



Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 28 September 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 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 Johan Cullis, Environmental Services Team Leader

Mr Blair Jamieson, Strategy and Community Planning Manager

Mr Ashley Dahl, Financial Services Team Leader

Ms Elysa Kinross, Trade Waste Officer

Mr Chris Pepper, Senior Project Engineer (Utilities)

Mr Allen Geerkins, Project Engineer Roading

Ms Gaylene Prince, Community & Leisure Assets Team Leader

Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Policy Analyst/Planner Ms Nardia Gower, Governance Administrator

Tabled Documents Item 8: Portfolio Updates Shared Services – Cr Belsham

Samoan Community, Youth Development

and Environment - Cr Ash

Item 11: Administrative Matters – Request for Service First Response

and Resolution

Item 13: Developing the 2018-28 Long Term Plan – progress update,

September 2017

Item 23: Late Item MWLASS Annual Report Year ending June 2017

Correspondence from Ken and Maraea Bellamy

1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and commented on the full chamber further extending the welcome to the contingent of Taihape youth interested in establishing a Youth Council.

2 Public Forum

Nobody had asked to speak at the Forum.

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for the absence of Cr Sheridan be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Dunn. 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 Gordon declared a conflict of interest in regards to Item 18 for the reason he sits on a Board that submitted on the Traffic and Parking Bylaw.

5 Confirmation of order of business

His Worship the Mayor informed the meeting that the Order of business would be as proposed, noting specific times for oral submissions and presentations.

He accepted two late items, taking into account the explanations provided why the item was not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting:

- MW LASS Annual Report adopted two weeks ago, statutory requirement that this item is passed through Council by 30 September
- Correspondence from Mr and Mrs Bellamy with an issue raised for potential referral to the upcoming Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting

6 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/295 File Ref

That the Minutes (and Public Excluded minutes) of the Council meeting held on 31 August 2017 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Aslett / Cr Ash. Carried

7 Mayor's Report and schedule

The Mayor's spoke to his report highlighting:

- Rangitikei District's participation in hosting some of the large numbers of Chinese delegations attending the Mayoral Forum being held in Wellington.
- Presenting to the Royal Melbourne Show and the Chinese contingent along with Mayor Grant Smith from Palmerston North City Council.
- The request received from the Hilux Games to increase Council sponsorship from \$2,500 to \$5,000; the Mayor suggested that Council continue the current sponsorship level of \$2,500.

His Worship the Mayor spoke to of a potential collaboration with Elim Church, Marton Service Groups, local business and Council in grassing the vacant site cornering Broadway and Lower High St in Marton. Should the project be completed at full expense it would be upward of \$40,000; however, due to free top soil, community goodwill and in kind services, the cost to Council will not exceed \$10,000. An MOU agreement would be signed between Council and Elim Church prior to the project commencing. His Worship the Mayor stressed that Council is not looking to build on the site. The issue of the shared wall between this site and the building occupied by Cooks Bar and Cafe is a separate issue. The Council discussed possible inclusions to the MOU agreement such as the potential of Council recouping any monetary investment by any future sale of the site.

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/296 File Ref 3-EP-3-5

- 1 That the Mayor's Report to the Council meeting on 28 September 2017 be received.
- 2 That a grant of \$2,500 be made for the next HiLux Games.
- That the Mayor, Chief Executive and Chair of Assets/Infrastructure Committee look to develop an understanding with Elim Church to maintain in grass the demolished site of the Elim Church on Broadway, with the following provisos included:
 - i. In exchange for improving the site Council is offered a first purchase option by Elim Church if they look to sell the site;
 - ii. Rates will still be paid by Elim Church;
 - iii. Council looks to invest no more than \$10,000 in development of the site; and
 - iv. Heritage New Zealand is informed of the scope of work.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Wilson. Carried

8 Portfolio Updates

Ohakea Cr Platt
Criterion Site Cr Dunn

Shared Services Cr Belsham/Cr McManaway

Tabled

Southern Sport Cr Sheridan
Samoan Community, Youth Development and Environment Cr Ash Tabled
Marton Building (Civic Centre) Cr Wilson
Iwi Interests Cr Peke-Mason

Heritage and Tourism Cr Aslett

Northern Sport and Taihape Building Cr Gordon / Cr Rainey

Ohakea

Singapore Airforce has reported being happy with the scope of work they have been able to complete despite the current issue of jet fuel shortage. A handful of noise complaints has been received regarding the increased air activity. Should the agreement go ahead, Ohakea could look at homing 25 Singapore Airforce jets.

Samoan Community, Youth Development and Environment

The Council has an opportunity to invest in up to 50 youth in Future Leaders 2018, part of the Inspiring Stories organisation. The investment of \$15,000 includes a coaching initiative that spans 9 months and would include the registration fee for 2018 Festival for the Future Youth Forum. The focus is on developing a strong culture of solution based initiatives with the District's youth.

Shared Services

An MOU agreement between Council and Manawatu District Council has had many alterations since it began in 2007. The Chief Executives from both Councils are nearing the completion of more extensive draft agreement which should be in place by the end of October.

Criterion Site

It has been some time since Council has engaged with the community of Bulls in regards to the planned construction of the Bulls Community Centre on Criterion St. It was requested that Council look to increase the communication to the community and provide new plans outlining the potential use of each section of the building.

Iwi Interests

Ngati Rangi is moving into ratification of their Treaty of Waitangi Deed of Settlement and will be taking the document to their people seeking mandate. The first of many hui is Sunday 1 October in Whanganui, everyone is welcome to attend these hui. Subsequent meetings can be found at https://www.ngatirangi.com/settlement-p%C4%81nui-1.aspx

Heritage and Tourism

A meeting was held on 5 September with Heritage New Zealand and stakeholders seeking engagement for submissions to the Long Term Plan.

The Enjoying Life in the Rangitikei (ELITR) meeting was postponed.

The Rangitikei.com website is working well with the team giving regular updates and working on promotional packages.

Northern Sport and Taihape Building

The Mangaweka campground toilet construction has begun.

Cr McManaway left at 1:30-1:32

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/297 File Ref

That the portfolio updates to the Council meeting of 28 September 2017 be received

Cr Wilson / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/298 File Ref

That Council include the Festival for the Future coaching initiative as part of discussions within the Long Term Plan Workshops regarding Youth Investment

Cr Ash / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/299 File Ref

That Council staff work with Council to engage the Bulls community in regards to the Bulls Community Facility.

Cr Dunn / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

9 Adoption of Annual Report for 2016/17

Mr McNeil explained that the Annual Report is substantially completed and is awaiting confirmation with the auditors on one last item. The Report is therefore not able to be put forward to Council for adoption at this time (28 September 2017). The completed report along with the summary of the report will be ready for adoption when this Council meeting reconvenes 5 October 2017.

His Worship the Mayor went on record to acknowledge and thank Ms Debbie Perera, the Auditor Director, for her role with the Audit/Risk Committee and her assistance in moving Council forward.

Mr McIrvine noted that Council goes through a revaluation process every three years.

Ms Perera thanked His Worship for his comments, explaining that all local councils go through the revaluation process which inherently produces issues to work through.

10 Local Government New Zealand Annual Conference 2017

Cr Peke-Mason took her report as read, noting her highlights of the conference:

- Climate change
- Risk and resilience
- Economic Development

She thought very highly of the closing keynote speaker Holly Ransom.

His Worship the Mayor also attended the conference, noting that the repercussions for local government to the ground water contamination situation in Havelock North were highlighted by many speakers.

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/230 File Ref 3-OR-2-1

That the report from Cr Peke-Mason on the Local Government New Zealand Annual Conference 2017 be received.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Rainey. Carried

11 Administrative Matters – September 2017

Mr McNeil spoke to his report highlighting the following:

- Marton School is being advised that the future of the two elm trees on their property is for them it to decide, at their own cost.
- No submissions have been received through the consultation process in regards to the change to fees made under the Resource Management Act 1991. It is now appropriate for Council to adopt.
- Council has confirmed its involvement in the GoShift online building consent programme, which aims to deliver a higher level of service to customers.
- Better methodology for the transportation and uplifting of dogs has been created and installed in the animal control utes. The feedback from staff has been positive with enquiries from other councils.
- Mr McNeil introduced Blair Jamieson as the recently appointed Strategy and Community Planning Manager.

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/231 File Ref 5-EX-4

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

Cr Gordon / Cr Aslett. Carried

Resolved minute number

17/RDC/232

File Ref

5-EX-4

That the Schedule of Fees and Charges for Resource Management be amended, with effect from 18 October 2017, to include two activities as follows:

- Boundary activity deposit of \$306
- Marginal activity deposit of \$306

Cr Belsham / Cr Gordon. Carried

12 Top Ten Projects – September 2017

Mr McNeil took the report as read, noting that Midwest Disposals was unable to attend the meeting and will be referred to the upcoming Assets/Infrastructure meeting. The Mayor suggested that Councillors may benefit from an organised site visit to Bonny Glenn.

His Worship the Mayor met with Emma Speight the Lower North Island Regional Director of the New Zealand Transport Agency and enquired if the old Mangaweka bridge were retained for pedestrian use, would the two councils receive the NZTA subsidy. She will come back to him on this.

Resolved minute number

17/RDC/233

File Ref

5-EX-4

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

Cr Aslett / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

13 Developing the 2018-28 Long Term Plan – progress update, September 2017

Resolved minute number

17/RDC/234

File Ref

1-LTP-4-5

That the memorandum 'Developing the 2018-28 Long Term Plan – progress update, September 2017' to the Council meeting on 28 September 2017 be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Ash. Carried

14 Civil Defence Emergency Management Improvement Plan

Mr McNeil spoke to the attached plan highlighting:

- The actions identified within the extensive improvement plan are new, complementing the present programme.
- Associated costs for the actions are covered by the existing budget.
- Conversation with the District Health Board over the potential use of the Taihape Hospital Buildings during emergencies has been favourable and a formal arrangement is being drafted to present to Council. A small financial investment may be required from Council to ensure adequate communication is available in and out of the site. Work on collaboration with Brian FM is continuing.

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/235 File Ref

That the 'Civil Defence Emergency Management Improvement Plan' presented to the Council meeting on 28 September 2017 be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Motion

That Council is provided a monthly update of the CD improvement plan

Cr Ash / no seconder. Failed

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/236 File Ref

That Council is provided a quarterly update of the Civil Defence improvement plan.

Cr Belsham / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

19 Taihape Swim Centre – proposed management contract for two years until September 2019

Mr McNeil outlined the tender process stating that the tender evaluation panel will submit a report to Council for consideration on 5 October 2017, when the current Council meeting reconvenes.

His Worship determined the order of presentations by a toss of a coin.

Mr Trevor Nicholls of Nicholls Swim Centre presented to Council followed by Ms Buzz Clarke.

18 Traffic and Parking Bylaw – Oral hearings

Oral submissions were heard

Heather Thorby highlighted points made within her written submission adding the following points about the current state and impact on Brandon Hall Road in Bulls.

- That no monetary figures were given in relation to fee charges
- There has been a lack in investment in roading by the Council as truck capacity has grown.

- Rate paying properties on Brandon Hall Rd has increased from 11 in 1958 to 39 in 2017, implying there are increased rate funds to administer towards roading improvement costs.
- The current one way bridge built in 1958 has no maximum weight signs but, due to its length, it can bear the entire weight of a larger 53 tonne truck yet was constructed for much smaller trucks than that.
- Forestry represents a minority portion of the overall heavy vehicle users of roading which includes Fonterra, stock among others. Targeting solely forestry is not a true reflection of the heavy vehicle users of the roads.
- Requests have previously been submitted to Council regarding the flattening of the sand hills and the benefits that would provide in particular to large vehicles users.

Ms Thorby suggested that Council give consideration to improvement of the following issues on Brandon Hall Rd in Bulls and surrounding area, suggesting the road is no longer fit for purpose.

- The one way bridge
- The S bend
- The upkeep and maintenance of the alternative forestry route known as The Corridor.

Denis Hocking of Middle Districts Farm Forestry Association highlighted the following:

- He represents 150 members of Middle Districts Farm Forestry Association in the region.
- Forestry is of significant importance to the Rangitikei and nationally, noting forestry:
 - Can turn a large lifestyle property into a viable unit
 - Can have a better return vs drystock on certain terrain
 - Is more environmentally friendly to rivers vs other farming options
 - Will assist in meeting the Paris Agreement on climate change
- He raised concerns over section 16 of the draft Traffic and Parking Bylaw stating:
 - The proposal of delegation to impose fees was not to be taken lightly by Council
 - In the current draft form it allows for Council to "hold a gun to the head of forester"; there is no right of appeal, internal nor external.

Further comments by Mr Hocking included:

- That there is a wide and varied range of opinion and expertise on how to build a road fit for purpose
- Peter Clarke suggested problem areas of roading caused or affecting forestry makes up only 2% of the Government's budget for roads of considerable importance.

John Turkington of John Turkington Limited spoke to his submission

Mr Turkington took his submission as being read and emphasised his request of the deletion of section 16 in its entirety for the reasons stated in the submission. He further made comment that many roads haven't had forestry trucks on them for 20-30 years and it seems unreasonable that they would be solely charged.

Mr Turkington made the suggestion that a partnership approach to appropriate road improvements between Council and local services holds more merit that using expensive engineers. Emphasize was laid on the importance of communication and planning between foresters and Council staff with any upcoming forestry work and consideration of roading improvement.

Mr Turkington holds concern over future Councillors and Council staff's interpretation of an ambiguous bylaw but agrees that in extreme weather events that the Council needs to hold the delegation to limit road users for the sake of safety and/or service repair.

A comment was raised by the Council regarding the need for local authority to deal with rogue trucking operators.

Meeting adjourned at 3:22 reconvened at 3:34

15 Remuneration Authority's Consultation Document - Local Government Review – longer-term proposals

The Council discussed the aspect of social deprivation

- how that relates to an ease in rates burdens for lower income property owners,
- how Internal Affairs measures such an aspect and
- merits of its inclusion, exclusion or part thereof in the Remuneration Authority's Consultation Document.

Mr McNeil informed the meeting that the Remuneration Authority intends to create job descriptions and expectations for Mayors and Councillors nationwide. The Council's view on this was largely positive, noting that each individual Mayor and Councillor would bring their unique style and view to the role.

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/237 File Ref 3-OR-3-7

That Council authorises His Worship the Mayor to sign the submission as amended to the Remuneration Authority's Consultation Document – Local Government review – longer term proposals.

Cr Gordon / Cr Belsham. Carried

16 Proposed submission to New Zealand Productivity Commissions' issues paper on low-emissions economy

Ms Gray took the attachment as read.

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/238 File Ref 3-OR-3-5

That Council authorises His Worship the Mayor to sign the submission without amendment to the Productivity Commission's Issues Paper on the Low Emission Economy.

Cr Gordon / Cr Belsham. Carried

17 Proposed consultation on priority buildings – Building (Earthquakeprone buildings) Amendment Act

Discussion was held about the proposed consultation:

- information needed to be provide to Te Roopu Ahi Kaa;
- affected building owners and occupiers both needed to be consulted;
- staff should hand out information to shop owners to ensure occupiers were notified.

The draft maps for priority areas were discussed, with staff requested to provide refined maps for further consideration when the meeting reconvenes.

Motion

That Council takes the maximum time available to fulfil its legal obligation for identifying priority areas.

Cr Platt / Cr Aslett

That the motion be put

Cr Wilson / Cr Gordon

Motion

That Council takes the maximum time available to fulfil its legal obligation for identifying priority areas.

Cr Platt / Cr Aslett. Lost

Cr Platt left at 4:44 – 4:46
Cr McManaway left at 4:45 – 4:47

20 Receipt of Committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/239 File Ref

That the minutes of the following meetings be received:

- Finance/Performance Committee, 31 August 2017
- Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 14 September 2017
- Policy/Planning Committee, 14 September 2017
- Audit/Risk Committee, 18 September 2017

Cr Gordon / Cr Aslett. Carried

That the following recommendations from Finance and Performance Committee held on 31 August 2017 be confirmed:

17/FPE/144

That the Rangitikei District Council's proposed participation in the Local Government Funding Agency as a borrower be referred to Council's Audit/Risk Committee for consideration and subsequent recommendation to council.

This was confirmed by Council 31 August 2017

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/240 File Ref

That the following recommendations from Assets and Infrastructure Committee held on 14 September 2017 be confirmed:

17/AIN/031

That in light of Council's intention to review the level of service relating to urban Stormwater/drainage that the Assets Infrastructure Committee recommends to Council that they consider increasing the current level of service ahead of confirming the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

Cr Gordon / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/241 File Ref

That the following recommendations from Audit/Risk Committee held on 18 September 2017 be confirmed:

17/ARK/023

That Council agrees to participate in the LGFA Scheme as a Borrower, which will include the following:

- a. entry into the following documents:
 - Debenture Trust Deed between the Council and Trustees Executors Limited;
 - ii. Registry Customer Agreement between the Council and Link Market Services Limited;
 - iii. Security Transition Deed between the Council, Westpac New Zealand Limited, Westpac Banking Corporation and Covenant Trustee Services Limited;
 - iv. Accession Deed to Notes Subscription Agreement between the Council and the LGFA;
 - v. Accession Deed to Multi-Issuer Deed between the Council and LGFA;
 - vi. Security Stock Certificate in favour of LGFA;
 - vii. Security Stock Certificate in favour of Westpac New Zealand Limited and

Westpac Banking Corporation;

- b. subscribing for Borrower notes with LGFA;
- c. issuing stock to lenders in accordance with the Debenture Trust Deed;
- d. any other things which are contemplated in the attachments to this report that a Borrower will do; and
- e. anything which is not specifically described in paragraphs (a) to (d) above, but which is ancillary to or not materially different from those.

Cr Belsham / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/242 File Ref

That the following recommendations from Audit/Risk Committee held on 18 September 2017 be confirmed:

17/ARK/023

That Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive to:

- a. Agree the terms on which Rangitikei District Council participates in the LGFA Scheme as a Borrower, including which of the arrangements described above are entered into and the terms of those arrangements;
- b. Determine how Rangitikei District Council exercises its rights under the arrangements entered into in connection with the LGFA Scheme.

Cr Belsham / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/243 File Ref

That the following recommendations from Audit/Risk Committee held on 18 September 2017 be confirmed:

17/ARK/023

That Council delegate's authority to the Chief Executive to execute such documents and take such other steps on behalf of the Council as the Chief Executive considers it is necessary or desirable to execute or take in connection with Rangitikei District Council's participation in the LGFA Scheme as a Borrower.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/244 File Ref

That the following recommendations from Audit/Risk Committee held on 18 September 2017 be confirmed:

17/ARK/023

That Council delegate authority to His Worship the Mayor, and the Chair of the Finance/Performance Committee to execute the Debenture Trust Deed and such other deeds on behalf of the Council as the Chief Executive considers it is necessary or desirable for them to execute in connection with Rangitikei District Council's participation in the LGFA Scheme as a Borrower.

Cr Gordon / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/245 File Ref

That the following recommendations from Audit/Risk Committee held on 18 September 2017 be confirmed:

17/ARK/023

That Council reviews and aligns it's borrowing and related policies in light of Council's membership of the Local Government Funding Agency and its intention to borrow from the agency.

Cr Ash / Cr Belsham. Carried

23 Late items

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/246 File Ref

That the MWLASS report for 2016/17 is received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/247 File Ref

That the letter from Ken and Maraea Bellamy is received, and is referred to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee

Cr Wilson / Cr Aslett. Carried

21 Public Excluded

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/248 File Ref

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

Item 1: Arrangements for cleaning Council buildings

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 Arrangements for cleaning Council buildings	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 Peke-Mason. Carried

22 Open meeting

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/251 File Ref

Resolutions from Public excluded to be confirmed in open meeting.

Cr Belsham / Cr Aslett. Carried

Meeting adjourned: at 5:05 to reconvene Thursday 5 October 9.00 am

Council reconvened 5 October at 9:09 am

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apologies for the absence of Cr Platt, Cr McManaway and Cr Sheridan for the reconvened meeting of 5 October 2017 be received.

Cr Rainey / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolutions from Public excluded to be confirmed in open meeting.

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/249 File Ref

That the 'Future management of cleaning of Council properties' report be received.

Cr McManaway / Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/250 File Ref

That from 1 November 2017 the Council provides cleaning of council properties through a mixed delivery arrangement, i.e. internal delivery of day to day duties to be carried out by an in-house team, with contractors being used for high exterior window clean and building wash downs, deep cleaning of toilets, carpet cleaning and vinyl strip and seal.

Cr McManaway / Cr Wilson. Carried

Cr Belsham took the Chair at 9:19 His Worship the Mayor left at 9:19 – 9:23 His Worship the Mayor left at 9:26 Cr Peke-Mason left at 9:26

19 Taihape Swim Centre – proposed management contract for two years until September 2019

Continued from adjourned meeting of 28 September 2017

File ref: 5-CM-1 C1072

Recommendations:

That....

17 Proposed consultation on priority buildings – Building (Earthquakeprone buildings) Amendment Act

Continued from adjourned meeting of 28 September 2017

Ms Gray spoke to the tabled documents of amended maps. The meeting discussed each map in line with the set out criteria making one amendment to the Bulls map pulling the identified area back to 119-106 on High Street.

The Committee discussed criteria, public consultation and the process for identifying and remediation of earthquake-prone buildings. The highlights of that discussion were:

- Public consultation documentation will include criteria, noting that key walking routes were a particular consideration by Council in making their suggestions for priority building zones.
- Turakina was excluded from this stage of consultation as the criteria for the potential for part of an unreinforced masonry building to fall onto thoroughfare was not met.
- Two public meetings addressing the process of identifying and remediation of Earthquake-prone buildings are to be held in Marton and Taihape respectively, during the week beginning 16 October. Prior enquires can be directed to Mr McNeil, Mr Cullis or Ms Gray.
- Consultation will outline the process that will indicate if a building is likely or nonlikely to fulfil Government set criteria for remediation.
- Rangitikei District has been categorised as a high seismic risk area meaning Council
 must identify potentially earthquake-prone priority buildings in the district within 2.5
 years starting 1 July 2017. Building owners must strengthen or demolish earthquake
 prone priority buildings within 7.5 years from the date the earthquake-prone building
 notice is issued.

Undertaking Subject Public Fact sheet for Identifying an Earthquakeprone Building

Staff to develop a brief fact sheet for Identifying an Earthquake-prone Building that can be readily available throughout the district.

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/251 File Ref 3-PY-1-6

That the memorandum 'Proposed consultation on priority buildings – Building (Earthquake-prone buildings) Amendment Act' be received

Cr Aslett / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/252 File Ref 3-PY-1-6

That Council adopts the draft proposal for Earthquake-prone Buildings - Priority Buildings as amended for public consultation during October 2017.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/253 File Ref 3-PY-1-6

That Council delegates the hearing of oral submissions on Earthquake-prone building priority areas to the Policy/Planning Committee's 9 November 2017 meeting.

Cr Gordon / Cr Dunn. Carried

9 Adoption of Annual Report for 2016/17

Continued from adjourned meeting of 28 September 2017.

The Council noted the commentary in the agenda. Mr McNeil informed the meeting that the Audit Director's opinion over the Annual Report was 'unmodified'.

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/254 File Ref 5-FR-1

- 1. That the Mayor and Chief Executive be authorised to sign the letters of representation addressed to the Council's auditor for the year ended 30 June 2017.
- 2. That the Annual Report 2016/17 be amended by adding the final Audit opinion and that it be adopted as amended.
- 3. That the Summary Annual Report 2016/17 be adopted subject to adding the final Audit opinion and any changes that may be required in finalising that opinion.

Cr Wilson / Cr Gordon. Carried

24 Future Items for the Agenda

Taihape Swim Centre Contract

25 Next Meeting

Thursday 12 October 2017, 9:00

(This meeting will consider the contract and performance of the Chief Executive and is public excluded)

Thursday 26 October 2017, 1.00 pm

26 Meeting Closed

9.58 am.

Confirmed/Chair:	 	 	

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