



Rangitikei District Council

Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 25 August 2016 – 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
 - Ms Gaylene Prince, Community & Leisure Assets Team Leader
 - Ms Katrina Gray, Policy Analyst
 - Ms Samantha Kett, Governance Administrator
- Tabled documents:**
- Item 8** **LGNZ Conference Reports** – Reports from Cr Aslett and Cr Belsham
 - Item 10** **Administrative Matters** – Letter from Marton School
 - Item 11** **Accelerate25 – Economic Action Plan – International Investment Opportunities** – Itinerary for Chinese Delegation to Royal Melbourne Show 2016 and Manawatu Business Forum
 - Item 13** **Evaluation of Expressions of Interest from alternative providers of community housing** - Report

1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Public Forum

Nil

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for lateness from Cr Jones be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Rainey. Carried

4 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.

5 Confirmation of order of business

Late Item - Letter from Marton School

A letter relating to the Elm Trees at Marton School had been received yesterday. His Worship the Mayor informed Council that the letter would be treated as a late item due to possible timing issue from spring growth to the Elm Trees at the entrance to the School.

6 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/200** **File Ref**

That the Minutes and Public Excluded minutes of the Council meeting held on 28 July 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Aslett / Cr Ash. Carried

7 Mayor's Report

His Worship the Mayor spoke briefly to his report.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/201** **File Ref** 3-EP-3-5

That the 'Mayor's report (and Schedule of engagements)' to Council's meeting on 25 August 2016 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

8 LGNZ Conference Reports

Cr Aslett and Cr Belsham both tabled reports on their experience at the recent annual LGNZ Conference. Both Councillors spoke briefly to their reports and encouraged all Councillors to attend at least one conference in their term on Council.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/202** **File Ref**

That the tabled reports from Cr Aslett and Cr Belsham on their experiences at the 2016 Annual LGNZ Conference be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Aslett. Carried

9 Proposed changes to the District Plan – Commissioner’s decision

Ms Gray narrated a presentation on the main decision points from the Commissioner’s report. Both she and Mr Greg Carlyon (Catalyst Group) elaborated on that report and answered various question from Council. There was a thirty working day period for appeals from the first public notification (on 27 August 2016) of the Commissioner’s decision.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/203** **File Ref** 1-PL-2-8

- 1 That the memorandum ‘District Plan Change – Commissioner's decision for notification’ be received.
- 2 That Council adopts the Commissioner’s decision on the Rangitikei District Plan Change 2016 for public notification under Clause 10 and Clause 11 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act.
- 3 That Council notes, in the event of any appeal being lodged on the Rangitikei District Plan Change 2016 decision, that the Chief Executive will exercise his delegation to resolve such appeal(s) through the Environment Court mediation process, consulting with the Mayor, and reporting the outcome to the next available meeting of Council.

Cr Sheridan / Cr McManaway. Carried

Cr Ash 1.27pm / 1.29pm; Cr Jones arrived 1.33pm

10 Administrative Matters

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the report.

He provided further detail on the reasoning behind the need to operate outside of Council’s Procurement Policy to negotiate a contract for the professional services required to complete the pre-feasibility study for a possible Tutaenui Rural Water Scheme.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/204** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That the report ‘Administrative matters – August 2016’ be received.

Cr Rainey / Cr Aslett. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/205** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That, having regard to rule 13 of the procurement policy, Council endorses the approach by the Chief Executive to award a contract for up to \$75,000 (GST exclusive) to a nominated consultant to provide specialised advice for the Tutaenui rural water scheme pre-feasibility study, with the award of that contract to be approved by the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting on 15 September 2016.

Cr Rainey / Cr McManaway. Carried

Late Item - Marton School Elm Trees

His Worship the Mayor provided Council with a brief background to the tabled response from Marton School to Council's resolution at its meeting on 28 July 2016. The School has expressed an interest in Council taking over the maintenance of the trees. He had talked with the Parks and Reserves Team Leader about the best time for pruning these trees.

The Chief Executive commented that the advice the School had received from Worksafe did not constitute an assessment of any hazard posed by the trees; rather it was advice to the School on how it should address the hazard it perceived.

Motion

That following further information with regard to the Elm Trees at Marton School, Council supports the School and works in partnership over the care and maintenance of these trees.

Cr Ash / Cr Gordon. Lost

Motion

That following further information with regard to the Elm Trees at Marton School, Council looks to take over the care and maintenance of these trees provided that they can be pruned heavily, specifically the tree overhanging the carpark.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Harris.

Amendment

...for the next two years...

Cr Ash / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/206** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That following further information with regard to the Elm Trees at Marton School, Council looks to take over the care and maintenance of these trees for the next two years provided that they can be pruned heavily, specifically the tree overhanging the carpark.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Harris.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/207** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That Council endorses the 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 Aslett / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/208** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That further consideration be given to Local Government New Zealand's discussion paper '2050 – the challenge' by the Policy/Planning Committee at its meeting on 15 September 2016, bearing in mind the views expressed at Council's meeting on 25 August 2016, with delegated authority being given to that Committee to authorise the finalised feedback being sent under the Mayor's signature to Local Government New Zealand.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Aslett. Carried

The Chief Executive noted the letter from the Environmental Protection Authority concerning glyphosate. The Parks & Reserves Team Leader was preparing a report for the next meeting of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee on 15 September 2016 on how his team uses glyphosate.

Ms Prince outlined to the meeting the latest cost estimates developed by Mr van Bussel for upgrading filtration and heating at the Taihape Pool. A power upgrade would be necessary, even though no additional work was proposed on the main pool. As there had been on-site inspections, the Pool Manager knew what was under consideration.

The Chief Executive intended meeting with the Taihape Community Deployment Trust before the next meeting of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/209** **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 William Stuart Welch in respect of the 1257 m² land parcel at Warrens Road (valuation 13440 05201), so long as the capital value of the property does not exceed \$10,000.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/210** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That the approach taken by Club Targa New Zealand to address the two objections to the proposed road closures during 14-16 October 2016 be accepted, that the proposed route be confirmed, and that the rally organisers be informed accordingly.

Cr Belsham / Cr Harris. Carried

Cr McNeil 2.34pm / 2.36pm

11 Accelerate25 – Economic Action Plan – International Investment Opportunities

His Worship the Mayor spoke briefly to the item and tabled a document relating to an impending visit to the District by a Chinese delegation, who will also attend the Royal Melbourne Show in September.

The Mayor asked for Council's endorsement of his attendance at the Royal Melbourne Show 2016 and the subsequent Manawatu Business Forum in Palmerston North. He also asked that Council approve a small budget to cover his flights and accommodation in Melbourne and up to \$2,000 towards the costs that will be incurred by the Chinese delegation whilst they are in the region.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/211** **File Ref**

That Council supports the Mayor's attendance at the Royal Melbourne Show 2016 and the subsequent Manawatu Business Forum, with a budget provision to cover his flights and accommodation in Melbourne and a further \$2,000 towards the costs incurred by the Chinese Delegation that will visit the Region after these events.

Cr Belsham / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

12 Top Ten Projects – status update, August 2016

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/212** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That the memorandum 'Top Ten Projects – status update, August 2016' be received.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Ash. Carried

13 Evaluation of Expressions of Interest from alternative providers of community housing

Ms Prince spoke briefly to the tabled report, providing further detail on the two additional expressions of interest received. Several offers were on the basis of looking after only some of the housing stock, leaving Council with the risk that it might still retain direct management oversight over some of the housing units.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/213** **File Ref** 6-CF-1-14

- 1 That the report on 'Evaluation of Expressions of Interest from alternative Providers of Community Housing' be received.
- 2 That Dwell Housing Trust be invited to make a presentation to the September meeting of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee on how they would manage/operate Council's community housing portfolio.

Cr McManaway / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/214** **File Ref** 6-CF-1-14

That the Ratana Communal Board of Trustees be asked whether they wish to continue selecting tenants for the Council's community housing in Ratana if Council opts for an alternative provider to manage/own the units.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/215** **File Ref** 6-CF-1-14

That an evaluative report on the respective merits of Manawatu Community Trust and Dwell Housing Trust Inc. taking over the management/ownership of all of the Council's community housing be provided to Council's meeting on 29 September 2016.

Cr McManaway / Cr Gordon. Carried

14 Receipt of Committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/216** **File Ref**

1. That the minutes of the following meetings be received:
 - Finance/Performance Committee, 28 July 2016
 - Taihape Community Board, 3 August 2016
 - Turakina Reserve Management Committee, 4 August 2016
 - Turakina Community Committee, 4 August 2016
 - Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee, 8 August 2016
 - Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti, 9 August 2016
 - Bulls Community Committee, 9 August 2016
 - Omatane Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee, 10 August 2016
 - Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee, 10 August 2016
 - Marton Community Committee, 10 August 2016
 - Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 11 August 2016
 - Policy/Planning Committee, 11 August 2016

Cr Aslett / Cr Sheridan. Carried

15 Late Items

The identified Late Item was dealt with during Item 10, Administrative Matters

16 Public Excluded – 3.25pm

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/217** **File Ref**

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

- Item 1: Maori Land Rates Remission Sub-committee minutes
- Item 2: Council-owned property
- Item 3: Annual review of the Chief Executive's performance

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 Receipt of minutes of Maori Land Rates Remission Sub-committee, 9 August 2016	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)
Item 3 Annual review of the Chief Executive's performance	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)

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 Peke-Mason / Cr Belsham. Carried

16/RDC/218

16/RDC/219

17 Open meeting – 3.40pm

18 Future Items for the Agenda

Nil

19 Next Meeting

Thursday 29 September 2016, 1.00 pm (this will be Council's last meeting for the Triennium)

20 Meeting Closed

3.40 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____