



Rangitikei District Council

Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 25 July 2019 – 1:00 p.m.

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Present: Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Richard Aslett
Cr Jane Dunn
Cr Angus Gordon
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 Jo Devine, Group Manager – Finance and Business Support
Mr Arno Benadie, Principal Advisor – Infrastructure
Mr Graeme Pointon, Strategic Property Advisor
Mr Blair Jamieson, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor
Ms Nardia Gower, Strategic Advisor – Youth
Ms Jo Priestley, Communications/Website Officer
Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator

Tabled Documents:	Item 8	Portfolio Updates: Heritage and Tourism
	Item 13	District Plan Change Update
	Late Item	The Taihape Art Society - letter

1 Welcome

Cr Belsham welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting started at 1.01pm.

2 Public Forum

Mr Greg Carlyon from Tutaenui Stream Restoration Society addressed Council with a presentation on the current state of the Marton B & C Dams and the Tutaenui Stream. He asked that Council take urgent action to introduce erosion and sediment control measures along with managing activities on the margins of the dam and Tutaenui Stream and obtain any consents required to undertake any work.

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apologies for His Worship the Mayor (at Parliament for the third reading of the Ngati Rangī Claims Settlement Bill), Cr McManaway and Cr Peke-Mason 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 conflicts of interest declared.

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

Resolved minute number	19/RDC/186	File Ref
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That the minutes of the Council meeting on 27 June 2019 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Rainey / Cr Gordon. Carried

7 Mayor's Report

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/187** **File Ref** **3-EP-3-5**

That the 'Mayor's report and schedule' to the 25 July 2019 Council meeting be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Wilson. Carried

8 Portfolio Updates

Ohakea	Cr Platt
Criterion Site	Cr Dunn
Shared Services	Cr Belsham/Cr McManaway
Southern Sport	Cr Sheridan
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

Southern Sport (Cr Sheridan)

Public planting days will be held Saturdays throughout August up to September, including Wednesdays.

Criterion Site (Cr Dunn)

The last three tradesmen are to go into the Community House, this will then complete the project.

Samoan Community, Youth Development and Environment (Cr Ash)

The Youth Council will be hosting Meet the Candidates in September with various groups throughout the district. Ms Gower is to take a group of Youth to the annual Festival of the Future forum held in Wellington. Cr Ash noted how great it is to see a desire wanting to work, support and empower youth around the district.

It is great to see the community getting involved in the public planting at the Dams, there has been trapping of stoats, weasels and rats.

Heritage and Tourism (Cr Aslett)

Cr Aslett spoke to his tabled report. Public consultation for the Mangaweka Bridge will be held 5 August 2019. Rangitikei.com is down on views, however is up on this time last year.

Northern Sport and Taihape Building (Cr Gordon)

Cr Gordon met with Friends of Taihape group and Clubs Taihape.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/188** **File Ref**

That the 'Portfolio Updates' to the 25 July 2019 Council meeting be received.

Cr Dunn / Cr Wilson. Carried

9 Administrative Matters – July 2019

The report was taken as read.

Mr McNeil briefly highlighted to Elected Members that the Productivity Commission had released its draft report on local government funding and financing. A submission is to be considered at the Policy/Planning Committee and he recommended that all Councillors attend that portion of the meeting.

Cr Sheridan wished to thank staff for dealing with the Makuhou Road matter (The Mudder).

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/189** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the report 'Administrative matters – July 2019' to Council's meeting on 25 July 2019 be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/190** **File Ref**

That Council approves His Worship the Mayor signing (on behalf of the Council) the Manatu Whakaaetanga – Memorandum of Understanding between Te Rūnanga o Ngā Wairiki – Ngāti Apa and the Council "as a basis for an ongoing collaborative, respectful and dynamic relationship for the benefit of both organisations and the people they serve", and

Cr Rainey / Cr Dunn. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/191** **File Ref**

That Council's representative on Te Roopu Ahi Kaa formally represent the Council at the monthly meetings noted in Whakaaetanga – Points of Agreement together with relevant Council staff.

Cr Rainey / Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/192** **File Ref**

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee be authorised to approve a submission to the Ministry of Transport on the road safety strategy 'Road to Zero', with the submission as sent being included in the Council Order Paper for 29 August 2019.

Cr Belsham / Cr Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/193**

That Council endorse the submission made by His Worship the Mayor (under delegation given to the Policy/Planning Committee) on the Parliamentary Environment Committee on the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill.

Cr Gordon / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/194** **File Ref**

That Council approves in principle allowing the new Hunterville Ambulance Station to be located on the Scout Hall site on the Hunterville Domain, with a report back to Council's meeting on 29 August 2019 on consultation with the Hunterville Community Committee and the formal arrangements proposed in terms of a lease and the current Scouts Hall.

Cr Aslett / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/ RDC/195** **File Ref**

That, acknowledging the lack of engagement by Solarcity in Council's negotiations, Council rescinds resolution 18/RDC/484 which authorised that engagement.

Cr Wilson / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/196** **File Ref**

That Council approves a waiver of 100% of the \$250 Exempt Building Work fees due from the Hunterville Huntaway festival for the Shemozzle Event.

Cr Wilson / Cr Sheridan. Carried

10 Top 10 projects report – status, July 2019

The memorandum was taken as read.

Mr McNeil spoke to the memorandum:

- Mangaweka Bridge replacement: There will be a public meeting held 5 August 2019 for the consultation around the future of the current bridge.
- Ratana wastewater: A landowner is open to discussions for a land based wastewater disposal, however it is further from the Pa than anticipated. To check with Horizons whether the use of wetlands as part of a land-based disposal is accepted.

- Bulls/Marton wastewater: An agreement has been made with Ngā Wairiki - Ngati Apa regarding access to suitable land south of Bulls for land based disposal of wastewater. The consent application is due by the end of the year, with hopes to access the land for at least 35 years. There is no indication on whether the land will be purchased or leased. Council will work with Ngā Wairiki - Ngati Apa on a more detailed agreement that sets out the terms and conditions.
- Bulls Community Centre: An audit specialist has looked at the project and how it is being managed. There is room for improvement, but it is very positive and many strengths in this project. Once the report is complete it will go to Council.

It was questioned why the Bulls Community Centre project has been audited. Mr McNeil explained that he requested that the project be audited as this is the first of several similar projects in the Long Term Plan.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/197** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the memorandum 'Top Ten Projects – status, July 2019' to the 25 July 2019 Council meeting be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Wilson. Carried

11 Annual Report of the District Licensing Committee for the year ending 30 June 2019

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/198** **File Ref** **3-CT-16-3**

That the report of the proceedings and operations of the District Licensing Authority for the year ending 30 June 2019 be approved and conveyed to the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority.

Cr Wilson / Cr Ash. Carried

12 State of the Environment Report

The memorandum and completed report were taken as read.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/199** **File Ref** **1-PL-1-2**

That the State of the Environment report (June 2019), monitoring the effectiveness and efficiency of the District Plan, be received and made publicly available.

Cr Gordon / Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/200** **File Ref** **1-PL-1-2**

That Council approves the recommendation from the Policy/Planning Committee (19/PPL/061) that the following recommendations in the State of the Environment Report (June 2019) are progressed through the current District Plan Change:

- a) amend the objectives and policies to provide scope for a wider range of subdivisions in the rural zone where the site does not have highly versatile soils or has a mix of highly versatile with other soil types;
- b) amend the rule on dwelling density in the rural zone to allow for more than two dwellings on rural properties in defined circumstances;
- c) remove indicative flood areas leaving modelled flood areas as being the sole reference for such matters; and
- d) align papakainga housing provisions to more closely resemble those adopted by the Hastings District Council.

Cr Rainey / Cr Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/201** **File Ref** **1-PL-1-2**

That Council approve the recommendation from the Policy/Planning Committee (19/PPL/062) that the following recommendations in the State of the Environment Report (June 2019) are progressed through the next review of the District Plan:

- a) adopt a procedures manual which would
 - (i) confirm the location and nature of additional material referred to at both territorial authority and regional council level,
 - (ii) guidelines on how to apply the definitions of Natural Hazard Areas 1 and 2;
 - b) review rules on dwelling proximity to allow more discretion to Council;
 - c) review rules for subdivision in the residential zone;
 - d) prohibit successive extensions over time to habitable dwellings in the Taihape West Slip Zone (so that the cumulative area does not exceed 40m²); and
 - e) implement a specific noise standard for bird scaring devices and wind machines.
- together with the review of district lighting standards with respect to light pollution.

Cr Gordon / Cr Platt. Carried

13 District Plan Change Update

The tabled report was taken as read. Mr Hodder briefly updated Council:

There have been 3 pieces of feedback received during the period 1-21 July 2019. The feedback has been passed onto The Property Group to ensure that Council meets the statutory requirements. If Council delegate Policy/Planning Committee, they may approve public notification of the proposed plan change. Closing date for submissions must be at least twenty working days from the date of public notification.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/202** **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'District Plan Change update, July 2019' be received together with the three pieces of feedback received during 1-21 July 2019.

Cr Ash / Cr Dunn. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/203** **File Ref**

That the Policy/Planning Committee be delegated at its meeting on 8 August 2019, to approve the public notification of the District Plan Change for rezoning (rural to industrial) at 1165 State Highway 1, Marton, as specified by section 73 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried

14 Marton Memorial Hall Playground Further Extension

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/204** **File Ref**

That the report 'Marton Memorial Hall Playground Further Extension' to the 25 July 2019 Council meeting be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Dunn. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/205** **File Ref**

That Council agrees to the final footprint for the Marton Memorial Hall Playground as depicted in Appendix 1 of the report 'Marton Memorial Hall Playground Further Extension' to the 25 July 2019 Council meeting.

Cr Belsham / Cr Wilson. Carried

15 Minutes and recommendations from Committees

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/206** **File Ref**

That the following minutes be received:

- Rangitikei Youth Council Committee, 28 May 2019
- Rātana Community Board, 11 June 2019
- Santoft Domain Management Committee, 12 June 2019
- Audit Risk Committee, 27 June 2019
- Finance/Performance Committee, 27 June 2019
- Santoft Domain Management Committee, 10 July 2019
- Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 11 July 2019
- Policy/Planning Committee, 11 July 2019

Cr Rainey / Cr Platt. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/207** **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from the Assets and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 11 July 2019:

19/AIN/035

That staff, investigate the potential availability of appropriate equipment required to progress small assets projects.

Cr Wilson / Cr Sheridan. Carried

That the following recommendation from the Policy and Planning Committee meeting held on 11 July 2019:

19/PPL/061

~~That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that the following recommendations in the State of the Environment Report (June 2019) are progressed through the current District Plan Change:~~

- ~~e) amend the objectives and policies to provide scope for a wider range of subdivisions in the rural zone where the site does not have highly versatile soils or has a mix of highly versatile with other soil types;~~
- ~~f) amend the rule on dwelling density in the rural zone to allow for more than two dwellings on rural properties in defined circumstances;~~
- ~~g) remove indicative flood areas leaving modelled flood areas as being the sole reference for such matters; and~~

~~h) align papakainga housing provisions to more closely resemble those adopted by the Hastings District Council.~~

This was dealt with in item 13.

19/PPL/062

~~That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council that the following recommendations in the State of the Environment Report (June 2019) are progressed through the next review of the District Plan:~~

~~a) adopt a procedures manual which would~~

~~(i) confirm the location and nature of additional material referred to at both territorial authority and regional council level,~~

~~(ii) guidelines on how to apply the definitions of Natural Hazard Areas 1 and 2;~~

~~b) review rules on dwelling proximity to allow more discretion to Council;~~

~~c) review rules for subdivision in the residential zone;~~

~~d) prohibit successive extensions over time to habitable dwellings in the Taihape West Slip Zone (so that the cumulative area does not exceed 40m²); and~~

~~e) review a specific noise standard for bird scaring devices and wind machines;~~

~~together with the review of district lighting standards with respect to light pollution.~~

This was dealt with in item 13.

16 Late items

The Taihape Art Society – letter dated 16 July 2019

Undertaking

Subject

Mr Hodder to follow up on the current fee structure set for The Taihape Art Society.

17 Future Items for the Agenda

The Taihape Art Society – letter dated 16 July 2019.

Marion Reservoir – renaming the facility, reflective of the area.

Establishing public access to Marion Reservoir (AIN).

18 Public Excluded – 2.25pm

Cr Ash left 2.24pm-2.26pm

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/208** **File Ref**

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

1. Property matters

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
Item 1 Property matters	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> .	Section 48(1)(a)(i)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding or the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as specified above.

Cr Rainey / Cr Aslett. Carried

Meeting adjourned 2.58pm – 3.13pm.

19/RDC/209

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/210** **File Ref**

That the public excluded meeting move into an open meeting.

Cr Rainey / Cr Aslett. Carried

[No resolutions from Public excluded were confirmed in open meeting]

Open meeting – 3.47 pm

19 Next Meeting

Thursday 29 August 2019, 1.00pm

20 Meeting Closed

3.48pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: