



Rangitikei District Council

Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 30 May 2019 – 1:00 p.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 Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Ms Jo Devine, Group Manager – Finance Business Support
Mr Arno Benadie, Principal Advisor – Infrastructure
Ms Gaylene Prince, Community & Leisure Assets Team Leader
Mr Blair Jamieson, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor
Mrs Carol Gordon, Customer Services and Communications Team Leader

Tabled Documents

Item 8 Portfolio Updates – Cr Ash – Youth Development
Item 10 Policy Paper – Childcare Allowance for Elected Members of Local Government
Item 12 Relocation of Marae – Kauangaroa Marae
Late Item Marton and District Historical Society – funding assistance

1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting, the meeting started at 1pm.

2 Public Forum

Nil

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

There were no apologies received. The absence of Cr Soraya Peke-Mason was noted.

4 Members' conflict of interest

Conflicts of interest were declared by Cr Wilson for item 10.6 and by Cr Gordon for item 12.8.

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, one item was be dealt with as a late item at this meeting – **Letter from Marton & District Historical Society – request for funding assistance.**¹

6 Confirmation of minutes

Amendments were made to the minutes pages 15 (resolution 104), 18 (resolutions 111 and 112), and 19.

Resolved minute number	19/RDC/127	File Ref
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That the minutes and public excluded minutes of the Council meeting on 2 May 2019, as amended, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

That the minutes of the Council meeting on 9 May 2019 (adjourned until 10 May 2019) without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Aslett. Carried

7 Mayor's Report

The Mayor's report and schedule were taken as read.

¹ Considered at the end of item 12.

In response to a question about whether the Mayoral Taskforce for Jobs was achieving its objectives His Worship the Mayor advised that it was very worthwhile. He also noted that Rangitikei was taking part in the TUIA programme this year. It was also noted that a Cadet was about to be employed to work in the Library / Information Centre.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/128** **File Ref** **3-EP-3-5**

That the 'Mayor's report and schedule' to the 30 May 2019 Council meeting be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

8 Portfolio Updates

Youth Development:

It's been a big week for youth. Very successful youth awards were held with youth getting recognised for the work they are doing. Alyce Turner was the overall winner.

The Skatepark in Marton was officially opened. Now looking forward to the next part of the build for this.

Samoan Independence Day is on Monday, 3 June, starting at 10am.

Southern Sport:

Progress for the playground next to the Marton Memorial Hall is continuing.

Ben Woolston is holding planting days at the dams.

Marton Building (Civic Centre):

A productive workshop was held with WSP Opus during the month. It is hoped to go out to the public for consultation on two options by the end of August.

Criterion Site:

Comments from the Bulls community about the new building are very positive now that building is well underway. The painters have been working at the community house in Walton Street.

Heritage and Tourism:

The Rangitikei Heritage weekend continues to go from strength to strength, with a good turnout for this event.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/129** **File Ref**

That the 'Portfolio Updates' to the 30 May 2019 Council meeting be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Gordon. Carried

9 Change of Chair for the Assets/Infrastructure Committee

As Cr McManaway wishes to relinquish his role as Chair of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee it is now necessary to appoint a replacement. Section 41A of the Local Government Act 2002 allows the Mayor to establish committees and to appoint their chairs. Cr Wilson was

proposed to take over this role as one of the main areas of focus for the rest of this triennium is the building of the Marton Civic Centre, which is part of Cr Wilsons' portfolio.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/130** **File Ref**

That Council endorses the decision by His Worship the Mayor to (i) accept Cr McManaway's request to relinquish his role as Chair of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee and (ii) appoint Cr David Wilson in his place for the balance of the 2016-19 triennium.

Cr McManaway / Cr Rainey. Carried

10 Administrative Matters

Mr Hodder spoke to the report.

The Council discussed:

- Proposal from the Remuneration Authority on childcare allowance for Elected Members of Local Government - It was noted this policy did not cover all dependants, only children and it was not mandatory to adopt this.
- Responsible Camping Initiatives - It was clarified that this fund did not have to be for 'new' toilets and could include any toilets across the District.
- Ward Furniture – proposed development agreement - Mr Hodder provided clarification, that if the occupancy had to cease while work was being done they would receive remission. It was noted that work is being done solely outside this building and therefore Ward Furniture will not close the shop while the work is being done. In reaching the decision it was noted the policy needs to be looked at to make sure it's consistently applied.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/131** **File Ref**

That the report 'Administrative matters – May 2019' to Council's meeting on 30 May 2019 be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/132** **File Ref**

That His Worship the Mayor be authorised, on behalf of the Council, sign the submission without amendment to the Remuneration Authority's proposed childcare allowance for Elected Members of Local Government.

Cr Ash / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/133** **File Ref**

That the Policy/Planning Committee be delegated to approve a submission to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment on the proposed building law reform.

Cr Ash / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/134** **File Ref**

That Council authorises the Chief Executive to make a submission to the 2019/20 round of the Tourism Facilities Development Grants to assist with operational costs for the District's toilet facilities being serviced by Council.

Cr Ash / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/135** **File Ref**

That, in terms of section 41(5) of the Reserves Act 1977, Council approve the public notification of its intention to develop a reserve management plan over that part of Taihape Memorial Park which is classified as scenic reserve and a reserve management plan for Frae-Ona Park, Marton.

Cr Gordon / Cr Ash. Carried

Cr Wilson declared a conflict of interest in this section of this item and removed himself from the discussion but remained in the room.

Motion

That Council approve the development agreement for earthquake-strengthening of Ward Furniture, 219 Broadway, Marton; supports the application as submitted; remission to be 100% of the rates payable for a 3 year period, and the fee waiver of the internal building consent fee up to a sum of \$5,000, as written in the application.

Cr Belsham / His Worship the Mayor

Amendment

That Council approve the development agreement for earthquake-strengthening of Ward Furniture, 219 Broadway, Marton; supports the application as submitted; remission to be 100% of the rates payable for a 2 year period, and the fee waiver of the internal building consent fee up to a sum of \$5,000, as written in the application.

Cr McManaway / Cr Aslett. Lost

Amendment

That Council approve the development agreement for earthquake-strengthening of Ward Furniture, 219 Broadway, Marton; supports the application as submitted; remission to be

100% of the rates payable for a 1 year period, and the fee waiver of the internal building consent fee up to a sum of \$5,000, as written in the application.

Cr Gordon / Cr Platt. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/136** **File Ref**

That Council approve the development agreement for earthquake-strengthening of Ward Furniture, 219 Broadway, Marton; supports the application as submitted; remission to be 100% of the rates payable for a 1 year period, and the fee waiver of the internal building consent fee up to a sum of \$5,000, as written in the application.

Cr Gordon / Cr Platt. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/137** **File Ref**

That the Policy/Planning Committee be authorised to approve a submission to the Hawkes' Bay Regional Council's Draft Plan Change 7 to the Regional Resource Management Plan.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon. Carried

That Council authorises the Chief Executive to test the proposal with Te Roopu Ahi Kaa (at its next meeting) and, if the Komiti agrees enter into negotiations for the sale of the vacant (and surplus) land on Moawhango Valley Road – valuation 13290 15200 – with the provisos that the disused dump site remains open to public access, that Council make that area safe and maintain it; and that the purchaser (and any subsequent owner) with an indemnity against any contamination or problems resulting from the disused dump.

Cr Wilson / Cr McManaway. Lost

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/138** **File Ref**

That Council requests the Chief Executive to investigate the subdivision for potential sale of the (and surplus) land on Moawhango Valley Road – valuation 13290 15200.

Cr Gordon / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

11 Top 10 projects report

Mr Hodder spoke to the report.

Ms Prince advised a meeting had been held regarding the Taihape Memorial Park development. Quotes have now been received, the bar into the kitchen would cost an estimated \$25,000 and an estimate for the kitchen was \$5,000 noting that some work could be done ourselves.

Undertaking Subject Taihape Memorial Park Development

Council staff to negotiate sharing the Taihape Memorial Park site with Clubs Taihape, within reason

Resolved minute number 19/RDC/139 File Ref 5-EX-4

That the memorandum 'Top Ten Projects – status, May 2019' to the 30 May 2019 Council meeting be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Belsham. Carried

12 Analysis of submissions on the draft 2019/20 Annual Plan

Mr Forster spoke to this report.

Resolved minute number 19/RDC/140 File Ref 1-AP-1-6

That the report 'Analysis of submissions on the draft 2019/20 Annual Plan' to the 30 May 2019 Council meeting be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Aslett. Carried

Resolved minute number 19/RDC/141 File Ref

That Council increases the annual funding for community-led projects by \$50,000, to be a total annual budget of \$100,000.

Cr Wilson / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number 19/RDC/142 File Ref

That Council does contribute \$50,000, out of general rates, towards the new St Johns Ambulance Station in Taihape, as the final funder.

Cr Rainey / Cr Aslett. Carried

Resolved minute number 19/RDC/143 File Ref

That (as a response to climate change) Council continue to maintain and upgrade its infrastructure.

Cr Gordon / Cr McManaway. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/144** **File Ref**

That Council continue to work on options for kerbside recycling.

Cr Ash / Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/145** **File Ref**

That Council does not provide \$5,000 funding for the de-sexing and micro-chipping of cats (not including unwanted) for a period of three weeks following extensive public notification.

Cr Ash / Cr Rainey. Carried

Helping with euthanising cats

It was noted that dumping of unwanted cats is a problem in the rural areas, and was raised at a number of the public meetings in the rural communities.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/146** **File Ref**

That Council approves a trial period of four weeks up to \$1,600 covering the full cost of euthanising unwanted cats **trapped in Council traps** following extensive publicity and officers report back.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr McManaway. Carried

Cr Gordon declared a conflict of interest for this section of the item and did not take part in the discussion but remained in the room.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/147** **File Ref**

That the current funding level of \$20,000 for Rangitikei Environment Group be continued and the use of surplus vehicle.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/148** **File Ref**

That Council approves \$5,000 as requested by the Rangitikei Environment Group for fencing funding in the reserves.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/149** **File Ref**

That Council investigate funding assistance for the new Hunterville St John operational building.

Cr McManaway / Cr Aslett. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/150** **File Ref**

That the Onepuhi Road Reserve be reinstated and that Council provide ongoing support to Onepuhi and Porewa Community Group on this project through the Parks Upgrade Partnership Scheme and including the area for mowing and grounds maintenance by the Parks & Reserves team.

Cr Ash / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/151** **File Ref**

That submitters to the retention of Mangaweka Bridge be informed that Council will, in conjunction with Manawatu District Council, be considering the feasibility of the retaining the current Bridge once the economic analysis has been completed and submitted to both councils.

Cr Rainey / Cr Aslett. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/152** **File Ref**

That Council investigate horses being included in the use of the proposed shared pathway around Marton Reservoir.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Undertaking **Subject** **Marton Reservoir**

Council needs to formally approve this as a public area / reserve – letters to the submitters needs to be clear that the reserve has not been approved for public use yet.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/153** **File Ref**

That Council officers meet with representatives from the Kauangaroa Marae to discuss helping support the relocation of the Marae.

Cr Wilson / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/154** **File Ref**

The Mayor, Marton Ward Councillors and the Chief Executive to investigate a contribution with the Marton and District Historical Society for their expenses, to be brought back to Council for a decision.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/155** **File Ref**

That the report 'Analysis of submissions on the draft 2019/20 Annual Plan' as amended is included in the final draft 2019/20 Annual Plan as the response to submitters.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Ash. Carried

The meeting adjourned at 3.05pm and reconvened at 3.26pm

13 Analysis of submissions to the proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges 2019/20

Mr Forster spoke to the report.

Areas of change from the draft Schedule of Fees and Charges:

- Working Dog fees: Council agreed that registrations fees be capped at 5 working dogs.
- Fireplace consents: Mr Cullis advised that costs are determined by looking at the time it takes to process consents, then an average is applied, this includes a cost for travel. Council issues the Code Compliance Certificate and has to ensure it meets the code of today (i.e. flue and hearth sizes, has the right gaps to the wall, separation that it requires etc). The cost is the same for new as replacement.
- Marton Bowling club – water usage – The existing Council policy states they could be eligible for a 50% reduction in fees, so that will be followed.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/156** **File Ref** **1- AP-1-6**

That the report 'Analysis of submissions to the proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges 2019/20' to Council's 30 May 2019 meeting be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/157** **File Ref**

That the first inspection of swimming pools, undertaken every 3 years, be done at no charge, and any subsequent inspection incurs a charge.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Dunn. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/158** **File Ref**

That registration fees for working dogs be capped at 5.

Cr McManaway / Cr Gordon. Carried

Motion

That the following fees apply: Install inbuilt fire - \$385; Freestanding fire - \$285; Replacement fires, when replacing like for like (while meeting current requirements) – a 50% reduction of the consent fee.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Lost

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/159** **File Ref**

The 2nd bullet on page 125 be removed (in explanatory notes, which reads Halls – no charge for local non-profit community organisations for short-term hire (up to five hours a day)

Cr Gordon / Cr Rainey. Carried

Undertaking **Subject** **Building inspections**

Hourly inspection fees – add an explanation of these charges.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/160** **File Ref**

That Council adopts the amended Schedule of Fees and Charges 2019/20.

Cr Gordon / Cr Belsham. Carried

14 Conceptual approach to subdivisions

Mr Hodder spoke to this tabled item. The approach needs to be a negotiated process.

Council considered the recommendations from the Subdivisions Working Group.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/161** **File Ref**

1. That Council proceeds with disposal of the vacant properties at Walton Street and Walker Crescent, Bulls, as bare land holdings on the following basis:

- Council will not subdivide or develop the properties prior to disposal, either by itself or as a joint venture with another party;
- Expressions of Interest are to be invited for potential purchasers to submit separate proposals for purchase of each of the properties recording:
 - purchase prices;
 - detailed development plans including timeframes for subdivision and sale of residential sections;

- prospective purchaser's acknowledgement all expressions of interest will be assessed against the Policy on Disposal of Surplus Property 2015, for which Council sets the weightings; and
2. That Council determines the non-financial assessment criteria be given a weighting of 25% for the disposal of the surplus properties at Walker Crescent and Walton Street, Bulls.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

15 Minutes and recommendations from Committees

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/162** **File Ref**

That the following minutes be received.

Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Committee, 2 May 2019

Finance/Performance Committee, 2 May 2019

Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 9 May 2019

Policy/Planning Committee, 9 May 2019

Creative New Zealand Funding Assessment Committee, 14 May 2019

Cr Ash / Cr Aslett. Carried

That the following recommendations from Creative New Zealand Funding Assessment Committee meeting held on 14 May 2019 be confirmed.

~~19/CNZ/006~~

~~The Creative New Zealand Assessment Committee recommend to Council that they consider whether or not to continue with the use of the SmartyGrants platform to administer the grants.~~

This recommendation was dealt with in the Finance Performance Committee meeting on 30 May 2019.

Undertaking **Subject**

That letters of thanks be written to the Creative Communities Committee members who are retiring.

16 Late items

(As agreed at item 5; considered at end of item 12)

17 Future Items for the Agenda

Nil.

18 Next Meeting

Thursday 27 June 2019, 1.00 pm

19 Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 4.20pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: