



Rangitikei District Council

Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 29 October 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 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
Mr Johan Cullis, Environmental Services Team Leader
Mr Alex Staric, Policy Analyst
Ms Laura Richards, Governance Administrator

1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Public Forum

Nil.

3 Apologies/leave of absence

Resolved

That apologies for absence from Councillor Belsham and for lateness from Councillor Sheridan be received.

Cr Jones / Cr Ash. Carried.

4 Member's conflict of interest

His Worship the Mayor reminded members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflict of interest they might have in respect of the items on this agenda.

5 Confirmation of agenda

His Worship the Mayor advised that there were three proposed late items.

Resolved minute number	15/RDC/290	File Ref
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That Council receive, as a late item at its meeting on 29 October 2015, a memorandum concerning the proposed disposal (to neighbouring properties) of 72m² from lot 59 DP 26092 as part of the action taken to correct historically misaligned boundaries in Rapaki Street, Koitiata, on the following basis:

The matter is not on the Council agenda because the advice that consultation was required for the proposed disposal of Council land (being deemed a 'park') was not received until after the meeting Order Paper had been compiled and distributed. A decision is needed at this Council meeting to maintain progress in issuing the new titles.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Ash. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/291** **File Ref**

That Council receive, as a late item at its meeting on 29 October 2015, a recommendation from the Marton Community Committee requesting Council approves the extension of the site at Centennial Park to establish a Community Garden plus extend the designated area to include the ex-bowling green area on the following basis:

The matter is not on the Council agenda as the Marton Community Committee Meeting minutes were not received until after the meeting Order Paper had been compiled and distributed. A decision is needed at this Council meeting to continue the development of the community garden.

Cr Ash / Cr McManaway. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/292** **File Ref**

That Council receive confirmation of the representatives onto the JBS Dudding Trust, His Worship the Mayor and former Mayor Chalky Leary to sit on the trust board.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr McManaway. Carried.

6 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/293** **File Ref**

That the Minutes and Public Excluded Minutes of the Council meeting held on 1 October 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Aslett / Cr Harris. Carried.

7 Mayor's report

His Worship the Mayor spoke to his tabled report highlighting the attendance of himself, Cr Aslett and Cr Peke-Mason at the Regional Territorial Authorities forum held at the Chateau. Cr Aslett said the forum had a solid plan and he hoped there would be good results. Cr Peke-Mason said she was impressed how local governments are moving into area of economic development, joint ventures and shared services and these will become the norm as time progresses.

His Worship the Mayor suggested Council write a letter expressing its appreciation to Lawrence Yule for his commitment to the role as president of Local Government New Zealand.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/294** **File Ref** **3-EP-3-5**

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

His Worship the Mayor / Cr McNeil. Carried.

8 Administrative matters

Mr McNeil spoke to his report and responded to questions from Elected Members.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/295** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the report Administrative matters September 2015 be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/296** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the advisory group for the Marton wastewater treatment plant upgrade comprise the following people: C Shenton, G Mills, R Gunn, G Gunn, C Barry, R Snijder and a further two members to be confirmed by the Mayor.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Aslett. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/297** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That Council adopts (without amendment) the terms of reference for the advisory group for the Marton wastewater treatment plant upgrade, and include these an appendix to the minutes of Council's meeting of 29 October 2015.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Rainey. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/298** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That Cr Sheridan be included as a member of the Council's sub-group to consider rates remission applications associated with the June 2015 weather event.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr McManaway. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/299** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That in response to the increase in charges to dispose of refuse from Council's waste transfer stations at the Bonny Glen landfill and the potential impact on the charges for accepting refuse at the waste transfer stations, Council leaves the charges for accepting effuse at the waste transfer stations as they are for 2015/16.

Cr Jones / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/300** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That in order to maximise opportunities for children and pre-schoolers to increase their swimming competence without impacting on revenue to the pool operators, Council modifies resolution 15/RDC/134 (14 May 2015) *That, following consideration of written and oral submissions to the 2015-25 draft Long term Plan, Council agrees to waive all entry fees to Schools in the District and any school child attending a swim school lesson outside school hours* by adding 'and any school child attending a swim school lesson outside school hours', Cr Jones / Cr Gordon

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/301** **File Ref**

That in order to maximise opportunities for children and pre-schoolers to increase their swimming competence without impacting on revenue to the pool operators, Council modifies resolution 15/RDC/135 (14 May 2015) *That, following consideration of written and oral submissions to the 2015-25 draft Long Term Plan, council agree to waive all entry fees for a pre-school child and an accompanying adult.* by deleting 'provided they are attending a swim school lesson'.

Cr Rainey / Cr Ash

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/302** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That any objections to the proposed road closures for the Marton Christmas Parade be considered and determined by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive.

Cr Jones / Cr McManaway. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/303** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the following proposal from the Rātana Community Board (from the inquorate meeting on 21 October 2015, subsequently confirmed by emails from Board members) be approved:

that Council –

authorise the installation of a converted shipping container located inside the Rātana Waste Transfer Station site to allow additional items to be recycled during opening hours, with capital funding from the 2015/16 waste minimisation budget;

Cr Jones / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/304** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the following proposal from the Rātana Community Board (from the inquorate meeting on 21 October 2015, subsequently confirmed by emails from Board members) be approved:

that Council –

- i. agree that the opening hours at the Rātana Waste Transfer Station remain as they are (Wednesday 2.30pm-4.30pm and Saturday 9.00am – 12noon); and
- ii. agree that the fly tipping issue at the Rātana Waste Transfer Station continue to be managed as it is presently.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/305** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the following proposals from the Rātana Community Board (from the inquorate meeting on 21 October 2015, subsequently confirmed by emails from Board members) be approved:

that \$500 be granted towards the Mahi Toi (Bus shelters art project) from the unallocated sum remaining in the Māori Community Development Fund.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried.

9 Submission to LGNZ on position paper ‘improving New Zealand’s water, wastewater and storm water sector’

Council noted that the proposed submission was based on a presentation at the Policy/Planning Committee meeting on 15 October 2015.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/306** **File Ref** **3-OR-2**

That Council authorises the Mayor to sign the submission (without amendment) to Local Government New Zealand's position paper 'Improving New Zealand's water, wastewater and storm water sector'.

Cr Gordon / Cr Sheridan. Carried.

10 Submission to Local Government and Environment Committee on Buildings (Pools) Amendment Bill

Council noted that the proposed submission had been reviewed at the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting on 15 October 2015.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/307** **File Ref** **3-OR-3-5**

That Council authorises the Mayor to sign the submission (without amendment) to the Local Government and Environment Committee on the proposed Buildings (Pools) Amendment Bill.

Cr Gordon / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried.

11 Pre-feasibility study of potential rural water supply scheme between Marton and Hunterville

Mr McNeil outlined the circumstances leading to the request to the Ministry for Primary Industries to co-fund a study investigating the potential for establishing a rural water supply scheme (irrigation/stock water) in the Tutaenui/northern Marton area utilising unused/underused community water supply assets; decentralising the water source(s) Hunterville rural water scheme and its potential intensification; and servicing the southern Hunterville water scheme area from a new Tutaenui water scheme.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/308** **File Ref** **6-WS-3**

That Council endorse the draft application to the Irrigation Acceleration Fund for a pre-feasibility study of a potential rural water supply scheme between Marton and Hunterville.

Cr McManaway / Cr Rainey. Carried.

12 Action to progress the Whanganui-Manawatu Regional Growth Study

Mr McNeil outlined the matters covered in the report.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/309** **File Ref** **4-ED-1**

That the report "Actions to progress the Whanganui-Manawatu Regional Growth Study" be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

That further updates on actions to progress the Whanganui-Manawatu Regional Growth Study are provided regularly to Council through the Administrative matters report or, where appropriate, through workshops, discussion documents or formal reporting.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried.

13 Proposed amendment to the Rates Remission Policy to include incentives for business expansion

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/310** **File Ref** **3-PY-2**

That, with respect to the proposed amendment to the Rates Remission Policy to include incentives for business expansion, Council

- (a) approves the suggested response to the sole submitter on the proposed amendment, and
- (b) adopts the proposed amendment without change.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Aslett. Carried.

14 Proposed amendment to Animal Control Bylaw

Turakina resident Nicholas Eagland spoke in support of his written submission.

Mr Eagland said he and many residents of the village were unaware of the zoning change to residential urban from rural settlement made in 2013 and thus the consequences of the village being 'urban' in terms of the Animal Control Bylaw. That bylaw prohibits long term community practices i.e. the raising and slaughtering of pigs used for events at the marae on Beach Road. He said at a village meeting with over 30 people attending there was strong support for the amendment proposed. It was his view that restrictive bylaws made rural villages less attractive

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/311** **File Ref**

That the report 'Animal Control Bylaw - Turakina Amendment and Expressions of Interest' be received.

Cr McManaway / Cr Sheridan. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/312** **File Ref**

That Council adopts for consultation the amendments to the Animal Control Bylaw 2013 for Crofton, Mataroa and Scotts Ferry and endorses the engagement plan.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/313** **File Ref**

That the Animal Control Bylaw be amended by excluding Turakina zoned residential from the definition of 'urban area'.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Gordon. Carried.

15 Annual report 2014/15 on administration of dog control policy and dog control practices

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/314** **File Ref** **2-RE-1-7**

That the Annual report for the year ending 30 June 2015 of administration of dog control policy and dog control practices in the Rangitikei district [as amended] be adopted.

Cr Aslett / Cr Sheridan. Carried.

16 Receipt of committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/315** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the following meetings be received:

- Turakina Reserve Management Committee, 1 October 2015
- Turakina Community Committee, 1 October 2015
- Taihape Community Board, 7 October 2015
- Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Subcommittee, 12 October 2015
- Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, 13 October 2015
- Bulls Community Committee, 13 October 2015
- Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 15 October 2015
- Policy/Planning Committee, 15 October 2015
- Ratana Community Board, 20 October 2015 (inquorate)

Cr Sheridan / Cr Ash. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/316** **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from Taihape Community Board dated 7 October 2015 be confirmed:

15/TCB/072

That the Taihape Community Board recommend to Council that the Board be involved in deciding the use and occupancy of the old Taihape College site buildings.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/317** **File Ref**

That the following recommendations from Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti dated 13 October 2015 be confirmed:

15/IWI/032

That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa recommends to Council to provide \$14,000 to Te Maru o Ruahine Trust and requests that Council staff work with the Trust to develop a programme of work with measurable outputs relating to:

- Web based database
- Website development
- Registration commitment
- Cultural programmes

15/IWI/034

That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa requests that Council considers how it may support iwi/hapu/Maori engagement in the implementation of the regional growth study.

Cr McManaway / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/318** **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from Assets/Infrastructure Committee dated 15 October 2015 be confirmed:

15/AIN/088

That, subject to confirmation that there were no legal impediments, the Assets/Infrastructure Committee recommends that Council agrees to the sale of Section 1, SO21721 jointly with the neighbouring blocks of railway land, with the proceeds (and costs) being split on a proportionate land area basis.

Cr Jones / Cr Gordon. Carried.

17 Late items

17.1 Disposal of park land, Koitiata, to address misaligned boundaries

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/319** **File Ref** **4-EN-6-8**

That the memorandum, "Disposal of park land, Koitiata, to address misaligned boundaries" be received.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Ash. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/320** **File Ref** **4-EN-6-8**

That Council approve the engagement plan for consultation on the proposal to dispose of 72m² of Lot 59 DP 26092 to enable certificates of title for affected properties in Rapaki Street, Koitiata to align with existing fence-lines.

Cr McManaway / Cr Sheridan. Carried.

17.2 Marton Centennial Park Community Garden

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/321** **File Ref** **4-EN-6-8**

That the following recommendation from the Marton Community Committee, dated 14 October 2015 be confirmed:

15/MCC/072

The Marton Community Committee recommend that Council approves the extension of the site at Centennial Park to establish a Community Garden, to include the ex-bowling green area.

Cr Ash / Cr Rainey. Carried.

18 Public Excluded

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/322** **File Ref**

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

Item 1: Council-owned 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-owned 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) – <i>sections 7(2)(c) and (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 Peke-Mason. Carried.

Resolved minute number 15/RDC/323

Resolved minute number 15/RDC/324 That Council move back into open meeting.

19 Future items for the agenda

Edale housing.

Application for Manawatu Young Professionals.

20 Next meeting

26 November 2015, 1.00 pm

21 Meeting closed

3.58 pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: