



Rangitikei District Council

Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 15 December 2016 – 1:00 p.m.

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- Present:**
- His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
 - Cr Nigel Belsham
 - Cr Cath Ash
 - Cr Richard Aslett
 - Cr Jane Dunn
 - Cr Angus Gordon
 - Cr Dean McManaway
 - Cr Soraya Peke-Mason
 - Cr Graeme Platt
 - Cr Ruth Rainey
 - Cr Lynne Sheridan
 - Cr Dave Wilson
- 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 Services Team Leader
 - Ms Denise Servante, Strategy & Community Planning Manager
 - Ms Ellen Webb-Moore, Policy Analyst/Planner
 - Ms Samantha Kett, Governance Administrator
- Tabled documents:**
- Item 13** **Reporting from Council's MoU Groups** – Report from Taihape Community Development Trust
 - Item 14** **Receipt of Committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed** – Ratana Community Board 13 December 2016
 - Item 15** **Late Items** - Electricity Contract – Non Half-Hourly & Recommendation from Taihape Community Board

1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Council prayer

Cr Rainey read the Council prayer.

3 Public forum

Clare Johnston/ Gareth Wood – Resurfacing of the Marton Velodrome

- Suggest the addition of the project to the 2017/18 Annual Plan; had originally looked at using Council's Parks Upgrade Partnership Scheme but the project is proving too expensive.
- The track is 400m long and will cost approximately \$228,000. Three suppliers were approached to quote for the project, however two turned down the invitation. Higgins (the only supplier to quote for the project) has the only hotmix plant in Marton, so the other two suppliers believed that their costs to bring hotmix into Marton would exclude them from the running for the contract. The project is scheduled to be completed in mid-to-late 2017 (depending on when funding is secured).
- Strong community support for the project has already been ascertained and a donation of \$5,000 has already been pledged to the project.
- National funding for cycling projects has been drained by the project to put a roof over the velodrome in Whanganui.
- While funding is being secured, work will continue on ascertaining the level of community support for the project and securing sponsorship for the project.

Cr Belsham – Do you know the number of cyclists in the Rangitikei? That depends on what type of 'cyclists' are being referred to (competitive cyclists, children learning to ride, recreational cyclists etc.). Is there a club in the Rangitikei? Don't think so, but there is a group of local cyclists that have expressed an interest in forming a club once the velodrome is upgraded.

Cr Sheridan – Are you forming your own club? Not ourselves, but a group of local cyclists has expressed an interest in forming a club. Several locals use the Whanganui velodrome and may use the Marton velodrome instead if it is upgraded.

Cr Aslett – Is it a specialised surface that is needed for the track? Just regular hotmix.

Neil Colliver – Building Consent Processes

- Builder/designer who has developed a warm, affordable, earthquake safe house that can be built in three to four weeks. There are several designs to choose from and MBIE have issued a blanket consent for two of these.
- Has had issues with the amount of time it takes for a building consent to be processed in Rangitikei. In Rangitikei it can take up to three months for a consent to be accepted, processed and granted. Has also had issues with the number of

inspections that are required as part of the consent. Built a house in Whanganui and had the CCC signed off before a similar consent was even accepted by Rangitikei.

- One particular consent was not accepted as there were issues around the compatibility of plumbing fittings from different manufacturers. MBIE ruled that the products were compatible but the manufacturer's specifications suggested that they were not compatible with fittings from another manufacturer.
- Need to build a new factory to keep up with demand and would like this to be near family home in Bulls. Marton has an ideal piece of land for this factory to be built on but due to the issues that have been encountered with the Building Department at Council unsure if willing to enter into the consent process for a multi-million dollar factory. Both Palmerston North City Council and Whanganui District Council would be happy to work with me on this project.

Cr Wilson – Are all of your designs the same (uniform specifications)? No they differ slightly depending on the size of the build. Are you a qualified builder? Yes. What is the trading name of your company? Tuffbuild.

Cr Belsham – You haven't had any other concerns with any other Council? No, recently met with BCO from Whanganui District Council over the differences in design of a new consent application and there were no issues brought up by the BCO.

Cr Gordon – Are you a licensed building practitioner? Yes. Is this design compatible with the pre-fabrication qualification obtained by licensed building practitioners? No because the design is very different from other pre-fabricated designs.

Cr Wilson – Are all the houses built by you? Not all, some are sub-contracted. No other Council has had an issue with the sub-contractors work. Is the nationwide consent for the basic design? Yes, yes so Council cannot refuse a consent application based on the design. Are you the designer? Yes. But not the engineer? No.

His Worship the Mayor – Using fittings from different manufacturers doesn't produce issues with granting consents? Only in Rangitikei; MBIE have said that there is no issue with using fittings from different suppliers that are made up of the same molecules.

Mr McNeil – MBIE have only issued an interim decision on the use of fittings from different suppliers, this process is not yet complete. Suppliers have stated that their fittings are not compatible with fittings from other suppliers. Conflicting information has been received from MBIE on this issue.

4 Apologies/Leave of absence

Cr Peke-Mason for absence and Cr Sheridan for having to leave for part of the meeting.

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

His Worship the Mayor explained the reasoning for the two proposed late items for the meeting.

Electricity Contract

The current contract expires on 31 December 2016. Council put out a request for proposal on 16 November 2016 using the All of Government list. The resulting prices seemed too high, so Council put out its own request for proposal. But this delayed getting the responses and evaluating them until after the agenda for the meeting had closed.

Recommendation from Taihape Community Board

Following application by the Taihape Community Board, Council agreed to making a budget provision of \$10,000 available during 2015/16 for place-making in Taihape in lieu of having David Engwicht run his 'seven-day makeover' process. At its meeting on 30 June 2016, Council agreed to roll over the \$10,000 provision to 31 December 2016.

The meeting on 14 December 2016 was the newly elected Taihape Community Board's first business meeting for the new triennium. The Board is aware that there has been limited progress with place-making during the past month but is keen to see this revived. It intends using its first workshop in 2017, on 1 February, to revamp the programme and enlist community support for projects. However, the Board needs assurance that the unspent funds from 2015/16 will be available for that purpose,

Resolved minute number	16/RDC/374	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, the Electricity Contract and Recommendation from the Taihape Community Board be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

Cr Aslett / Cr Wilson. Carried

7 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number	16/RDC/375	File Ref
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That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 1 December 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon. Carried

8 Mayor's report

A report was not tabled at the meeting. His Worship the Mayor wished all Elected Members a Merry Christmas.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/376** **File Ref**

That the Mayor's report to the Council meeting on 15 December 2016 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

9 Administrative matters – December 2016

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the report.

He informed Council that the recommendations for the draft triennial agreement for the Horizons Regional would be withdrawn as other member Council's had raised issues with the draft agreement that needed to be addressed. The agreement would come back before Council for consideration at the January 2017 Council meeting.

It was suggested that Mr Robert Snijders be invited to join the Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant Advisory Group. This skills he brought to the table last triennium were seen as valuable. Some Councillors did not see the need to invite Mr Snijders back onto the Committee and the recommendation was lost.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that the issues raised in Mr Hockings letter regarding the sale of the Information Centre site in Bulls had already been addresses, but agreed that a meeting needed to be held with Mr Hocking to confirm this.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/377** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

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

Cr Wilson / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/378** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That the draft triennial agreement for the Horizons Region be received, noting it is currently in a draft form.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/379** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That Cr Ruth Rainey be Council's representative on the Otaihape Health Trust for the 2016-19 triennium.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/380** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That the appointment of a representative on the Four Regions Trust (formerly Powerco Wanganui Trust) to replace Erina True whose term expires on 31 March 2017 be held over to the January 2017 meeting.

Cr McManaway / Cr Dunn. Carried

Motion

That Mr Robert Snijders is invited to join the Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant Advisory Group, due to his experience with large-scale projects internationally and to provide continuity to this Group.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Platt. Lost

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/381** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That Council reinvestigates the membership of the Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant Advisory Group.

Cr Wilson / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/382** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That acknowledging a historical anomaly, Council agrees to transfer that part of Section 504 Rangitikei District lying north of Parewanui Road into the ownership of G and T Walker, the executors of Lot 1 DP 27647, provided Council does not incur costs associated with the transfer.

AND

That a similar offer be made to the owners of the Keiller Estate, Lot 33 DP 2996, regarding the transfer of section 495 and 496 Rangitikei District lying to the south of Parewanui Road, provided Council does not incur costs associated with the transfer.

Cr Belsham / Cr Wilson. Carried

Motion

That Council defers the intention to market the Bulls Information Centre Site for a period of 120 days to allow for submissions on the site of the bus depot in Bulls.

Cr Platt / Cr Dunn.

Amendment

...until after discussions with Mr Hocking have taken place (prior to the January 2017 Council meeting).

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Aslett. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/383** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That Council defers the intention to market the Bulls Information Centre Site until after discussions with Mr Hocking have taken place (prior to the January 2017 Council meeting).

Cr Platt / Cr Dunn. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/384** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That His Worship the Mayor be authorised to sign, on Council's behalf, the proposed submission as amended to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment on proposals for a methodology to identify earthquake-prone buildings and proposals for regulations under the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Act 2016.

Cr Belsham / Cr Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/385** **File Ref**

That a waiver of 80% be approved for the hireage of the Marton Memorial Hall by the 1st Marton Scout Group on 18 November 2017.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Wilson. Carried

Cr Sheridan left the meeting 2.03pm

10 Updated strategic intentions for the 2016-19 triennium

This item was deferred until the January 2017 meeting.

11 Future ownership/management of Council's Community Housing

Ms Prince spoke briefly to the report. She provided some additional background to the investigation that has been undertaken around Council's community housing for new Councillors.

Council was reminded that it has been previously agreed that the community housing flats at Ratana would be excluded from any future contracts for the management/ownership of its community housing, and that the tenancies would continue to be managed by the Ratana Communal Board of Trustees.

It was suggested that the Manawatu Community Trust be invited back to Council to present their model for community housing in Rangitikei, for the benefit of new Councillors.

Council requested the Chief Executive to ascertain how the Manawatu Community Trust would apply its model for community housing to the Rangitikei District, and investigate the potential for Council to establish its own trust to manage its portfolio of community housing.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/386** **File Ref** 6-CF-1-14

That the report 'Future ownership/management of Council's Community Housing' be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/387** **File Ref** 6-CF-1-14

That the Manawatu Community Trust be invited to present their proposal for the future ownership/management of Council's Community Housing to the new Council early in 2017.

Cr Rainey / Cr Dunn. Carried

12 Deliberation on submissions to proposed speed limit change around Kauangaroa

Ms Webb-Moore spoke briefly to the report. His Worship the Mayor reminded Council that this proposed amendment came from the Kauangaroa Community through submissions to the 2016/17 Annual Plan, and that Council had a duty to support its communities.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/388** **File Ref** 1-DB-1-7

That the report 'Deliberations on the Speed Limit Bylaw Amendments 2016 – Kauangaroa Road' be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Aslett. Carried

Motion

That the 800m section of Kauangaroa Road identified in the proposed amendment to the Speed Limit Bylaw, is not reduced to an 80km/h speed limit.

Cr Wilson / Cr McManaway. Lost

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/389** **File Ref** **1-DB-1-7**

That the Amendment to the Speed Limit Bylaw be made as to reduce the speed limit from 100km/h to 80km/h along Kauangaroa Road, starting at the Whangaehu River Bridge over a distance of 800m in an easterly direction.

Cr Belsham / Cr Aslett. Carried
Cr Wilson, McManaway and Sheridan voted against

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/390** **File Ref** **1-DB-1-7**

It should be noted that a speed limit change would not be able to be implemented until after the roading department could acquire and install the required signage.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Rainey. Carried

Cr Sheridan returned to the meeting 2.36pm
Cr Ash 2.37pm / 2.39pm

13 Reporting from Council's MoU Groups

The report from Taihape Community Development Trust was tabled at the meeting.

Ms Servante spoke briefly to the reports.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/391** **File Ref**

That Council notes that the quarterly MoU reports were not received from Bulls and District Community Trust and Rangitikei Tourism.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Wilson. Carried

Meeting adjourned for afternoon tea 3.05pm / 3.35pm

14 Receipt of Committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/392** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the following meetings be received:

- Audit/Risk Committee, 5 December 2016
- Hunterville Community Committee, 5 December 2016
- Bulls Community Committee, 6 December 2016
- Marton Community Committee, 7 December 2016
- Turakina Reserve Management Committee, 8 December 2016
- Turakina Community Committee, 8 December 2016
- Ratana Community Board, 13 December 2016

Cr Gordon / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/393** **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from Marton Community Committee meeting held on 7 December 2016 be confirmed:

16/MCC/048

That the Marton Community Committee appoints Lynda Hunter to be its representative on the Rangitikei District Council's Marton Wastewater Advisory Group.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/394** **File Ref**

That the following recommendations from Turakina Community Committee meeting held on 8 December 2016 be confirmed:

16/TCC/028

That the Turakina Community Committee recommend to Council that it does not proceed with sealing the carpark on the corner of SH3 and Wanganui Road, as it is privately owned property.

Cr Wilson / Cr Belsham. Carried

15 Late items

Electricity Contract – Non Half-Hourly

Mr McNeil and Mr Miller spoke briefly to the tabled report, highlighting the process that has been undertaken and the reasoning for the late item.

Mr Miller explained that the costs presented in the report were the energy costs only, as any line/maintenance charges applied were the same for all electricity suppliers.

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/395** **File Ref** 6-CF-4-9

That the report 'Electricity Contract – Non Half-Hourly' be received.

Cr McManaway / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/396** **File Ref** 6-CF-4-9

That Council sign an electricity supply contract for Non Half-Hourly (NHH) sites with Genesis Energy, for the period 1 January 2017 to 30 September 2018.

Cr McManaway / Cr Gordon. Carried

Recommendation from Taihape Community Board

Resolved minute number **16/RDC/397** **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from the Taihape Community Board, at its meeting on 14 December 2016, be confirmed:

That the Taihape Community Board requests Council to approve a further carry-forward, to 31 March 2017, of the unspent balance of the 2015/16 place-making allowance, on the understanding that the Board will have developed and implemented place-making initiatives by that time.

Cr Gordon / Cr Rainey. Carried

16 Future items for the agenda

Nil

The Chief Executive undertook to email Elected Members on the findings of the study into the Mangaweka Bridge, once they were available.

Fleet vehicle efficiency would be a future workshop discussion.

17 Next meeting

Thursday 26 January 2017, 1pm

18 Meeting closed – 4.06pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____