



Rangitikei District Council

Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 30 July 2015 – 1:00 p.m.

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Present: His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
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

Apologies: Cr Cath Ash
Cr Dean McManaway
Cr Lynne Sheridan

In attendance: Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Ms Joanna Saywell, Assets Manager – Utilities
Ms Katrina Gray, Policy Analyst
Ms Priscilla Jeffrey, Governance Administrator

Tabled documents:

- Item 8** Report from Councillor Ruth Rainey – LGNZ Conference
- Item 11** Amended draft submission to Ministry for Primary Industries.
- Item 16** Minutes for Marton Community Committee, 8 July 2015
Minutes for Bulls Community Committee, 14 July 2015

1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Public forum

Ms Jo Rangooni, Chair of the Bulls Community Trust, introduced to the Council Ms Jan Harris, the new Bulls & Districts Community Development Manager. Ms Harris spoke briefly to the Council and advised that the Wearable Arts would be held on 29 August at 7.00pm at the Bulls Town Hall among other activities.

His Worship the Mayor, on behalf of the Council, congratulated Ms Harris on her appointment and looked forward to a good working relationship with Bulls.

3 Apologies/Leave of absence

That apologies from Councillor Ash, Councillor McManaway and Councillor Sheridan be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Jones. Carried

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 change to the order of business form that set out in the agenda.

6 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number	15/RDC/220	File Ref
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That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 June 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham/Cr McNeil. Carried

7 Mayor's report

His Worship the Mayor spoke to his report. He advised that a barbecue would be held on Saturday 1 August 2015 at the Memorial Hall, Marton, for those affected by the June flooding event and those volunteers who had assisted in responding, and asked if any Councillors would be available to assist.

His Worship the Mayor also advised that the Wanganui Chronicle had made a donation to the Mayoral Flood Relief Fund of \$5,000 and suggested that he, on behalf of the Council, formally write a letter of thanks to them.

His Worship the Mayor further advised that a hearing panel needed to be formed to consider an objection to the classification of menacing on two dogs. He sought registrations of interest from members present at the meeting.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/221** **File Ref** **3-EP-3-5**

That the Mayor write a formal letter of thanks to the Wanganui Chronicle for the donation of \$5,000 towards the flood relief fund.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Aslett. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/222** **File Ref** **3-EP-3-5**

That His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Harris, Councillor Belsham, Councillor McNeil and Councillor Rainey comprise a hearing panel to hear the objection from Allison McArthur (under section 33B of the Dog Control Act 1996) to the classification of two dogs as menacing.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Peke-Mason. carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/223** **File Ref** **3-EP-3-5**

That the Mayor's report to Council's meeting on 30 July 2015 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon. Carried

8 Public Forum – Further session

His Worship the Mayor invited Mr Murray Ellery, a Marton resident, to speak to the Council. Mr Ellery expressed concern at the continuing issues with drainage at Frae-Ona Park and requested that the Council take some action to remedy the problem.

9 Report from Councillor Ruth Rainey – LGNZ Conference

Councillor Rainey spoke to her tabled report.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/224** **File Ref**

That the report 'LGNZ Conference' from Cr Rainey be adopted.

Cr Rainey/Cr Belsham. Carried

10 Administrative matters – July 2015

Mr McNeil spoke to his report.

Councillor McNeill left at 2.44pm/2.47pm

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/225** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

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

Cr Gordon / Cr Harris. Carried

Motion

That regarding the Local Government Act (Greater Local Democracy) Amendment Bill, His Worship the Mayor informs the MP for Rangitikei, the MP for Napier and the Mayor of Napier City that the Rangitikei District Council agreed with the proposal to make a poll mandatory for a final reorganisation proposal but considered that the poll should be taken over the whole of the affected area as was currently the case.

Cr Rainey / lapsed for the want of a seconder

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/226** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That, regarding the Local Government Act (Greater Local Democracy) Amendment Bill, His Worship the Mayor informs the MP for Rangitikei, the MP for Napier and the Mayor of Napier City that the Rangitikei District Council agreed with both proposals to make a poll mandatory for a final reorganisation proposal and to require that poll to succeed in each affected district or region.

His Worship The Mayor / Cr Aslett. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/227** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That, having regard to section 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, the Rangitikei District Council confirms the exemption granted to the Manawatu Wanganui Regional Disaster Relief Fund Trust from being a council-controlled organisation for 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18; and that, in making this resolution, the Rangitikei District Council noted that the Trust was a small organisation, that the nature and scope of its activities was limited and did, in the main, take place only after significant adverse events; and that there would be significant additional costs if the Trust were to be required to meet all the obligations of a council-controlled organisation.

Cr Aslett / Cr Harris. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/228** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the Rangitikei District Council, pursuant to Part VIII of the Public Works Act 1981, hereby consents to the Minister for Land Information declaring: the road described in the Schedule hereto to be stopped and amalgamated in the land contained in Computer Freehold Register WN38B/612 pursuant to sections 116, 117 and 120(3) Public Works Act 1981:

Schedule

Area m ²	Shown	Adjoining or passing through	SO Plan
4406 (1a 0r 14.2p)	Coloured Green on SO 21235	Part Section 20 Block X Ohinewairua SD	21235
1702 (0a 1r 27.3p)	Coloured Green on SO 21235	Part Section 20 Block X Ohinewairua SD	21235

Cr Gordon/Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/229** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That, in terms of section 327A of the Local Government Act 1974, the building line restriction imposed on 26 Marumaru Street (lot 2 DP 64725) on 26 September 1972 by the Marton Borough Council be cancelled and the notice of cancellation be sent to the District Land Registrar.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Harris. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/230** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That with respect to the building consent fee of \$670 charged to the Ratana Communal Board of Trustees for the erection of a farm storage shed, Council waives 50% of the fee.

Cr Rainey / Cr Belsham. Carried

Motion

That with respect to the application from Jason Wing to run a charity "Blue Tie Ball" in Marton Memorial Hall on 5 September 2015 to raise funds for the Westpac rescue helicopter, Council waives 50% of the hireage fee.

Cr Belsham/Cr Rainey

Amendment

“..., Council waives the hireage fee.”

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Jones. Lost

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/231** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That with respect to the application from Jason Wing to run a charity “Blue Tie Ball’ in Marton Memorial Hall on 5 September 2015 to raise funds for the Westpac rescue helicopter, Council waives 50% of the hireage fee.

Cr Belsham / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/232** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That, having regard for damage to Tamati Potaka’s land in Aldridge Terrace (Taihape) during the February 2004 storm event, Council noted, and agreed, that providing a remission of rates and penalties to Tamati Potaka met the conditions and criteria of Council’s rates remission policy for land affected by natural calamity, and provided final resolution to the matter.

Cr Aslett / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/233** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2015/16 include a normal charge for supply of untreated water in Taihape for 2015/16 as \$1.40m³ except where there were historical agreements for a lesser sum.

Cr Aslett / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried.

11 Contracts for CBD Cleaning

Mr McNeil spoke to the report.

[NOTE: Item 11 continued after item 15]

Councillor Harris left the meeting at 2.57pm

The meeting adjourned at 2.57pm/3.18pm

12 Future Management of cleaning of Council properties

Mr McNeil spoke to the report. He advised that this was an opportunity to fulfil the Council's statutory obligation under section 17A of the Local Government Act 2002. There was a need to review the current procedures and delivery of a cost-effective management of cleaning Council properties. He gave examples of different options available to the Council to proceed with future management.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/234** **File Ref** **6-CF-2**

That the Council seek tenders for several geographically defined contracts allowing tenders to cover one, some or all of the contracts, with the new contracts to start from 1 November 2015, to include Sir James Wilson Park, and to be for a two year period.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Aslett. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/235** **File Ref** **6-CF-2**

That tenders sought in relation to resolution 15/RDC/234 above include prices including and excluding cleaning and stock consumables.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried

13 Draft Submission - National Environmental Standard for plantation forestry

Councillor Harris entered the meeting at 3.37pm

Ms Gray spoke to her report.

In discussion it was suggested that the National Environmental Standard for plantation forestry should recognise the wider risk of debris following forestry harvesting entering waterways. It was evident from the June 2015 flood event the damage to bridges that the debris from forestry harvesting operations caused and it was believed that this rule needed to recognise that risk.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/236** **File Ref** **2-EA-2-1**

That the memorandum 'Draft Submission - National Environmental Standard on plantation forestry' be received.

Cr Jones/Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/237** **File Ref** **2-EA-2-1**

That the Council authorises the Mayor to sign the submission, subject to an amendment to include provision for specific reference to the adverse effect slash and debris entering waterways could have on bridges, as well as, avoiding slash and debris collapse onto the roading network, to the proposed National Environmental Standard on Plantation forestry.

Cr Belsham / Cr Jones. Carried

14 Proposed extension to Council's rates remission policy – incentives for business expansion

Mr Hodder spoke to the report.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/238** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-18**

That the memorandum 'Proposed extension to Council's rates remission policy – incentives for business expansion' be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/239** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-18**

That the proposed extension to Council's rates remission policy – incentives for business expansion as a draft for public consultation in terms of the associated engagement plan.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

15 Water mains investigation for Dixon Way/Mangaone Valley Road, Taihape

Ms Saywell spoke to her report.

In discussion it was suggested that there needed to be discussion with residents of the area on what were their wants and expectations around the water mains service and that this should happen before the Council commits to an option.

Councillor Peke-Mason left the meeting at 4.12pm/4.17pm

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/240** **File Ref** **6-WS-3-10**

That options 3 and 4 as set out in the report 'Water mains investigation for Dixon way/Mangaone Valley Road, Taihape' be removed from consideration.

His Worship The Mayor/Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/241** **File Ref** **6-WS-3-10**

That the matter of the Water mains investigation for Dixon Way/Mangaone Valley Road, Taihape, lie on the table until the next scheduled meeting of Council.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried

11. Contracts for CBD Cleaning [continued]

Council considered the different prices tendered for various locations. A decision could not be made until each contractor's administration charges were made explicit for each location.

Cr McNeil left the meeting at 4.37pm

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/242** **File Ref** **6-CM-1**

That the Council delegate to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee to consider and award the Contracts for CBD Cleaning.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Rainey. Carried

16 District Licensing Committee – Annual Report to the Alcohol and Regulatory Licensing Authority for the year ending 30 June 2015

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the report.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/243** **File Ref** **3-CT-16-3**

That the report of the proceedings and operations of the District Licensing Authority for the year ending 30 June 2015 be approved and conveyed to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Jones. Carried

Councillor McNeil left the meeting at 4.37pm

17 Receipt of Committee Minutes and Resolutions to be confirmed

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/244** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the following meetings be received:

- Hunterville Community Committee, 15 June 2015
- Finance/Performance Committee, 25 June 2015
- Marton Community Committee, 8 July 2015 *tabled*
- Bulls Community Committee, 14 July 2015 *tabled*
- Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 9 July 2015
- Policy/Planning Committee, 9 July 2015

~~1. That the following recommendation from the Policy/Planning Committee be confirmed:~~

~~**15/PPL/067**~~

~~That the proposed extension of Council's rates remission policy to acknowledge and encourage business expansion be recommended to Council for consultation in terms of the significance and engagement policy.~~

This was the subject of item 11.

Cr Aslett / Cr Harris. Carried

18 Future items for the agenda

Nil.

19 Public excluded

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/245** **File Ref**

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

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Item 1: Kensington Road site

Item 2: Annual performance review of the Chief Executive

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public was 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 were 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 Kensington Road site	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) – <i>sections 7(2)(c) and (i)</i> .	Section 48(1)(a)(i)
Item 2 Annual performance review of the Chief Executive	Briefing contains information where the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons, and also to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of members, officers or employees of any local authority for improper pressure or harassment – <i>section 7(2)(a) and (f)</i> .	Section 48(1)(a)(i)

This resolution was 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 Belsham/Cr Gordon. Carried

20 Next meeting

Thursday 27 August 2015, 1.00 pm

21 Meeting closed – 5.25 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: