



Rangitikei District Council

Council Meeting

Minutes – Friday 8 May 2020 – 3:10 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 Gill Duncan
- 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
- Mr Arno Benadie, Principal Advisor – Infrastructure
- Mr Johan Cullis, Environmental Services Team Leader
- Ms Jo Devine, GM – Finance and Business Support
- Ms Carol Gordon, Manager – Executive Team
- Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator

Late Items:

- Draft Submission – Government Policy Statement on land transport, 2021 (GPS)
- Draft Submission – New Zealand Rail Plan (Rail Plan)
- Rent reduction for tenants in Council commercial buildings in response to COVID-19

1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting at 3.10 pm

2 Council Prayer

His Worship the Mayor read the Council Prayer.

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for absence of Cr Dunn be received.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Carter. Carried

4 Extraordinary meeting

The emergency meeting was called due to the need to decide how to resolve building consent issues ahead of the scheduled Council meeting on 28 May 2020.

The meeting has been notified on the Council website.

5 Late items

Elected Members were presented with two draft submissions prepared by the Manawatu Whanganui Regional Transport Committee: Draft Submission – New Zealand Rail Plan (Rail Plan) and Draft Submission – Government Policy Statement on land transport, 2021 (GPS). Input was requested at this meeting as the submissions were due to be submitted (respectively) on Friday 8 May 2020 and Monday 11 May 2020.

| Resolved minute number | 20/RDC/150 | File Ref |
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That the receipt of the tabled submissions from the Manawatu Whanganui Regional Transport Committee 'Draft Submission – New Zealand Rail Plan (Rail Plan)' and 'Draft Submission – Government Policy Statement on land transport, 2021 (GPS)' to Council's Extraordinary meeting 8 May 2020 be received.

Cr Belsham/Cr Hiroa. Carried

Draft Submission – New Zealand Rail Plan (Rail Plan)

The draft submission was taken as read.

Elected Members queried whether Rail Sidings for the Rangitikei (noting comment in regards to Tararua) would be added to the submission, Mr Hodder and His Worship the Mayor took all comments on board and were to discuss further before submitting the document.

Cr Wilson left 3.21pm-3.22pm.

Resolved minute number **20R/RDC/152** **File Ref**

That Rangitikei District Council endorses the draft submission from the Manawatu-Whanganui Regional Transport Committee to the Draft NZ Rail Plan subject to a section being added (in section 3.3) on the Marton Rail Hub, to be prepared by the Chief Executive in consultation with His Worship the Mayor.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Duncan. Carried

Draft Submission – Government Policy Statement on land transport, 2021 (GPS)

The draft submission was taken as read.

Cr Ash requested comment be made about passenger transport. Both Cr Ash and Cr Lambert both made comments around “using or losing” a passenger service, however it would need to be affordable to users.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/151** **File Ref**

That Rangitikei District Council endorses the draft submission from the Manawatu-Whanganui Regional Transport Committee to the Draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2020/21-2030/31 with the addition, at the end of the third paragraph of section 2.4 ‘The RTC **seeks** consideration of the principle that maintenance of roads which directly interface with rail hubs should not require local share funding’.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Duncan. Carried

Rent reduction for tenants in Council commercial buildings in response to COVID-19

His Worship the Mayor briefed Elected Members that Council had received a request from a commercial tenant requesting a rent reduction.

Mr Beggs advised that Council does not have many commercial tenants, and the cost to council would be approximately \$5,000 overall if all tenants applied for a waiver for the maximum of three months.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/153** **File Ref**

That waiver of three months’ rent for tenants in Council commercial buildings be added to the public statement approved at Council’s meeting on 30 April 2020 (resolution 20/RDC/126) as its response to COVID-19.

Cr Wilson/Cr Hiroa. Carried

6 Public excluded

3.31 pm.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/154** **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 |
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| 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 Gordon/Cr Dalgety. Carried

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7 Open Meeting

3.49pm

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/158** **File Ref**

That the public excluded meeting move into an open meeting, and the following recommendations be public:

20/RDC/156

That, to avoid further delay for the owners of the affected properties, Council endorses the Chief Executive's recommended action under section 67 of the Building Act 2004 regarding compliance with clause B2 for building consent amendment applications regarding current QuickBuild Multiproof designed houses at

157 High Street Bulls BC 180333A and 180243A
5 Guthrie Court Bulls BC 180244A
43B Armagh Terrace Marton BC 180248B
14 Ahuru Street Marton BC 180283B

and that when the consents have met all the conditions, code compliance certificates will be issued, on the basis that

1. the MBIE Multiproof department has reviewed and accepted the amendments submitted by QuickBuild and reissued the relevant Multiproofs to satisfy B2; and
2. an expert third party assessment appointed by Council agrees with the amendment, although remarks concerns of its longevity; and
3. the risk to Council is low, because:
 - a. the Chief Executive believes that the advice and acceptance from MBIE supported by the third party assessor meets B2 of the Building Code,
 - b. any gradual deterioration of the bearers is unlikely to cause a sudden significant health and safety hazard to the occupants, and
 - c. the total number of homes impacted are low, so potential financial exposure is very small to Council.

AND

That the same approach is taken with the two titles at 26 Hammond Street, Bulls.

AND

That, while acknowledging that there is no legal requirement to do so, the Chief Executive approaches QuickBuild with a view to sharing the cost of making the amendments accepted by MBIE to satisfy clause B2 of the Building Code remediation at

14A Wilson Street, Bulls;
476 Wellington Road, Marton; and
9 Princess Street, Marton,

all being properties for which Code Compliance Certificates have been issued.

*All Elected Members in favour.

20/RDC/157

That the Chief Executive write to the Chief Executive of the Ministry of innovation, Business and Employment requesting urgency to finalising the determination with respect to compliance of QuickBuild Multiproof with clause B1 of the Building Code, having regard for the fact that the draft determination was released on 10 February 2020.

Cr Ash/Cr Wilson. Carried

8 Next Meeting

Thursday 28 May 2020, 1.00 pm

9 Meeting Closed

3.50 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: