



# Rangitikei District Council

## Council Meeting

Minutes– Thursday 26 July 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 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  
Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Policy Analyst/Planner  
Ms Nardia Gower, Governance Administrator

**Tabled Documents**

- Item 2** Public Forum – proposed Marton Memorial Hall playground redevelopment
- Item 6** Confirmation of Minutes – proposed Appendices
- Item 8** Portfolio Updates (Cr Platt, Cr Aslett, and Cr Ash)
- Item 9** Administrative Matters – Memo on sale of part of 37 Kensington Road, Marton
- Item 14** Parks Upgrade Partnership Scheme – further details
- Item 16** Late items – Waitangi Tribunal – Directions of Judge Harvey – Early reporting on landlocked land claim issues in the Taihape region

## 1 Welcome

The meeting started at 1.10pm. His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Mayor sought one minutes silence for Mr Charlie Mete (Chair of the Rātana Community Board) and the whanau on the recent loss of his daughter and for George McIrvines family.

## 2 Public Forum

Lucy Skou and Brenna O'Neill spoke to their tabled presentation on the Marton Memorial Hall Playground redevelopment. Highlights from the discussions were:

- The proposal would give Marton an exciting playground area which locals (and those outside the District) would want to use.
- The equipment is being supplied by certified playground companies that cover all issues under the Health and Safety Act.
- Youth surveys included voice from children of the following schools; South Makirikiri, St Mathews, Marton, and carers from Porse and the Tutaenui and Turakina Playgroups.
- To date \$21,000 has been donated to the Playground redevelopment.
- Costs supplied by the Playground Centre include several local contractor quotes.
- The current fencing will be utilised with new fencing erected to encompass the extended areas.
- Ms Skou and Ms O'Neill noted that since the asset would belong to Council the maintenance would be that of Council responsibility. They further foreshadowed the expectation that Council would consider a future financial contribution to the redevelopment suggesting \$50,000.
- The anticipated total cost was \$600,000. If that target were exceeded, more equipment would be added.

## 3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

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

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. 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.

There were no declared conflicts of interest.

## 5 Confirmation of order of business

That, taking into account that should Council wish to submit an application to be an interested party to proceedings, this would need to be completed prior to the August Council meeting. Therefore the

## **Waitangi Tribunal - Directions of Judge Harvey – Early reporting of landlocked land issues in the Taihape Region**

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

There was no scheduled change to the order of business.

## **6 Confirmation of minutes**

Two proposed appendices were tabled.

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/RDC/276**                      **File Ref**

That the minutes of the Council meeting 28 June 2018 are approved subject to the inclusion of the rates resolution for 2018/19 and the final approved carry-forwards to 2018/19 as appendices to the minutes and that this is noted by way of footnotes in the relevant section of the minutes.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Belsham. Carried

## **7 Mayor's Report**

The Mayor took his report as read noting that Councillors will hear more of the 3 Waters over the coming 12 months.

The Mayor noted his interview with Older and Bolder included questions on his background and family and what he felt he had achieved while in Council. He felt the importance of what he hasn't done well is a better focus, using the example of wanting to do more for the youth of the Rangitīkei. He further thanked Ms Gower and those who helped make a successful Youth Awards evening on 25 July 2018, and Cr Ash and Cr Platt for attending.

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/RDC/277**                      **File Ref**                      **3-EP-3-5**

That the 'Mayor's report and schedule' to Council's meeting on 26 July 2018 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Ash. Carried

## **8 Portfolio Updates**

Ohakea - Cr Platt (*tabled*)

Cr Platt took his report as read noting the announcement that Cabinet approved the purchase for four Boeing P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol planes from the United States.

**Heritage and Tourism - Cr Aslett (*tabled*)**

Cr Aslett took his report as read noting Central Economic Development Agency (**CEDA**) has a meet and greet in August

**Samoan Community, Youth Development and Environment - Cr Ash (*tabled*)**

Cr Ash noted the high number of youth celebrated through the Youth awards and commended the applications from Taihape. Special mention was made of Jermaine Moke the award winner of the Leadership category and further awarded Outstanding Youth, noting the bright future ahead of him. Cr Ash noted that she will report on the LGNZ AGM next month.

**Iwi Interests - Cr Peke-Mason (*Verbal*)**

Cr Peke-Mason highlighted the formal collective of iwi hui being held in the Rangitikei on 30 July 2018. Discussion will include Te Ture Whenua Māori Act and the four well-beings which the Government has proposed to reinsert into the Local Government Act. Outcomes from the discussions will be taken to the National Iwi Leaders forum.

Cr Peke-Mason spoke of her attendance to the Te Maruata Hui in Christchurch noting that representatives now have a seat on Local Government New Zealand's National Council.

**Marton Building (Civic Centre) - Cr Wilson (*Verbal*)**

Cr Wilson acknowledged the work on the Heritage Precinct by staff

**Northern Sport and Taihape Building - Cr Gordon / Cr Rainey (*Verbal*)**

Cr Gordon noted the upcoming meetings of Clubs Taihape AGM and Taihape user Group, both discussing the Memorial Park ablution facility options.

**Shared Services - Cr Belsham/Cr McManaway (*verbal*)**

Cr Belsham noted the item in preceding Finance/Performance Committee meeting of the second quarterly report for shared services and the imminent appointment of a Principal Infrastructure Advisor whose role will be to oversee the delivery of shared service agreement.

**Criterion Site - Cr Dunn (*verbal*)**

Cr Dunn spoke of the consistent requests for updates on the Bulls Community Centre, and will be looking forward to the communication to the community once the tender process has concluded.

**Resolved minute number****18/RDC/278****File Ref**

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

Cr Wilson / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

## 9 Administrative Matters – July 2018

Mr McNeil spoke to the report with highlights and discussion on the following matters;

**Quarterly update on Civil Defence Improvement Plan**

Council is on the cusp of signing an agreement with the Whanganui District Health Board to use the Taihape Hospital Building as a civil defence and welfare centre in the event of an emergency.

Whangaehu, now having a response plan in place and a group to give it effect, has been allocated hand held radios for use in emergency situations. Council will look at each community's requirements on a case by case basis, noting it is for the each community to create a relevant response plan for them.

**Subdivision of 37 Kensington Road, Marton**

Councillors discussed the high public profile of the site and merits of the tender delegation not resting on the Chief Executive but for Council to have the final determination decision.

**Bonny Glen – amendment to the Trade Waste Agreement (TWA) for acceptance of treated leachate at the Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant.**

Considerable discussion took place on the proposed increase to the current acceptance levels of BOD<sub>5</sub> and Suspended Solids (SS) of the TWA with Midwest Disposals.

The Chief Executive explained to Council that the current levels used in the TWA were taken from a staff report as long term targets rather than absolute targets to be included in a TWA. Staff are confident that the increased limits will not affect the ongoing performance of the Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant (MWWTP).

Main points discussed were:

- Whether the increase is significant on the scale of previous acceptance levels.
- Potential benefits of Council receiving a report comparing other Council TWA acceptance levels of BOD<sub>5</sub> and SS. During the meeting the TWA of Hutt City was sourced from its website showing acceptance levels of 1000g/m<sup>3</sup> for BOD<sub>5</sub> and 1000g/m<sup>3</sup> for SS, leading to debate whether other district TWA acceptance levels are relevant given resource consent criteria differences.
- The proposed increase has factored in Council's compliance of the resource consent and conditions with Horizons Regional Council.
- The last statement in the TWA protects Council;  
"RDC reserves the right to require Midwest Disposals Limited to remove specific toxicant(s) from the discharge should the toxicant interfere with the processes at the Marton Waste Water Treatment Plant, and/or impact upon RDC's ability to meet its obligations for the resource consent(s) issued for the operation of Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant"

Councillors noted a preference to have had a staff member present at the meeting that could have answered some of the technical questions they had on the matter

**Resolved minute number**

**18/RDC/279**

**File Ref**

**5-EX-4**

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

Cr Gordon / Cr Dunn. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/RDC/280**                      **File Ref**

That the final tender determination of the subdivision of 37 Kensington Rd, Marton be that of Council

Cr Belsham /Cr Sheridan. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/RDC/281**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-4**

That Council approves an application being made in its name to Pub Charity for an \$80,000 grant for the Marton skatepark extension project.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Wilson. Carried

Motion

That Council considers further report around appropriate levels of BOD<sub>5</sub> loading with other Councils.

Cr Ash / Cr Aslett. Lost

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/RDC/282**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-4**

That Council approves the amended trade waste agreement with Mid-West Disposals Ltd regarding leachate acceptance at the Marton wastewater treatment plant, the amendments being:

- BOD<sub>5</sub> limit increased from 20 g/m<sup>3</sup> to 200 g/m<sup>3</sup>
- Suspended Solids (SS) limit increased from 1 g/m<sup>3</sup> to 50 g/m<sup>3</sup>

Cr Belsham / Cr Gordon. Carried

Against Cr Ash

Amendment

That Council approves the amended trade waste agreement with Mid-West Disposals Ltd regarding leachate acceptance at the Marton wastewater treatment plant. The amendments being:

- BOD<sub>5</sub> limit increased from 20 g/m<sup>3</sup> to 100 g/m<sup>3</sup>
- Suspended Solids (SS) limit increased from 1 g/m<sup>3</sup> to 25 g/m<sup>3</sup>

Cr Rainey / Cr Aslett. Withdrawn

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/RDC/283**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-4**

That Council endorses the submission made by His Worship the Mayor (on behalf of the Council) to the Government's proposal for an International Visitor Conservation and Tourism Levy.

Cr Wilson. Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/RDC/284**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-4**

That Council delegates to the Policy/Planning Committee, at its meeting on 9 August 2018, to authorise the Mayor to sign submissions to the National Planning Standards issued by the Ministry for the Environment with a copy of any submission so authorised included in the Order Paper for Council's meeting on 26 July 2018.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Dunn. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/RDC/285**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-4**

That the memorandum 'Proposed sale of 37 Kensington Road, Marton – reviewing the determination of non-financial considerations' be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

## 10 Top Ten Projects – status, July 2018

Mr McNeil spoke to the report with highlights and discussion on the following matters;

### **Upgrade of the Bulls wastewater treatment plant to meet new consent conditions**

A paper will be presented to Council for review by the Assets/Infrastructure Committee on 9 August. Meanwhile an advisory group meeting is scheduled within the next two weeks. A resource application will be lodged with Horizons by the end of October 2018.

### **Future management of community housing**

Councillors are looking forward to receiving the upgrade programme for community housing and sought details on expenditure to date of the earlier annual allocations of \$100,000.

### **Bulls Multi-Purpose Community centre**

Communication update will be released in September, following completion of the tender process, including a media statement. Council can make a decision regarding the 70% target of community –raised funds when the tender process is completed and there is a firm build cost estimate.



**Resolved minute number**                      **18/RDC/286**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-4**

That the memorandum 'Top Ten Projects – status, July 2018' be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried

**Undertaking**                      **Subject**

The expenditure to date of the \$100,000 per year on Community Housing, as set out in the 2015-25 Long Term Plan, be reported to Council.

**Undertaking**                      **Subject**

Updated information in the Top Ten Projects report to be identified either through italics or some other way.

Cr Ash left at 2:44; returned 2.47.

## **11 Health & Safety Quarterly Update (April-June 2018)**

Mr McNeil took the report as read.

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/RDC/287**                      **File Ref**                      **5-HR-8-3**

That the report 'Health & Safety Quarterly Update (April-June 2018)' for the period ending 30 June 2018 be received.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Dunn. Carried

## **12 Sale of Marton A Dam**

Mr McNeil spoke to the report, noting additional information received earlier in the day from Property Brokers regarding likely sale prices for various options. Discussion took place on the merits of potential profit from subdividing the site into two parcels of land compared with listing the property as the existing one parcel.

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/RDC/289**                      **File Ref**                      **6-CF-4-4**

That the memorandum 'Sale of Marton A Dam' to Council meeting 26 July 2018 be received

Cr Wilson / Cr Gordon. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/RDC/290**                      **File Ref**

That Council list for sale the Marton A Dam property as the current one parcel of land, through an open market tender in line with Council's surplus property policy.

Cr Wilson / Cr Belsham. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/RDC/291**                      **File Ref**

That Council give delegation to the proportion of the non-financial weighting for the tender for sale of Marton A Dam to the Subdivision Working Group

Cr Belsham / Cr Wilson. Carried

### **13 Representation Review – Initial Proposal**

Ms Gray spoke to the report, highlighting the consultation process and timeframes. Discussion was held about the tension between Marton residents being folded into neighbouring wards (i.e. Hunterville and Turakina) not considered as their community of interest, compared with smaller communities being overlooked under a three-ward structure.

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/RDC/292**                      **File Ref**                      **3-OR-3-8**

That the report 'Representation Review – Initial Proposal' to Council meeting 26 July 2018 be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Rainey. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/RDC/293**                      **File Ref**                      **3-OR-3-8**

That the communities of interest relevant to the 2018 Representation Review are as follows:

- Marton
- Bulls including Scotts Ferry
- Taihape
- Hunterville
- Western Villages - Koitiata, Rātana, Turakina, Kauangaroa, Whangaehu
- Northern Villages - Mangaweka, Moawhango, Mataroa, Pukeokahu, Utiku

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Aslett. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/RDC/294**                      **File Ref**                      **3-OR-3-8**

That Council adopt the following arrangements as its initial proposal for the 2018 Representation Review for the Rangitīkei District:

- continuing the Council comprising 11 Councillors and the Mayor;
- having all Councillors elected by a ward through –  
a three ward structure – Southern (3 Councillors), Central (5 Councillors) and Northern (3 Councillors);

the population of each Ward represented will be as follows:

Ward	Population 2017 Estimates <sup>1</sup>	Members	Population per member	Deviation from district average population per councillor	% deviation from district average population per councillor
Southern	3,890	3	1,297	-67	4.91%
Central	7,410	5	1,482	118	8.65%
Northern	3,700	3	1,233	-131	9.60%
Total	15,000	11	1,364		

Cr Belsham / Cr Ash. Carried

Against Cr Peke-Mason

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/RDC/295**                      **File Ref**                      **3-OR-3-8**

That Council in relation to Council's Initial proposal for the 2018 Representation Review for the Rangitīkei District, adopts the Community Boards at Rātana and Taihape retaining the same Board names as present, with –

- Rātana Community Board, retaining the same boundaries as at present, having four members elected by the whole Rātana Community Board area and one appointed member (one of the Southern Ward Councillors); and
- Taihape Community Board, retaining the same boundaries as at present, having four members elected by the whole Taihape Ward and two appointed members (rotated annually around the Northern Ward Councillors); and
- without adding any further Community Boards in the District.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Platt. Carried

<sup>1</sup> Based on the Statistics NZ 2017 estimates in the 2018 meshblock data

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/RDC/296**                      **File Ref**                      **3-OR-3-8**

That Council endorse the Engagement Plan as the consultation process for the 2018 Representation Review initial proposal.

Cr Belsham / Cr Wilson. Carried

Cr Wilson left at 3:30pm

## **14 Parks Upgrade Partnership Scheme – financial history**

Mr Hodder spoke to the tabled memorandum, highlighting the use of different cost entre codes within the Council's General Ledger.

There were varying views on what was an appropriate maximum financial request which would be permitted for any one project.

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/RDC/297**                      **File Ref**                      **1-AS-1-1**

That the memorandum 'Park Upgrade partnership Scheme – further details' be received.

That the Parks Upgrade Scheme – Council contributions (4410170610) budget for 2018/19 be set at \$50,000 plus the unspent budget from 2017/2018 financial year of \$43.666

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/RDC/298**                      **File Ref**                      **1-AS-1-1**

That the Parks Upgrade Partnership Scheme has a maximum financial request within a financial year of \$25,000 for any one project with any request over that amount being put to Council.

Cr Belsham / Cr Dunn. Carried

Amendment

That the Parks Upgrade Partnership Scheme has a maximum financial request within a financial year of \$15,000 for any one project with any request over that amount being put to Council.

Cr Gordon / Cr Rainey. Lost

## 15 Receipt of Committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/RDC/299**                      **File Ref**

That the minutes of the following meetings be received:

- Finance/Performance Committee 28 June 2018
- Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 12 July 2018
- Policy/Planning Committee, 12 July 2018

Cr Rainey /Cr Sheridan. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/RDC/300**                      **File Ref**

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

### **18/AIN/050**

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee recommends to Council that Council award Contract C1038 for the Otara Bridge Strengthening physical works (Rangitikei District Council share) to Riverside Construction Ltd for contract value of 50% of the tender price, which will be Two Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand, Six Hundred and Seventy-Nine Dollars, and Forty-Eight Cents \$274,679.48 excl GST.

Cr Rainey /Cr Gordon. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/RDC/301**                      **File Ref**

### **18/AIN/051**

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee recommend to Council that Council endorse the Manawatū -Whanganui Regional Sport Facility Plan as a tool to guide the future planning development, management and operation of sports facilities in the Rangitikei and wider Manawatū -Whanganui region.

Cr Rainey /Cr Belsham. Carried

## 16 Late items

### **Waitangi Tribunal Direction - Landlocked land in Taihape Region**

Mr Hodder spoke to the late item stating that Judge L R Harvey has come to the view that New Zealand can and should accelerate the process of land-locked land. Judge Harvey acknowledged the substantial work already completed in the space by the Rangitikei District Council and has invited Council to apply to become an interested party to the proceedings.

His Worship the Mayor highlighted the suggested issues to cover in the proposed research on the feasibility of access to landlocked land as listed in point 21 on page 6.

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/RDC/302**                      **File Ref**

That that the tabled document 'Waitangi Tribunal Direction - Landlocked land in Taihape Region' to Council meeting 26 July be received.

That Council agrees to apply to become an interested party to the proceedings of the Waitangi Tribunal on landlocked land in Taihape region.

His Worship the Mayor /Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

## **17 Future Items for the Agenda**

None was requested.

## **18 Next Meeting**

Thursday 30 August 2018, 1.00 pm.

## **19 Meeting Closed**

4.13pm

**Confirmed/Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date: