

Rangitīkei District Council

Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 26 April 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.

- 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
 - 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 Glenn Young, Senior Projects Engineer – Utilities
 - Mr John Jones, Asset Manager – Roading
 - Mr Reuben Pokiha, Operations Manager - Roading
 - Mr Jim Mestyaneck, Senior Projects Engineer – Roading
 - Mr Darryn Black Shared Services - Roading
 - Ms Gaylene Prince, Community & Leisure Assets Team Leader
 - Mr Hamish Waugh, Infrastructure Group Management
 - Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Policy Analyst/Planner
 - Ms Nardia Gower, Governance Administrator
- Tabled Documents**
- Item 8:** Portfolio Updates
 - Item 17:** Draft Submission to the New Zealand Transport Agency's Draft Investment Assessment Framework for the 2018-27 National Land transport Programme
 - Item 18:** Receipt of Committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed
 - Item 19:** Late items

1 Welcome

The meeting opened at 1:03pm. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Public Forum

Nil

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

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

Cr Sheridan / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

4 Members' conflict of interest

There were no declared conflicts of interest.

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, the following be dealt with a late item at this meeting:

Rangitikei Youth Awards

There was no scheduled change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of minutes

Discussion was had regarding the accuracy of the minutes relating to Taihape Development Trust's indicated interest in financially supporting the early opening of the Taihape Swim Centre.

Resolved minute number

18/RDC/108

File Ref

That the Minutes of the Council meeting and Public Excluded meeting held on 29 March 2018 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting – subject to the confirmation to bullet point three referring to Taihape Development Trust's indicated interest in financially supporting the early opening of the Taihape Swim Centre.

His Worship the Mayor/ Cr Belsham. Carried

7 Mayor's Report

His Worship the Mayor spoke to his report with the following comments:

- Apologised for the attendance at the Santoft Reserve meeting not being included in the Mayor's schedule.
- Thanked Councillors for flowers received for the recent family bereavement.
- Long Term Plan consultation public meetings had received high public support for kerbside rubbish and recycling, and support for the progressing new Council/Community buildings. Enquiries included information on drainage and economic development.
- Thanked Councillors for attending the various LTP Consultation meetings and ANZAC commemorations.
- Acknowledged Samantha Bradley (in attendance at the Council meeting) who personally organised the ANZAC commemoration assembly at Marton School which was attended by the Mayor and RSA members.

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/109** **File Ref** **3-EP-3-5**

That the Mayor's Report to the Council meeting on 26 April 2018 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>
Samoan 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 <i>attached</i>

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/110** **File Ref**

That the portfolio updates to the Council meeting of 26 April 2018 be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Belsham. Carried

Cr Sheridan- Southern Sport *attached*

The report was taken as read.

Cr Gordon Cr Rainey– Northern Sport and Taihape Buildings *attached*

It was further noted to the report that there is tension within the community by those wanting to voluntarily upgrade Papakai Park balanced with the concerns by Council's Parks and Reserves Team. The area prone to flooding is likely to be identified for parking.

Cr Aslett Heritage -and Tourism *Tabled*

Cr Aslett highlighted the Heritage Weekend, encouraging Councillors to advertise the event.

March website-hits on www.rangitikei.com have increased again on the previous month and comparative to same time last year. Cr Aslett noted he will send the web analytics report to Councillors.

Cr Ash - Samoan Community, Youth Development and Environment

Cr Ash spoke to the Rangitikei Youth Awards, Nomination forms can be found on the Council website.

Cr Wilson - Marton Building (Civic Centre)

Cr Wilson highlighted the community collaboration of both Rotary and Lions in the beautification of the Marton town centre.

Cr Peke-Mason - Iwi Interests *Tabled*

Cr Peke-Mason took the report as read, adding her attendance at the tribal meeting of Ngāti Rangī, where Mark Gray spoke to Council's model of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa; felt further encouraged by iwi representation on Council committees, and had suggested Ruapehu District could adopt a similar model.

9 New Zealand Memorial Trust – Le Quesnoy

There was confidence that the Trust would be keeping District RSAs informed of progress with the project.

Resolved minute number

18/RDC/111

File Ref

That Council receive the letter acknowledging Council's donation to the museum project of the New Zealand Memorial Trust – Le Quesnoy

Cr McManaway / Cr Sheridan. Carried

10 Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/112** **File Ref**

That Cr Gordon be Council's representative on Te Roopu Ahi Kaa for the remainder of the 2016-19 triennium.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/113** **File Ref**

That Ms Coral Raukawa-Manuel be Te Roopu Ahi Kaa's representative on the Assets/Infrastructure Committee and Ms Tracey Hiroa be Te Roopu Ahi Kaa's representative on the Policy/Planning Committee, both with full voting rights, effective from the May 2018 meetings.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Rainey. Carried

11 Administrative Matters – April 2018

Mr McNeil spoke to the report. The main points of discussion were:

- a workable size of the Santoft Domain Committee and (for the future) the definition of the area for eligible nominators and voters after the 2019 elections;
- the Rātana Centennial Celebration Committee will meet with Council staff on a monthly basis;
- the merits of regional fuel tax as one tool of several for increasing the roading budget.

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/114** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the report 'Administrative matters – April 2018' be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Motion

That the Santoft Domain Management Committee be re-established for the remainder of the 2016-19 triennium, with the members being those people expressing interest at the public meeting on 9 April 2018, including Councillor Dunn and Councillor Platt, with the terms of reference being those approved for the McIntyre Reserve Management Committee.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Wilson.

Amendment

That the Santoft Domain Management Committee be re-established for the remainder of the 2016-19 triennium, with the members being *amongst* those people expressing interest at the public meeting on 9 April 2018, including Councillor Dunn and Councillor Platt, with the terms of reference being those approved for the McIntyre Reserve Management Committee.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon. Carried

Substantive

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/115** **File Ref**

That the Santoft Domain Management Committee be re-established for the remainder of the 2016-19 triennium, with the members being amongst those people expressing interest at the public meeting on 9 April 2018, including Councillor Dunn and Councillor Platt, with the terms of reference being those approved for the McIntyre Reserve Management Committee.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/116** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That, in terms of section 327A of the Local Government Act 2002, the Rangitikei District Council determines that the building line restriction made in 1935 by the Marton Borough Council on sections in Maunder Street as marked in PWD plan 88942 be cancelled and advice of this notice of cancellation be provided to the District Land Registrar who shall amend the relevant records.

Cr Gordon / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/117** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the business case for the Taihape Swim Centre to open from Saturday 29 September 2018, which is the first day of the school holidays, be accepted, noting the only additional cost to Council will be the cost of power, estimated at \$8,000.

Cr Gordon / Cr Aslett. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/118** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That Council endorses the submission made by His Worship the Mayor (on behalf of the Council) to the Parliamentary Finance and Expenditure Committee opposing the provisions in the Land Transport (Regional Fuel Tax) Amendment Bill and suggesting tolling as a

preferable funding mechanism for transport infrastructure projects.

Cr Belsham / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/119** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That Council endorses the submission made by His Worship the Mayor (on behalf of the Council) to the Minister of Transport supporting his proposal that KiwiRail becomes an approved public organisation under the Land Transport Management Act 2003.

Cr Aslett / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/120** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That Council delegates to the Policy/Planning Committee, at its meeting on 10 May 2018, to authorise the Mayor to sign submissions to the Local Government (Community Well-being) Amendment Bill and the Privacy Bill (so that they are made by the due date), with copies of any submission so authorised included in the Order Paper for Council's meeting on 31 May 2018.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/121** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the Rangitīkei District Council supports the remit proposed by Ruapehu District Council that Local Government New Zealand pursues investigation of a road pricing Policy statement for land transport to incentivise route selection for HCVs that encourages the most economically efficient use of the transport network over both local roads and the state highway network.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Platt. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/122** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the Rangitīkei District Council supports the remit proposed by Napier City Council that Local Government New Zealand seeks the Government's agreement to amend the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 so that local alcohol policies are able to more accurately reflect local community views and preferences.

Cr Rainey / Cr Aslett. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/123** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the Rangitīkei District Council supports the remit proposed by Whanganui District Council that Local Government New Zealand requests that the Government lobby for amendment to the Earthquake Commission rule around land reinstatement so that the Earthquake Commission covers the cost to reinstate land, regardless of land value. This would be capped to a maximum value or cost per square metre.

Cr Gordon / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/124** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the Rangitīkei District Council supports the remit proposed by Whanganui District Council that Local Government New Zealand lobbies for greater support for, and protection of, heritage buildings via the following mechanisms:

- Revision of the Building (Earthquake-prone buildings) Amendment Act to change the '25% building work' clause to instead trigger earthquake strengthening once a threshold of "25% of the capital value or \$200,000, whichever is the greater" is reached to make this a more equitable provision for regional centres;
- an increase in the heritage fund;
- provision of tax relief for heritage building upgrades.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/125** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the Rangitīkei District Council supports the remit proposed by Whanganui District Council that Local Government New Zealand pursues a clear timeframe for the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport and the National Land Transport Program to allow territorial authorities to include final decisions on funding within their Long Term Plan (LTP) consultation and decision-making processes.

Cr Rainey / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/126** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the Rangitīkei District Council supports the remit proposed by Whanganui District Council that Local Government New Zealand requests that Government increases the rates rebate available to low income property owners and that any increases match cost increases for local government.

Cr Peke-Mason /Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/127** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That under Council's rates remission policy providing for remission of rates on the grounds of disproportionate rates compared to the value of the property, a full remission of rates for two years from 1 July 2018 be granted to Rangitoriki Haddon in respect of the property at 31 Torea Street, Utiku, (valuation 13350-09200) so long as the capital value of the property does not exceed \$10,000.

Cr Rainey / Cr McManaway. Carried

12 Top Ten Projects

Mr McNeil took the report as read. Councillors were advised that a tentative agreement, yet to be signed, has been reached with the landowner where the Rātana water plant is situated. The agreement would see Council as the owners of the land, with an easement established to provide the farmer access to sections of the farm.

Undertaking **Subject**

The regular meetings regarding the three town centre builds to be reinstated.

Undertaking **Subject**

The Top Ten Project Status to show in a separate column the total project costs to date (reference - page 100 of the order paper)

Undertaking **Subject**

Report by Opus comparing Broadway/High Street buildings with the current Administration and Library buildings in terms of the costs of making them fit for purpose (including earthquake strengthening) to be circulated to Councillors or provided to next Council meeting:

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/130** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

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

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Wilson. Carried

13 Health and Safety quarterly report (January-March 2018)

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/131** **File Ref** **5-HR-8-3**

That the report 'Health & Safety Quarterly Report for Council' for the period ending 31 March 2018 be received.

Cr Rainey / Cr Aslett. Carried

14 Enforcement Strategy and Prosecution Policy

Mr McNeil spoke to the draft policy, highlighting the following:

- The policy documents what was previously in practice but had no written policy.
- Council staff will continue to have focus on communication before prosecution.
- Whether a prosecution will occur is a matter for operational level delegation given to the Chief Executive.

Undertaking **Subject**

The flow-chart and executive summary to be available at Council's customer service centres.

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/132** **File Ref**

That Council adopt without amendment the Enforcement Strategy and Prosecution Policy.

Cr Wilson / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/133** **File Ref**

That the Chief Executive provide a report on the operation of the Enforcement Strategy and Prosecution Policy to the November 2018 meeting of Council.

His Worship the mayor – Cr Peke-Mason

15 Draft Submission by Council to Horizons Consultation Document for its proposed 2018-28 Long Term Plan ...

Mr McNeil spoke to the draft Submission. The key points discussed were:

- If a regional facilities fund is to go ahead then the regional council is the best place for that to happen.

- Having a uniform rate across the region recognised that the facilities supported by the fund would be in different council areas.
- The Mayor would speak to the stewardship of the fund in his oral submission.
- The merits of Horizons investing rate payer money into owning and leasing commercial space.

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/134** **File Ref**

That Council approves the following amendments be included in the draft submission:

- maximising the sharing of Horizons' detailed geological and erosion information and territorial authorities' detailed roading information (so that the management of the region's roads takes into account surrounding land use and erosion risk);
- emphasising the need for better public transport from Marton to Palmerston North and Whanganui.

Cr Rainey / Cr Gordon

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/135** **File Ref** **3-EP-3-7**

That Council approves, as amended, the Draft Submission by Council to Horizons Consultation Document for its proposed 2018-28 Long Term Plan', at its meeting 26 April 2018.

Cr McManaway / Cr Gordon.

16 Draft Submission to the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport, 2018/19 – 2027/28

Ms Webb-Moore spoke to the submission. The following amendments were discussed:

- Emphasising the option of using Ohakea as a regional freight hub which would decrease the freighting load on the roads;
- Including resilience as a consideration.

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/136** **File Ref** **3-EP-3-7**

That Council approves, as amended, the draft Submission to the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport, 2018/19 – 2027/28, at its meeting 26 April 2018.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

17 Draft submission to the New Zealand Transport Agency's Draft Investment Assessment Framework for the 2018-21 National Land Transport Programme

The draft submission was tabled and circulated electronically before the meeting.

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/137** **File Ref**

That Council receive the draft submission to the New Zealand Transport Agency's Draft Investment Assessment Framework for the 2018-21 National Land Transport Programme as a tabled document at Council 26th April 2018

Cr Ash/ Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/138** **File Ref**

That Council refer the New Zealand Transport Agency's Draft Investment Assessment Framework for the 2018-21 National Land Transport Programme to both Policy/Planning and Assets/Infrastructure Committees.

Cr Rainey / Cr Gordon. Carried

Meeting adjourned at 3:02 and reconvened at 3:18

18 Receipt of Committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed

Undertaking **Subject**

That staff are informed of the lack of electric mapping on Memorial Park Taihape

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/139** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the following meetings be received:

- Finance/Performance Committee 29 March 2018
- Turakina Community Committee, 5 April 2018
- Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee, 9 April 2018
- ~~Māori Land Rates Remission Committee, 10 April 2018¹~~
- Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, 10 April 2018
- Bulls Community Committee, 10 April 2018
- Rātana Community Board, 10 April 2018
- Taihape Community Board, 11 April 2018
- Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 12 April 2018
- Policy/Planning Committee, 12 April 2018
- Hunterville Community Committee 16 April 2018
- Marton Community Committee, 18 April 2018 – *tabled*

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

¹ This was a public excluded meeting. The minutes were provided separately to Elected Members.

Resolved minute number 18/RDC/140 File Ref

That the following recommendations from the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee held on 9 April 2018, be confirmed:

18/HRWS/011

That the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee recommends to Council that the rural water rates be increased from \$247 (excl GST) to \$275 (excl GST) and that the Hunterville urban rates increase by CPI only.

Cr McManaway / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

That the following recommendations from the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa held on 10 April 2018, be confirmed:

18/IWI/011

~~That Tracey Hiroa be Te Roopu Ahi Kaa's representative on the Policy/Planning Committee, and Coral Raukawa Manuel be Te Roopu Ahi Kaa's representative on the Assets/ Infrastructure Committee.~~

Dealt with in item 10

That the following recommendations from the Assets/Infrastructure Committee held on 12 April 2018, be confirmed:

18/AIN/023

~~That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee recommends to Council that Council's submission to the draft Government Policy Statement on land transport 2018/19-2027/28 encourages expenditure on public transport in smaller districts.~~

Dealt with in item 16

Resolved minute number 18/RDC/141 File Ref

That the following recommendations from the Assets/Infrastructure Committee held on 12 April 2018, be confirmed:

18/AIN/025

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee recommends to Council that it pays invoice 5404 from P J Electrical (\$1,467.42 incl. GST) for work on the three-phase power system at Taihape Memorial Park.

Cr Rainey / Cr Aslett. Carried

That the following recommendations from the Policy/Planning Committee held on 12 April 2018, be confirmed:

~~18/PPL/031~~

~~That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that the proposed Enforcement Strategy (and prosecution policy) be adopted, taking into account the points raised at the Committee's meeting and including an executive summary.~~

Dealt with in item 14

~~18/PPL/033~~

~~That the Policy Planning Committee requests a submission (for consideration by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Chief Executive) be drafted to the Government on the Land Transport (Regional Fuel Tax) Amendment Bill supporting the use of tolling roads of significance and not supporting a regional fuel tax, and, if sent, provided to Council's meeting on 26 April 2018 for endorsement.~~

Dealt with in item 11

~~18/PPL/034~~

~~That a submission for Council's consideration at its meeting on 26 April 2018 be prepared on the Government Policy Statement – Land Transport 2018/19-2027/28, having regard for the discussion at the Policy/Planning Committee's meeting on 12 April 2018.~~

Dealt with in item 16

~~18/PPL/038~~

~~That the Policy/Planning Committee authorises His Worship the Mayor to send the proposed response [with editorial amendments by the Mayor] to the Minister of Transport's letter requesting the Council's view on whether KiwiRail should become an approved public organisation under the Land Transport Management Act 2003, noting that it will be put to full Council for endorsement at its meeting on 26 April 2018~~

Dealt with in item 11

Resolved minute number

18/RDC/142

File Ref

That the following recommendations from the Hunterville Community Committee held on 16 April 2018, be confirmed:

18/HCC/007

That the Hunterville Community Committee recommends to Council that Council install a drinking fountain in the Hunterville Domain, suggesting that it could be connected to the building, utilising existing plumbing.

Cr McManaway / Cr Sheridan. Carried

19 Late items

Rangitikei Youth Awards

Addressed by Cr Ash in Item 8: Portfolio Updates

20 Future Items for the Agenda

Nil

21 Next Meeting

Wednesday and Thursday 16-17 May, Oral hearings

Thursday 31 May 2018, 1.00 pm

22 Meeting Closed

3:25 pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: