

Rangitikei District Council

Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 17 December 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 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, Utility Asset Manager
Ms Denise Servante, Strategy & Community Planning Manager
Ms Katrina Gray, Policy Analyst
Ms Laura Richards, Governance Administrator

Tabled documents: Item 7 Mayor's report and schedule of meetings and engagements
Item 15 Acceptance of tenders for Contracts C1009A Taihape wastewater and C1009B Water Treatment Plants – supply of lamella clarifiers
Item 16 Ratana Community Board – minutes of meeting on 15 December 2015

1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor welcomed Councillors to the meeting at 9.31 am. Cr Aslett read the Council prayer.

2 Public Forum

Nil

3 Apologies/leave of absence

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/353** **File Ref**

That apologies for absence from Councillor Jones, for lateness from Councillor Cath Ash and for (potentially) early departure from His Worship the Mayor be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Rainey. Carried.

4 Members' conflict of interest

His Worship the Mayor reminded members 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 a report on awarding tenders for the supply of lamella clarifiers for the Taihape Water and Waste Water Plant was to be dealt with as a late item.¹ It had taken some time to undertake the analysis and confirm the prices but it was desirable to make a decision before Christmas whether to award this contract.

6 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/354** **File Ref**

That the Minutes and Public Excluded Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 November 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Aslett / Cr Belsham. Carried.

7 Mayor's report

His Worship the Mayor spoke to his tabled report.

¹ Taken as part of item 15.

He noted the Samoan community within the District is increasing and this Saturday it would be holding a fundraising concert party at Marton Memorial Hall for a home village. As part of that, he would be formally welcoming a group of 45 people at 12.30pm at Memorial Hall.

In regards to funding challenges faced by groups and organisations within the District His Worship the Mayor pointed out that the J B S Dudding Trust gave \$500,000 into the District during this year. In the last funding round Edale had received funding. He said it would be worth other organisations to know that they can apply for funding from the Dudding Trust. He noted his concern over the closure of Lancewood in Bulls. While the residents have been placed elsewhere the reason for the closure was due to a drop in occupancy rates.

Students in the Enterprise group at Rangitikei College were placed in the Regionals and went to the national finals but did not place at the higher level. During his attendance as a supporter, he was able to have a conversation with Minister of Youth Nikki Kaye who asked how to better assist youth in the District. He would continue that dialogue with her.

Cr Ash arrived 9.42 am.

During the Mayor's report Cr Peke-Mason said during the anniversary celebrations at Ratana, the Ministers will arrive on Sunday, 24 January 2016 at 2.00 pm. Councillors were reminded about the dress code.

His Worship the Mayor thanked his Deputy Mayor, the Councillors, and staff for their work over the year and wished them greetings of the season.

Resolved minute number	15/RDC/355	File Ref	3-EP-3-5
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That the Mayor's report to Council's meeting on 17 December 2015 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried.

Resolved minute number	15/RDC/356	File Ref
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That a report on the performance by Higgins of the Council's roading contract is provided to each meeting of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried.

8 Administrative matters

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

Resolved minute number	15/RDC/357	File Ref	5-EX-4
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That the report 'Administrative matters – December 2015' be received

Cr Peke-Mason. / Cr Rainey. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/358** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the Chief Executive be authorised to prepare a proposal, in terms of the Special Policy for recovery in section 33.6.1 of the *Guide to the National CDEM Plan 2015*, for an enduring solution to the flood-prone properties in Whangaehu Village and Kauangaroa.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/359** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the owners of the properties:

Lot 1: DP 30220, on the corner of Turakina Valley and Makuhou Roads, and

5A Missel Street, Taihape;

be required to explore all other options to divest ownership of those properties to other parties, and that Council would only consider taking ownership as a last resort.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr McManaway. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/360** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That Council meets on Monday 29 February 2016 starting 8.30 am instead of Thursday 25 February 2016 to allow decisions about consulting on the proposed Council Controlled organisation for infrastructure services to occur simultaneously with the Manawatu District Council.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/361** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That Councillor Richard Aslett and Councillor Ruth Rainey be appointed to the Taihape Community Board for the third year of the triennium.

Cr Gordon / Cr Aslett. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/362** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That His Worship the Mayor be authorised to sign, on behalf of the Council, the submission to the Commerce Select Committee on the Shop Trading Hours Amendment Bill.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/363** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That any objections to the proposed closure on 27 February 2016 of Papakai Road for the hill climb event organised by the Taihape District Car Club be considered and determined by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive.

Cr Belsham / Cr McManaway. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/364** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That Council agrees to waive 50% of the hireage fees for Wilson Park during the Marton Country Music Festival 15-17 January 2016 inclusive and 50% of the hireage costs of trestle tables to be used during that event.

Cr Belsham / Cr Gordon. Carried.

9 Proposed Treasury policies

Mr McIrvine spoke briefly about his report and answered questions from Elected Members.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that the requirement to notify Council be extended to include the potential risk of moving outside the policy parameters.

Cr Harris left the meeting at 11.09 and returned 11.12 am.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/365** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-4**

That the proposed Treasury policies (including the liability management and investment policies) be adopted for consultation from 18 January 2016 until noon on 19 February 2016 and that Council endorses the engagement plan for this.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried.

10 Proposed Heritage strategy

Ms Gray spoke about the proposed and revised Heritage Strategy and responded to questions from Elected Members.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/366** **File Ref** **1-CP-5**

That the proposed Heritage Strategy be adopted for consultation from 18 January 2016 until noon on 19 February 2016 and that Council endorses the engagement plan for this. HWTM/Aslett. Carried.

11 Expressions of Interest regarding Council's community housing

Mr McNeil spoke to the report and responded to questions posed by Councillors.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/367** **File Ref** **1-CP-7-2**

That the report on "Community Housing Management" be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/368** **File Ref** **1-CP-7-2**

That Council staff seek clarification from the Marton Edale Home Trust Board, the Manawatu Community Trust, and The Consulate Group Ltd on the processes and timelines each envisages for becoming registered with the Community Housing Regulatory Authority or being formally associated with a registered social housing provider, and report back to a subsequent meeting of Council.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Rainey. Carried.

12 Targeted District Plan change

Mr Hodder spoke to his memorandum and responded to questions from Elected Members.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/369** **File Ref** **3-EN-12-3**

That the memorandum 'Targeted District Plan change' be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Gordon. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/370** **File Ref** **3-EN-12-3**

That Council approves undertaking a targeted review of the District Plan which includes issues previously considered by the Policy/Planning Committee, particularly liquefaction/ground-shaking;

Cr Aslett / Cr Sheridan. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/371** **File Ref** **3-EN-12-3**

That Council requests the Chief Executive to propose an independent commissioner to conduct the hearings for the review of the District Plan, should hearings be required;

Cr Sheridan / Cr McManaway. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/372** **File Ref** **3-EN-12-3**

That Council notes the objective to have the District Plan review process complete by 30 June 2016 with the change proposals for public submission formalised at Council's meeting on 29 February 2016, and authorises unbudgeted expenditure of up to \$40,000.

Cr Aslett / Cr Harris. Carried.

13 Deliberation on submissions to proposed amendment to the Animal Control Bylaw – Mataroa, Crofton and Scotts Ferry

Ms Servante presented the report and responded to questions from Elected Members.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/373** **File Ref** **1-DB-1-9**

That the report 'Deliberations on submissions to the proposed Animal Control Bylaw amendments - Mataroa, Scotts Ferry, and Crofton' be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/374** **File Ref** **1-DB-1-9**

That the Animal Control Bylaw is amended to exempt properties in Mataroa and Crofton from the restrictions on animals in the Residential Zone and, instead, the restrictions applied to animals in rural living zones be applied.

Cr Gordon / Cr Sheridan. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/375** **File Ref** **1-DB-1-9**

That the Animal Control Bylaw attached as Appendix 2 to the report 'Deliberations on submissions to the proposed Animal Control Bylaw amendments - Mataroa, Scotts Ferry, and Crofton' by adopted without amendment.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Sheridan. Carried.

14 Consultation with residents of Dixon Way and Mangaone Valley road on options for reticulated water supply

A public meeting has been arranged for 21 December 2015, 5.30pm. Mr McNeil noted that consideration would be given to extending the water main past Winiata marae.

15 Removal and Disposal of Sludge from Bulls and Hunterville Waste Water Treatment Plants

Ms Saywell spoke to the report. The level of sludge in Hunterville had reached a volume which limits the ability of the ponds to treat the effluent, could float and cause odour issues, making it critical to remove the sludge as soon as possible. During the work the floating wetland would be pushed aside as the sludge is underneath. The wetland's performance was not in question. A working group of staff from many lower North Island Districts is investigating cost-effective ways to deal with this growing problem: overseas practice includes incineration, drying on top of old landfill sites and use as roading materials.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/376** **File Ref** **6-WW-1**

That the report on 'Removal and Disposal of Sludge from Bulls and Hunterville Waste Water Treatment Plants' be received.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr McManaway. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/377** **File Ref** **6-WW-1**

That Council bring forward a sum of \$193,750 from the 2016/17 budgets for Hunterville wastewater treatment works to the 2015/16 financial year.

Cr McManaway / Cr Rainey. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/378** **File Ref** **6-WW-1**

That the Council award Contract C1025 to Rob Burrell Earthmoving Limited for the removal of sludge from the Bulls Wastewater Treatment Plant for the sum of four hundred and thirteen thousand, three hundred and sixty-eight dollars, \$413,368.00, (excluding GST) for the removal, dewatering, transport and disposal of approximately 8,000 m³ of sludge (approximately 1200m³ of de-watered sludge).

Cr Belsham / Cr McManaway. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/379** **File Ref** **6-WW-1**

That [with the funding approval in 15/RDC/377] the Council extend Contract C1025 with Rob Burrell Earthmoving Limited for the sum of one hundred and ninety-three thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars, \$193,750.00, (excluding GST) for the removal, dewatering, transport and disposal of approximately 3,500m³ of sludge from the Hunterville Wastewater Treatment Plant (approximately 670 tonnes of de-watered sludge).

Cr Belsham / Cr McManaway. Carried

Council then considered the tabled item on the proposed contracts for supply of lamella clarifiers to Taihape's water and wastewater plants.

Mr Waugh spoke to the report, noting that this upgrade work was included in the 2015/16 budgets. Decommissioning existing clarifiers will be done at a later time.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/380** **File Ref** **6-WW-1**

That the report on 'Acceptance of tenders for Contracts C10009A, Taihape Wastewater and C1009B, Water Treatment Plants – supply of lamella clarifiers' be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/381** **File Ref** **6-WW-1**

That Contract C1009A Taihape Wastewater Treatment Plant – Supply of a Lamella Clarifier be awarded to Service Engineers Ltd for the sum of two hundred and thirty four thousand two hundred and eighteen dollars, noting this sum is for the supply of a clarifier fabricated from stainless steel and that the extra cost for this material is \$46,100 (excl. GST). Council bring forward a sum of \$193,750 from the 2016/17 budgets for Hunterville wastewater treatment works to the 2015/16 financial year.

AND

That Contract C1009B Taihape Water Treatment Plant – Supply of a Lamella Clarifier, a Flash Mixer and a Flocculation Tank be awarded to Service Engineers Ltd for the sum of two hundred and forty one thousand five hundred and twenty dollars (\$241,520-00 excl. GST), noting this sum is for the supply of a clarifier fabricated from stainless steel and that the extra cost for this material is \$44,400 (excl. GST).

Cr Sheridan / Cr Aslett. Carried.

16 Receipt of Committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/382** **File Ref** **6-WW-1**

That the minutes of the following meetings be received:

- Hunterville Community Committee, 19 October 2015
- Finance/Performance Committee, 26 November 2015
- Taihape Community Board, 2 December 2015
- Audit/Risk Committee, 7 December 2015
- Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, 8 December 2015
- Bulls Community Committee, 8 December 2015
- Marton Community Committee, 9 December 2015
- Ratana Community Board, 15 December 2015

Cr McManaway / Cr Rainey. Carried.

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/383** **File Ref** **6-WW-1**

That the following recommendation from the meeting of the Bulls Community Committee on 8 December 2015 be confirmed:

15/BCC/053

That Rangitikei District Council formulate Communication Plans to inform the Bulls Ward of all progress/decisions re Bulls Town Centre Plan.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Harris. Carried.

(Recommendation 15/BCC/052 was not confirmed.)

17 Late items

Taihape Water and Waste Water Plant, report C1009 was considered as part of item 15.

18 Public Excluded

Resolved minute number **15/RDC/384** **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:

Cr Aslett / Cr Peke -.Mason. Carried.

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	Section 48(1)(a)(i)

	information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) – <i>sections 7(2)(c) and (i)</i> .	
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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.

Council moved back into open meeting at 12.23 pm.

19 Future items for the agenda

Nil.

20 Next meeting

28 January 2016, 9.30 am.

21 Meeting closed

Meeting closed at 12.25 pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: