



Rangitikei District Council

Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 18 October 2018 – 9:30 a.m.

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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 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 Blair Jamieson, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Mr Arno Benadie, Principal Advisor - Infrastructure
Ms Selena Anderson, Governance Administrator

1 Welcome

The meeting started at 9.36am. His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Council Prayer

Cr Ash read the Council Prayer

3 Public Forum

Nobody had requested this.

4 Apologies/Leave of Absence

Cr Sheridan arrived at 9.40am

None

5 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.

There were no reported conflicts of interest.

6 Confirmation of order of business

The order of business was confirmed. No late items were proposed.

7 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number	18/RDC/389	File Ref
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That the minutes and public excluded of the Council meeting 27 September 2018 (reconvened 11 October 2018) be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Aslett / Cr Wilson. Carried

8 Adoption of final representation review proposal

Mr McNeil spoke to the report, providing an overview of the process for adopting the final representation review proposal, drawing attention to the limited appeal rights if Council confirmed the initial proposal as the final proposal compared with the open rights of objection if the adopted final proposal differed from the initial proposal.

His Worship the Mayor set aside the Standing Orders regarding speaking rights for the three for and three against on the basis of the importance of the issue.

Key points highlighted during the discussion were:

- Correcting the misalignment in the initial proposal of the boundaries of the Taihape Community Board so that they were the same as those of the proposed Northern Ward would be deemed a change to the initial proposal.
- There was no change in the boundaries of the proposed three wards between the initial proposal and the final proposal (if the three ward option were adopted as the final proposal).
- Members noted that they garnered their understanding of the process and the proposal through Council workshops.
- An oral submission (from the Turakina Community Committee) raised the concern that the western communities of the District could lose their representation under a three ward structure. Councillors appreciated this concern, but noted that the District's smaller communities were represented well by their respective Community Committees. Council could confirm its intention to continue these committees.
- Relative numbers of the different communities within the District are changing: this is addressed by the changes in the ward boundaries.

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/390** **File Ref**

That the report 'Analysis of submissions – Initial Proposal, Representation Review 2018' be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/391** **File Ref**

That as its final proposal for the Representation Review 2018 for the Rangitikei District, Council adopts the following:

- 11 elected members and the Mayor
- A three ward structure for the election of Councillors as follows:
 - Southern (3 Councillors), Central (5 Councillors), Northern (3 Councillors)
- The population of each Ward represented will be as follows:

Ward	Population 2017 Estimates ¹	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		

- Community boards at Ratana and Taihape, retaining the same names, with -
 - Ratana Community Board, retaining the same boundaries as at present, having four members elected by the whole Ratana Community Board area and one appointed member (one of the Southern Ward Councillors); and
 - Taihape Community Board, being the boundary of the Northern Ward, having four members elected by the whole Northern Ward and two appointed members (rotated annually around the three Northern Ward Councillors)

Cr Rainey / Cr Sheridan. Carried
Cr Aslett. Against

Resolved minute number **18/RDC/392** **File Ref**

That it is the Rangitikei District Council's intention to retain the current Community Committees at Turakina, Bulls, Marton and Hunterville, if those communities support that intent.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Aslett. Carried

9 Late items

Nil.

10 Future Items for the Agenda

Nil.

11 Next Meeting

Thursday 25 October 2018, 1pm.

12 Meeting Closed

10.20am

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: