



Rangitikei District Council

Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 10 October 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 McManaway
Cr Soraya Peke-Mason
Cr Graeme Platt
Cr Ruth Rainey
Cr Lynne Sheridan
Cr David Wilson

In attendance: Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager,
Acting Chief Executive
Mr Arno Benadie, Principal Advisor – Infrastructure
Ms Jo Devine, GM – Finance and Business Support
Ms Carol Gordon, Customer Services & Communications Team Leader
Ms Gaylene Prince, Community & Leisure Assets Team Leader
Ms Nardia Gower, Strategic Advisor - Youth
Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor
Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator

Tabled Documents: **Item 11** Submission on proposed National Direction for Freshwater
Item 12 Quote – Craig’s Building
Item 13 Summary of Community Initiative Fund applications
Item 14 Summary of Events Sponsorship Scheme applications
Late Item Letter against sale of Haylock Park

1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting at 1.05pm.

2 Council Prayer

Cr Aslett and Cr Peke-Mason both read the Council Prayer in English and Te Reo to mark the end of the triennium.

3 Public Forum

Nil

4 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That apology the apology for lateness for Cr Platt be received.

Cr Sheridan/Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

5 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.

Cr Ash declared a conflict of interest in Item 13.

6 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...

a) Letter against sale of Haylock Park

b) Further letter from Graeme

be dealt with as late items at this meeting.

Item 13 and Item 14 were parked and moved to follow Item 17.

7 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/308** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the Council meeting on 26 September 2019 be amended to show Cr Dunn's Portfolio Update for the Walton Street Auction be 2 November 2019.

Cr Dunn/Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/309** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the Council meeting on 26 September 2019 as amended be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Aslett/Cr Gordon. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

His Worship the Mayor spoke to his report and advised that it was unusual to have 6 Councillors stepping down for various reasons. He thanked Elected Members for their work and will have the opportunity to thank those stepping down on a personal level in the evening and those stepping down will have the opportunity to have their valedictory speech later in the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor noted that Rangitikei District Council is recognised nationally as a lean council, this is due to the work of staff and thanked Ross and staff for their hard work.

A final thank you to Cr Belsham as Deputy Mayor for his incredible work in his portfolio, the workload was high.

His Worship the Mayor also noted that he has been asked to attend the Chinese forum in China, he attended previously attended the forum in Wellington. He has advised that he is interested but not committed.

Cr Belsham noted that the Marton Skate Park has been internationally recognised and thanked everyone who was involved in the process.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/310** **File Ref** **3-EP-3-5**

That the 'Mayor's report and schedule' to the 10 October 2019 Council meeting be received.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Dunn. Carried

9 Portfolio Updates

Criterion Site - Cr Dunn *Verbal*

The Walton street house is due to go to Auction on Saturday 2 November at 1 pm. There has been a lot of interest, with 6 through last Sunday.

Samoan Community, Youth Development and Environment - Cr Ash *Verbal*

To speak to Rangitikei Youth Council on 15 October about our role in Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

Heritage and Tourism - Cr Aslett *Tabled*

Cr Aslett provided a brief verbal update, the rangitikei.com stats are down by a few thousand and still receiving about 95,000 hits per months.

Northern Sport and Taihape Building - Cr Gordon Verbal

Have completed the interview process with those who operate at the Memorial Hall. Thanks to staff and His Worship the Mayor who attended the meetings, it will be a good outcome.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/311** **File Ref**

That the 'Portfolio Updates' to the 10 October 2019 Council meeting be received.

Cr Rainey/Cr McManaway. Carried

10 Submission on proposed National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land

Mr Hodder took the draft submission as read.

Cr Platt arrived 1.33pm.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/312** **File Ref** **3-OR-3-5**

That the revised draft submission on the proposed National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land be received.

Cr Belsham/Cr Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/313** **File Ref** **3-OR-3-5**

That His Worship the Mayor be authorised, on behalf of the Council, to sign the submission without amendment to the Ministry for the Environment on the proposed National Policy Statement on Highly Productive Land.

Cr Belsham/Cr Wilson. Carried

11 Submission on proposed National Direction for Freshwater

Mr Hodder briefed Elected Members on the draft tabled document.

Elected Members discussed the document and requested amendments to be made before it is due to be submitted.

Cr Platt left the meeting 1.49pm-1.54pm.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/314** **File Ref** **3-OR-3-5**

That the draft submission on the proposed National Direction for Freshwater be received.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/315** **File Ref** **3-OR-3-5**

That His Worship the Mayor be authorised, on behalf of the Council, to sign the submission as amended to the Ministry for the Environment on the proposed National Direction for Freshwater.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Belsham. Carried

12 Options for toilets at the Marton Memorial Hall Playground Development

Cr Ash left 2.00pm-2.02pm.

Ms Prince spoke to the report and highlighted Elected Members on the following:

- The tabled document quote from Craig's Building of \$150,000 includes pricing for wiring for hand dryers, light fixtures etc
- If renovations were to be done on the Marton Memorial Hall toilets, the building will require a fire report along with an accessibility report.
- The hall has a building warrant of fitness which is done annually, it is compliant from its build date.
- Any renovations will require work to meet current compliance. Currently not meeting code to today's building standards as there is no lift to the first floor.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/316** **File Ref** **6-RF-4-1**

That the report 'Options for toilets at the Marton Memorial Hall Playground Development' to the 10 October 2019 Council meeting be received.

Cr Belsham/Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/317** **File Ref**

That Council be provided with a more detailed analysis of the costs involved in having toilets for the Memorial Hall playground incorporated within the Memorial Hall building.

Cr Belsham/Cr Aslett. Carried

Item 13 and Item 14 were parked pending further information.

15 Administrative Matters – October 2019 (2016-19 triennium)

Mr Hodder briefly spoke to the report.

Elected Members discussed how funding rounds have worked in the past and how they have recently been implemented and the need for a workshop with council staff. Cr Ash noted that

the current process of a representative from Community Committee and Community Boards provides an opportunity to engage with community who know their community.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/318** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the report 'Administrative Matters – October 2019 (2016-19 triennium) supplementary' to the 10 October 2019 Council meeting be received.

Cr Rainey/Cr Dunn. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/319** **File Ref**

That Council consents to the assignment of the Taihape Kindergarten lease to He Whanau Manaaki o Tararua Free Kindergarten Association and authorises the Chief Executive to execute the required documents.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/320** **File Ref**

That, Council engages in a workshop with Council staff to look at the best options in assessing funding requests.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr McManaway. Carried

16 Outcomes from the Council's strategic objectives for the 2016-2019 triennium

A consolidated statement of the outcomes from Council's strategic objectives is attached. It includes the agreed objectives for the 2016-19 triennium.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/321** **File Ref** **3-OR-3**

That the 'Outcomes from the Council's strategic objectives for the 2016-19 triennium' be received.

Cr Wilson/Cr Dunn. Carried

17 Haylock Park letter

Cr Platt wished to speak to the Haylock Park letter in the agenda.

There were discussions around the legality of the partial sale of Haylock Park. His Worship the Mayor questioned whether Cr Platt had a non-pecuniary conflict of interest.

Cr Platt raised a Point of Order to His Worship the Mayor, as he was continuing to refer to another matter not the letter on hand.

Cr Platt believed what he was speaking to should be in the public arena and is not a private matter.

Meeting adjourned 2.57pm- 3.25pm.

Cr Platt updated Elected Members on the following:

- It was discussed with management that he had no Conflict of Interest and established what could be discussed in public.
- Cr Platt agreed to a 5 minute speaking time.
- Council's legal opinion has not been seen, therefore it does not exist.

Cr Dunn noted that a clear transparent process is needed, the community need to see why the decision has been made, including pros and cons into the decision making process, noting both parties are at fault and the need to right the wrongs moving forward. There was a lot of engagement with the community which included public meetings, and the hand delivery of pamphlets by Cr Dunn herself.

Discussions around the tabled letter noted that Mr Haylock was not the only funder of the land known as Haylock Park and another member of the public has tabled a letter to Council that Dr Haylock's intention was to subdivide the land.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/322** **File Ref**

Receipt of letter from Gene Angus against the sale of land adjacent to and including Haylock Park be a tabled document into minutes.

Cr Platt/Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/323** **File Ref**

Receipt of the document 'Reasons that the original motion to sell Haylock Park should be revoked' be accepted as a late tabled document.

Cr Platt/ Cr Dunn. Carried

That, Council begin a process to revoke resolutions 19/RDC/255, 19/RDC/256 and 19/RDC/257 concerning the sale of Haylock Park based on:

- Council has not provided Councillors with the legal opinion it received on the Haylock Park Land.
- That the second legal opinion Council sought has also not been provided to Councillors.
- Clause 78 of the LGA has not been complied with.
- The Mayors comments in the newspaper saying that the reason for the sale is not about the money has invalidated the process.

- Clause 77 of the LGA has not been complied with.
- Clause 82 of the LGA has not been complied with.
- The Bulls community is against the sale of the land known as Haylock Park.

Cr Platt/Cr Sheridan. Lost

There was an equality of votes and His Worship the Mayor declared the current decisions would stand.

Cr Ash left the meeting 4.08pm-4.09pm.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/324** **File Ref**

That the Council send out a flyer to the old Bulls ward informing them of the intended sale of part of Haylock Park, with retention of part for a park and the flyer includes details around the decision.

Cr Dunn/Cr Rainey. Carried

13 Consideration of applications for the Community Initiative Fund 2019/20 – Round One'

Ms Gower took the report as read. As requested, Ms Gower provided a tabled document showing previous decision making, along with amended average grants funding to show a maximum amount recommendation of \$2,500 to those applicants who have been recommended over \$2,500.

Cr Belsham raised a Point of Order to Cr Ash in regards to process.

Cr Ash declared a conflict of interest to her Project Marton application, she removed herself from any decision making.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/325** **File Ref** **3-GF-8**

That the report 'Consideration of applications for the Community Initiative Fund 2019/20 – Round One' to the 10 October 2019 Council meeting be received.

Cr Belsham/Cr Aslett. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/326** **File Ref** **3-GF-8**

That the following Project Report Forms be received:

- Wanganui Area Neighbourhood Support Groups Inc
- Bulls and Districts Historical Society Inc
- Marton & District Historical Society
- Taihape Older and Bolder

Cr Belsham/Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/327** **File Ref** **3-GF-8**

That, Council approve the following applications, listed below, and disperse the Community Initiatives Fund as outlined to successful applicants:

- Hunterville Squash Racquets Club Incorporated \$833
- Bulls & District Community Trust \$899
- St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Marton \$2000
- 1st Marton Scout Group \$1008
- Parent to Parent Manawatu \$1667
- Taihape Older and Bolder \$1433
- Bulls Toy Library Incorporated \$1213
- Clifton School \$2000
- Marton & Surrounds ICT Hub Charitable Trust \$2500
- Project Marton Incorporated \$2000

Cr McManaway/Cr Sheridan. Carried

14 Consideration of applications for the Event Sponsorship Scheme 2019-2020 – Round One'

Ms Gower took the report and tabled documents as read.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/328** **File Ref** **3-GF-11**

That the report 'Consideration of applications for the Event Sponsorship Scheme 2019-2020 – Round One' to the 10 October 2019 Council meeting be received.

Cr Aslett/Cr Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/329** **File Ref** **3-GF-11**

That the following Project Report forms be received:

- Taihape A & P Association
- Rangitikei Area Distance Riders Inc (RADARs)
- Rotary Club of Marton Charitable Trust
- Rangitikei Shearing Sports Inc
- Taihape Area Dressage Group

Cr Sheridan/Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/330** **File Ref** **3-GF-11**

That, Council approve the sponsorship of events listed below, and disperse the Events Sponsorship Scheme as outlined to successful applicants:

- Hunterville Huntaway Festival \$3,600
- Turakina Caledonian Society Inc \$3,300
- Marton Country Music Festival \$1,300
- Marton & District Historical Society \$1,100
- Rotary Club of Marton Charitable Trust \$310
- Taihape Community Development Trust (TCDT) \$760
- Rangitikei Area Distance Riders Inc (RADRs) \$359
- Hunterville Consolidated School \$2,000
- Bulls Volunteer Fire Brigade- *staff to send a letter with advice to apply next round.*
- Saint Joseph's School *not eligible*
- Taihape Older and Bolder \$625
- Rangitikei Shearing Sports – Marton Show \$1,000
- Taihape Area Dressage Group \$900
- Taihape and District Agricultural and Pastoral Association Incorporated \$1,125

Cr Belsham/Cr Wilson. Carried

18 Minutes and recommendations from Committees

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/331** **File Ref**

That the following minutes be received:

- Creative Communities Assessment Committee, 24 September 2019
- Youth Council, 17 September 2019
- Audit/Risk Committee, 26 September 2019
- Finance/Performance Committee, 26 September 2019
- Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Committee, 30 September 2019
- Turakina Reserve Management Committee, 3 October 2019
- Turakina Community Committee, 3 October 2019
- Te Rōpu Ahi Kā, 8 October 2019 – *to be tabled, if available*
- Bulls Community Committee, 8 October 2019 – *to be tabled, if available*
- Ratana Community Board, 8 October 2019 – *to be tabled, if available*
- Taihape Community Board, 9 October 2019 – *to be tabled, if available*

Cr Aslett/Cr Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/332** **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from the Turakina Community Committee meeting held on 3 October 2019, be confirmed:

19/TCC/024

That The Turakina Community Committee recommends to Council that they allocate and issue rural distance-based numbers to Turakina township properties adjacent to State Highway 3 in line with Clause 5.9.1 of the Rural and Urban addressing standards (Standards New Zealand / Australia, 2011), and that the Council cover the cost for affected properties that have a residential or business dwelling.

Cr Peke-Mason/Cr Gordon. Carried

19 Late items

Letter against the sale of Haylock Park

This was dealt in Item 17.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/333** **File Ref**

That, the letter against the sale of Haylock Park be a tabled document.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Wilson. Carried

Late item – Purchase of Councillor Tablets

Cr Belsham requested to raise a late item regarding the Purchase of Councillor Tablets.

Motion

That leaving Councillors have the opportunity to purchase their tablets at book value.

Cr Belsham/Cr Dunn. Lost

20 Valedictories

The following Councillors who had decided to not to stand for Council again: Cr Richard Aslett, Cr Dean McManaway, Cr Soraya Peke-Mason, Cr Graeme Platt, Cr Ruth Rainey and Cr Lynne Sheridan all spoke on their time with Council. Each member had served different terms and had fond memories of their time as an Elected Member.

21 Public Excluded – 5.24pm

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/334** **File Ref**

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

1. Property matters
2. Remission of rates
3. Provincial Growth Fund

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)
Item 2 Remission of rates	To enable the local authority holding the information to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons) – <i>section 7(2)(a)</i> .	Section 48(1)(a)(i)
Item 3 Provincial Growth Fund	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 Wilson/Cr Aslett. Carried

Cr Peke-Mason left the meeting 5.28pm-5.32pm.

Cr McManaway left the meeting 5.30pm-5.30pm.

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19/RDC/341

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/342** **File Ref**

That the public excluded meeting move into an open meeting.

Cr Aslett/Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/343** **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from Public Excluded be confirmed:

19/RDC/341

That the Council confirm its support 'in principle' for the development of a Council-owned Rail Hub in Marton and the lodging of an application for Government support through the Provincial Growth Fund, with any final decision subject to:

- a. review and acceptance of a Business Case for the project;
- b. endorsement of an application to the Provincial Growth Fund;
- c. endorsement of the proposed arrangements/agreements covering ownership/long term tenure of the land on which the Rail Hub will be constructed and its operation; and,
- d. there being no significant net rating impact associated with the establishment/operation of the Rail Hub.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr McManaway. Carried

22 Open Meeting - 6.02pm

23 Next Meeting

This is the final meeting of the 2016-2019 triennium.

24 Meeting Closed

6.03pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Confirmed/Chief Executive: _____

Date: