



Rangitikei District Council

Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 28 July 2016 – 1:00 p.m.

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- Present:** His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Richard Aslett
Cr Nigel Belsham
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
Ms Katrina Gray, Policy Analyst
Ms Samantha Whitcombe, Governance Administrator
- Tabled documents** Item 9 Draft LGNZ submission on Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Bill No.2
Item 17 Marton Community Committee minutes, 13 July 2016
Item 18 Late item: Electoral qualification for Turakina Reserve Management Committee.

1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting

2 Minute's silence – Gordon Riach

Rangitikei District Council's representative on the PowerCo Trust Board.

3 Public forum

Nil

4 Apologies/leave of absence

That the apologies for absence from Cr Gordon and Cr McManaway be received, and for early departure (4.00 pm) from Cr Jones. .

Cr Belsham / Cr Aslett. Carried

5 Members' conflict of interest

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

6 Confirmation of order of business

Resolved minute number	16/RDC/179	File Ref
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That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, resolution **16/TRMC/004** from the Turakina Reserve Management Committee be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

7 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number	16/RDC/180	File Ref
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That the minutes and Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting held on 30 June 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Belsham. Carried

8 Mayor's report

His Worship the Mayor spoke briefly to his report informing Council that a detailed report on the recent LGNZ Annual Conference would be provided to the next meeting.

Resolved minute number	16/RDC/180	File Ref	3-EP-3-5
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That the 'Mayor's report (and Schedule of engagements)' to Council's meeting on 28 July 2016 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Harris. Carried

Cr Peke-Mason arrived 1.08pm

9 Administrative matters

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the report.

He noted that Rangitikei was one of 21 Foundation Council in the Local Government Excellence Programme, which presented a huge opportunity to demonstrate the Council's performance. Rangitikei's assessment would be undertaken in February/March 2017, by which time the measures would be finalised and the experiences of councils assessed earlier be known.

Council discussed at length the item on the two elm trees ('notable trees in the District Plan) at the entrance to Marton School. The discussion focused in who was responsible for the maintenance of the trees, the maintenance required to bring the trees up to a safe standard and keep them at this level, what level of involvement Council should have in the process and the potential costs of a resource consent process for felling the trees. It was uncertain whether the School had approached the Ministry of Education on the matter.

Council also briefly discussed the potential changes that the District's communities could face through the implementation of the Fire and Emergency New Zealand Bill.

The future of the New Zealand Post box facilities in Mangaweka, specifically their potential relocation to the Mangaweka Hall, was discussed and it was suggested that this be placed as an item on a future Taihape Community Board agenda.

Resolved minute number	16/RDC/181	File Ref	5-EX-4
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That the report 'Administrative matters – July 2016' be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Motion

That Council authorises the Chief Executive to enter into an arrangement with the Marton School to investigate the preservation of the two historic Elm Trees at the entrance to Marton School, and provide a report to a future Council meeting.

Cr Harris / Cr Ash. Lost

Motion

That Council authorises the Chief Executive to publish notice of the School's intention to remove the two historic elm trees at the Hereford Street frontage of Marton School, with consent costs being met by Council.

Cr Sheridan / Lapsed – no seconder

Motion

That on the basis of the report from Arbor Spec Ltd on the Marton School Elm trees (notable trees in the District Plan), Council considers the tree do not present an imminent danger to the students, teachers and visitors to the School and invites the Marton School to seek a resource consent for the removal of these trees with Council funding the cost of that consent process.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan

Amendment

...the cost of this consent being met 50% by Council and 50% by the School.

Cr Aslett / Cr Belsham. Lost

Amendment

...to a maximum value of \$5,000.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number**16/RDC/182****File Ref**

5-EX-4

That on the basis of the report from Arbor Spec Ltd on the Marton School Elm trees (notable trees in the District Plan), Council considers the tree do not present an imminent danger to the students, teachers and visitors to the School and invites the Marton School to seek a resource consent for the removal of these trees with Council funding the cost of that consent process to a maximum value of \$5,000.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Council asked for the School to be advised promptly of this decision

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/183** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That the Rangitikei District Council

- (i) endorses the submission to the Local Government and Environment Committee from Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) on the Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Bill (No. 2) and
- (ii) expresses confidence in LGNZ working with the Minister of Local Government to find amendments in the Bill which maintain the integrity of local democracy while encouraging formal collaborative structures between local authorities which drive efficiency and effectiveness for their communities.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/184** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That Council authorise the Policy/Planning Committee to approve (for the Mayor's signature) submissions to

- a. the Government Administration Committee on the Fire and Emergency New Zealand Bill and
- b. the Department of Internal Affairs on the discussion document on proposed regulations to be made under the Fire and Emergency New Zealand Bill, and
- c. the Department of Internal Affairs on the discussion paper on community funding from class 4 gambling.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Jones. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/185** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That under Council's rates remission policy providing for remission of rates on the grounds of disproportionate rates compared to the value of the property, a full remission of rates from 1 July 2016 be granted to Jean Cherry in respect of the property at 2 Eagle Street, Taihape, so long as the capital value of the property does not exceed \$10,000.

Cr Aslett / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/186** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That Council waive 100% of the internal building consent fees for the Hunterville Shemozzle in October 2016.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

Motion

That Council waive 100% of the internal building consent fees for the Marton Country Music Festival in January 2017.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Aslett. Lost

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/187** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That the request to waive the internal building consent costs for the Marton Country Music Festival in January 2017 be considered as part of the application to the Events Sponsorship Scheme.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Jones. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/188** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That, having considered the letter from the Chair of the Taihape Community Development Trust concerning the annual World Gumboot throwing Championships, Council provides a grant of \$300 towards the costs of sending Ms Mortland to the World Gumboot Throwing Championships.

Cr Rainey / Cr Aslett. Carried

Cr Harris 2.08pm / 2.11pm

10 Pre-election report 2016

Mr McNeil outlined the purpose of the Pre-election report which had been distributed to Elected Members at the same time as the meeting Order Paper.

11 Top Ten Projects - status

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the memorandum, informing Council that a public meeting would be held around the draft design and costings for the Bulls Multi-Purpose Community Facility on Monday 8 August 2016 at 6.30pm.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/189** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That the memorandum 'Top Ten Projects-status' be received.

Cr Jones / Cr Belsham. Carried

12 Update on proposed changes to the District Plan

Ms Gray provided a brief update on progress with the Council-initiated District Plan Change. The Commissioner has now formally closed the hearing and is expected to issue a decision by the end of August 2016.

13 Update on investigation into alternative providers of community housing

Council noted the update provided on the investigation into alternative providers of community housing.

14 Annual report on the administration of the dog control policy and dog control practices

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the report. There is potential policy work around a complaints process to Council.

An error was identified on page two of the report under item four, should be 'increased' from \$55 to \$56.

Resolved minute number	16/RDC/190	File Ref	2-RE-1-7
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That the Annual report for the year ending 30 June 2016 of administration of dog control policy and dog control practices in the Rangitikei District as amended be adopted.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Harris. Carried

15 District Licensing Committee – Annual Report to the Alcohol and Regulatory Licensing Authority for the year ending 30 June 2016

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the report.

Resolved minute number	16/RDC/191	File Ref	3-CT-16-3
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That the report of the proceedings and operations of the District Licensing Authority for the year ending 30 June 2016 be approved and conveyed to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority.

Cr Harris / Cr Jones. Carried

16 Draft Marton Park Management Plan – Adoption for Public Consultation

Ms Gray spoke briefly to the report highlighting the intended consultation process, which reflected the desire expressed at the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting on 14 July 2016 for more interaction with the community during that process. .

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/192** **File Ref** **1-CP-4-7**

That the memorandum 'Draft Marton Park Management Plan – Adoption for Public Consultation' be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/193** **File Ref** **1-CP-4-7**

That Council adopts the Draft Marton Park Management Plan, Submission Form, Engagement Plan, Frequently Asked Questions Form, (without amendment) for two months of public consultation from 5 August 2016 – 7 October 2016.

Cr Belsham / Cr Jones. Carried

17 Receipt of Committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed

Recommendations

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/194** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the following meetings be received:

- Finance/Performance Committee, 30 June 2016
- Ratana Community Board, 5 July 2016
- Bulls Community Committee, 12 July 2016
- Marton Community Committee. 13 July 2016 - *tabled*
- Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 14 July 2016
- Policy/Planning Committee, 14 July 2016

Cr Aslett / Cr Sheridan. Carried

In considering the recommendation from the Assets/Infrastructure Committee regarding seal extension on the lower Turakina Valley Road, the integrity of the number of vehicle movements on the lower part of Turakina Valley Road noted in the report to that Committee's meeting in June 2016 was questioned. The Chief Executive noted that the figures provided in that report were less than those mentioned at the meeting. Council did not request a review of the figures.

The motion was initially seconded by Cr Peke-Mason; after she withdrew, Cr Jones seconded it.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/195** **File Ref**

That the recommendations from the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting of 9 June 2016 be confirmed:

16/AIN/061

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee recommends to Council that approval is given to the upgrade and sealing of the 3.4km section of Turakina Valley Road between SH3 and Mangatipona, so that the loop from Turakina to Hunterville and Turakina to Fordell is complete; that the project is spread over 2016/17 and 2017/18; and that the budget provision of \$67,000 is carried forward to 2017/18 and supplemented to cover the full cost of sealing in that year.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Jones. Carried

Cr Harris voted against

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/196** **File Ref**

That the recommendation from the Bulls Community Committee meeting of 12 July 2016 be confirmed:

16/BCC/024

That the Bulls Community Committee requests that Council allow the carry-forward of the balance of the Small Projects Grant Scheme from the 2015/16 financial year to 2016/17.

Cr Harris / Cr McNeil. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/197** **File Ref**

That the recommendations from the Marton Community Committee meeting of 13 July 2016 be confirmed:

16/MCC/030

That the Marton Community Committee recommends that Council investigate/develop a Policy on the management of feral cats within the District.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Aslett. Carried

18 Late items

Resolution 16/TRMC/004 from the Turakina Reserve Management Committee

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/198** **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from the Turakina Reserve Management Committee be received:

16/TRMC/004

That the Turakina Reserve Management Committee recommends that nominators (and voters, should that prove necessary) for the Committee following the October 2016 local body elections should reside within 20km of Turakina Village.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Cr Peke-Mason 3.03pm / 3.05pm

Meeting adjourned 3.08pm / 3.21pm

19 Public Excluded

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/199** **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) – sections 7(2)(c) and (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 Rainey / Cr Jones. Carried

20 Future items for the agenda

Nil

21 Next meeting

25 August 2016, 1.00 pm

22 Meeting closed – 4.05 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____