



Rangitikei District Council

Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 28 January 2016 – 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 Tim Harris
Cr Mike Jones
Cr Rebecca McNeil
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 Denise Servante, Strategy & Community Planning Manager
Ms Katrina Gray, Policy Analyst
Ms Laura Richards, Governance Administrator

Tabled documents: Item 5 Mayor's report

1 Welcome and Council Prayer

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 One minute silence in memory of former Councillor, Ed Cherry

3 Public Forum

Jo Rangooni and Jan Harris attended to discuss the topic of homelessness, specifically people stranded in Bulls. Bus Stop Café had volunteered food. Ms Harris said she thought without a fixed address MSD is unable to provide funds to a person and it would be good to have strategies in place to help people in these circumstances.

Cr Sheridan noted the District has a Safe and Caring Community policy and perhaps this issue needs to be looked at through it.

Cr Peke-Mason arrived 9.40 am.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that Ms Harris liaise with staff. He noted this issue surfaces every so often and needs to be dealt with.

4 Apologies / leave of absence

Resolved minute number	16/RDC/001	File Ref
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That apologies for absence from Cr Gordon for lateness be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Aslett. Carried.

5 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number	16/RDC/002	File Ref
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That the Minutes and Public Excluded Minutes of the Council meeting held on 17 December 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Ash / Cr Belsham. Carried

6 Mayor's report

His Worship the Mayor said the minute of silence to honour the memory of former Taihape Councillor Ed Cherry also honoured the seven years Cr Cherry served on the Taihape Borough Council and the three years he served as Mayor of the Borough. Cr Cherry served as a Rangitikei District Councillor for 15 years. He served his community for 25 years.

Speaking to his tabled report, His Worship the Mayor noted the various events he has attended since the last Council meeting. He said a common theme throughout these events were the comments congratulating the new Parks Team for the thought and care to ensure the venues were in tip top conditions.

Cr Peke-Mason told His Worship the Mayor and Councillors the Ratana Celebrations brought in 10,000 people to the village. While it was thought that the TPP issue would put extra pressure on their security there was minimal disturbance. The Maori Wardens were commended for their presence and help.

Councillors discussed the popular Kiwi Burn, affiliated with the world wide Burning Man events. His Worship the Mayor said there is a 30 percentile growth with this event each year. This year, while there is no direct funding from Council to hold the event, the Council has graded the gravel roads to the event property. Deputy Chair McManaway said participants spend a lot of money in the District's small towns.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/ 003** **File Ref**

That the Mayor's report to Council's meeting of 28 January 2016 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried.

7 Administrative matters

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

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/004** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the report 'Administrative matters – January 2016' be received.

Cr Harris / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/005** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That Council grants a certificate of exemption until 30 June 2016 to the current operator of the Scotts Ferry Camping Ground (Frank and Vicki Rout) from the requirements in the Schedule to the Camping-Grounds Regulations 1985, subject to the Community & Leisure Services Team Leader being satisfied that the camping ground provides a safe and hygienic environment.

Cr Harris / Cr Gordon. Carried.

The application for funding for the Hunterville cemetery was left on the table to enable clarification of the status of the cemetery and of its trustees.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/006** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the Council continues to fund the Taihape Youth Hutt for one month to be reassessed at the February Council meeting.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/007** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That Council confirms the submission made by His Worship the Mayor to the Parliamentary Social Services Committee on the Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Belsham. Carried.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/008** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That Council authorises the Policy/Planning Committee to provide comment on behalf of Council to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's discussion paper on *Proposed residential tenancies regulations for insulation and smoke alarms*, having particular regard for ways to equalise benefit over cost irrespective of the level of rent and the value of the rental property.

Cr Aslett / Cr Jones. Carried.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/009** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That His Worship the Mayor be authorised, on behalf of the Council, to sign the proposed submission [as amended/without amendment] to the Parliamentary Government Administration Committee on the proposed amendment to the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 in part 23 of the Statutes Amendment Bill.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/010** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That His Worship the Mayor be authorised, on behalf of the Council, to sign the proposed submission without amendment to the Ministry of Environment's Urban Development Team on the proposed National Policy Statement on Urban Planning.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Sheridan. Carried.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/011** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That His Worship the Mayor be authorised, on behalf of Council, to sign the proposed submission without amendment to priority issues identified in the Ministry of Environment's discussion paper on its review of the Emissions Trading Scheme.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Jones. Carried.

8 Submission - A 'blue skies' discussion about New Zealand's resource management system

Ms Gray spoke briefly about her report and answered questions from Elected Members.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/012** **File Ref** **2-EA-2**

That the memorandum 'Submission - A 'Blue Skies' Discussion about New Zealand's Resource Management System' be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/013** **File Ref** **2-EA-2**

That His Worship the Mayor be authorised to sign, on behalf of the Council the feedback without amendment to the Local Government New Zealand discussion document on 'blue skies' thinking for New Zealand's resource management system.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Jones. Carried.

9 Facilitating iwi engagement in Accelerate25 and the Rangitikei Growth Strategy

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/014** **File Ref** **4-ED-1**

That the report "Facilitating Iwi engagement in Accelerate25 and the Rangitikei Growth Strategy" be received

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Jones. Carried.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/ 015** **File Ref** **4-ED-1**

That Council requests that Te Roopu Ahi Kaa considers, at its meeting on 9 February 2016, what assistance may be required to support local iwi/hapu to develop their governance and strategic planning capability in order to complete the review of the TRAK Strategic Plan

Cr Belsham / Cr Ash. Carried.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/016** **File Ref** **4-ED-1**

That the outcome from the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting on 9 February 2016 is reported back to the Finance/Performance Committee on 29 February 2016 for decisions about any support, including funding implications, with an update on other aspects of the Accelerate25 and the Rangitikei Growth Strategy.

Cr Ash / Cr Belsham. Carried.

10 Receipt of Committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/017** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the following meetings be received:

- Turakina Reserve Management Committee, 3 December 2015
- Turakina Community Committee, 3 December 2015
- Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Subcommittee, 14 December 2015

Cr Sheridan / Cr Harris. Carried.

No recommendations were made at these meetings which require Council confirmation.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/018** **File Ref**

That the Council the meeting be adjourned

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried.

Council adjourned 10.55 am, reconvened 3.30 pm

~~11 Public excluded~~

12 Late items

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His Worship the Mayor noted the further discussions on the proposed regional MOU with AITA

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/019** **File Ref**

That His Worship the Mayor be authorised, on behalf of the Council, to sign the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the Australia International Trade Association (AITA).

Cr Gordon / Cr McManaway. Carried.
Cr Ash voted against the motion.

6. Administrative matters – continued

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/ 020** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That Council has a preference to assume responsibility for the management and maintenance of the Hunterville Cemetery, and subject to confirming ownership status or statutory responsibility for the cemetery property agrees a transition arrangement until the Hunterville Cemetery Trustees makes an appropriate budget provision to fulfil this responsibility.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr McManaway. Carried

13 Future items for the agenda

No item was suggested

14 Next meeting

Monday 29 February 2016, 8.30 am.

15 Meeting closed

The meeting closed at 3.35 pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: