



# Rangitikei District Council

## Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 26 January 2017 – 1:00 PM

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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 David Wilson

**In attendance:** Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive  
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager  
Mr George McIrvine, Finance & Business Support Group Manager  
Mr Hamish Waugh, Infrastructure Group Manager  
Ms Denise Servante, Strategy & Community Planning Manager  
Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Policy Analyst/Planner  
Ms Samantha Kett, Governance Administrator

**Tabled documents:** **Item 8** **Mayor's Report** – Mayor's Report and Engagements  
**Item 9** **Portfolio Updates** – Update from Cr Aslett  
**Item 10** **Administrative Matters** – Service Request Breakdown  
**Item 13** **Strategic Priorities for the 2016-19 Triennium** - Towards 2019  
**Item 13** **Schedule of Proposed Carry-Forwards to 2017/18** – Schedule of Proposed Carry-Forwards to 2017/18

## **1 Welcome**

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting

## **2 Council Prayer**

Cr Ash read the Council Prayer.

## **3 Public Forum**

Nil

## **4 Apologies/Leave of Absence**

Nil

## **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 informed Council that the item on the Mangaweka Bridge would be taken as soon as the relevant staff arrived at the meeting.

## **7 Confirmation of minutes**

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>17/RDC/001</b>	<b>File Ref</b>
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That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 15 December 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Aslett / Cr Ash. Carried

## **8 Mayor's Report**

His Worship the Mayor spoke briefly to his tabled report.

He highlighted the number of events that are held throughout the District in January, and spoke briefly about the ones he had attended.

He took the opportunity to thank those Councillors who attended the recent Ratana Celebrations and spoke briefly about the conversations he had with various members of Parliament.

He also highlighted the centenary celebrations that will be held at Ratana in 2018.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/002**                      **File Ref**                      **3-EP-3-5**

That the Mayor's Report to the Council meeting on 26 January 2017 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr McManaway. Carried

## 9 Portfolio Updates

- Ohakea - Cr Platt

Cr Platt has made contact with Ms Sandra Boxall (the Ohakea representative on the Bulls Community Committee). He had no update for Council but would be in regular contact with Ms Boxall.

- Criterion Site - Cr Dunn

Cr Dunn had no further update for Council. Once the updated plans for the Bulls Multi-Purpose Community Centre had been released for public feedback she would have more to update.

- Shared Services - Cr Belsham / Cr McManaway

Cr Belsham had spoken to Mr McNeil and understood that there was further work progressing in this area but nothing new to report yet.

- Southern Sport - Cr Sheridan

Cr Sheridan outlined the various projects that were occurring in the Southern part of the District around sporting activities.

- Samoan Community and Youth Development - Cr Ash

Cr Ash outlined the major issue facing the Samoan Community right now – housing shortage. The regular meetings between members of the Samoan Community would resume again soon to continue discussions on integrating into the Community.

- Marton Building (Civic Centre) - Cr Wilson

Cr Wilson had no further update for Council, but took the opportunity to reiterate the level of community support for the project.

- Iwi Interests - Cr Peke-Mason

Cr Speke-Mason informed Council that she had attended a meeting in Ohakune prior to Christmas as Ngati Rangī has received a settlement offer from Central Government. She informed Council that negotiations from this point on would be rapid. She also spoke about the implementation of the amendments to the Te Ture Whenua Māori Act.

- Heritage and Tourism - Cr Aslett (tabled update)

Cr Aslett tabled an update on Heritage and Tourism in the District.

- Northern Sport and Taihape Building - Cr Gordon / Cr Rainey

Cr Gordon informed Council that they were currently in the process of gathering information from the Community on the proposed new building for Memorial Park, Taihape, and the location of the old grandstand. He also highlighted the number of upcoming events in the Northern part of the District.

## 14 Mangaweka Bridge – Assessment of Options

Mr Mestyanek spoke briefly to the report, explaining how we have gotten to the point of needed to consider a full replacement of the Mangaweka Bridge.

He detailed the next steps that needed to be undertaken (a business case for starters) before a decision could be made about the future of the Mangaweka Bridge. He informed Council that there were many factors that needed to be investigated and taken into consideration when making a decision.

Councillors expressed a desire to have seen the report from GHD on the bridge, or a 'laymen's' version of the report.

Council was informed that Manawatu District Council were having the same discussions they were and had the same information (as this is a boundary bridge which both Councils are responsible for).

Mr McNeil explained the Council the reasoning for approving a budget provision in the 2017/18 year was to allow the project to be included as part of the Consultation document for the 2017/18 Annual Plan, which would allow community feedback on the proposed project.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/003**                      **File Ref**                      6-RT-1-69

That the report 'Mangaweka Bridge – Update January 2017' be received.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Ash. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/004**                      **File Ref**                      6-RT-1-69

That Council endorse a full bridge renewal for the Mangaweka Bridge (including keeping the original bridge for heritage purposes), with a local share of \$1.85 million, subject to the outcome of the New Zealand Transport Agency business plan process.

Cr McManaway / Cr Aslett. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/005**                      **File Ref**                      6-RT-1-69

That Council approve a budget provision of \$370,000 (20% of the projected local share cost for all pre-construction costs (i.e. business case and design)) for the replacement of the Mangaweka Bridge in 2017/18, with the balance required in 2018/19.

Cr Gordon / Cr McManaway. Carried

## **15 Contract 1013 – Mt Curl Road Dropout**

Mr Geerkens spoke briefly to the report.

Some Councillors expressed a concern at how far the variations to the contract had blown out the price, but Mr Geerkens explained that this work was still subject to NZTA's emergency works subsidy of 87% so the actual impact to Council was very minor.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/006**                      **File Ref**                      5-CM-1-C1013

- 1        That the report 'Contract 1013 - Mt Curl Road Dropout' be received.
- 2        That the value of Contract 1013 Mt Curl Road Dropout awarded to Stringfellows Contractors Limited be increased to **\$303,500.00** plus GST.

Cr McManaway / Cr Belsham. Carried

## **10 Administrative Matters – January 2017**

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the report.

Council requested that letters be sent to Ms Erina True thanking her for her work on the Four Regions Trust Board (formerly the Powerco Trust Board), Mr Chris Renshaw for agreeing to replace Ms True as Council's representative on the Trust Board and the Four Regions Trust Board informing them of Council's appointment.

Council expressed concern at how well used the Community Libraries in Mangaweka and Kawhatau were, and suggested that the item lie on the table until an investigation has been completed into whether it is viable to keep these facilities open.

His Worship the Mayor, along with Cr Dunn, undertook to speak to the organising committee for the Ohakea Air Tattoo to see if it was feasible to keep Wilson Street, Bulls, open during drop-off and pick-up times for Bulls School and Bulls Kindergarten.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/007**                      **File Ref**                      5-EX-4

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

Cr Belsham / Cr Wilson. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/008**                      **File Ref**                      5-EX-4

That His Worship the Mayor be authorised to sign the proposed triennial agreement for the Horizons Region, accepting any minor changes proposed by other councils.

Cr Belsham / Cr Gordon. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/009**                      **File Ref**                      5-EX-4

That Council notes the Mayoral appointment of Chris Renshaw on the Four Regions Trust (formerly Powerco Wanganui Trust) to replace Erina True whose term expires on 31 March 2017.

Cr McManaway / Cr Platt. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/010**                      **File Ref**                      5-EX-4

That a letter of 'Thanks' be sent to Ms Erina True from His Worship the Mayor for her service on the Four Regions Trust Board (formerly PowerCo Trust Board) as Council's representative.

Cr Sheridan / Cr McManaway. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/011**                      **File Ref**                      5-EX-4

That His Worship the Mayor be authorised to sign, on Council's behalf, the proposed submission without amendment on the Health (Fluoridation of Drinking Water) Amendment Bill.

Cr Gordon / Cr Sheridan. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/012**                      **File Ref**                      5-EX-4

That His Worship the Mayor be authorised to sign, on Council's behalf, the proposed submission without amendment on regulating fire permitting under the Fire and Emergency New Zealand Bill.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Ash. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/013**                      **File Ref**                      5-EX-4

That the option to cover the expenditure projected by the community libraries (Huntermville, Mangaweka and Kawhatau) from the unspent allocation in the Community Initiatives Fund lie on the table for one month, to allow for an investigation into the usage of the Community

Libraries in Mangaweka and Kawhatau.

Cr McManaway / Cr Sheridan. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/014**                      **File Ref**                      5-EX-4

That the objection from Tony Young to the closure of Watson Street and Wilson Road (Bulls) between 23 February 2017 (noon) and 27 February 2017 (noon) be overruled (on the grounds that to allow these streets to remain open would affect the integrity of road control and transport management for the Ohakea Air Tattoo).

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/015**                      **File Ref**                      5-EX-4

That any objections to the proposed closure of part of Tui Street, Taihape, on 4 March 2017 for the Gumboot Day event be determined jointly by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive.

Cr Aslett / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

## **18 Wellington Conservation Management Plan/Strategy**

Ms Allannah Irvine and Ms Nicole Dillon narrated a presentation on the Department of Conservation, who they are and what they do, and the draft Wellington Conservation Management Strategy (CMS). The presentation focused on what DoC does as a national body, but Ms Irvine detailed some of the projects they are involved with in the Rangitikei. She hoped that the Council's submission would comment on issues and opportunities it would like DoC to address and whether the CMS captured the desired interrelationships.

They undertook to provide a written response to three questions posed by Elected Members:

- How does the CMS fit in with the Predator Free 2050 initiative?
- Does the CMS address issues with landlocked Maori owned land?
- Does the CMS address freedom camping, with particular reference to Simpsons Reserve Recreation

The draft Wellington Conservation Management Strategy is currently out for public consultation, closing on 4 April 2017. The document in its entirety is available on the Department of Conservation's website.



## 10 Administrative Matters – January 2017

The resolution for the item on amendments to the Liquor Control Bylaw 2010 was left off the report and the agenda.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/016**                      **File Ref**                      5-EX-4

That editorial corrections be made to Schedule 2B of the Liquor Control Bylaw 2010 to make explicit that the entire length of Rangatahi Road, Ratana, is an area where the consumption of liquor is prohibited.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Wilson. Carried

## 11 Top Ten Projects – Status, January 2017

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the memorandum.

He highlighted the number of responses that had been received to the survey on the proposed changes to the Hunterville Rural Water Scheme, and the next steps that will be undertaken in this process.

Council discussed in detail the potential to progress with the detailed design and specification work for the Bulls Multi-Purpose Community Centre. Some Councillors were concerned with whether Council should proceed with the detailed design and specification work without having the minimum amount of funding secured.

There was discussion around the need to consult on the grandstand in Taihape Memorial Park simultaneously with the location of the new amenity block. The reasoning behind the simultaneous consultation was to avoid dragging out the process any longer than necessary.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/017**                      **File Ref**                      5-EX-4

That the memorandum 'Top ten projects – status, January 2017' be received

Cr Belsham / Cr Aslett. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/018**                      **File Ref**                      5-EX-4

That Council authorises the Chief Executive to commission detailed design and specifications for the proposed Bulls multi-purpose community centre, provided that the value management review identifies savings of 5-10% of the current estimated cost.

Cr Rainey / Cr McManaway. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/019**                      **File Ref**                      5-EX-4

That the Consultation Document for the 2017/18 Annual Plan seeks community views on the four options to redevelop the Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams site in Marton for Council's administration centre and the town library.

Cr McManaway / Cr Wilson. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/020**                      **File Ref**                      5-EX-4

That the consultation on the location of the new amenity block within Taihape Memorial Park be done simultaneously with consultation on the future of the Park's historic grandstand and associated with the consultation process for the 2017/18 Annual Plan.

Cr Gordon / Cr Rainey. Carried

## **12 Strategic Priorities for the 2016-19 Triennium**

Mr McNeil spoke briefly to the tabled Statement of Strategic Intentions for the 2016-19 Triennium.

It was agreed that the content of the statement would be divided up between Council's Standing Committees to be discussed at their February meetings, with a view of Council formally adopting the Statement of Strategic Intentions for the 2016-19 triennium at its meeting on 23 February 2017.

## **13 Proposed Carry-Forward to 2017/18**

The Schedule of carry-forwards to 2017/18 was tabled at the meeting.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/021**                      **File Ref**                      1-AP-2-1

That the proposed schedule of carry-forwards to 2017/18 be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Wilson. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/022**                      **File Ref**                      1-AP-2-1

That the proposed schedule of carry-forwards 2017/18 [without amendment] be approved.

Cr McManaway / Cr Belsham. Carried

## **16 Review of the Local Governance Statement - January 2017**

Ms Webb-Moore spoke briefly to the memorandum.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/023**                      **File Ref**                      3-PY-1-2

- 1        That the memorandum “Review of Local Governance Statement, January 2017” is received.
- 2        That Council adopt the changes to the Local Government Statement as at January 2017 without amendment.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Aslett. Carried

## **17 Delegations and Level of Support for Community Boards – Response from Ratana and Taihape**

Both Boards will be discussing this item at their February 2017 meetings.

## **19 Receipt of committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed**

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/024**                      **File Ref**

That the minutes of the following meetings be received:

- Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee, 12 December 2016
- Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti, 13 December 2016
- Taihape Community Board , 14 December 2016

Cr Gordon / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

## **20 Late Items**

### **Additional membership of the Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant Advisory Group**

Mr Michael Roberts was suggested as an additional member for the Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant Advisory Group.

A letter would be sent to Mr Roberts advising him of his appointment to the Advisory Group.

### **Changing the Date of Council Meeting in March 2017**

Cr Aslett requested consideration for changing the date of Council’s meeting in March 2017, from Thursday 30 March 2017 to Thursday 23 March 2017. Councillors agreed to check their other commitments and advise staff of their availability on 23 March 2017.

## **21 Future Items for the Agenda**

Nil

**22 Next Meeting**

Thursday 23 February 2017, 1pm

**23 Meeting Closed – 4.48pm**

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

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

# *Attachment 1*

Proposed carry-forwards to 2017/18 (for inclusion in final draft Annual Plan)

**Stormwater**

<b>Project</b>	<b>2016/17 budget</b>	<b>Proposed carry-forward to 2017/18</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Marton reticulation improvements	500,000	470,000	Modelling needed from Horizons
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$470,000</b>	

**Wastewater**

<b>Project</b>	<b>2016/17 budget</b>	<b>Proposed carry-forward to 2017/18</b>	<b>Reason</b>
<b>Capital</b>			
Marton treatment	778,500	778,500	Work deferred pending clarification from Horizons on conditions for new consent
Marton reticulation	1,338,000	1,338,000	Reassessment of timing
Bulls treatment	1,100,000	1,100,000	Work deferred pending clarification from Horizons on conditions for new consent
Ratana consent application preparation	526,195	369,263	Reassessment of timing
Ratana treatment	1,419,000	1,409,000	Work deferred pending clarification of from Horizon on conditions for new consent
Koitiata reticulation	110,000	110,000	Consultation with Advisory Group not complete
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,271,695</b>	<b>\$5,104,763</b>	

**Water**

<b>Project</b>	<b>2016/17 budget</b>	<b>Proposed carry-forward to 2017/18</b>	<b>Reason</b>
<b>Renewals</b>			
Taihape reticulation – falling main renewals	437,013	387,013	Design work only in 2016/17 – physical works in 2017/18
Taihape reticulation – water main renewals Hautapu St, Kawau Rd, Kokako St, Lark/Swan St, Mataroa Rd, Linnet St, Moa St, Kereru St, Robin St, Tui St, Takahe St, Wren St	1,185,205	600,000	Design work in progress; once complete worst condition pipelines to be addressed (up to \$585,205), with balance in 2017/18
Taihape treatment – seismic strengthening	227,203	175,000	Design in 2016/17; physical works in 2017/18
Mangaweka treatment– seismic strengthening	620,041	558,037	Defer physical works until 217/18
Marton treatment – seismic strengthening	250,000	200,000	Design in 2016/17; physical works in 2017/18
Bulls treatment – replace one of the two Trickers Hill reservoirs <sup>1</sup>	1,275,615	900,000	Design work, foundation works and legal acces in 2016/17; balance pf physical works in 2017/18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,995,077</b>	<b>\$2,820,050</b>	

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<sup>1</sup> Currently out of service – issue with roof.

### Community & leisure assets

Project	2016/17 budget	Proposed carry-forward to 2017/18	Reason
Taihape Memorial Park – new amenity block	600,000	600,000	Decision on location to be made as part of 2017/18 Annual Plan consultation – construction will not start before July 2017.
Bulls multi-purpose community facility	3,610,575	1,174,280 <sup>2</sup>	Slower progress towards finalising design – final community views to be sought as part of 2017/18 Annual Plan consultation.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,210,575</b>	<b>\$1,774,280</b>	

### Roading and footpaths

Project	2016/17 budget	Proposed carry-forward to 2017/18	Reason
None proposed			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

### Miscellaneous

Project	2016/17 budget	Proposed carry-forward to 2017/18	Reason
None proposed			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,977,347</b>	<b>\$10,169,093<sup>3</sup></b>	
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<sup>2</sup> Changed to \$3,303,000: Council, 23 February 2017: 17/RDC/037.

<sup>3</sup> \$12,297,813 as result of resolution 17/RDC/037.