



# Rangitikei District Council

## Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 27 July 2017 – 1:00 PM

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The quorum for the Council is 6.

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 3 November 2016) 10.2 provide: The quorum for Council committees and sub-committees is as for Council, i.e. half the number of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even or a majority if the number of members is odd.

**Present:** His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson  
Cr Nigel Belsham  
Cr Cath Ash  
Cr Richard Aslett  
Cr Jane Dunn  
Cr Angus Gordon  
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 Katrina Gray  
Ms Nardia Gower, Governance Administrator

**Tabled Documents**

Item 5: Late Item  
Item 7: Mayors Report and Schedule  
Item 7: Mayors Correspondence  
Item 8: Cr Peke-Mason Portfolio Update  
Item 9: Administrative Matters  
Item 12: Long term Plan Update  
Item 14: Status and maintenance of the Ratana playground  
Item 15: Information centres – further consideration of service delivery options  
Item 17: Representation Review – consideration of process

## 1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting

## 2 Public Forum

## 3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for the absence of Cr McManaway and the late arrival of Cr Ash be received

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. 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.

Cr Ash arrived at 1:25

## 5 Confirmation of order of business

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, Recommendation of a working group for Opportunities for subdivision in Marton and Bulls, be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

## 6 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number	17/RDC/239	File Ref
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That the Minutes and Public Excluded Minutes of the Council meeting held on 29 June 2017 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

## 7 Mayor's Report and schedule

His Worship the Mayor spoke to his report.

Councillors discussed issues contained in the Mayor's report with the following highlights:

- There are no ongoing issues regarding the power shortage resulting from the July snow storm.
- Consideration for declaring a state of emergency include:

- Inability of existing services to cope with imminent threat to people's health/wellbeing/life and to property. Would a State of Emergency make any difference to that?
- Being in a State of Emergency allows local authority to remove people from their homes against their wishes.
- Factoring in those considerations and with hindsight, it is believed that not declaring a State of Emergency during the July snow storm was the correct course of action. A debrief is scheduled to further glean lessons from the event.
- The Mayor's membership to the 'Mayor's Task Force for Jobs' was noted, and the group's current focus on working with the Ministry of Education to ensure that everyone leaving secondary school has a full driver's licence. Councillors were encouraged to lobby individually.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/240**                      **File Ref**                      **3-EP-3-5**

That the Mayor's Report to the Council meeting on 27 July 2017 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Ash. Carried

## 8 Portfolio Updates

Ohakea	Cr Platt
Criterion Site	Cr Dunn
Shared Services	Cr Belsham/Cr McManaway
Southern Sport	Cr Sheridan
Samoan Community, Youth Development and Environment	Cr Ash
Marion Building (Civic Centre)	Cr Wilson
Iwi Interests	Cr Peke-Mason
Heritage and Tourism	Cr Aslett
Northern Sport and Taihape Building	Cr Gordon / Cr Rainey

Cr Aslett highlighted from his report the memo from Ms Bronwyn Meads requesting anyone new to the Rangitikei District that may be willing to be filmed for marketing purposes to make contact either with herself [bronwyn.meads@rangitikei.govt.nz](mailto:bronwyn.meads@rangitikei.govt.nz) or Ms Gaylene Prince [gaylene.prince@rangitikei.govt.nz](mailto:gaylene.prince@rangitikei.govt.nz)

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/241**                      **File Ref**

That the portfolio updates to the Council meeting of 27 July 2017 be received

Cr Aslett / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

## 9 Administrative Matters – July 2017

Mr McNeil spoke the report.

Comments and discussion included the following:

- FENZ (Fire and Emergency New Zealand) replaced local government as authority over rural fire emergencies as of the 1 July 2017. Council are no longer able to influence rural fire volunteers, and their decision to stay active is a matter between themselves and FENZ. Rural fire permits are now applied for through the FENZ website [www.fireandemergency.co.nz](http://www.fireandemergency.co.nz)
- The Chief Executive and Mayor Watson attended functions with the District's rural fire services, acknowledging their partnership, and wishing them well for the future.
- Cr Belsham expressed concern over the clash of dates between the Hunterville Shemozzle and the Targa Rally of New Zealand. Both event organisers are scheduled to meet with the Mayor to work towards a resolution of this issue. Any road closures are at Council's discretion.
- Council is looking at a streamlined process following the number of requests for a waiver of the building application consent fee for large event marquee erection.
- Councillors noted that there are several businesses in the district, cafés included, that display and sell local art. A waiver of any fees could not be implemented for all of these.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/242**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-4**

That the report 'Administrative matters – July 2017' be received.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Gordon. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/243**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-4**

That having regard for strengthening the Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Disaster Relief Fund Trust, the Rangitikei District Council:

- a. removes Douglas Duncan as its representative on the Trust Board;
- b. appoints His Worship the Mayor as its representative on the Trust Board;
- c. acknowledges that the Trust will now be administered by Horizons Regional Council; and
- d. notes His Worship the Mayor's intention to write to Mr Duncan thanking him for representing the Rangitikei on the Trust since its inception in 2004

Cr Belsham / Cr Wilson. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/244**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-4**

That, regarding the residual matters in Kevin Whelan's submission to the Consultation Document for the 2017/18 Annual Plan, Council

- a.        confirms that there are no current plans to upgrade the Marton War Memorial Hall; and
- b.        approves further investigation (for possible inclusion in the 2018-28 Long Term Plan) of a rural cycle/footpath along Nga Tawa Road similar to that constructed from the Marton Town boundary to Huntley School at an estimated cost of \$160,000; and
- c.        requests the Chief Executive to convey these decisions to Mr Whelan with an apology that they were overlooked during Council's deliberations on submissions.

Cr Belsham / Cr Rainey. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/245**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-4**

That Council authorise the Chief Executive to enter into a purchase agreement with the Crown for the site at 7 King Street, Marton (Waste transfer station and Depot) provided the sale price does not exceed the budgetary provision in the 2017/18 Annual Plan.

His Worship the Mayor/ Cr Ash. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/246**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-4**

That the 'Review of Contractual Arrangements for the provision of Civil Defence and Emergency Management Services', commissioned jointly by Rangitikei, Manawatu and Horowhenua District Councils be received and noted as constituting a review of delivery of services under section 17A of the Local Government Act 2002.

Cr Sheridan / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/247**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-4**

That the Statement of Proposal for amending fees under the Resource Management Act be approved for public consultation together with the associated Submission form and Engagement plan.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/248**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-4**

That Council delegates the responsibility to the Policy/Planning Committee for hearing considering oral submissions on the changes to the Resource Management Act fees and charges for boundary activities and marginal or temporary non-compliances.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/249**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-4**

That Council waive 100% of the building application consent fee (\$145.00, GST incl.) for the marquee to be used during the Huntaway festival in October 2017.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Rainey. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/250**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-4**

That Council declines to waive the certificate of registration fee (\$392.00 GST incl.) payable in 2017/18 by the Marton Barber in recognition of its relocation and provision of larger gallery space for local artists.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Platt. Carried

## **10 Health & Safety Quarterly Report, April-June 2017**

Mr McIrvine spoke to his report.

He noted that it is Council's responsibility under the Health and Safety Act to follow up on any contractor or employee vehicle speeding incidences.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/251**                      **File Ref**                      **5-HR-8-3**

That the report 'Health & Safety Quarterly Report, April-June 2017' be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Ash. Carried

## **11 Top Ten Projects – July 2017**

Mr McNeil spoke to his report highlighting the following:

- An update on 'Sustainable provision of stock and irrigation water within the area now serviced by the Hunterville Rural Water Scheme, extended south to Marton, and provision of a safe, potable and affordable supply to Hunterville town' will be given at the Governance Group meeting on Monday 31 August. The project is on track to be completed by the end of October.
- An email was received from Taihape Community Development Trust stating they will not be seeking to renew the Taihape Swim Centre contract. Council is not anticipating any issue in receiving remaining pool revenue payment from the Trust. Advancements are being made to secure a contract for a new pool operator for the upcoming swim season.
- Fundraising is still going ahead for the Bulls Multi-Purpose Community Centre.
- The terms of reference for the Marton Heritage Precinct project will identify the definition of a 'Boutique Town'.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/252**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-4**

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

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/253**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-4**

That the terms of reference for the Marton Heritage Precinct project – 'Developing the compelling invitation for Marton CBD development' be confirmed without amendment.

Cr Wilson / Cr Sheridan. Carried

## 12 Long Term Plan update

Mr Hodder spoke to the tabled memorandum. Points of discussion from Councillors were:

- the need to compare the draft 3 year roading programme with the current programme
- the accuracy of previous reporting on serious/fatal road incidences.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/254**                      **File Ref**                      **1-LTP-4-5**

That the memorandum 'Long term Plan update' to the Council meeting on 27 July 2017 be received.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Sheridan. Carried



### 13 LED Streetlight Accelerated Renewal Programme – Funding Approval request

Mr McNeil spoke to the report highlighting the following:

- Following concerns raised by the Taihape Community Board Chair, Mr McNeil reported that the LED lights, due to be installed, are of lower temperature resulting in white light versus the blue light considered to have a potential impact to animals. Mr McNeil has been unable to get confirmation from Palmerston North Council as to any negative impact their LED installation has received, noting that in Marton, Morris Street has had LED lighting fitted with no identified negative effects.
- The contract for servicing of Rangitikei street lights is not impacted by the contracts for supply or installation of the LED lighting.
- It is Council's obligation to accept a lower tender when the other weighting factors are considered correlative.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/255**                      **File Ref**                      **6-RT-5-12**

That the report 'LED Streetlight Accelerated Renewal Programme – Funding Approval Request' be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/256**                      **File Ref**                      **6-RT-5-12**

That Orange Teck Limited's quotation for \$263,255 plus GST to supply 1098 LED luminaires is accepted.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Belsham. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/257**                      **File Ref**                      **6-RT-5-12**

That East Coast Lines Limited's quotation for \$229,100 plus GST to undertake Stage Two LED installations is accepted.

Cr Rainey / Cr Sheridan. Carried

### 14 Status and maintenance of the Ratana playground

Mr Hodder spoke to the tabled report.

Cr Peke-Mason noted the Ratana community has discussed relocation of the playground and that the Church Governing Body (which oversees Church property in Ratana), is considering options.

Council accepted that it had responsibility to provide playground facilities at Ratana but that the location was a matter for the Ratana community to decide.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/258**                      **File Ref**                      **6-RF-1-23**

That the report 'Status and maintenance of the Ratana playground' be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Rainey. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/259**                      **File Ref**                      **6-RF-1-23**

That Council approves an unbudgeted expenditure of up to \$15,000 for the maintenance/development of a Ratana playground.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Rainey. Carried

Meeting adjourned 3:05, reconvened at 3:21

## **15 Information centres – further consideration of service delivery options**

Mr Hodder spoke to the tabled report.

Elected Members discussed the future value, role and co-service arrangements of information centres.

The viability of standalone centres will be a topic of discussion within Long Term Plan workshops. Previous long-term plans had set the goal of working towards both co-location of services as more efficient and addressing safety concerns of single staffed facilities.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/260**                      **File Ref**                      **5-FR-1-2**

- 1        That the report 'Information centres – further consideration of service delivery options' be received
- 2        That a review of service delivery options (in terms of section 17A of the Local Government Act 2002) not be undertaken at this time for information centres because of their integration with libraries in both premises and staffing and the uncertainty about any viable alternative which would deliver a similar level of service.
- 3        That the future value and role of information centres be considered as part of developing the District Promotion Strategy, in the context of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Rainey. Carried

## 16 Annual Report of the Rangitikei District Council Licensing Committee for the year ending 30 June 2017

The Committee's report is attached.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/261**                      **File Ref**

That the annual report of the Rangitikei District Council Licensing Committee for the year ending 30 June 2017 be approved.

Cr Platt / Cr Sheridan. Carried

## 17 Representation Review – consideration of process

Ms Gray spoke to her presentation with a printed copy given as a tabled document.

The following points were clarified in discussion:

- Consultation with Te Roopu Ahi Kaa has occurred.
- Council has discretion on how it makes a decision on separate Maori wards, including holding a poll.
- A Council resolution for establish (or not to establish) separate Maori wards would be subject to a poll should 5% or more of electors demand one.
- A poll would be with all electors – general and Maori. The result is binding.
- Anyone eligible can stand for a Council seat regardless of where in New Zealand they live, you do not have to be within a District to stand for their Council.
- Maori ward votes can only be made by those on the Maori electoral role.
- The question of electronic voting is a separate issue to the current representation review.
- Meshblocks (as a geographic unit) will be considered when discussing the +/- 10% rule.

Cr Ash left at 4:16 – 4:20

## 18 Receipt of Committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/262**                      **File Ref**

That the minutes of the following meetings be received:

- Finance/Performance Committee, 29 June 2017
- Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 13 July 2017
- Policy/Planning Committee, 13 July 2017

Cr Aslett / Cr Sheridan. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/263**                      **File Ref**

That the following recommendations from Assets/Infrastructure Committee held on 13 July 2017 be confirmed:

17/AIN/058

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee recommends that Council approve progression onto the Detailed Business Case of the single preferred option for the Mangaweka Bridge, which includes construction of a new bridge alongside the existing bridge.

Cr Rainey / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/264**                      **File Ref**

That the following recommendations from Policy/Planning Committee held on 13 July 2017 be confirmed:

17/PPL/070

That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that the delegations to Community Boards and Community Committees include 'authority to make decisions on major tree removals in public spaces, taking into account community consultation processes', and the advice of the Parks and Recreation team leader.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Platt. Carried

## 19 Late items

As agreed at item 6.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/RDC/265**                      **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from Finance/Performance Committee held on 27 July 2017 be confirmed:

17/FPE/137

That the Finance/Performance Committee recommends to Council that the Chair of Finance, Cr Wilson, Cr Platt and His Worship the Mayor form a working group with a view to facilitate new subdivisions.

Cr Belsham / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

## **20 Future Items for the Agenda**

## **21 Next Meeting**

Thursday 31 August 2017, 1.00 pm  
(with the Elected Members only session being from 12.45 pm)

## **22 Meeting Closed**

4.22 pm.

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

Date: