

Rangitikei District Council

Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 30 November 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 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 Blair Jamieson, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Ms Gaylene Prince, Community & Leisure Assets Team Leader
Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Policy Analyst/Planner
Ms Nardia Gower, Governance Administrator

Tabled Documents **Item 8:** Cr Gordon's Portfolio Update
Item 15: Delegations to Community Committees/Boards – Alternative Options for Community Initiatives Fund Distribution

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Public Forum

Jermaine Moke from Rangitikei College addressed Council thanking Elected Members for the Scholarship awarded by Council, handing a letter of thanks to the Mayor and Councillors.

Jermaine is starting his Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Marketing at Auckland University in 2018.

His Worship the Mayor informed Council that Jermaine has been an outstanding member of the community with responsibilities and accomplishments that include Head Boy of Rangitikei College, Dux and has a number of scholastic sports awards.

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

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

Cr Sheridan / Cr Ash. 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.

5 Confirmation of order of business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number	17/RDC/287	File Ref
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That the Minutes (and Public Excluded minutes) of the Council meeting held on 26 October 2017 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Aslett / Cr Wilson. Carried

7 Mayor's Report and schedule

The Mayor took his report as read noting the following highlight:

The New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) has categorised the Mangaweka Bridge as a new project, which puts it in the same 'new works' category as the Manawatu Gorge and Wellington Transmission Gully among others and within this category is ranked 10th in importance. The Mayor is lobbying NZTA to re-categorise the Mangaweka Bridge, arguing it is replacement work rather than a new project.

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/288** **File Ref** **3-EP-3-5**

That the Mayor's Report to the Council meeting on 30 November 2017 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

8 Portfolio Updates

Ohakea	Cr Platt
Criterion Site	Cr Dunn
Shared Services	Cr Belsham/Cr McManaway
Southern Sport	Cr Sheridan <i>attached</i>
Samoaan Community, Youth Development and Environment	Cr Ash
Marton 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

Southern Sport - Cr Sheridan *report attached*

Took her report as read

Heritage and Tourism Cr Aslett *report tabled*

Noted high interest from Germany on Rangitikei.com website

Samoaan Community, Youth Development and Environment - Cr Ash

Zero Waste talk in Marton is scheduled for 20 December. Invitation will be sent to Councillors.

Iwi Interests - Cr Peke-Mason

Ratana Celebrations start on the 24 January with Ministers arriving. Councillors were reminded they have already partaken in a powhiri onto the Marae and are now considered tangata whenua. They are welcome to come straight onto the Marae on the day and take a seat on the paepae. This day offers good opportunities to be face to face with Ministers.

The Maori Leaders forum is currently on in Wellington; the 2018 forum will be held in Waitangi which Cr Peke-Mason will be attending (on behalf of other interests).

Northern Sport and Taihape Building - Cr Gordon / Cr Rainey

A conclusive report will be given at the next Council meeting

Criterion Site - Cr Dunn

A public meeting is scheduled for 11 December at the Bulls Town Hall in regards to the future of Santoft Domain. Cr Dunn reported hearing lots of positive feedback in regards to the Bulls Community Centre. His Worship the Mayor noted that a new significant local sponsor has donated to the project.

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/289** **File Ref**

That the portfolio updates to the Council meeting of 30 November 2017 be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Aslett. Carried

9 Outcome of survey of portfolio holders

Elected Members noted the commentary in the agenda. It was suggested that it may be useful for each portfolio holder to provide a brief note to the Council's Executive Officer before Christmas on the estimated time spent in their respective portfolios during the year, including the preparation of written reports to Council.

10 Administrative Matters – November 2017

Mr McNeil spoke to the report. The following were the main points raised during discussion:

Elected Members agreed to the 2018 schedule of meetings with the amendment of adding in monthly Council workshops as needed on the Thursday of the middle week between Council/Committee meetings.

Elected Members noted the difficulty and safety concerns bringing the Hunterville Dog Cemetery project to fruition on the proposed site. It was suggested that the Hunterville Community Committee and Richard Gower collaborate to identify a more suitable and safe site. Concern was raised over Council's future involvement as the cemetery caretaker if the project went ahead on Council owned property.

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/290** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

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

Cr Belsham / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/291** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the schedule of meetings for 2018 be adopted as amended acknowledging that changes will be made during the year.

Cr Rainey / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/292** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That Council agrees to the sale of the carpark behind the Bulls Medical Centre (fronting Criterion Street), confirms that the non-financial considerations in Council's policy on disposal of surplus lands and buildings are weighted at 50% (with price being weighted at 50%), and authorises the Chief Executive to proceed on an open sale basis, using his discretion whether through an agent or direct marketing.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/293** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the following people be included as members of the Marton-Bulls Wastewater Treatment Advisory Group Laura Weir, Denis Hocking, Tyrone Barker (Chair BCC) and a representative of the Tutaenui Stream Restoration Society.

Cr Gordon / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/294** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That Council supports in principle the proposed dog cemetery in Hunterville but declines the current site proposed at 27 Milne Street, and would welcome suggestions from the Hunterville Community Committee for an alternative site.

Cr McManaway / Cr Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/295** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the contracted operator of the Marton and Taihape Swim Centres be authorised to charge commercial entities up to twice the fee for line hireage or exclusive use of the pool for competitive or educational swimming that would be charged to schools, not-for-profit groups or clubs for such activities.

Cr Gordon / Cr Aslett. Carried

His Worship the Mayor declared a conflict of interest in regards to Edale Home Trust Board, Cr Belsham took the Chair, His Worship the Mayor abstained from voting

Motion

That Council agree to waive 100 % of the internal building consent costs incurred by the Edale Home Trust Board (\$1,151.23 GST inclusive) for a proposed two-bedroom home subsequently not proceeded with.

Cr Wilson / No seconder. Lapsed

Motion

That Council agree to waive 0 % of the internal building consent costs incurred by the Edale Home Trust Board (\$1,151.23 GST inclusive) for a proposed two-bedroom home subsequently not proceeded with.

Cr Rainey / No seconder. Lapsed

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/296** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That Council agree to let the request of waiver of the internal building consent costs incurred by the Edale Home Trust Board lie on the table for further consideration following staff collating more information for Elected Members.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/297** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That Council agree to waive 0% of the hireage fee of the Mangaweka Hall for the Mangaweka Christmas Fayre (\$306.00), which would normally be discounted to \$61.20 as per a normal rate to a community organisation.

Cr McManaway / Cr Rainey. Carried

Cr Aslett declared a conflict of interest, and abstained from voting

Cr McManaway left at 2:16 – 2:21

11 Top Ten Projects – November 2017

Mr McNeil spoke to the memorandum. The main points in discussion were:

Council will not make the final payment for the upgrade work to the Taihape Swim Centre until it is assured the contractor has completed the job satisfactorily.

Elected Members questioned the \$30,000 that was allocated for the sealing of the Taihape Swim Centre carpark, which work had yet to be done. The matter is to be referred to Assets/Infrastructure Committee.

Council will inform the relevant building occupiers of the pre-Christmas meeting that is being held with building owners in regards to the Marton Heritage Precinct.

Resolved minute number	17/RDC/298	File Ref	5-EX-4
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That the memorandum 'Top ten projects – status, November 2017' be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number	17/RDC/299	File Ref	5-EX-4
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That a report be provided to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 8 February 2018 to allow investigation of delay with the proposed carpark sealing at the Taihape Swim Centre

Cr Sheridan / Cr McManaway. Carried

Resolved minute number	17/RDC/300	File Ref	5-EX-4
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That Council extends the current agreement with Mid-West Disposals Ltd for the continued acceptance of treated effluent to 31 March 2018 to enable the development of the business case for Council's consideration for continuing the acceptance after 31 March 2018, including a draft trade waste agreement to control acceptance of any such effluent; and that the draft Trade Waste Agreement be prepared on the basis of:

- a) maintaining the existing trade waste charging regime as a minimum
- b) a volumetric and load charge for the treated effluent;
- c) rates for monitoring and staff costs;
- d) penalty rates for treated effluent that is not adequately pre-treated;
- e) an annual price review effective 1 July each year to reflect Council's cost structure changes

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

12 Health & Safety Quarterly Report

Mr McNeil took the report as read.

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/301** **File Ref** **5-HR-8-3**

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

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Dunn. Carried

13 Deliberations - Priority Areas for Earthquake-Prone Buildings

Ms Gray highlighted the key points in the report.

The legislative requirement is to consult with the community. There is no requirement to adopt any Priority Areas. The majority of submissions were opposed.

A decision on priority areas does not change the legislative requirement to strengthen/demolish for earthquake-prone buildings: that will have to be dealt with within the specified 15 year period, unless legislation changes.

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/302** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-6**

That the report 'Deliberations - Priority Areas for Earthquake-Prone Buildings' to Council's 30 November 2017 meeting be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Belsham. Carried

Motion

That Council does not adopt any Priority Areas under section 133AF of the Building Act 2004

His Worship the Mayor / Cr McManaway.

Amendment

That Council does not adopt any Priority Areas under section 133AF of the Building Act 2004 on the basis of a lack of adequate informational guidance from Government.

Cr Wilson / Cr Gordon. Lost

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/303** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-6**

That Council does not adopt any Priority Areas under section 133AF of the Building Act 2004

His Worship the Mayor / Cr McManaway. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/304** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-6**

That Council send a strong message to the Government about the severe impacts the implementation of the Building (Earthquake-prone Building) Amendment Act 2016 will have on the viability of many of Rangitikei's retail/commercial businesses and the overall economic sustainability of our towns, and that the Government give priority to supporting building owners to increase the earthquake resilience of their buildings.

Cr Belsham / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

14 Traffic and Parking Bylaw reconsideration of Section 16

Ms Gray spoke to the memorandum.

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/305** **File Ref** **1-DB-1-14**

That the memorandum 'Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2017 - Section 16' be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/306** **File Ref** **1-DB-1-14**

Amendment

That Council amends 16.2 from '...using a piece of road at least 3 times a day' to '...using a piece of road for prolonged or extended heavy use.'

Cr McManaway / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/307** **File Ref** **1-DB-1-14**

That Council adopts section 16 of the Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2017 as amended to come into force on 11 December 2017.

Cr Gordon / Cr Rainey. Carried

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 and reconvened at 3:10

15 Increasing Delegations to Community Committees and Boards

Ms Gray spoke to both reports. Elected members discussed each potential delegation one by one. Concerns were raised over the potential complications with Community Committees and Boards being delegated the Community Initiatives fund such as district wide initiatives and the potential to disadvantage areas with a lot of applications. Council accepted that it would be on a one-year trial basis.

Resolved minute number	17/RDC/308	File Ref	3-PY-1-1
1	That the report 'Increasing Delegations to Community Committees/Boards' to the 30 November 2017 Council meeting be received.		
2	That the report 'Delegations to Community Committees/Boards – Alternative Options for Community Initiatives Fund Distribution' be received.		

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Gordon. Carried

Cr Ash declared a conflict of interest in regards to the MOU Group Work Programmes.

Resolved minute number	17/RDC/309	File Ref	3-PY-1-1
1	That Council agrees to consult with the community committees/boards for increasing delegations for the following matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Initiatives Fund with the funding split based on population • MoU Group Work Programmes • Community Facilities/Services • Increased engagement with wider/smaller communities 		
2	That Council encourages groups to approach the relevant community committee/board prior to approaching Council. Where that is not possible Council will ensure the relevant Community Committee/Board is informed.		
3	That applications for the Parks Upgrade Partnership Fund are considered and commented on by the relevant community committee/boards prior to the application being considered by Council.		
4	That, where placemaking initiatives are taking place on Council land, they will be considered and commented on by the relevant community committee/board before the application is considered by the Chief Executive.		

Cr Gordon / Cr Sheridan. Carried

16 Community Housing Ownership/Management Update – November 2017

Ms Prince spoke to the report, acknowledging that the following recommendations will guide what further information is required by Elected Members.

Resolved minute number	17/RDC/310	File Ref	6-CF-14-1
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That the 'Community Housing Ownership/Management Update – November 2017' report be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Ash. Carried

Motion

That Council confirms that the ownership/management of community housing remain in-house for the time being.

Cr Aslett / Cr Ash.

Amendment

That Council confirms that the ownership/management of community housing remain in-house.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Dunn. Lost

Resolved minute number**17/RDC/311****File Ref****6-CF-14-1**

That Council confirms that the ownership/management of community housing remain in-house for the time being.

Cr Aslett / Cr Ash. Carried

Motion

That Council confirms its intention to achieve market rentals effective 1 July 2018.

Cr Wilson / Cr Sheridan. Lost

Motion

That Council investigates an income related rental policy, effective 1 July 2018, determining criteria for break-even rentals and market rentals.

Cr Belsham / His Worship the Mayor.

Amendment

That Council investigates a rental policy, effective 1 July 2018, determining criteria for break-even rentals and market rentals.

Cr Rainey / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number**17/RDC/312****File Ref**

That Council investigates a rental policy, effective 1 July 2018, determining criteria for break-even rentals and market rentals.

Cr Rainey / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number**17/RDC/313****File Ref**

That Council implement an integrated approach to the delivery of an effective and efficient capital renewal programme for Community Housing, including ways to improve the warmth and energy efficiency, and reconfigure and improve the functionality, including sale and purchase, and re-builds and new builds.

Cr Gordon / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

Resolved minute number**17/RDC/314****File Ref**

That \$100,000 per year be allocated for the next three years, from 2018/19, for capital renewals to Council's community housing.

Cr McManaway / Cr Wilson. Carried

17 Developing the 2018-28 Long Term Plan – progress update, November 2017

Resolved minute number**17/RDC/315****File Ref****1-LTP-4-7**

That the memorandums 'Review of ninth workshop (2 November 2017)' and 'Review of tenth workshop (23 November 2017)' to the Council meeting on 30 November 2017 be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Rainey. Carried

18 Marton Public Toilets (24/7)

Elected Members noted the commentary in the agenda, requesting that the Marton Park Upgrade group that was leading the public toilet project is kept informed of any progress.

**Resolved minute number****17/RDC/316****File Ref**

That the options for 24/7 toilets in Marton (Follett Street or Centennial Park) are provided to the Marton Community Committee for a view on their preferred location.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

19 Receipt of Committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/317** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the following meetings be received:

- Finance Performance Committee, 26 October, 2017
- Omatane Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee, 8 November 2017
- Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee, 8 November 2017
- Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 9 November 2017
- Policy/Planning Committee, 9 November 2017

Cr McManaway / Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/318** **File Ref**

That the following recommendations from the Finance Performance Committee meeting held on 26 October, 2017 be confirmed:

17/FPE/151

That the Committee recommends to Council that Council acknowledges that the Johnson Street development recognises the need to continue to provide some space for recreation.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

That the following recommendations from Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 9 November 2017, be confirmed:

17/AIN/043

~~That the Assets/ Infrastructure Committee recommends to Council that Council extends the current agreement with Mid West Disposals Ltd for the continued acceptance of treated effluent to 31 March 2018 to enable the development of the business case for continuing the acceptance after 31 March 2018, including a draft trade waste agreement to control acceptance of any such effluent.~~

~~The draft Trade Waste Agreement be prepared on the basis of~~

- ~~f) Maintaining the existing trade waste charging regime as a minimum~~
- ~~g) A volumetric and load charge for the treated effluent;~~
- ~~h) Rates for monitoring and staff costs;~~
- ~~i) Penalty rates for treated effluent that is not adequately pre-treated;~~
- ~~j) An annual price review effective 1 July each year to reflect Council's cost structure changes~~

Dealt with in item 11

That the following recommendations from Policy/Planning Committee meeting held on 9 November 2017, be confirmed:

17/PPL/109

~~That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that the following matters are delegated to Community Committees/Boards:~~

- ~~• Community Initiatives Fund~~
- ~~• MoU Group Work Programmes~~
- ~~• Community Facilities of Services~~
- ~~• Increased engagement with wider/smaller communities of the ward represented.~~

Dealt with in item 14

17/PPL/110

~~That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that Council will encourage groups to approach the relevant Community Committee/Board prior to approaching Council. Where that is not possible Council will ensure the relevant Community Committee/Board is informed.~~

Dealt with in item 14

17/PPL/111

~~That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that applicants for the Parks Upgrade Partnership Fund are referred to the relevant Community Committees/Boards prior to the application being brought before Council.~~

Dealt with in item 14

17/PPL/112

~~That the Policy Planning Committee recommends to Council that where Placemaking initiatives are taking place on Council land they will be referred to the relevant Community Committee/Board before applying to the Chief Executive.~~

Dealt with in item 14

20 Late items

None

21 Future Items for the Agenda

None

22 Next Meeting

Thursday 14 December 2017, 9:30 am

23 Meeting Closed

4.17 pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: