



Rangitikei District Council

Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 14 December 2017 – 9:30 AM

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Present: His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Cath Ash
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 George McIrvine, Finance & Business Support Group Manager
Mr Blair Jamieson, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Ms Nardia Gower, Governance Administrator

Tabled Documents

- Item 2** Thank you letter from, Zac Scott, Rangitikei College
- Item 5** Portfolio reports on Samoan community, youth and environment (Cr Ash), heritage and tourism (Cr Aslett), and Northern sport (Cr Gordon and Cr Rainey)
- Item 15** Public transport to/from Marton
- Item 16** District revaluation (Quotable Value)

1 Welcome

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting

Cr Aslett read the Council Prayer

2 Public Forum

Zac Scott spoke to Council expressing his gratitude for the Rangitikei District Council Scholarship.

Mr Scott will be studying at Victoria University in 2018 and staying in Te Puni Village hall of residence. He will be studying a Bachelor of Science with a major in Computer Science with a minor in Psychology. Mr Scott's future plans are to specialise in 'Artificial Intelligence'. The scholarship will be used for education expenses.

That Council received the thank you letter from Mr Scott as a tabled document.

His Worship the Mayor

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That apology for the absence of Cr Wilson, Cr McManaway and the early departure of His Worship the Mayor be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Aslett. 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 scheduled change to the order of business. However, during the meeting some changes in the order were agreed.

Mr Jason Hockly from Quotable value will be presenting to Council at 11:30 am

6 Confirmation of minutes

Amendment to resolution minute number 17/RDC/313

That Council implement an integrated approach to the delivery of an effective and efficient capital renewal programme 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.

To:

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.

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/319** **File Ref**

That the amended Minutes of the Council meeting held on 30 November 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

The Mayor gave a brief verbal report thanking the Councillors for the year and acknowledging the extra workload leading into the Long Term Plan. The Mayor welcomed questions in regards to his schedule with the following highlights:

- National Freight Rail transport is a focus of the new Government, which could see benefits to the wider region with regional freight connectivity. It was noted that rail is an inadequate method of livestock transport.
- Regional Mayors are collectively supporting the 'option four corridor' for the Manawatu Gorge alternative. It is a significantly larger body of work with an associated higher cost in comparison to the other options but is believed to be the best long term solution.
- His Worship the Mayor has meet with the Marton Bears Club who enquired into funding options for uniforms and registration costs, aware they had missed the Council funding rounds for the year. Commercial funding is being sourced by the Club and it was suggested that they approach the Marton Community Committee for further financial support.
- The Bonny Glen Community Trust was established as a requirement to MidWest Disposals' resource consent. The appointment of His Worship the Mayor to the committee is at the request from the Bonny Glen Community Trust. Elected Members suggested that the appointment of a Turakina Community Committee member could be encouraged. Public advertising of the funding availability was also raised.

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/320** **File Ref** **3-EP-3-5**

That the Mayor's Report and schedule to the Council meeting on 14 December 2017 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/321** **File Ref** **3-EP-3-5**

That His Worship the Mayor be appointed as Council's trustee on the Bonny Glen Community Trust.

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 <i>Tabled</i>
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 <i>Tabled</i>

Ohakea - Cr Platt

Cr Platt raised the matter of the current Supreme Court proceedings regarding the Civil Aviation Authority's decision to indicate that, should Wellington Airport extend its runway, the existing runaway end safety areas would be suitable, which is opposed by the New Zealand Airline Pilots' Association. Cr Platt strongly suggested that there is potential for Regional Chiefs to pursue the idea of a shared service for civil aviation at Ohakea Base.

Criterion Site - Cr Dunn

Cr Dunn reported that the public are eager to see the construction of the Bulls Community Centre.

Shared Services - Cr Belsham/Cr McManaway

Nothing to report, other than the new contract agreement between Manawatu District Council and Rangitikei District Council is yet to be confirmed.

Southern Sport - Cr Sheridan

Nothing to report.

Samoan Community, Youth Development and Environment - Cr Ash

Cr Ash highlighted her tabled report.

Marton Building (Civic Centre) - Cr Wilson

Absent

Iwi Interests - Cr Peke-Mason

The Chair of the Ratana Movement is meeting with Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and Ministers next week to discuss the Ratana Centenary Celebrations in 2018, seeking assistance and support.

Ngati Paki and Ngati Hinemanu are currently holding hui in Taihape.

During the Ratana January celebration in 2018, Ratana will be hosting the Morehu Youth programme which include the election of a national Youth Executive.

Heritage and Tourism - Cr Aslett

Spoke to his tabled report.

Northern Sport and Taihape Building - Cr Gordon / Cr Rainey

Spoke to the tabled report.

Recommendation:

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/322** **File Ref**

That the portfolio updates to the Council meeting of 14 December 2017 be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/323** **File Ref**

That recommendation from the Northern Sport report of 14 December 2017 be included for consideration in the Long Term Plan considerations

Cr Gordon / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/324** **File Ref**

That Council recommends to the Regional Chiefs to pursue the idea of shared civilian use of Ohakea Base with the current Government

Cr Platt / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Cr Ash left at 10:20-10:24

His Worship the Mayor left 10:30

9 Centennial Park development

Elected Members noted the commentary in the agenda.

Issues highlighted:

- Possibility of a change of date of the build commencement.

- Lack of listing 'Construction Phase' in 4 (c) of the contract agreement in line with Appendix letter from Rich Landscapes to the Rotary Club of Marton for the Proposal for Design and Build Services.

Discussions were postponed at 10:39

10 Administrative Matters – December 2017

Mr McNeil spoke to the report. The key points are highlighted:

Council will reapply to the Tourism and Infrastructure Fund in 2018 with a greater focus on the tourism aspects of the Bulls Community Centre. Funding will be sought through the Whanganui Community Foundation whose Capital fund grants are open year-round. The Chief Executive clarified that there would be pedestrian access over the site from Criterion St to Funnell St but no vehicular access.

The installation project of bus parking bays including kerb/channel/footpath works in Ratana has gained traction. The estimate cost of the project of \$175k has potential for a following financial breakdown.

- \$70k NZTA as subsidised work
- \$80k Council funded
- \$25k external funding

The Chief Executive has accepted an offer with MBIE on this basis, which is awaiting the Minister's approval. The works would not be completed for the January Celebrations but should be finished by end of February.

Elected members raised concern over Edale's request of a waiver of building consent fees, where staff time was utilised regardless of the build outcome.

Resolved minute number	17/RDC/325	File Ref	5-EX-4
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That the report 'Administrative matters – December 2017' be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number	17/RDC/326	File Ref	5-EX-4
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That the revised Policy on rates remissions for Maori freehold land [~~as amended~~/without amendment] be adopted for consultation at the same time as the Consultation Document for the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

Cr Ash / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Cr Peke-Mason raised her potential conflict of interest.

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/327** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That Council agree to waive 25% 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 Sheridan / Cr Aslett. Carried
Cr Gordon voted against.

11 Ratana water treatment plant contract variation

Mr Young took the report as read. Clarification for Elected Members highlighted that the contract being agreed to be for remaining works that have been scheduled since design conception, and are not due to inadequate design, planning or contractor fault.

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/328** **File Ref** **5-CM-1-975**

That the report on the Ratana Water Treatment Plant Contract Variation be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/328** **File Ref** **5-CM-1-975**

That Council approve a variation to the Filtration Technology Ltd. Contract (5-CM-1-975), for an additional \$95,000 (excl. GST) to allow for the completion of remaining upgrade works, thereby adjusting the contract price from \$641,892.39 to \$736,892.39 excl. GST.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Rainey. Carried

12 Delegated authority for the Chief Executive to accept the tender recommendation for C1069 – Taihape Raw Water Falling Main Stage 3

Mr McNeil and Mr Young spoke to the report, highlighting the outcome of the delegation is to give considerations of tender a two week head start on a decision.

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/329** **File Ref**

That the report 'Delegated authority for the Chief Executive to accept the tender recommendation for C1069 – Taihape Raw Water Falling Main Stage 3' be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/330** **File Ref**

That the Chief Executive of Rangitikei District Council, His Worship the Mayor and the Chair of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee be given delegated authority to award the tender for contract for the Taihape Raw Water Falling Main - Stage 3 (C1069), if the recommended tender price after evaluation is no more than \$1,250,000 (excluding GST) and report the outcome to Council's meeting on 25 January 2018.

Cr Belsham / Cr Ash. Carried

Cr Peke-Mason left at 11:27-11:29

16 District revaluation

Jason Hockly of Quotable Value presented the District's revaluation. The presentation was tabled.

9 Centennial Park development - continued

The item discussion continued at 11:53

Elected members expressed their support for Council to sign the agreement and the project to proceed.

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/331** **File Ref**

That Council enters into a Contract with Rich Landscapes for the Marton Skate park design and construction of the extension, with Council's contribution capped at \$50,000 and all work to be undertaken being fully funded before construction.

That Council enters into an agreement with Marton Rotary Club for the release of their funding to support the Marton Skate park extension project.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

14 Revised rural water supply policy

Elected members noted the commentary in the agenda with questions raised over Council's liability of public consumption of the non-potable water from the schemes. It was accepted that the revised policy would be posted to all scheme members highlighting the non-potable status of the scheme water.

The issue of water wastage was raised and it was noted that meters are used on off-farm properties with restrictors used on farm supply meaning a capped amount of water enters the property. It is assumed that farm supply is for the use of stock water; however what users do with the water is at their discretion.

Amendments

That 'non –potable water' is included in the title **Rural Non-Potable Water Supply Policy**.

That the Policy's purpose contains a statement reiterating the water is non-potable.

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/332** **File Ref** **6-WS-3-2**

That Council adopts the Rural Water Supply Policy [as amended] to come into force on 14/12/2017.

Cr Gordon / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Adjourned for lunch at 12:18
Reconvened at 1:05

15 Public transport to/from Marton

Mr Jamieson spoke to the tabled report. The key highlights were:

- Outcomes of discussions with Whanganui Partners and CEDA show a consensus of dissatisfaction with the level of public transport service between Marton and Palmerston North / Whanganui.
- Cost barriers and appropriate travel times are difficulties that have been raised by both students and workers who live in Marton and need to commute to either centre.
- Elected Members noted Horizons' lack of care in web posting and physical mailing of out of date bus service information.
- To effectively progress the issue Elected Members discussed the need to quantify the demand and requirements of a public transport system accessing the larger centres.

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/333** **File Ref** **6-RT-3-1**

That the report 'Public transport to/from Marton' be received.

Cr Ash/ Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/334** **File Ref** **6-RT-3-1**

That Council work with Horizons Regional Council to undertake an investigation to ascertain the current level of demand for public transport to Palmerston North and Whanganui.

Cr Ash / Cr Aslett. Carried

13 Review of options being presented in the draft Long Term Plan and consideration of other issues to finalise the initial draft

Mr McNeil spoke to the memorandum highlighting the following key points:

- The average rate increase over the past ten years has been under 4%, below the Council set maximum limit of 5%.
- Ahead is a large work plan including the 3 waters project. A rise in debt will be serviced with consideration to inter-generational equity.
- Council will consider the spread of rates, the nature of activities and how each intend to be funded, with focus on base line rates variation of +-4%.
- Elected members noted that, regardless of any perceived flaws, the Long term planning Process undertaken is that required by legislation.

17 Receipt of Committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed

Resolved minute number **17/RDC/335** **File Ref**

1 That the minutes of the following meetings be received:

- Creative Communities Assessment Committee, 29 November, 2017
- Finance Performance Committee, 30 November, 2017
- Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, 5 December 2017
- Turakina Community Committee, 7 December 2017
- Audit/Risk Committee, 11 December 2017,

Cr Ash / Cr Rainey. Carried

~~1 — That the following recommendations from Te Roopu Ahi Kaa meeting held on 5 December, 2017 be confirmed:~~

~~**17/IWI/039**~~

~~That the revised Rates remission policy on Maori freehold land without amendment be referred to Council for consideration and public consultation at the same time as the Consultation Document for the 2018-28 Long Term Plan~~

~~*Included in item 10*~~

~~2 — That the following recommendations from Turakina Community Committee meeting held on 7 December, 2017 be confirmed:~~

~~**17/TCC/038**~~

~~That the Turakina Community Committee recommends to Council that they are supportive of all of the suggested delegations.~~

A report with collated recommendations from all Community Boards and Committees on proposed changes to their delegations will be prepared for Councils consideration for meeting 25 January 2018.

~~17/TCC/039~~

~~That the Turakina Community Committee recommends to Council that no changes are made to parking restrictions.~~

A report with collated recommendations from all Community Boards and Committees on validation of current local parking enforcements will be prepared for Councils consideration for meeting 25 January 2018.

18 Late items

19 Future Items for the Agenda

20 Next Meeting

Thursday 25 January 2018, 9.30 am.

21 Meeting Closed

1.43 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: