



# Rangitikei District Council

## Council Meeting

Minutes – Monday 29 February 2016 – 8:30 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 Mike Jones  
Cr Rebecca McNeil  
Cr Soraya Peke-Mason  
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 Katrina Gray, Policy Analyst  
Ms Samantha Whitcombe, Governance Administrator

**Tabled documents:** **Item 6 Mayor's Report** – Mayor's Report  
**Item 7 Administrative Matters** – Submission on the Better Urban Planning paper.  
**Item 9 Draft heritage strategy – oral hearings** – Submissions  
**Item 8 Proposed District Plan changes – report for notification** – Maps  
**Item 11 Receipt of committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed** – Turakina Reserve Management Committee, Turakina Community Committee, Bulls Community Committee, Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee.

## 1 Welcome and Council prayer

Cr Ash read the Council Prayer. His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2 Public Forum

Nil

## 3 Apologies

That the apology for absence from Cr Rainey, and the apology for lateness from Cr McNeil be received.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Harris. Carried

## 4 Confirmation of Order of business

Oral submissions to the draft Heritage Strategy are timed to start at 9.45 am (John Vickers and Robert Snijders).

Cr Ash asked to have the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement considered as a late item. His Worship the Mayor expressed his willingness to accept that, if time allowed.

## 5 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number	16/RDC/022	File Ref
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That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 28 January 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Aslett / Cr Belsham. Carried

## 6 Mayor's report

His Worship the Mayor spoke briefly to his tabled report. Discussion was held around the proposed changes to the Local Government (Rating) Act regarding Maori Land and the continuing issues around securing funding for youth services within the District.

Resolved minute number	16/RDC/023	File Ref	3-EP-3-5
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That the Mayor's report to Council's meeting of 29 January 2016 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Jones. Carried

## 7 Administrative matters

Mr McNeil spoke to the report.

Council requested that the proposed amendments to the Delegations register for Community Committees and Reserve Management Committees be highlighted in the agendas for the next Turakina Community Committee and Turakina Reserve Management Committee meetings, and that the Committees' views be sought on the proposed amendments.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/RDC/024**                      **File Ref**                      5-EX-4

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

Cr Jones / Cr Ash. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/RDC/025**                      **File Ref**                      5-EX-4

That the Delegations Register make explicit the qualification for nominators and electors for Council's community committees and reserve management committees as follows:

- a. Community Committees – residents of the relevant ward (as evident from the Rangitikei District electoral roll);
- b. McIntyre Reserve Management Committee – residents within 25 km of Ohingaiti (as evident on the Rangitikei or Manawatu District electoral roll)

Cr DM / Cr AG. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/RDC/026**                      **File Ref**                      5-EX-4

That when a public meeting is required to form a reserve management committee or a community committee, there must be at least eight (8) eligible voters present for a reserve management committee and ten (10) eligible voters present for a community committee.

Cr McManaway / Cr Belsham. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/RDC/027**                      **File Ref**                      5-EX-4

That Council continues to fund the Taihape Youth Hutt until the end of April 2016.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Gordon. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/RDC/028**                      **File Ref**                      5-EX-4

That Council consults on the provision of the Marton Youth Club and Taihape Youth Hutt in the 2016/17 Annual Plan.

Cr Gordon / Cr Sheridan. Carried

### **Motion**

That the Parks Upgrade Partnership Fund Expression of Interest form be amended to make explicit that upgrade projects which have started are not eligible for a grant.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan.

### **Amendment**

... explicit that upgrade projects which are completed are not eligible for a grant.

Cr Belsham / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/RDC/029**                      **File Ref**                      5-EX-4

That the Parks Upgrade Partnership Fund Expression of Interest form be amended to make explicit that upgrade projects which are completed are not eligible for a grant.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/RDC/030**                      **File Ref**                      5-EX-4

That the proposed carry-forward from 2015/16 to 2016/17 be approved for inclusion in the draft 2016/17 Annual Plan and included as an appendix to the minutes of Council's meeting on 29 February 2016.

Cr McManaway / Cr Gordon. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/RDC/031**                      **File Ref**                      5-EX-4

That, having regard for recommendations from the Taihape Community Board (16/TCB/004) and the Assets/Infrastructure Committee (16/AIN/016), Council agrees to include the proposed new amenity block on Taihape Memorial Park in the draft 2016/17 Annual Plan for public consultation.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried

Cr Speke-Mason left the meeting 9.40 am

Cr McNeil arrived 9.41 am

## 9 Draft heritage strategy – oral hearings

John Vickers	Heritage Strategy	<p>Mr Vickers spoke on behalf of the Wanganui Regional Heritage Trust. The Trust supports the draft Heritage Strategy without amendment. Mr Vickers gave a brief background to who the Trust are and the issues they are currently dealing with. Mr Vickers stated that in the District ‘...development is a rare and welcome flower,’ and acknowledged that there is a balance needed between preserving heritage and the need for development. He acknowledged the good relationship the Trust has with Council.</p> <p>Cr Gordon: how do we deal with preserving our heritage when majority of the heritage we are dealing with is built with wood which decays when exposed to the elements? For the most part very good quality materials have been used that can stand up to the elements, but in some areas some expensive maintenance is required to keep this heritage.</p> <p>Cr McManaway: There are some properties/sites within the District that I question being listed as heritage given the state of them, are there issues with the criteria for listing a site/building? The criteria for listing a site/building as being of historical significance have been recently overhauled.</p> <p>Cr Aslett: How do you view the long-term life of the Mangaweka Cantilever Bridge? We are still waiting the report on its structural integrity.</p>	9.43am
Robert Snijders	Heritage Strategy	<p>Mr Snijders feels that there is not a lot of action outlined in the Action Plan for the strategy. He suggested that when buildings/sites are being assessed as being of historical significance it should also be outlined what specific parts of those buildings/sites need to be protected. This would give potential buyers of heritage properties a better understanding of what they were getting themselves into before purchasing a property. Mr Snijders also suggested that any on-going costs associated with the Strategy needed to be made public knowledge.</p> <p>Cr Belsham: You say that this is a costly process (identifying properties) yet you also want an assessment of the specific parts of those properties that need to be protected? A high-level assessment of what needs to be protected.</p> <p>Hi Worship the Mayor: You acknowledge that this is a balancing act? Yes.</p> <p>Cr Sheridan: Are you suggesting that we identify features rather than sites/buildings? Yes. Could there be a trade-off between removing a feature from a building but adding to</p>	9.53am

another or replacing it with something similar? Yes.

Cr McManaway: There is a cost associated with identifying specific features, should this be undertaken once an expression of interest has come in on a property? There is already a cost associated with listing a property, and this could encourage interest.

Cr Ash: Would you see the costs being passed onto the building owner? Potentially, or it could be added to everyone's rates.

His Worship the Mayor: Are you suggesting an additional rate for listed properties? No, suggesting adding to rates to cover the cost of identifying a property and/or features of property.

The meeting adjourned 10.05am / reconvened 10.22am

## 7 Administrative matters

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<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>16/RDC/032</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	5-EX-4
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That His Worship the Mayor be authorised to sign the submission without amendment to the Local Government and Environment Committee on the proposed Resource Legislation Amendment Bill.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

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That His Worship the Mayor be authorised to sign the submission without amendment to the Productivity Commission's proposed approach to its first principles study of urban planning.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>16/RDC/034</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	5-EX-4
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That Council confirms the submission made by His Worship the Mayor to the Chair of Horizons Regional Council on the Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan.

Cr Jones / Cr Sheridan. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/RDC/035**                      **File Ref**                      5-EX-4

That Council confirms the submission made by His Worship the Mayor to the Associate Minister of Transport on the proposed changes to the Vehicles Dimensions & Mass (VDAM) Rule

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried

## **8 Proposed District Plan changes – report for notification**

Ms Gray spoke briefly to the report and narrated a presentation on the proposed District Plan changes. She also introduced Alistair Beveridge from Catalyst Group, who has been assisting with the Plan change, and identified the tabled document provided to Council, being the maps identifying the proposed changes which are to be included with the documents for public consultation.

It was agreed that some minor amendments would be made to the flood maps for Hunterville prior to them being included in the documents for public consultation.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/RDC/036**                      **File Ref**                      1-PL-2-5

That the report 'Proposed District Plan changes – report for notification' be received.

C Aslett / Cr Sheridan. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/RDC/037**                      **File Ref**                      1-PL-2-5

That the proposed District Plan changes are adopted for public consultation from 4 March 2016 to 4 April 2016.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/RDC/038**                      **File Ref**                      1-PL-2-5

That the Mayor and the Chief Executive be authorised to appoint an independent commissioner to conduct the hearing of submissions to the proposed District Plan changes.

Cr Jones / Cr Gordon. Carried

## **10 Proposed Treasury management policy**

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/RDC/039**                      **File Ref**

That the proposed Treasury management policy (including the Liability Management Policy and the Investment Policy) as issued for public consultation be adopted effective from 1



March 2016.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

## 11 Receipt of committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/RDC/040**                      **File Ref**

That the minutes of the following meetings be received:

- Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Sub-committee, 1 February 2016
- Taihape Community Board, 3 February 2016
- Turakina Community Committee, 4 February 2016 (tabled)
- Turakina Reserve Management Committee, 4 February 2016 (tabled)
- Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, 9 February 2016
- Bulls Community Committee, 9 February 2016 (tabled)
- Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-committee, 10 February 2016 (tabled)
- Marton Community Committee, 10 February 2016
- Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 11 February 2016 (*public excluded minutes provided separately to Elected members only*)
- Policy/Planning Committee, 11 February 2016

Cr Gordon / Cr Ash. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/RDC/041**                      **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee dated 1 February 2016 be confirmed:

**16/HRWS/007**

That the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee recommends to Rangitikei District Council that the rural water rate for the Hunterville Rural Water Supply to be set at a minimal \$280.

Cr McManaway / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/RDC/042**                      **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from Turakina Community Committee dated 4 February 2016 be referred to the Finance/Performance Committee:

**16/TCC/004**

That the Turakina Community Committee requests that any unused amount from the

Turakina Ward Small Projects Grant be allowed to roll-over/accrue each year.

Cr Sheridan / Cr McManaway. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/RDC/043**                      **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-committee dated 10 February 2016 be confirmed:

**16/ERWS/0212**

That the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-committee recommends that the rate of \$114.10 be confirmed for the 2016/17 year.

Cr Gordon / Cr McManaway. Carried

## 12 Late items

Nil

(The potential discussion on the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement was deferred for a subsequent meeting.)

## 13 Public Excluded

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/RDC/044**                      **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: Council-owned property

Item 2: Chief Executive Remuneration

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	Briefing contains information which if released would be likely unreasonably to	Section 48(1)(a)(i)

Council-owned property	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> .	
Item 2 Chief Executive remuneration	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)(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 Harris. Carried

## 14 Future items for the agenda

Outcome of the analysis by Local Government New Zealand of the potential risks of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (and their significance) to the local government sector.

Future of forestry within the District.

## 15 Next meeting

31 March 2016, 1.00 pm

## 16 Meeting closed – 12pm

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_