



Rangitikei District Council

Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 26 October 2017 – 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

In attendance: Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group
Manager
Mr George McIrvine, Finance & Business Support Group Manager
Mr Blair Jamieson, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Policy/Analyst Planner
Ms Nardia Gower, Governance Administrator

Tabled Documents

Item 7	Mayor's Schedule
Item 8	Portfolio Update
Item 11	Presentation on Local Government Excellence Programme results
Item 12	Traffic and Parking Bylaw
Item 13	Developing the 2018-28 Long Term Plan – progress update, October 2017

1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Public Forum

Mr Ian Williams spoke on behalf of the Marton Lions Club requesting an increase in the ongoing annual funding from Council for the hanging basket project on Broadway Marton. The project aims to have hanging baskets displayed for 12 months of the year which would involve two plantings, winter and summer. The project's 12 months costings were presented to Council. Mr Williams stated that any financial shortfall in the budget would be covered by Marton Lions Club. Expressed were the substantial volunteer hours given by Lions club members over the past 7 years they have been responsible for the hanging baskets, along with the investment of \$8000 for the tunnel house situated on Mr Williams's private property and over \$1000 for irrigation.

Councillor's questions, comments and discussions are highlighted:

Noted was the Lions Club need for extra funding to complete this year's planting project being sought and gained by the Marton Community Committee under their small projects grants scheme.

120 basket will be hanging at any one times, with separate summer and winter planting.

The Lions Club have previously applied, unsuccessfully for other external fundin, other than from the Marton Community Committee. The Club's stance is that they are happy to continue with the project with funding from Council and not continue to seek further external grants.

Lions Club have considered growing from seed in order to keep costs at to a minimum but concluded that would involve an increase in the already high number of volunteer hours invested in the project.

Undertaking	Subject	Thank you letter to Marton Lions Club for their Hanging baskets project
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Council to thank Marton Lions Club for their Hanging baskets project.

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

That the annual budgetary provision to the Lions Club in Marton for the ongoing maintenance of the hanging baskets in Broadway Marton, throughout the year be increased to \$2,670, and adjusted from 2018/19 in line with the factor used in setting the annual expenditure budgets.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Belsham. Carried

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

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

Cr Aslett / His Worship the Mayor. C

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.

There were no declared conflicts of interest.

5 Confirmation of order of business

Council's preference for the Manawatu Gorge alternative route

On 11 October 2017, the New Zealand Transport Agency released its short list of four options to replace the current Gorge route, closed since 24 April 2017. Following discussion, the Mayors of the territorial authorities within the Horizons Region and the Chair of Horizons Regional Council support option 4. The next meeting of Council (30 November 2017) is too late to signal this preference as NZTA has committed to identify its preferred option in December.

To be dealt with in Item 7.

Recommendation from the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee held on 7 August 2017.

While the Sub-Committee's minutes were received at Council's meeting on 30 August 2017, the recommendation concerning the revised water supply policy was overlooked. Dealing with it at this meeting will mean that the Sub-committee will know the decision at its next scheduled meeting, 8 November 2017.

The meeting agreed that, taking into account the explanation provided why these two items were not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item could not be delayed until a subsequent meeting, they be dealt with as late items at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/266** **File Ref**

That the Minutes (and Public Excluded minutes) of the Council meeting held on 12 October 2017 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham / Cr Ash. Carried

7 Mayor's Report and schedule

The Mayor spoke to his report highlighting:

- Several options had been put forward for a Manawatu Gorge Alternate Route. His Worship the Mayor has attended a number of the working group meetings, consisting of Tararua, Manawatu and Palmerston North City Councils. All three endorsed the alternative route as detailed in the attached tabled documents. His Worship the Mayor has formally supported the working groups collected consensus.

Elected members comments included:

- This alternate route could pose many benefits to Palmerston North and opens up a better corridor for Linton.
- There is potential for a significant impact on the Rangitikei District in particular to the change of heavy traffic being directed from the current route of Marton south and Halcombe to State Highway 1 through Bulls.
- Noted was a comment made by the Chief Executive from Horizons Regional Council within a regional transport meetings regarding the viability of opening the Manawatu Gorge Road to one way traffic. His Worship the Mayor will follow up with Horizons Chief Executive on this idea.

Elected members raised the question of the future of the Taihape walkway which His Worship the Mayor will pursue.

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/267** **File Ref** **3-EP-3-5**

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

That Council endorse option 4 as the preferred alternative to the Manawatu Gorge route

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Rainey. Carried

8 Portfolio Updates

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

Ohakea

Cr Platt outlined his report.

Samoan Community, Youth Development and Environment

Cr Ash took her report as read emphasising the importance on waste minimisation and highlighted that Horizons inter-city public transport is under risk of being terminated.

Heritage and Tourism

Cr Aslett outlined his tabled report.

Northern Sport and Taihape Building

Cr Gordon summarised his tabled report.

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/268** **File Ref**

That the portfolio updates to the Council meeting of 26 October 2017 be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Aslett. Carried

9 Administrative Matters – October 2017

Mr McNeil spoke to items within his report.

The following points were made during discussion:

- It has been Council's practice to waive internal fees of non for profit organisations.
- Council is meeting with Sheffield to revise the approach for the appointment of a Principal Advisor Infrastructure; to date no suitable candidates have been identified.
- There is no replacement intended for the position left by Bronwyn Meads' departure. A portion of her role was to support the fundraising for the Bulls Community Centre for which she will be retained until the end of the year. Some of the work previously undertaken by Ms Meads will be included in the economic development initiatives discussed within the LTP workshops.

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/269** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

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

Cr Gordon / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/270** **File Ref**

That Council approves the Chair of the Turakina Reserve Management signing the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the Chair of the Turakina Caledonia Society for placing a converted relocatable container on the Turakina Domain subject to adding a further condition:

The TCS shall remove the container if the Council, on application by the Chair of the Turakina Reserve Management Committee, considers the container has fallen into disrepair and is degrading the appearance of the Domain.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/271 File Ref

That the annual budgetary provision to the Lions Club in Marton for the ongoing maintenance of the hanging baskets in Broadway Marton, throughout the year be increased to \$2,670, and adjusted from 2018/19 in line with the factor used in setting the annual expenditure budgets.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/272 File Ref

That any objections received concerning the proposed road closures on Saturday 2 December 2017 for Christmas parades in Bulls, Marton and Taihape are decided by His Worship the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and the Chief Executive (with the decision being reported to the next meeting of Council).

Cr Belsham / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/273 File Ref

That Council agree to waive 75% of the internal building consent costs for the upgrade of the Taihape Squash Club's premises on Taihape Memorial Park.

Cr McManaway / Cr Dunn. Carried

Cr Belsham took the Chair at 1:54 – 1:56
His Worship the Mayor left at 1:54 – 1:56
Cr Peke-Mason at 1:54 – 1:57
Cr McManaway 1:59 – 1:58

10 Top Ten Projects – October 2017

Mr McNeil spoke to the memorandum highlighting:

- There has been confirmation of one Bulls resident joining the Marton–Bulls Wastewater advisory group with confirmation of a second pending. One is the chair of the Bulls Community Committee and the other a recommendation from.
- West End Aquatics, as the successful tenderer for the Taihape Swim Centre, is familiarising themselves with the new plant and equipment. The start of the season at the Taihape Swim Centre is expected to be delayed for at least a week.
- Bulls Community Centre – The final design work and public consultation won't be completed until Christmas, so the tender process will start early in the New Year – probably February. Council is awaiting a response to two funding applications made to the Lotteries Community Facilities Fund and the

Tourism Infrastructure Fund. Funding of \$200,000 has been secured from the Dudding Trust. An application to the Whanganui Community Foundation will be submitted prior to Christmas.

- An application will be lodged through Lotteries Environment and Heritage Fund to undertake a feasibility study looking at what might be required for earthquake-strengthening within the Marton Civic Centre precinct of both Council and privately owned buildings. The outcome of that application is expected mid-February 2018. The new Labour led Government has indicated a \$1 billion fund to be put up for regional growth. It is still unknown what level of work will fit into this fund.

Elected Members asked that changes from previous monthly updates to the Top Ten Projects be highlighted.

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/274** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

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

Cr Aslett / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

11 Local Government Excellence Programme – assessment results and report

Mr McNeil spoke to his tabled presentation, noting that the Local Government Excellence assessment report is publically available.

Discussion included the following points:

- The assessors are independent and use effective methods with approximately 90 measures when assessing each and every Council.
- Council opted to be involved in the programme as a way of gauging both strengths and weakness in a conscious effort to strive for improvements within the organisation.
- The assessment took place in March 2017. It is Council's desire to focus on areas identified as needing improvement, noting that some processes are already in place.

Cr Ash left at 2:23 – 2:25

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/275** **File Ref**

That a workshop is held early 2018 to address the improvement areas identified in the Local Government Excellence Programme assessment report, and that a regular reporting process be put in place to monitor progress.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Belsham. Carried

12 Traffic and Parking Bylaw – deliberations

Ms Gray spoke to the report.

Elected Members discussed the suggested amendments made in the report. It was agreed that the Traffic and Parking Bylaw would be adopted with section 16 omitted to allow further work to be done on it.

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/276** **File Ref** **1-DB-1-14**

That the report 'Deliberations - Draft Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2017' be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/277** **File Ref**

That Section 16 of the Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2017 lies on the table for further work

Cr Gordon /Cr Sheridan. Carried

Adjourned at 3:10 – reconvened at 3:23

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/278** **File Ref**

That Council adopts the Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2017 as amended without section 16, to come into force on Monday 6 November 2017.

Cr Belsham / Cr Gordon. Carried

Cr McManaway abstained from voting

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/279 File Ref

That the delegations register is amended to allow the following positions to enforce of the Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2017:

- Environmental Services Team Leader
- Project Technician – Roading
- Building Control Officer
- Senior Animal Control Officer
- Animal Control Officer

Cr Ash / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Amendment

That the delegations register is amended to allow the following positions only to enforce the Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2017:

- Environmental Services Team Leader
- Project Technician – Roading

Cr McManaway / Cr Dunn. Lost

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/280 File Ref

That Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive to sign the Instrument of Delegation with the New Zealand Transport Agency to enable Council to enforce the Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2017 on State Highways.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/281 File Ref

That all existing parking restrictions will continue and will be enforced under the Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2017 from 6 November 2017.

Cr Belsham / Cr Aslett. Carried

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

A memorandum was tabled and circulated electronically beforehand for Mayor and Councillors.

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/282** **File Ref** **1-LTP-4-5**

That the memorandum 'Developing the 2018-28 Long Term Plan – progress update, October 2017' to the Council meeting on 26 October 2017 be received.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Gordon. Carried

14 Receipt of Committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed

Recommendations

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/283** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the following meetings be received:

- Finance/Performance Committee, 28 September 2017
- Turakina Reserve management Committee, 5 October 2017
- Turakina Community Committee, 5 October 2017
- Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, 10 October 2017
- Bulls Community Committee, 10 October 2017
- Ratana Community Board, 10 October 2017
- Taihape Community Board, 11 October 2017
- Marton Community Committee, 11 October 2017
- Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 12 October 2017
- Policy/Planning Committee, 12 October 2017
- Hunterville Community Committee, 16 October 2017

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr McManaway. Carried

That the following recommendations from Turakina Reserve Management Committee held on 5 October 2017 be confirmed:

~~17/TRMC/007~~

~~That the Turakina Reserve Management Committee, recommends to Council that a shipping container for the Caledonian Society to store equipment is located on the Turakina Domain as shown in the draft Memorandum of Understanding and attached map.~~

Dealt with in item 9

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/284 File Ref

That the following recommendations from Marton Community Committee held on 11 October 2017 be confirmed:

17/MCC/040

That Council accepts the relinquishment from the Marton Community Committee of \$6,000 of allocated funds towards the BBQ and seating project at Sir James Wilson Park as resolved in 15/AIN/102.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number 17/RDC/285 File Ref

That the following recommendations from Assets/Infrastructure Committee held on 12 October 2017 be confirmed:

17/AIN/035

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommends to Council that the request to financial subsidise stormwater piping on private property in Torere Rd is declined.

Cr Gordon / Cr McManaway. Carried

Council asked that the property owner be advised of this decision.

15 Late items

Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/286** **File Ref**

That the following recommendations from Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee held on 10 May 2017 be confirmed:

17/ERWS/046

That the Revised Rural Water Supply Policy be accepted and amended as follows:

5.2 *“Each property owner shall provide on their property storage of water. The amount of storage required, and responsibility for the cost, shall be set by the relevant Committee”.*

Cr McManaway / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

Council discussed the availability of surplus water from the Erewhon scheme to Moawhango Marae. While it was the marae’s responsibility to pay for the pipeline extension, Mr van Bussel would be asked to take the matter up.

16 Future Items for the Agenda

A report on Council’s position to Horizons on public transport, involving Cr Ash and Cr Sheridan.

17 Next Meeting

Thursday 30 November 2017, 1.00 pm

18 Meeting Closed

3.56 pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: