



Rangitikei District Council

Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 12 December 2019 – 1:00 p.m.

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- Present:**
- His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
 - Cr Nigel Belsham
 - Cr Brian Carter
 - Cr Fiona Dalgety
 - Cr Gill Duncan
 - Cr Jane Dunn
 - Cr Angus Gordon
 - Cr Tracey Hiroa
 - Cr Richard Lambert
 - Cr Waru Panapa
 - Cr Dave Wilson
- In attendance:**
- Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
 - Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
 - Ms Jo Devine, GM – Finance and Business Support
 - Mr Arno Benadie, Principal Advisor – Infrastructure
 - Ms Carol Gordon, Manager – Executive Office
 - Ms Nardia Gower, Acting Strategy and Community Planning Manager
 - Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor
 - Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator
- Late Tabled Items:**
- Letter regarding Civic Recognition
 - Application for Exempt Building Work
 - Request to Government to place Moratorium on Bottled Water Consents
 - Triennial Agreement - Draft
 - Rangitikei Wheelie Bins Business case – Taihape kerbside
 - Council representation on other organisations
 - Rural and Provincial Sector Mayors Forum

1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting at 1.06pm.

2 Public Forum

Anaru Hawira, Taihape Area School - Scholarship recipient

Mr Hawira advised Elected Members that he will be studying Political Sciences at Victoria University in Wellington. As a 2019 member of the Rangitikei Youth Council, this has had a huge influence on his future studies. Receiving the scholarship has been a huge weight lifted off his family's shoulders and he was very thankful. Mr Hawira informed those in attendance that he will be the first member of his family entering university straight from school, and that the scholarship means a lot to his family.

Cynthia Kawana-Matehe, Rangitikei College - Scholarship recipient

Ms Kawana-Matehe briefed Elected Members that this year she was head girl for Rangitikei College, and is very thankful for the scholarship as this has lifted a financial burden. She will be attending Victoria University to study Bachelor of Arts with a major in education and minor in Psychology. Ms Kawana-Matehe wants to give back to the youth, to help with their ambitions, like Council has with her.

His Worship the Mayor thanked the scholarship recipients and acknowledged Ms Gowers work with Youth.

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for absence for Cr Ash be received

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Gordon. Carried

4 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 conflicts 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,.....

1 *Letter regarding Civic Recognition*

2 *Application for Exempt Building Work*

3 *Request to Government to place Moratorium on Bottled Water Consents*

- 4 *Triennial Agreement - Draft*
- 5 *Rangitikei Wheelie Bins Business case – Taihape kerbside*
- 6 *Council representation on other organisations*
- 7 *Rural and Provincial Sector Mayors Forum*

be dealt with as late items at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/412** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the Council meeting on 31 October 2019 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Dunn/Cr Belsham. Carried

7 Mayor's Report

His Worship the Mayor updated Elected Members about additional information to his Mayor's report. He noted the measles epidemic in Samoa and that we have a significant Samoan residence in the lower Rangitikei. He acknowledged our Samoan residents and the amount of energy they put into our community, with the likes of performances at the Christmas parade and market day etc., and would like to make a donation to the Samoan Community for the 2020 Independence Day celebrations.

His Worship the Mayor, along with Councillor Dalgety and Chief Executive Peter Beggs, attended the Local Government New Zealand Rural and Provincial Sector Mayor's Forum on 21-22 November. He noted that he co-chaired the forum with the Mayor of Wairoa.

Ms Dalgety briefly spoke to her report, updating Elected Members of the several topics discussed over the two day forum; she considered that the opportunity to network at the dinner was invaluable.

In response to a question, His Worship the Mayor advised that all Elected Members are welcome to attend Local Government New Zealand Zone meetings. However, the Rural and Provincial Sector Forum is expensive and it is desired that Councillors only attend one of these meetings throughout the triennium. His Worship the Mayor also noted that if Councillors do attend any of the meetings or forums, they are required to report back to Council as Councillor Dalgety has. If any Councillor wants significant training or professional development then they are welcome to speak to His Worship the Mayor directly in regards to opportunities.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/413** **File Ref** **3-EP-3-5**

That the 'Mayor's report and schedule' to the 12 December 2019 Council meeting be received.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/414** **File Ref**

That the Council acknowledges the distress within the Samoan community from the measles deaths in Samoa and wishes to show support for the local Samoan community by making a grant of \$1,000 to the 2020 Independence Day celebrations in Marton. And a letter to be sent by the Mayor's office with the reasons why.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/415** **File Ref**

That the report Rural and Provincial Sector Mayors Forum be received.

Cr Dalgety/Cr Duncan. Carried

8 Schedule of meetings in 2020

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/416** **File Ref** **3-EP-1-1**

That the draft Schedule of meetings in 2020 be adopted without amendment.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Lambert. Carried

9 Bulls Water Strategy

Mr Benadie spoke to his report.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/417** **File Ref**

That the report "Bulls Water Strategy" to the 12 December 2019 Council meeting be received.

Cr Gordon/Cr Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/418** **File Ref**

That, Council proceed with tendering for the construction of a new reservoir and pump station building on the current water tower site, because this site will result in the most efficient use of Rangitikei District Councils existing water supply assets in Bulls.

Cr Wilson/Cr Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/419** **File Ref**

That public engagement be undertaken on the concept of removing the Bulls Water Tower and the reasoning behind it, before any further decisions around removal of the tower are made.

Cr Dunn/Cr Carter. Carried

10 Gambling venue (Class 4) policy – deliberation on submissions

Mr Forster took his report as read.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/420** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-5**

That the report 'Deliberation on submissions to the proposed Gambling (Class 4) Venue Policy' to the 12 December 2019 Council meeting be received.

Cr Carter/Cr Dunn. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/421** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-5**

That, Council Adopt the Gambling (Class 4) Venue Policy, amended to reduce the cap from 83 to 58. This reflects the current amount of machines operating in the district and would mean no more can come into the District and new venues couldn't be established unless cap space becomes available. There has been no interest that Staff are aware of to establish new venues or machines in the past 24 months.

Cr Belsham/Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/422** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-5**

That, regarding the Gambling (Class 4) Venue Policy, Council adopts a provision allowing venues to move location providing it meets the requirements set out in the policy. This allows venues to move location but would have to comply with the criteria in the policy.

Cr Belsham/Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/423** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-5**

That, regarding the Gambling (Class 4) Venue Policy, Council adopts the amendment to include section 7 (Merger of Class 4 Venues). This helps provide clarification for the public.

Cr Belsham/Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/424** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-5**

That Council adopt all other minor amendments to the Gambling (Class 4) Venue Policy, thus allowing for small changes to be tidied up with no effect of the application of the Policy.

Cr Dunn/Cr Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/425** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-5**

That, Council recommend that staff include a web link to the Department of Internal Affairs website for best practice material, thus saving staff time and being consistent with what is set at a national level.

Cr Belsham/Cr Duncan. Carried

11 Administrative Matters – December 2019

A report is attached.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/426** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the report 'Administrative Matters – December 2019' to the 12 December 2019 Council meeting be received.

Cr Panapa/Cr Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/427** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the rates remission policy – incentivising residential development be amended to clarify that waiver of internal building consent costs for a new dwelling replacing an existing dwelling be calculated by taking the percentage increase in rateable value between the new house and the existing house and applying this percentage to the \$5,000 rateable value, with the proviso that \$5,000 would be the maximum amount waived.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/428** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That, to ensure efficient decision-making on Council-funded grants and involvement of local communities in that process, the decision on applications to the Community Initiatives Fund and the Events Sponsorship Scheme be delegated to a Grants Sub-committee comprising community assessors (nominated by each of Community Board and Community Committee) together with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Finance/Performance Committee (the latter taking those roles in the sub-committee), with meeting times to be determined;

AND

That the Smartygrants software be used to process and manage applications for consideration by the sub-committee;

AND

That the Delegations Register be amended to reflect this amended delegation;

AND

That the decision be reviewed (by the Finance/Performance Committee) after the funding rounds scheduled for 2020 have concluded.

Cr Wilson/Cr Dunn. Carried

12 Top Ten Projects – status, December 2019

The memorandum was taken as read.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/429** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the memorandum 'Top Ten Projects – status, December 2019' to the 12 December 2019 Council meeting be received.

Cr Gordon/Cr Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/430** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the Chief Executive report back to Council around the total costs faced for the construction for the Bulls Centre separating out those from enhancement costs (consulting, land value, internal costs, external costs etc).

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Carter. Carried

13 Bulls Community Centre – enhancements

Mr Beggs spoke to the report.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/431** **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Bulls Community Centre – expenditure review' to the 12 December 2019 meeting of Council be received.

Cr Dunn/Cr Dalgety. Carried

Motion

That Council confirms an additional capital funding provision for the Bulls Community Centre of up to \$887,017 (the final figure being dependent on any unspent contingency and whether or not an upgrade to electricity supply is required) to recognise

- a) the additional costs (beyond what was allowed for in the provisional sums) for the town square, carpark, bus lane and bus shelters (\$752,442) and
 - b) the cost of upgrade to electricity supply to power the building (\$134,574.59)
- with the rating impact included in the 2020/21 Annual Plan budget.

Cr Carter/Cr Panapa. Lost

Point of Order

Cr Wilson raised a Point of Order – the meeting discussions were off topic and not included in the agenda. His Worship the Mayor upheld the Point of Order.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/432** **File Ref**

That Council confirms an additional capital funding provision for the Bulls Community Centre for the cost of upgrade to electricity supply to power the building being \$134,574.59.

Cr Wilson/Cr Duncan. Carried

Meeting adjourned 3.01pm-3.21pm.

14 Bulls & Districts Historical Society (Inc)

The letter was taken as read.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/433** **File Ref**

That Council is happy to accommodate the Bulls & Districts Historical Society (Inc) request for a photographic exhibition 'A moment in time' in the new Bulls Community Centre if it suits both parties' timeframes.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Carter. Carried

15 Minutes and recommendations from Committees

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/434** **File Ref**

That the following minutes be received:

- ~~Ratana Community Board, 8 October 2019 – to be tabled~~
- Taihape Community Board – Inaugural, 7 November 2019
- Ratana Community Board – Inaugural, 12 November 2019
- ~~Omatane Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee, 13 November 2019 – to be tabled~~
- Hunterville Community Committee, 2 December 2019
- ~~Turakina Reserve Management Committee, 3 December 2019 – to be tabled~~
- ~~Turakina Community Committee, 3 December 2019 – to be tabled~~
- ~~Marton Community Committee, 4 December 2019 – to be tabled~~
- ~~Santoft Domain Management Committee, 4 December 2019 – to be tabled~~
- Taihape Community Board, 4 December 2019
- ~~Audit/Risk Committee, 5 December 2019 – to be tabled~~
- Bulls Community Committee, 5 December 2019

Cr Belsham/Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC435** **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from the Taihape Community Board meeting held on 4 December 2019:

19/TCB/071

That the Taihape Community Board recommends to Council that the buildings at 22 Tui Street are demolished, and that staff investigate the potential for community housing units to be built on this site, and if the Taihape Community Board and Rangitikei District Council agree to the proposed end use of 22 Tui Street, Taihape, the Chief Executive be authorised to enter into a Deed of Variation to provide for that.

Cr Gordon/Cr Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/436** **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from the Taihape Community Board meeting held on 4 December 2019:

19/TCB/074

That the Taihape Community Board request that Council provide feedback on the feasibility of a toilet facility at Mt Stewart and that this be available to the Board's next meeting.

Cr Gordon/Cr Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/437** **File Ref**

That the following recommendations from the Taihape Community Board meeting held on 4 December 2019:

19/TCB/075

That the Taihape Community Board recommends to Council that each Community Board and Committee has a logo design with the by-line 'A Voice to the Community'.

Cr Duncan/Cr Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/438** **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 5 December 2019:

19/BCC/038

That the Bulls Community Committee recommend to Council to add a 70km area on State Highway 3 past the Kiwi Tech Building and on State Highway 1, north of Bulls by the beginning of the Polo grounds (Ex Racecourse), to not only reduce the engine breaking noise from trucks, but to slow all vehicles down from 100km to 50km, within the Bulls town boundary.

Cr Dunn/Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/439** **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 5 December 2019:

19/BCC/039

The Bulls Community Committee requests Council's roading team to look into full reconstruction of Parewanui Road from rural number 674 to Dalrymples Road.

Cr Carter/Cr Dunn. Carried

16 Late items

As agreed at Item 6.

Letter regarding Civic Recognition

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/440** **File Ref**

That Council endorses the view expressed by many of the Marton Community that Elaine and Peter Saywell have done great work in the community over a very long time.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Dalgety. Carried

Turakina Caledonian Society – Application for Exempt Building Work

In applying for a grant from the Events Sponsorship Scheme (successfully - \$ 3,300 awarded) the Society did not realise that there is a \$250.00 fee to apply for exempt building work – which is the case for the marquees they are hiring. The waiver of the fee is not delegated.

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/441** **File Ref**

That Council agrees to waive the fee set for applying for an exemption covering the two temporary marquees for the January 2020 Turakina Highland Games.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Wilson. Carried

Moratorium on bottled water consents

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/442** **File Ref**

That Council agrees to support the Upper Hutt City Council's overtures to the Minister for the Environment requesting an immediate moratorium on any current and future consents for the extraction of water from groundwater systems for the purpose of retail and wholesale where the end product is bottled water.

Cr Belsham/Cr Duncan. Carried

Triennial agreement

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/443** **File Ref**

That, the draft triennial agreement for the Horizons Region be received, noting it is currently in a draft form, and that (unless any other Council suggests substantive change) His Worship the Mayor be authorised to sign the agreement, accepting any minor changes proposed by other councils but including reference to regional spatial planning.

Cr Dalgety/Cr Lambert. Carried

Kerbside rubbish collection in Taihape

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/444** **File Ref**

That, because of the sudden withdrawal of a rubbish bag service from Taihape and the need for such a service because of the hilly nature of much of the town, Council agrees to underwrite the costs of providing a kerbside rubbish bag collection in Taihape, from 1 January 2020 to 30 June 2020, up to \$388.20 (GST excl.) per week, subject to Rangitikei Wheelie Bins -

- making bags available for purchase at Taihape retailers and publicising the available of the service,
- providing auditable receipts of revenue from bag sales From which 50% is to be repaid to the Council),
- participating in a Council-managed review as soon as possible after 31 March 2020 to determine the likely long-term sustainability of the service.

Cr Duncan/Cr Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/445** **File Ref**

That, if the conclusion of the review in resolution 19/RDC/444 is that the short-term arrangement entered into by Council with Rangitikei Wheelie Bins could continue after 30 June 2020 only with Council financial support, a public tender for the service be issued in line with the competitive principles of the Council's procurement policy.

Cr Carter/Cr Dunn. Carried

Council representation on other organisations

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/446** **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Council appointments to other organisations 2019-22 triennium – further consideration' be received.

Cr Lambert/Cr Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/447** **File Ref**

That Council endorses the decision by His Worship the Mayor to advise the secretary for the Four Regions Trust that Christopher Renshaw is reappointed for a further term as a representative of Council.

Cr Lambert/Cr Wilson. Carried

17 Public excluded

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/448** **File Ref**

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

- 1 Regional Three Water Study
- 2 Property matters
- 3 Provincial Growth Fund
- 4 PFAS
- 5 District Plan Change

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 Regional Three Water Study	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 Property matters	To enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and	Section 48(1)(a)(i)

	industrial negotiations) – <i>section 7(2)(i)</i> .	
Item 2 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)
Item 4 PFAS	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 5 District Plan Change	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 Carter/Cr Gordon. Carried

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18 Open Meeting

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/460** **File Ref**

That the public excluded meeting move into an open meeting.

[Resolutions from Public excluded to be confirmed in open meeting]

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/455** **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'District Plan Change – rural to industrial – update December 2019' be received.

Cr Lambert/Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/456** **File Ref**

That Council confirms its commitment to securing rezoning of 217 ha of rural land (1165 State Highway 1) through a District Plan Change, either in a single proposal or through a staged approach, recognising that NZ Bioforestry is the first enterprise to express interest in using the site.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/457** **File Ref**

That, because the preference of NZ Bioforestry Ltd is to commence its operation in Marton and the Council has applied to the Provincial Growth Fund for funding for the initial development of that enterprise (including rail sidings), the Chief Executive seek from a qualified planner an urgent review of the proposal from Catalyst Group to determine whether a less detailed approach (or an approach which initially focussed on the area initially needed by NZ Bioforestry with the balance dealt with in a subsequent Change exercise) would likely to secure a favourable decision from the hearings commissioner, and, if satisfied with this is the case, the Chief Executive be authorised to proceed on that basis.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/458** **File Ref**

That, Council now notifies the availability of summary of submissions of the District Plan Change.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number **19/RDC/459** **File Ref**

That resolutions made in considering the memorandum 'District Plan Change – rural to industrial – update December 2019' be confirmed in open meeting.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Wilson. Carried

19 Next Meeting

Thursday 30 January 2020, 1.00 pm

20 Meeting Closed

4.58 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: