



Rangitikei District Council

Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 27 February 2020 – 1:00 p.m.

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- Present:** His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Brian Carter
Cr Fiona Dalgety
Cr Jane Dunn
Cr Angus Gordon
Cr Tracey Hiroa
Cr Richard Lambert
Cr Dave Wilson
- In attendance:** Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Ms Jo Devine, Group Manager – Finance and Business Support
Ms Carol Gordon, Manager – Executive Office
Ms Gaylene Prince, Community & Leisure Services Team Leader
Ms Nardia Gower, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor
Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator
- Tabled Items:** **Item 2** – Giblin Group presentation
Item 2 – Jenn Britton – Place Making
Item 7 - Extension to Mayors Report
Item 8 - Annual Plan Process
- Late Items:** Submission on Water Regulation Bill
Historic Putorino Landfill
Ford Ranger NZ Rural Games

1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting at 1.04pm.

2 Public Forum

Jenni Giblin

Ms Jenni Giblin from Giblin Group presented to Council on what her regionally focused business can offer to Rangitikei District Council and what their recent projects have been. Ms Giblin advised that her company could assist with fundraising and obtaining grants for projects.

Jen Britton

Ms Jen Britton, Marton resident and local business owner, addressed Council of her proposal for a Placemaking project on the former Elim Church site, corner of High Street and Broadway, known as the village green. She considered that there is overwhelming support for a permanent stage at that site. It would cost approximately \$6,000 for materials. She envisaged the stage would be used frequently during the summer period and that it had potential to host a monthly / bi-monthly Pop up Eats type event, along with a platform for organisations, schools and local musicians to use for speeches and performances.

Resolved minute number	20/RDC/032	File Ref	
That the memorandum 'Placemaking Concept and Process' to the 27 February 2020 Council meeting be received.			
Cr Gordon/Cr Hiroa. Carried			

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for absence of Councillor Gill Duncan and Councillor Waru Panapa be received.

Cr Belsham/Cr Dalgety. 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 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,

- Submission on Water Regulation Bill
- Historic Putorino Landfill
- Ford Ranger NZ Rural Games

be dealt with as late items at this meeting.

There were no changes to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number	20/RDC/033	File Ref	3-ME-3
That the minutes of the Council meeting on 30 January 2020 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.			
Cr Carter/Cr Wilson. Carried			

7 Mayor's Report

His Worship the Mayor took his tabled extension of his Mayor's Report as read. He updated Elected Members about his recent engagement in Hawkes Bay at Omahu Marae which he attended the first and fourth days. The fourth day was focused on landlocked land and the issues this has caused. He noted that the Rangitikei County Council had not built roads to access Maori land and, in line with Government regulations, had not paid compensation to Maori for land taken for roads. He had offered an apology at the meeting and intends a formal submission to the Tribunal on landlocked land so that he can answer any questions Judge Harvey may have.

His Worship the Mayor also noted he has received many complaints about queues in road works, at times up to 30 minutes. He has passed this on to the New Zealand Transport Agency: it is unacceptable.

His Worship the Mayor suggested opening up Council workshops to the public, as is being done by a number of other councils. Commercial sensitivity would mean some workshops were not open. The idea found support.

Resolved minute number	20/RDC/034	File Ref	3-EP-3-5
That the 'Mayor's report and schedule' to the 27 February 2020 Council meeting be received.			
His Worship the Mayor/Cr Dunn. Carried			

8 Annual Plan Process

Ms Gordon spoke to her report. She explained that an Annual Plan is required each year when there is no Long Term Plan. She proposed that, in addition to the Plan itself, a short document be prepared for the year 2020/21 which would be used as early community engagement of what is to be included in the 2021-31 Long Term Plan. Public meetings with the Mayor and Councillors would still occur.

Resolved minute number	20/RDC/035	File Ref	3-OR-3-5
That the tabled report 'Annual Plan Process' to the 27 February 2020 Council meeting be received.			
His Worship the Mayor/Cr Gordon. Carried			

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/036** **File Ref**

That in accordance with section 95(2A) of the Local Government Act 2002, Council will not consult on the draft Annual Plan 2020/21 on the basis that the variations proposed in that plan are not significant or materially different from Year 3 of the long-term plan 2018-28 (and do not warrant an amendment to the long-term plan).

Cr Belsham/Cr Wilson. Carried

9 Taihape Memorial Park Amenities Summary

Ms Prince took her report as read and updated Elected Members of the resolutions made at the Memorial Park user group meeting held 26 February 2020.

Cr Gordon (who chairs that group) explained that users wanted something to happen; they were worried about going back to the community and were concerned about the community concern over the second storey. There was a consensus on reverting to a single-storey building. By a majority vote, the user group recommended that the amenities building be built on Council preferred site.

Resolved minute number	20/RDC/037	File Ref	6-CF-8-5
That the report 'Taihape Memorial Park Amenities Summary' to the 27 February 2020 Council meeting be received.			
Cr Belsham/Cr Gordon. Carried			

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/038** **File Ref**

That Council consider the recommendation from the Memorial Park user group.

Cr Gordon/Cr Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number	20/RDC/039	File Ref	
That Council confirms its commitment to providing modern amenities on Taihape Memorial Park which meets the needs of park users and the wider Taihape community.			
Cr Dalgety/Cr Gordon. Carried			

Motion

That having regard for previous extensive consultation with particular sections of the Taihape community (including annual plan consultation) and the view that there has been insufficient engagement with the Taihape community, Council authorises the Chief Executive to proceed subject to the agreed financing with a single-storey amenities building on Taihape Memorial Park in Councils preferred location and rescind the Memorandum of Understanding with Clubs Taihape, noting that this revokes part of Council's resolutions in June and August 2019 on the matter.

Cr Wilson /

Amendment

.....to proceed subject to the agreed financing with a single-storey amenities building...

Cr Hiroa/Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/040** **File Ref**

That having regard for previous extensive consultation with particular sections of the Taihape community (including annual plan consultation) and the view that there has been insufficient engagement with the Taihape community, Council authorises the Chief Executive to proceed subject to the agreed financing with a single-storey amenities building on Taihape Memorial Park in Councils preferred location and rescind the Memorandum of Understanding with Clubs Taihape, noting that this revokes part of Council's resolutions in June and August 2019 on the matter.

Cr Wilson/Cr Hiroa. Carried
Cr Carter. Against

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/041** **File Ref**

That Council authorise the Chief Executive to commence negotiations with the Ministry of Education over securing a hall in the new Taihape Area School which is made available for community use under terms contained in a Memorandum of Understanding between Council and the Ministry.

Cr Wilson/Cr Gordon. Carried

10 Administrative Matters – February 2020

Mr Beggs took the report as read.

Resolved minute number	20/RDC/042	File Ref	5-EX-4
That the report 'Administrative Matters – February 2020' to the 27 February 2020 Council meeting be received.			
Cr Belsham/Cr Ash. Carried			

Resolved minute number	20/RDC/043	File Ref	
That the appointment of Robert Schofield as commissioner to conduct the hearing of submissions to the District Plan Change – rural to industrial – includes the delegation to make a decision.			
Cr Gordon/Cr Lambert. Carried			

Resolved minute number	20/RDC/044	File Ref	
That His Worship the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and the Chief Executive be delegated authority to determine any objections to the proposed road closures to allow Anzac Day ceremonies and reported back to the next meeting of Council.			
Cr Wilson/Cr Dunn. Carried			

11 Top Ten Projects – status, February 2020

Mr Beggs took the report as read.

Manawatu District Council will send information on the Mangaweka Bridge replacement project to the Mangaweka Community Library and the Taihape Office.

His Worship the Mayor noted that point 7 is still incorrectly labelled 'Development of Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams site in Marton for Council's administration centre and the town library' as there has been no decision to undertake this development.

Undertaking Subject

That the Chief Executive arrange for the farmers' group to get together for an update on the Tutaenui Community Agricultural Water Scheme project

Undertaking Subject

That in the Top 10 Projects – status report 'Development of Cobbler/Davenport/Abraham & Williams site in Marton for Council's administration centre and the town library' be renamed and a fourth point to retain Council's current sites be reported on in the updates.

Resolved minute number	20/RDC/045	File Ref	5-EX-4
That the memorandum 'Top Ten Projects – status, February 2020' to the 27 February 2020 Council meeting be received.			
Cr Hiroa/Cr Dalgety. Carried			

12 National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity

Elected members discussed the draft submission and requested an amendment to include Maori landlocked land.

Resolved minute number	20/RDC/046	File Ref	3-OR-3-5
That the draft submission on the National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity to the 27 February 2020 Council meeting be received.			
His Worship the Mayor/Cr Wilson. Carried			

Resolved minute number	20/RDC/047	File Ref	
That His Worship the Mayor be authorised to sign on behalf of the Council the submission as amended to the Minister for the Environment on the proposed National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity.			
Cr Belsham/Cr Lambert. Carried			

13 Minutes and recommendations from Committees

Resolved minute number	20/RDC/048	File Ref	
That the following minutes be received:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santoft Domain Management Committee, 29 January 2020 • Hunterville Rural Water Scheme, 3 February 2020 – <i>to be tabled if available</i> • Hunterville Community Committee, 10 February 2020 • Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti, 11 February 2020 • Bulls Community Committee, 11 February 2020 • Taihape Community Board, 12 February 2020 • Marton Community Committee, 12 February 2020 • Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 13 February 2020 • Policy/Planning Committee, 13 February 2020 • Turakina Reserve Management Committee, 13 February 2020 • Turakina Community Committee, 13 February 2020 			
Cr Carter/Cr Wilson. Carried			

Resolved minute number	20/RDC/049	File Ref	
That the following recommendations from the Hunterville Community Committee meeting held on 10 February 2020:			
20/HCC/004			
That the Hunterville Community Committee recommend to Council that Council erect signage at the Hunterville rugby grounds/ fitness track to state			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No unauthorised motorised/electric vehicles on track or grounds • Fitness track is foot traffic only • Please do not litter • Take care of our park 			
His Worship the Mayor/Cr Lambert. Carried			

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/050** **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa meeting held on 11 February 2020:

20/IWI/003

That, Te Roopu Ahi Kaa recommend to Council that they further investigate free rubbish collection for gold card holders in the Rangitikei district.

Cr Belsham/Cr Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/051** **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from the Bulls Community Committee meeting held on 11 February 2020:

20/BCC/009

That the Bulls Community Committee recommends to Council that the yet to be formed Bulls Domain user group become a Sub-Committee of the Bulls Community Committee.

Cr Dunn/Cr Carter. Carried

That the following recommendation from the Taihape Community Board meeting held on 12 February 2020:

20/TCB/011

~~That the Taihape Community Board ask that the Rangitikei District Council to re-visit the current plans for the Taihape amenities block.~~

This was dealt with in item 11.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/052** **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from the Assets/Infrastructure meeting held on 13 February 2020:

20/AIN/008

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee recommend to Council to investigate the further development of a walking/cycle way from Dixon Way to the top of Hautapu Street (adjacent to State Highway 1) in Taihape in consultation with the New Zealand Transport Agency.

Cr Gordon/Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/053** **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from the Assets/Infrastructure meeting held on 13 February 2020:

20/AIN/009

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee recommend to Council to investigate the further development of a walking/cycle way on Nga Tawa Road between Marumaru Street to Calico Line.

Cr Belsham/Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/054** **File Ref**

That the following recommendation from the Policy/Planning meeting held on 13 February 2020:

20/PPL/009

That the Policy/Planning Committee recommends to Council to provide a report on options around further changes to the District Plan to support residential development.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Gordon. Carried

The Chief Executive suggested an approach to get action.

The meeting agreed that the Residential Subdivision Working Group formed last triennium was the best forum to progress the matter.

Meeting adjourned 3.10pm-3.30pm.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/055** **File Ref**

Council delegates to the Residential Subdivision Working Group (His Worship the Mayor, Cr Belsham, Cr Wilson and Cr Dunn) to ~~approve a recommendation from the~~ work with the Chief Executive to investigate further changes to the District Plan to support residential development.

And that the due diligence report from TPG Planning July 2019 for further residential development be used as the basis for further work on increasing the area of the residential zone.

And that Council acknowledges that a district plan change to increase the area zone residential may cost \$150,000, which is unbudgeted in 2019/20 but potentially included in the 2020/21 Annual Plan.

Cr Dunn/Cr Carter. Carried

Councillor Gordon left 4.03pm-4.04pm.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/056** **File Ref**

That Council investigate options for enabling small-scale residential subdivisions in the rural zone.

Cr Dalgety/Cr Lambert. Carried

14 Late items

As agreed at Item 6.

Submission on Water Regulation Bill

The tabled submission was taken as read.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/057** **File Ref**

That His Worship the Mayor be authorised to sign on behalf of the Council the submission without amendment to the Parliamentary Health Committee on the proposed Taumata Arowai: the Water Services Regulator Bill.

Cr Dunn/Cr Carter. Carried

Historic Putorino Landfill

At its 27 February 2020 meeting the Audit Risk Committee made the following recommendation **20/ARK/003** for Council to consider.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/058** **File Ref**

That, noting the issues on the West Coast, the Audit/Risk Committee advises it is concerned around the work planning and consenting timelines for remediation of the exposed Putorino landfill and requests Council to urgently take this concern to Horizons Regional Council and/or the Minister for the Environment regarding our environmental risk and reputation.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Ash. Carried

Ford Ranger NZ Rural Games

His Worship the Mayor updated Elected Members of the offer to Rangitikei District Council to showcase the district in a stand at the Ford Ranger Rural Games for \$2500 + GST or alternatively a table for 8 at the dinner for \$1400 + GST.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/059** **File Ref**

That Council respectfully decline the offer from the Ford Ranger NZ Rural Games.

Cr Wilson/Cr Ash. Carried

15 Public excluded – 4.12pm

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/060** **File Ref**

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

1. Property matters
2. Quickbuild
3. Hautapu Street sewer main renewal

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 Quickbuild	To enable the local authority holding the information to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons) and enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations – <i>section 7(2)(a and i)</i> .	Section 48(1)(a)(i)

Item 3 Hautapu Street sewer main renewal	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)
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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 Carter. Carried

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16 Open Meeting

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/069** **File Ref**

That the public excluded meeting move into an open meeting, and that the following recommendation **20/RDC/064** be confirmed in an open meeting.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/064** **File Ref**

That, to ensure clear accountability to the community, Council approves the updated Bulls Community centre forecast project cost (including contingency) from WT Partnership Advisory, February 2020, of \$8,284,113 (GST exclusive). This increase will be a forecast change in the 2019/20 financial year. That these increase costs of \$2,044,913 be debt funded.

Cr Belsham/Cr Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/068** **File Ref** **5-CM-1: C1110**

That the tender report and recommendation for Contract 1110 be received.

and

That Contract 1110 for the renewal of 140 metres of sewer main on Hautapu Street, Taihape, be awarded to B Bullock (200) for a total value of \$244,723.60 (GST exclusive), including a contingency of \$22,274.60 (GST exclusive).

Cr Gordon/Cr Ash. Carried

5.25 pm

17 Next Meeting

Thursday 26 March 2020, 1.00pm

18 Meeting Closed

At 5.27pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: