on the proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges 2015/16.

15 Receipt of committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed

Recommendation

1 That the minutes of the following meetings be received:

- Turakina Community Committee, 2 April 2015
- Turakina Reserve Management Committee, 2 April 2015
- Omatane Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee, 15 April 2015
- Hunterville Community Committee, 20 April 2015
- Finance/Performance Committee, 30 April 2015
- Bulls Community Committee, 12 May 2015
- Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee, 13 May 2015
- Marton Community Committee, 13 May 2015
- Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 14 May 2015

2 That the following recommendations from Hunterville Community Committee dated 30 April 2015 be confirmed:

15/HCC/003

That the Hunterville Community Committee recommends that Council provide a replacement picnic table and appropriate seating for Centennial Hall, Hunterville.

3 That the following recommendations from Finance/Performance Committee dated 30 April 2015 be confirmed:

15/FPE/014

That the Finance/Performance Committee recommends to Council that it proceed with further action pursuant to the Local Government Rating Act 2002, including the sale of the properties owned by the six ratepayers identified in the report who have been through the all the prescribed steps, to recover the overdue unpaid rates on these properties.

16 Public Excluded

Recommendation

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

Item 1: Council Property

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 Council Property	Briefing contains information which if released would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it or who is the subject of the information and to enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	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.

17 Late items

18 Future items for the agenda

19 Next meeting

Thursday 25 June 2015, 1.00 pm

20 Meeting closed