



Rangitikei District Council

Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 30 July 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 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
Mr Arno Benadie, Principal Advisor – Infrastructure
Ms Jo Devine, Group Manager – Finance and Business Support
Ms Carol Gordon, Manager – Executive Team
Mr Johan Cullis, Environmental Services Team Leader
Ms Nardia Gower, Strategy and Community Planning Manager
Mr George Forster – Policy Advisor
Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator

Tabled Documents: **Item 2** – Liz Rayner, Don't reinvent the wheel
Item 2 – Peter Kipling-Arthur and Geoff Duncan on behalf of Taihape Heritage Trust
Item 2 – Steve Carey, COVID-19 From Response and Recovery to the 'Next Normal'
Item 12 – Papakai Pump Station

1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting at 1.02pm.

2 Public Forum

Liz Rayner

Liz Rayner, local business owner and member of many community groups presented a PowerPoint to Council on the Marton Town Signage.

She noted that consultation had stopped with other community groups and a decision was then made by the Marton Community Committee to settle on the barley image.

Ms Rayner requested further consultation be undertaken and suggested, due to the lack of a township image, using a wheel, as previous Marton Town signs have used – noting that the wheel could be used as a base with the barley image on top.

Due to technical issues the meeting was briefly adjourned 1.15pm-1.15pm.

Taihape Heritage Trust

Peter Kipling-Arthur and Geoff Duncan on behalf of the Taihape Heritage Trust presented to Council their community petition of 648 signatures to consider building the new ablution blocks under the grandstand as part of restoring the building and not on the currently proposed site at Court 4.

They noted that the grandstand was built after the First World War to enhance the War Memorial Park; the grandstand is one of the few large historic wooden buildings of its type remaining in New Zealand.

His Worship the Mayor advised Elected Members of the process around steps moving forward, noting a decision and further discussion can be had in item 9.

Steve Carey

Steve Carey, Integrated Community Impact Strategist with the Whanganui District Health Board presented a PowerPoint on COVID-19, From Response and Recovery to the 'Next Normal'.

He has been liaising with His Worship the Mayor and Council's Chief Executive and engaging with community groups on transitioning into what the world will look like post Covid.

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

Nil

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.

Councillor Duncan declared a conflict of interest, advising she is married to Mr Geoff Duncan who presented in Public Forum on behalf of the Taihape Heritage Trust and agenda item 9.

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,

- Request for additional space for users of the Bulls Community Centre

be dealt with as late items at this meeting.

Cr Hiroa left 1.56pm-1.58pm.

6 Confirmation of minutes

It was noted the spelling of Emily Rayner's name was incorrect, and that the previous minutes be amended to reflect the correct spelling.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/252** **File Ref**

That the minutes of Council's meeting held on 25 June 2020 as amended be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Carter/Cr Belsham. Carried

7 Mayor's Report

His Worship the Mayor took his report as read and provided the following verbal updates:

- Attended the Mama Mia show in Taihape on 29 July, have written a congratulatory letter to the group.
- Congratulations to Marton Development Group for raising significant funds for the new playground, the Air Auction is still running and planks available to purchase.
- Welcome to Ms Soraya Peke-Mason (past Councillor) and congratulations on running for MP, her launch is 6pm, 31 July 2020 at the Friendship Club.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/253** **File Ref** **3-EP-3-5**

That the 'Mayor's report and schedule' to the 30 July 2020 Council meeting be received.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Dalgety. Carried

8 Rural and Provincial Sector Mayors Forum 5-6 March 2020

Councillor Dalgety took her report as read.

His Worship the Mayor noted that the report was written by Cr Dalgety, which is a requirement to report back when Councillors attend forums. He also noted that reports must not include personal opinions.

Cr Dalgety accepted the Mayor's comment and agreed that her report be amended to exclude opinion around another local authority's position.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/254** **File Ref**

That the report as amended 'Rural and Provincial Sector Mayors Forum 5-6 March 2020' to the 30 July 2020 Council meeting be received.

Cr Dalgety/Cr Duncan. Carried

9 Taihape Heritage Trust Petition

A deputation from the Taihape Heritage Trust spoke during Public Forum and presented a petition with 648 signatures on the Taihape Memorial Park Grandstand.

After discussion with staff, His Worship the Mayor advised Elected Members that a notice of motion must be made to the Chief Executive five days prior to a meeting to revoke a resolution.

His Worship the Mayor and Chief Executive advised Elected Members of the project for the new Amenities building in Taihape is within the Annual plan, is reported on via Top 10 Projects monthly and at times Administration Matters in regards to funding.

The project is currently at concept design with the architect, where Council have spent approximately \$12,000.

Councillors agreed to leave the item on the table and deal with any outstanding issues at the next Council meeting.

10 Annual Report to the Alcohol and Regulatory Licensing Authority for the year ending 30 June 2020

Mr Cullis took the report as read, providing the following highlights:

- There have been no cancellations of licences
- No concerns from the police
- Temporary licenses generally mean a new business owner but can continue to trade while the full license is being processed

Cr Belsham queried whether the report reflected the address of the business location or the address of the business owner. Mr Cullis advised he will follow up on this and any potential administration errors regarding addresses.

Undertaking Subject

Mr Cullis to check whether the Annual Report of the Alcohol and Regulatory Licensing refers to the business address or home address of the business owner and have any errors rectified.

Resolved minute number 20/RDC/255 File Ref

That the 'Annual Report to the Alcohol and Regulatory Licensing Authority for the year ending 30 June 2020' to the 30 July 2020 Council meeting be received.

Cr Wilson/Cr Carter. Carried

11 Positive Ageing Policy and Senior/Kaumātua Support

Ms Gower took the report as read, as previously presented to Council in March 2020.

She noted the current policy was issued in 2013, which is outdated and highlighted what updates could go into the Long Term Plan.

Resolved minute number 20/RDC/256 File Ref

That the report 'Positive Ageing Policy and Senior/ Kaumātua Support' to the 30 July 2020 Council meeting be received.

Cr Ash/Cr Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 20/RDC/257 File Ref

That an assessment of the opportunities in the Council's Positive Ageing Strategy be provided to the Policy/Planning Committee by September 2020 so that further consideration is feasible within the development the 2021-31 Long Term Plan.

Cr Ash/Cr Gordon. Carried

12 Papakai Pump Station

Mr Benadie took the memorandum and tabled letter as read, with the following updates:

- The report is where Council currently stand with sentencing

- There has been a subsequent allegation of a further spill, staff acted promptly to attend the site. No comment has been received from Horizons to date.

We have short, medium and long term solutions on rectifying the issue, these include daily photographs of the site, weekly alarm, adding more storage and updating the electronics. The camera will be installed by 31 July and will be electronically accessed, rather than relying on staff on site each day – photos can be taken at the same time of day and then further pictures if required.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/258** **File Ref** **6-WW-1-5**

That the memorandum 'Papakai Pump Station' to the 30 July 2020 Council meeting be received.

Cr Gordon/Cr Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/259** **File Ref**

That the tabled document on 'Papakai Pump Station' to the 30 July 2020 Council meeting be received.

Cr Duncan/Cr Gordon. Carried

13 Draft amendments to the Events Sponsorship Scheme criteria

Ms Gower took the memorandum as read and provided background on the memorandum, noting the proposed amendments would create further clarification for assessors and applicants.

There was no appetite from Elected Members to consider multi-year funding for events as part of the Long Term Plan process.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/260** **File Ref** **3-GF-11**

That the memorandum 'Draft amendments to the Events Sponsorship Scheme criteria' to the 30 July Council meeting be received.

Cr Hiroa/Cr Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/261** **File Ref**

That Council approve the amendment for the Events Sponsorship Scheme criteria from 'Events solely run for commercial purposes' to 'Events solely run for commercial or fundraising purposes, to create better clarity for applicants and assessors.

Cr Belsham/Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/262** **File Ref**

That Council approve the amendment for the Events Sponsorship Scheme criteria to include 'Equipment Hire' in the list of Costs Covered to create better clarity for applicants and assessors.

Cr Ash/Cr Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/263** **File Ref**

That Council does not agree to consider multi-year funding for events as part of the Long Term Plan process.

Cr Belsham/Cr Dunn. Carried

Meeting adjourned 3.00pm-3.17pm.

14 Administrative Matters – July 2020

Mr Beggs spoke to the report, highlighting the following:

- On Monday 3 August, Chief Executives and Mayors are to meet via Zoom on the proposed Memorandum of Understanding on 3 Waters.
- To attend the 3 Waters workshop in Palmerston North on 4 August, all Elected Members are welcome.
- Nothing formal has been reported back on the Provincial Growth Fund applications, however anticipate an update by 6 August 2020.
- Have received several letters in support of renaming Marton Park to Dick Hurn Park.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/264** **File Ref** **5-EX-4**

That the report 'Administrative Matters – July 2020' to the 30 July 2020 Council meeting be received.

Cr Ash/Cr Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/265** **File Ref**

That the Audit/Risk Committee be delegated, at its meeting on 31 July 2020, authority to commit the Council to signing the Memorandum of Understanding for the first stage of the Government's Three Waters Services Reform.

Cr Wilson/Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/266** **File Ref**

That Council supports the recommendation from the National Council to endorse the proposal to reduce the tenure of the President to a maximum of two consecutive terms.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/267** **File Ref**

That, having regard for current work commitments and the need for the current Council to review the recommendations from the 2017 assessment, Council requests the Independent Assessment Board to defer Rangitikei District Council's participation in the CouncilMARK programme for twelve months, so that the assessment process occurs during August-October 2021.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/268** **File Ref**

That Council acknowledges it is obligated to remedy the incorrect siting of building improvements on legal road at 7 Poplar Grove, Bulls and authorises the Chief Executive to take whatever action is reasonably required to remedy this matter, delegating to the Chief Executive all powers and authorities required to complete the matter and requiring a progress report (including estimated costs) at the September 2020 meeting of Council.

Cr Dunn/Cr Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/269** **File Ref**

That the Chief Executive be authorised to negotiate with the landowners of 7 Blennerville Close for the sale of such area of legal road fronting their property as is appropriate for their proposed subdivision, having regard to and providing for the following:

- a. the Purchasers to meet all costs for stopping of the road and fair purchase price at not less than a pro rata calculation per square metre against the adjoining land value;
- b. Council's Principal Advisor Infrastructure to certify the proposed road stop will not affect traffic movement in Blennerville Close;
- c. Council's Planner to certify there are no barriers to the proposal in terms of the Rangitikei District Plan;

- d. the Chief Executive being authorised to execute all documents required to give effect to the proposed actions; and
- e. noting that the anticipated price is not lower than the rateable value of the land (pro rata) and thus within the scope of the Treasury Management Policy

Cr Wilson/Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/270** **File Ref**

That Council retains the Building Line Restriction at 76 Tutaenui Road, Marton, noting that it was placed to enable access into the adjoining 74 Tutaenui Road and is essential for subdivision of that property having access from Tutaenui Road.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/271** **File Ref**

That the Giblin Group be engaged to secure external funding for the new Taihape Memorial Park facilities.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/272** **File Ref**

That Council approves additional funding of \$300 (from the District Promotion budget) for the production of the Hunterville Bulletin.

Cr Ash/Cr Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/273** **File Ref**

That a refund of \$4,475.34 be made to the owner of 96 Tutaenui Road, Marton on account of a leak at the toby caused by incorrect PVC fittings.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/274** **File Ref**

That a refund of \$474.70 is made to the owner of 2 Murimutu Road, Hunterville on account of a leak at the toby.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/275** **File Ref**

That Council engages with the Marton community (through its various channels as well as through the Marton Community Committee) on the proposed renaming of Marton Park to 'Dick Hurn Park' in recognition of what the late Mr Dick Hurn achieved for rugby (and other activities), not only in Marton but also the greater Rangitikei area, as well as the Whanganui region.

Cr Belsham/His Worship the Mayor. Carried

15 Top Ten Projects – status, July 2020

Mr Benadie took the memorandum as read, updating Elected Members on the following:

- Marton Dam Spillway project is complete, it is anticipated that the Dams will be open to the public in October.
- Council will receive monthly updates on the Putorino Landfill now that the Dam Spillway is complete.
- Ms Gordon has approached someone for engagement purposes of the Marton Administration Building, as there are many projects on the go, they will try to combine the engagement with other projects and will come back to Council to consider through the Long Term Plan.

Councillor Gordon queried the earthquake status of the Taihape Squash Club building.

Mr Cullis advised he would follow this up and report back.

Undertaking **Subject**

Mr Cullis to investigate whether the Taihape Squash Club building is on the earthquake prone building list.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/276** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That the memorandum 'Top Ten Projects – status, July 2020' to the 30 July 2020 Council meeting be received.

Cr Hiroa/Cr Dalgety. Carried

16 Minutes and recommendations from Committees

The minutes are attached.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/277** **File Ref**

1 That the following minutes be received:

- Santoft Domain Management Committee, 1 July 2020
- Turakina Reserve Management Committee, 2 July 2020
- Turakina Community Committee, 2 July 2020
- Rangitikei Youth Council, 4 July 2020
- Erewhon Rural Water Scheme, 8 July 2020
- Taihape Community Board, 8 July 2020
- Marton Community Committee, 8 July 2020
- Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 9 July 2020
- Policy/Planning Committee, 9 July 2020
- Hunterville Community Committee, 13 July 2020
- Ratāna Community Board, 14 July 2020

Cr Hiroa/Cr Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/278** **File Ref**

That the following recommendations from the Rangitikei Youth Council meeting held on 4 July 2020:

20/RYC/006

That the Rangitikei Youth Council recommend to Council to investigate the Marton Lobby changes location to be closer to the Skate Park, suggesting the former Magnolia Tree as an option to explore, because the current space is too small and the location isn't desirable for youth.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Ash. Carried

That the following recommendations from the Taihape Community Board meeting held on 8 July 2020:

20/TCB/018

That the Taihape Community Board recommend to Council that a variation to the Taihape Squash Club Deed of Lease be granted for an area of approximately 280m² for the purpose of additional squash courts.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/279** **File Ref**

That the recommendation **20/TCB/018** from the Taihape Community Board to be referred to the next Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting for approval.

Cr Wilson/Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/280** **File Ref**

That the following recommendations from the Taihape Community Board meeting held on 8 July 2020:

20/TCB/024

That, having regard for the options for toilet facilities' near Mt Stewart Reserve, the Taihape Community Board recommends to Council that as an interim measure access to the Taihape Mobil Service Station facilities be negotiated for visitors to the Reserve and a letter advising of this be sent to Taihape Rotary.

Cr Hiroa/Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/281** **File Ref**

That the following recommendations from the Marton Community Committee meeting held on 8 July 2020:

20/MCC/009

That the Marton Community Committee recommend to Council that the name within the Hereford Heights subdivision, as requested by the developers, be named as follows: The stage 1 road (first cul-de-sac) be named Oldfield Lane (Street if Lane doesn't met Council criteria).

Cr Wilson/Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/282** **File Ref**

That the following recommendations from the Marton Community Committee meeting held on 8 July 2020:

20/MCC/012

The Marton Community Committee recommend to Council that, based on the feedback from the business survey and discussion at the meeting of the Committee, the 6 symbols for the Marton signage exclude the shopping bag, but include the shopping trolley as the Marton Community Committee believes that the supermarket trolley is a universal symbol of all shopping activities.

Cr Wilson/Cr Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/283** **File Ref**

That staff are tasked with consulting with Ms Liz Rayner, Iwi and the Marton Community Committee and to bring back an updated design of the Marton Town Signage logo to the next Council meeting for a final decision.

Cr Belsham/Cr Wilson. Carried

17 Late items

Request for additional space for users of the Bulls Community Centre

Councillor Dunn expressed that she has been involved in the Bulls Community Centre project for 7 years and supports and believes in the concept of the one stop shop for Bulls locals and the wider community with potential to bring in other events and shows to the district.

However, she noted she knows the community and how they will use the building for events such as Wear-a-bull Arts, Bulls and Clifton School productions and end of year prize giving's, Matariki, The Rose show etc.

Due to changes to the design, Councillor Dunn believes the Bulls Community Centre will not perform to the communities needs as there is insufficient space for changing, preparing and waiting in between events and the follow on from this would mean people will not book the hall due to lack of space.

Councillor Duncan noted that with her thespian background and having visited the building, she also believes there is inadequate space for users and fully supports Councillor Dunn's request.

Councillor Dunn requested that Council investigate with a costings a changing room with adequate space for changing and preparing for events.

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/284** **File Ref**

That Council investigate with costings a changing room with adequate space to cater to all user groups at the back of the new Bulls Community Centre, joining on to the back door of the stage with ramp access – for changing and preparing for events.

Cr Dunn/Cr Carter. Carried

Councillor Duncan left 5.16pm

Meeting adjourned 5.16pm-5.22pm

18 Public excluded

5.22pm

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/285** **File Ref**

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

1. Rates remission
2. Applications to the Provincial Growth Fund
3. 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 Rates remission | 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 2 Applications to the 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) |

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| Item 3 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) |
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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 Hiroa/Cr Carter. Carried

20/RDC/286

20/RDC/287

20/RDC/288

19 Open Meeting

Resolved minute number **20/RDC/289** **File Ref**

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

20/RDC/287¹

That, under Council's rates remission policy providing for remission of rates on the grounds of financial hardship, owner of the fire-damaged property at 11 William Street, Marton (valuation 13600 52000) be delegated to the Chief Executive to enact according to precedent.

Cr Gordon/Cr Hiroa. Carried

20 Next Meeting

Thursday 27 August 2020, 1.00pm

¹ The precedent is the property at 286 Makirikiri Road, Marton, totally destroyed by fire, for which Council agreed a remission of all rates which are fixed charges and the general and roading rates assessed at the equivalent land value: **19/RDC/227.**

21 Meeting Closed

6.05pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: