



# Rangitikei District Council

## Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 26 November 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 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 Darryn Black, Asset Management Officer  
Ms Denise Servante, Strategy & Community Planning Manager  
Ms Katrina Gray, Policy Analyst  
Mr Alex Staric, Policy Analyst  
Ms Laura Richards, Governance Administrator

**Tabled documents:** Item 7 Mayor's report  
File note 'Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement'

## 1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor welcomed councillors to the meeting as well as guests Jake White and Makuini Paulger.

## 2 Public Forum

Rangitikei College recipients of Council Scholarships – Makuini Paulger and Jake White were invited to address Council.

Mr White thanked Council for its generosity. He said the scholarship will help with the costs at Victoria University where he will be studying towards a Bachelor of Commerce with a major in Finance and Accounting.

Ms Paulger also thanked Council for the scholarship she received. She will be attending Victoria University too, but taking Law and Arts. She said she has also received a scholarship from a prestigious law firm which includes an internship and a mentor.

His Worship the Mayor received letters of thanks from the students and they received congratulations from the Council.

## 3 Apologies/leave of absence

There were no apologies.

## 4 Members' conflict of interest

His Worship the Mayor reminded Councillors 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 noted that Item 12 would be taken after his report.

## 6 Confirmation of minutes

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>15/RDC/325</b>	<b>File Ref</b>
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That the Minutes and Public Excluded Minutes of the Council meeting held on 29 October 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon

## 7 Mayor's report

His Worship the Mayor spoke to his tabled report and the tabled File Note on the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement.

Councillors discussed the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement and how it may impact the district.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/RDC/326**                      **File Ref**                      **3-EP-3-5**

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

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Aslett. Carried.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/RDC/327**                      **File Ref**                      **3-EP-3-5**

That the Rangitikei District Council, while accepting that the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement is intended to increase access to world markets, sees merit in Local Government New Zealand considering areas in the Agreement which might impact on the local government sector and require advocacy for change to central government.

AND

That Council endorses the Mayor's signing the Local Government leaders' climate change declaration.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

## 12 Streetlight Maintenance Contract C1005 – Tender Recommendation

Mr Black spoke into the contract tenders. Councillors queried costs within recommended contract.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/RDC/328**                      **File Ref**                      **5-CM-1:C1005**

That the report for 'Streetlight Maintenance Contract C1005 – Tender Recommendation' be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Jones

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/RDC/329**                      **File Ref**                      **5-CM-1:C1005**

That Council approve the award of the Streetlight Maintenance Contract C1005 to Alf Downs Streetlighting Limited for the sum of \$882,625.00 excluding GST.

Cr Jones / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried.

## 8 Administrative matters

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

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/RDC/330**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-4**

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

Cr Belsham / Cr Aslett. Carried.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/RDC/331**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-4**

That Council acknowledges the scope, scale and complexity of the Infrastructure Shared Services Council Controlled Organisation investigation project and allocates up to \$125,000 as its share towards the completion of the investigation, which will be reported to Council in February 2016 as previously resolved

Cr Jones / Cr Gordon. Carried.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/RDC/332**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-4**

That Council meets as a workshop on Thursday 10 December 2015, starting 9.30 am and holds its last formal public meeting on Thursday 17 December 2015, starting 9.30 am.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/RDC/ 333**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-4**

That the draft schedule of meetings of Council, Community Boards and Council Committees for 2016 be adopted, with subsequent amendments confirmed by Council.

Cr Aslett / Cr Belsham. Carried.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/RDC/334**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-4**

That His Worship the Mayor be authorised to sign, on behalf of the Council the feedback (without amendment) to the Local Government New Zealand position paper on the RMA sector.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Ash. Carried.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/RDC/335**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-4**

That Council confirm that payment of \$7,383 be made to the Marton Returned and Service Association as approved in the adopted 2014/15 Annual Plan and in the disbursements of unspent funds in the 2014/15 Community Initiatives Fund.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Jones. Carried.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/RDC/336**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-4**

That Council authorises the Chief Executive to negotiate the sale of Council's forestry block at Toe Toe Road, i.e. Pt Awarua 4C6 Pt Lot 1 DP 10885 Sec 82 SO 27540 Blk VI Hautapu SD, Certificates of title 450/296 548/109, at the current market or its book value in Council's records, whichever is the greater.

Cr Belsham / Cr McNeil. Carried.

## **9 Proposed Bulls Multi-Purpose Community Centre – Appointment of Architects**

Mr McNeil spoke to his report emphasising the Council's rate funding cap of \$1.6 million and suggesting that the funding milestones for the project would be needed soon.

Cr Ash left the meeting at 1.54pm and re-entered at 2.04 pm.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/RDC/337**                      **File Ref**                      **1-CP-7-2**

That the report 'Proposed Bulls Multi-Purpose Community Centre – Appointment of Architects' be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Sheridan. Carried.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/RDC/338**                      **File Ref**                      **1-CP-7-2**

That Architecture Workshop be appointed as Architect for the Bulls Multi-Purpose Community Centre project on the following basis:

- being able to move through the design phases subject to approval from the Chief Executive of the preceding design phase;
- proceeding with the preparation of contract/tender documents being subject to progress with fundraising, with the opportunity for Council to set a target in this regard; and
- proceeding to construction being subject to achieving a pre-determined fundraising target.

Cr McNeil /Cr Gordon. Carried.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/RDC/339**                      **File Ref**                      **1-CP-7-2**

That a local (Bulls) fundraising committee be established to secure the \$100,000 (minimum) local share of the project funding costs, and the appointment of members to the fundraising group be led by the Mayor and Bulls Ward Councillors in consultation with the Bulls Community Committee.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried.

## **10 Future funding for youth development in Rangitikei 2015/16 – further update**

Ms Servante spoke to her report and responded to questions from the Councillors. She noted the youth workers in the district do their jobs well and are appreciated for this. The Ministry of Social Development needed to make decisions on its future involvement and financial support of young people in the district.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/RDC/340**                      **File Ref**                      **3-EN-12-3**

That the memorandum “Future funding for youth development in Rangitikei 2015/16 - update”, be received.

Cr Aslett. /Cr Jones. Carried.

**T Resolved minute number**                      **15/RDC/341**                      **File Ref**                      **3-EN-12-3**

That the Council requests that the Mayor and Chief Executive urgently press the Ministry of Social Development to provide a decision before 31 December 2015 on its future involvement in and financial support for the Marton Community Charter and services for young people in the southern Rangitikei, making it explicit that

(i) if financial support is not forthcoming from the Ministry, Council will provide no further financial funding to the Taihape Youth Hutt after 31 January 2016 or to the Marton Youth Club after 30 April 2016; and

(ii) if financial support is forthcoming from the Ministry, the community’s view on Council providing funding support with other agencies for youth services in Marton and Taihape will be specifically sought during the consultation processes for the 2016/17 Annual Plan.

Cr Aslett / Cr Sheridan. Carried.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/RDC/342**                      **File Ref**                      **3-EN-12-3**

That, if financial support for youth services is confirmed by the Ministry of Social Development by 31 December 2015, Council approves unbudgeted expenditure of up to \$13,300 to keep the Taihape Youth Hutt and the Marton Youth Club operating until 30 June 2016.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried.

## **11 Consultation with residents of Dixon Way and Mangaone Valley Road on options for reticulated water supply**

The Chief Executive advised that a meeting with property owners in the area would be arranged before Christmas, to include His Worship the Mayor and Taihape Ward Councillors.

## **13 Receipt of Committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed**

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/RDC/343**                      **File Ref**

That the minutes of the following meetings be received:

- Marton Community Committee, 9 September 2015
- Marton Community Committee, 14 October 2015
- Finance/Performance Committee, 29 October 2015
- Bulls Community Committee, 10 November 2015
- Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Subcommittee, 11 November 2015
- ~~Marton Community Committee, 11 November 2015 – inqorate~~
- Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 12 November 2015
- Policy/Planning Committee, 12 November 2015

Cr Sheridan / Cr Harris

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/RDC/344**                      **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from the Marton Community Committee dated 9 September be confirmed

### **15/MCC/067**

That the Marton Community Committee recommends the Council install the appropriate advance warning signage at the Centennial Park courtesy crossing for the benefit and safety of both road users and pedestrians.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried



**No resolution made**

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

**15/MCC/072**

~~That Council approve the extension of the site at Centennial Park to establish a community garden to include the ex-bowling green area.~~

*Resolution accepted as a late item at Council on 29 October 2015 and agreed to.*

**Resolved minute number                      15/RDC/345                      File Ref**

That the following recommendation from the Bulls Community Committee dated 10 November 2015 be confirmed:

**15/BCC/050**

That the Rangitikei District Council undertake an urgent investigation of these hazardous mobility scooter crossings in Bulls and Marton and action a solution to this problem.

Cr. Harris / Cr McNeil. Carried.

**Resolved minute number                      15/RDC/346                      File Ref**

That the following recommendation from the Policy/Planning Committee dated 12 November 2015 be confirmed:

**15/PPL/113**

That the Policy/Planning Committee supports the devolution to territorial authorities the power to make local bylaws to permit retail trading on Easter Sunday in all or any specified part(s) of their districts.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried.

**14 Late items**

There were no late items.

## 15 Public Excluded

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/RDC/347**                      **File Ref**

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

Item 1: Rates remission relating to the 2015 June flood event

Item 2: 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:

<b>General subject of the matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing of this resolution</b>
Item 1 Rates remission relating to the 2015 June flood event	Briefing contains information which if released would be likely reasonable to prejudice the privacy of natural persons – <i>section 7(2)(a)</i> .	Section 48(1)(a)(i)
Item 2 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 Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/RDC/348**

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**Resolved minute number**            **15/RDC/352**            **File Ref**            **1-ER-2-2**

That in terms of its policy on remission of rates on land affected by natural calamity (and the criteria adopted for considering the impact of the June 2015 rainfall event), the Council has approved rates remissions totalling \$16,000 over eleven properties in the Rangitikei District, with this decision being included in the open section of the meeting.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Ash. Carried

## **Open meeting**

### **16 Future items for the agenda**

Six-month catch-up with Chief Executive in public excluded meeting.

### **17 Next meeting**

Thursday 17 December 2015, 9.30 am

### **18 Meeting closed**

Meeting closed 3.08 pm

**Confirmed/Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date: