

Rangitikei District Council

Council Meeting

Agenda – Thursday 1 March 2018 – 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.

1 Welcome

2 Public Forum

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

4 Members' conflict of interest

Members are 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

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, be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of minutes

The minutes from Council meeting 25 January 2018 are attached.

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 January 2018 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

7 Mayor's Report

The Mayor's report and schedule are attached.

File ref: 3-EP-3-5

Recommendation

That the Mayor's Report to the Council meeting on 1 March 2018 be received.

8 Portfolio Updates

Ohakea

Criterion Site

Shared Services

Southern Sport

Samoan Community, Youth Development and Environment

Marton Building (Civic Centre)

Iwi Interests

Heritage and Tourism

Northern Sport and Taihape Building

Cr Platt

Cr Dunn

Cr Belsham/Cr McManaway

Cr Sheridan

Cr Ash

Cr Wilson

Cr Peke-Mason

Cr Aslett

Cr Gordon / Cr Rainey

Recommendation:

That the portfolio updates to the Council meeting of 1 March 2018 be received.

9 New Zealand War Memorial Museum at le Quesnoy, France

At Council's meeting on 25 January 2018, Council considered the request for funding support for establishing a New Zealand War Memorial Museum in Le Quesnoy, the French town liberated by New Zealand soldiers on 4 November 1918 without any loss of civilian lives. While Elected Members agreed in principle to some level of financial support, it was agreed that the matter would be discussed with the RSA and the upcoming Regional Mayoral Forum.

The RSA supports Council making a contribution. The email received by the Mayor confirming that is attached. Tararua District Council is making a grant of \$10,000. Palmerston North City Council will make a grant from its heritage fund, but the amount is not yet known.

Recommendation

That Council makes a grant of \$..... as a contribution to establishing a New Zealand War Memorial Museum at Le Quesnoy, noting that there is at least one soldier from the Rangitikei buried at Le Quesnoy – Lawrence John O'Brien, killed on 4 November 1918.

10 Anzac Grove

At a Committee meeting of the Marton RSA on 7 February 2018, it was unanimously resolved to ask Council to name the Memorial Walkway leading from Maunder Street to Broadway as 'Anzac Grove'. The Marton RSA President has conveyed this request to the Mayor.

The Walkway is on land owned by the Wellington Diocesan Trust Board. Council may wish to write to the Board requesting the name suggested by the RSA.

11 Development of Maori capacity to contribute to Council decision-making – further consideration by Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

The statement on Council's intention on Development of Maori capacity to contribute to Council decision-making must be included in the full Long Term Plan document. Amendments have been discussed at Te Roopu Ahi Kaa. The final version is attached, with the opening paragraph yet to be confirmed with Te Roopu Ahi Kaa's nominated representative.

File ref: 3-PY-1-

Recommendation

That the Council confirms the statement on Development of Maori capacity to contribute to Council decision-making for inclusion in the 2018-28 Long Term Plan, subject to final changes from Te Roopu Ahi Kaa's nominated representative to the opening paragraph.

12 Progress with the Consultation Document for the 2018-28 Long Term Plan

The Consultation Document 'Unfolding the Plan – Rangitikei 2018-28' is currently being reviewed by the Council's auditors. The Audit Director will be in attendance at the meeting to discuss progress.

13 Simultaneous consultation alongside 'Unfolding the Plan – Rangitikei 2018-28'

A report is attached

File ref: 1-LTP-4-2

Recommendations

1. That the report "Simultaneous Consultation – alongside "Unfolding the Plan – Rangitikei 2018-28" be received.
2. That Council adopts for consultation (using the special consultative procedure) simultaneously with "Unfolding the Plan – Rangitikei 2018-28" the following associated documents (noting that the actual dates for consultation will need to be changed):
 - Proposed Schedule of fees and charges for 2018/19;
 - Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan;
 - Proposed amended Rates remission policy on Maori freehold land;
 - Proposed amended Significance and engagement policy; and
 - Proposed amended Revenue and Financing Policy.

14 Publishing 'A long winding road': Memoirs by Les Vincent, Roding Overseer, Rangitikei County Council, 1955-1989

Last year, His Worship the Mayor drew Council's attention to this unpublished memoir. A grant was approved from the Community Initiatives Fund but the balance of funding needed for publication has not yet been secured.

Attached are some extracts from his manuscript.

15 Administrative Matters – February 2018

A report is attached.

File ref: 5-EX-4

Recommendations:

1. That the report 'Administrative matters – February 2018' be received.
2. That Council agrees to (i) negotiating a two-year extension for the CBD Cleaning contracts for Marton, and Bulls (C995, C996), the Ratana Parks & Town Maintenance contract (C991), the Koitiata Parks & Town Maintenance contract (C992), and the Sexton services contract (C988), with the outcome reported back to Council's meeting on 31 May 2018 and (ii) transferring the responsibility for CBD cleaning in Hunterville and Taihape to the Parks team from 17 August 2018.
3. That Council rescinds its decision (in finalising the 2014/15 Annual Plan) to retain the Marton A Dam site, declares it is surplus and authorises the Chief Executive to market it in accordance with the Council's policy on disposal of surplus land and buildings.
4. That Council accepts the request from the remaining two trustees of the Ohingaiti Cemetery to assume direct management and control of the Ohingaiti cemetery as soon as practicable and, once confirmed, include information from the burial records within the Council's cemetery database.

16 Top Ten Projects

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 5-EX-4

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Top ten projects – status, February 2018' be received.

17 Health and Safety – quarterly report (October – December 2017)

A report is attached.

File ref: 5-HR-8-3

Recommendation:

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

18 Ratana water treatment plant – status report

A report is attached.

File ref: 6-WS-3-9

Recommendation:

That the report 'Ratana water treatment supply – status report – February 2018' be received.

19 C980 Road Maintenance Contract – Three year Extension

A report is attached.

File ref: C980

Recommendations:

- 1 That the report on the C980 Road Maintenance Contract - Three Year Extension be received.
- 2 That Council approves the three year extension of the C980 Road Maintenance Contract to Higgins Contractors Limited up to a value of \$25,500,000 + GST for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2021.
- 3 That Council note this investment in the roading network includes a subsidy of 63% from the New Zealand Transport Agency.

20 Receipt of Committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed

The minutes are attached.

Recommendations

- 1 That the minutes of the following meetings be received:
 - Turakina Reserve Management Committee, 1 February 2018
 - Turakina Community Committee, 1 February 2018
 - Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee, 5 February 2018
 - Audit/Risk Committee, 12 February 2018
 - Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, 13 February 2018
 - Bulls Community Committee, 13 February 2018
 - Ratana Community Board, 13 February 2018
 - Erehwon Rural Water Scheme Sub-Committee, 14 February 2018
 - Taihape Community Board, 14 February 2018
 - Marton Community Committee, 14 February 2018
 - Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 15 February 2018
 - Policy/Planning Committee, 15 February 2018
 - Hunterville Community Committee 19 February 2018
- 2 That the following recommendations from the Audit Risk Committee, held on 12 February 2018, be confirmed:

18/ARK/004

That the Audit/Risk Committee endorse and recommend to Council the adoption of the following:

- a) the pragmatic approach to exercising the statutory discretionary powers pursuant to the Building Act 2004 and the professional judgement exercised in relation to the application of the provisions of the Rangitikei District Plan: and,

- b) the application of the following principles when considering the exercise of discretionary powers:
- all new builds are expected to comply with relevant standards;
 - earthquake strengthening works alone will not trigger a requirement to upgrade the building standards
 - requests for exemptions/waivers/discretion will not be considered outside of a (building) consent process (i.e. not after the work has been done). Note that the Certificate of Acceptance process is still available, subject to meeting the test of 'compliance assurance';
 - where Council is aware of non-compliant building work, a notice to fix will be issued. Removing/upgrading non-compliant work within the scope of a building consent will allow for the consideration of exemptions/waivers;
 - adaptive re-use of disused/under-used commercial buildings is to be encouraged/supported;
 - no exemptions/waivers will be granted where people/fire/structural safety is compromised.

18/ARK/005

That the Audit/Risk Committee recommends that Council consider whether the debt per resident level needs to be raised.

- 3 That the following recommendations from the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, held on 13 February 2018, be confirmed:

18/IWI/003

~~That the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti recommends to Council that the amended policy 'Development of Maori Capacity to Contribute to Council Decision-Making' be adopted for inclusion in the draft 2018-28 Long Term Plan on 1 March 2018.*~~

**Dealt with in item 10.*

- 4 That the following recommendations from the Taihape Community Board, held on 14 February 2018, be confirmed:

18/TCB/006

That the Taihape Community Board recommends to Council that it collaborates with the Friends of Taihape Society in developing Papakai Park, including use of the Parks Upgrade Partnership Fund, and supports, in principle, the development of a concept plan (similar to that done for Marton B & C Dam)

- 5 That the following recommendations from the Assets/Infrastructure Committee, held on 15 February 2018, be confirmed:

18/AIN/005

That Assets and Infrastructure Committee recommends to Council that Council directs the Engineer to negotiate with Higgins Contractors Limited to extend Road Maintenance Contract 980 for a further three year term.

18/AIN/009

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee recommends to Council that, in terms of section 17A(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002, it is satisfied that the potential benefits of undertaking a review of the cost-effectiveness of the present arrangements do not justify the costs of undertaking the review because of the specialised nature of the service,

AND

That, subject to Council approving the recommendation regarding section 17A(3)(b), a new Contract is prepared and tenders called to engage a Streetlight Maintenance Contractor to commence 1 July 2018.

- 6 That the following recommendations from the Policy/Planning Committee, held on 15 February 2018, be confirmed:

18/PPL/009

~~That the revised Significance and Engagement Policy [without amendment] be recommended to Council for adoption for consultation at the same time as the Consultation Document for the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.*~~

**Dealt with in item 13.*

21 Public Excluded

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

Assessment of prospective partnering organisations under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) 2018/19 – 2021/22

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

<p>Item 1</p> <p>Assessment of prospective partnering organisations under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) 2018/19 – 2021/22</p>	<p>To enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) – <i>sections 7(2)(i)</i>.</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a)(i)</p>
<p>Item 2</p> <p>Contract 1078 Watershed Road dropout repairs</p>	<p>To enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) – <i>section 7(2)(i)</i>.</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a)(i)</p>

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:

22 Late items

23 Future Items for the Agenda

24 Next Meeting

Thursday 29 March 2018, 1.00 pm

25 Meeting Closed