

# Rangitikei District Council



## Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 26 November 2020 – 1:00 pm

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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  
Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager –Democracy and Planning  
Mr Arno Benadie, Group Manager – Assets and Infrastructure  
Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager – Corporate Services  
Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager – Community Services  
Mrs Sharon Grant, Group Manager – People and Culture  
Mr George Forster – Policy Advisor  
Ms Janine Simpson - Governance Administrator

## 1 Welcome

## 2 Public Forum

### Control of Dogs Bylaw Amendment

#### Mr Bob Weaver:

- Mr Weaver and his wife Rosemary are involved in show dogs as a steward and judge respectively, they have never had complaints made in regards to their dogs.
- This bylaw will adversely affect people with 2 dogs and two thirds of the submissions received are against it.
- He felt it was an important decision that the Council was making on behalf of the Community.

#### Mr Brian Goddard:

- Mr Goddard completely agrees with the amended bylaw.
- He has a neighbour that has 3 dogs who bark constantly. He has contacted the council and nothing has been done.
- A \$30.00 registration fee for 3 years is not enough when you can have as many dogs as you like. A registration fee of \$1,000 per dog would be cheap

Councillor Belsham confirmed that the \$30.00 covers the permit to allow multiple dogs, however you would still have to pay a registration for each dog.

#### Ms Christine Rukuwai:

- Ms Rukuwai said she moved to Marton in August and now has 2 dogs (there are 3 in total on the property), she is currently living in emergency accommodation.
- The fee of \$30 may not seem like a lot of money to some people, but for people on a limited budget and elderly pet owners they would struggle to pay it.
- She queried if there was any leeway for exemptions to be made for people in hardship who are caring owners?

#### Ms Margaret Robinson:

- When you only have 1 dog it will get bored and bark, 3 dogs can keep each other entertained.
- A technique she has used successfully is to spray a barking dog with a water pistol, eventually the dog would stop barking as soon as the water pistol was picked up.
- Neighbours had dogs who would bark and jump up at the fence frightening people walking past and they began to cross the road to avoid them.
- When this bylaw comes in, will it affect existing dog owners who have 3 or more dogs?

#### Mr Selwyn Stevens:

- Mr Stevens is in favour of the bylaw, he came to Marton 10 years ago and noticed that the amount of barking dogs was huge and seemed to be due to boredom.

- Dogs can be trained, but it seems some people don't have the time to successfully train multiple dogs.
- He definitely supports the 2 dog amendment and suggested that they need to be trained well.

Mr Silvia Rizzi:

- Ms Rizzi has multiple dogs, and says that agility training can start from dogs as young as 18 months old.
- She is classified as a good dog owner and doesn't want neighbours to have to put up with barking dogs either.
- Ms Rizzi doesn't believe that it's fair that she has to pay \$30 as per the amendment.

**Resolved minute number**

**20/RDC/469**

That Council receive the public forum submissions in relation to the Control of Dogs Bylaw amendment.

Cr Carter/Cr Lambert. Carried

**Taihape Amenities Block and Grandstand Upgrade**

Ms Sarah Bell – President of Taihape Lawn Tennis Club:

- Having an amenities block will be good but not on the tennis court as player numbers are increasing and they can't afford to lose a court.
- Ms Bell takes issue with the Council's documents that says "adjacent to the tennis courts" when it will actually be on the tennis court.
- There are 5 courts currently being used, the 6<sup>th</sup> is not available due to the unsuitable surface.
- Ms Bell was aware that the initial discussions were for the amenities block to go onto the Bowling Club area, and advised that was what the previous President had agreed.

Mr Daryl O'Hara - Club President and Mr Mark McCoard – Taihape Squash Club (with the support of Taihape Netball and Taihape Lawn Tennis Clubs):

- The Taihape Squash Club are impartial to where the amenities block will be built.
- Their plans for the club include 2 new Squash courts, extending the kitchen/bar/lounge areas, a new meeting room and lift which can all be adjusted depending on the decision regarding the amenities block.
- Taihape Tennis and Netball have been involved in redesigning the facility so that it can be used for their competitions and events also, other organisations will be invited to provide their views as well.



## 7 His Worship the Mayor's Report

His Worship the Mayor took his report as read, and noted the following:

- Marton Market Day is being held on Saturday 28/11/2020.
- We have recently held another successful Shemozzle and early next year we have Gumboot Day, Kiwi Burn and the Caledonian Games events planned.
- Has planned a visit to Whenuapai along with other regional Mayors.
- He would be attending various school prize-givings and presenting two scholarships at Rangitikei College during December.

**Resolved minute number**      **20/RDC/472**      **File Ref**

That the 'Mayor's report and schedule' to the 26 November 2020 Council meeting be received.

Cr Duncan/Cr Gordon Carried

## 8 Follow-up Items from Previous Meetings

**Resolved minute number**      **20/RDC/473**

That the report 'Follow-up Items from Previous Meetings' to the 26 November 2020 Council meeting be received.

Cr Hiroa/Cr Wilson Carried

## 9 Upgrading Amenities for Taihape Memorial Park – further report

Mr Barry Copeland from Copeland Associates Architects spoke to the Council using Zoom Video Communication.

- Mr Copeland suggested a possible solution was to put all amenities into the grandstand but he was not sure if it would hold everything that is required. However, a smaller building could be built alongside the grandstand which would enable the grandstand to be restored.
- There is a lot more investigative work required to see what will be involved in the grandstand restoration. The work required may include a seismic structural engineering condition survey and opening up the building to see the wood used in construction. This would give a clearer picture of the state of the building and a much higher degree of accuracy for the restoration.
- Heritage NZ are very keen on the grandstand project and have been very helpful.
- If the amenity block build was to get the green light now work could commence around 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021. In regards the restoration of the grandstand,

although the start date would be the same, there could be a hold up in negotiating the approvals.

Council noted the following:

- This has been a process for approximately 15 years and a decision needs to be made.
- Taihape teams don't encourage other teams to play at their home ground as the amenities are so bad.
- The amenities in the grandstand won't work, there was a suggestion of a smaller build maybe adjacent to the Bowling Club.
- Council supports the heritage aspect of the grandstand and agrees to improvements.
- The Squash club is looking at future growth and are committed to a development themselves.

**Resolved minute number**      **20/RDC/474**      **File Ref**

That the report 'Upgrading Amenities for Taihape Memorial Park – further report' to Council's meeting on 26 November 2020 be received.

Cr Belsham/Cr Carter Carried

**Resolved minute number**      **20/RDC/475**

That Council:

Proceed with the separate amenity building including furniture and fit out; equipment and security, at a cost of \$2.148 million to be located at the end of the netball courts as indicated in Page 54 of the Council paper.

Cr Wilson/Cr Lambert Carried

Those voting against: Cr Dalgety/Cr Hiroa/Cr Duncan

That further investigative work of the grandstand's physical condition for future restoration and refurbishment continue, including seismic, structural survey, geo tech report and conservation report as unbudgeted operational expenditure.

Cr Gordon/Cr Duncan Carried

With regards to the previous resolution 18-RDC-437 staff to continue with the investigation of the need for a new court in the vicinity of the former bowling green.

Cr Belsham/Cr Hiroa Carried

## 10 Chief Executive's Report

Mr Beggs took his report as read, highlighting the following:

- Council discussed the Short Street, Taihape proposal and noted the owners of 9 Dixon Way have been offered the land but do not want it. Numbers 39-53 are owned by a company.

- In regards Marton Park renaming, Councillor Lambert said he didn't think this was a Council issue, that it was more for the Marton Community to decide.
- Council discussed the Hunterville request for an additional \$10,000 to cover their expected operating deficit this year.

*Councillor Dalgety advised of a conflict of interest in regards this matter.*

In response to questions raised Councillor Dalgety advised:

- The operating surplus of \$146,800 includes money given to Trust to upgrade the changing rooms at \$138,000.
- Pool repairs will cost \$50,000, the pool was built in the 1920's and is being upgraded to a 2020 pool standard.

**Resolved minute number      20/RDC/476**

That the 'Chief Executive's Report' to the 26 November 2020 Council meeting be received.

Cr Gordon/Cr Carter. Carried

**Resolved minute number      20/RDC/477**

That Council agrees to hold the following vacancies until after the by-election:

- Creative NZ Assessment Committee
- Liaison Councillor for Bulls Community Committee
- Turakina Community Committee (to take effect until 30 April 2021)
- Santoft Reserve Management Committee
- Rātana Community Board (to take effect from 1 May 2021).

Cr Wilson/Cr Dalgety. Carried

**Resolved minute number      20/RDC/478**

That the Chief Executive is authorised and directed to negotiate and enter into a new Licence to Occupy for the office building sited on the unformed road at the South approach to Mokai Bridge and to set Terms and the Licence Fee.

Cr Wilson/Cr Belsham. Carried



**Resolved minute number 20/RDC/479**

6. That in relation to the renaming of Marton Park that Council agrees with:
- 6.1. Status quo: Marton Park or any part of Marton Park is not renamed to honour the late Dick Hurn; or
  - 6.2. Rename the whole park: The whole of Marton Park would be renamed Dick Hurn Memorial Park; or
  - 6.3. Rename the rugby field(s): one or more of the rugby fields would be renamed Dick Hurn Memorial Field; or
  - 6.4. Rename the rugby club rooms. The rugby club has not been approached on this as a potential option it is raised as an option, due to the number of comments recommending this; or
  - 6.5. Memorial in a different way: Honour Dick Hurn in another way, e.g. a plaque, seat or renaming the grandstand.

That in relation to the renaming of Marton Park that Council agrees to:

- 6.3 Rename the rugby field(s): one or more of the rugby fields would be renamed Dick Hurn Memorial Field.

Cr Wilson/Cr Lambert. Carried

**Resolved minute number 20/RDC/480**

**The following amendment to the above recommendation was proposed, and when put was carried and became the substantive motion:**

**Substantive Motion:**

Rename number one rugby field or club rooms after Dick Hurn should Marton Rugby Club agree.

Cr Belsham/Cr Carter. Carried

**Resolved minute number 20/RDC/481**

That Council approves the request from the Hunterville Sport and Recreation Trust for an additional \$10,000, noting this would be funded from "Other Operating Expenses".

Cr Belsham/Cr Hiroa Carried

The meeting adjourned at 2.59 pm and reconvened at 3.13pm.

**Resolved minute number 20/RDC/482**

That the Chief Executive be authorised to negotiate the sale of property at 2 Paradise Terrace, Taihape, having regard to and providing for the following:

Council's Strategic Property Advisor to certify there are no impediments to a proposed sale of the property;

Council's Planner to certify there are no barriers to the proposal in terms of the Rangitikei District Plan; and

The Chief Executive being authorised to execute all documents required to give effect to the proposed actions.

Cr Gordon/Cr Duncan. Carried

## 11 Schedule of Meetings for 2021 and Provision of Support to Committees

It was agreed that changes to the support to committees be referred to them for their input.

**Resolved minute number**      **20/RDC/483**      **File Ref**

That the report 'Schedule of Meetings for 2021 and Provision of Support to Committees' to the 26 November 2020 Council meeting be received.

Cr Hiroa/Cr Dalgety Carried

**Resolved minute number**      **20/RDC/484**      **File Ref**

And that the report gets referred to the appropriate committees for their view and for a future Council decision.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Duncan. Carried

## 12 Top Ten Projects – Status, November 2020

Mr Benadie took his memorandum as read, highlighting the following:

- The timelines are tight, but a contractor is going to take a look at the Putorino Landfill after the Christmas break.

**Resolved minute number**      **20/RDC/485**

That the memorandum 'Top Ten Projects – Status, November 2020' to the 26 November 2020 Council meeting be received.

Cr Wilson/Cr Hiroa Carried

## **13 Flood damage north of Macleays Turakina Valley Road 2**

Waka Kotahi has approved this project and work will commence in January 2021 when the river levels are expected to be low.

**Resolved minute number**        **20/RDC/486**

That the report 'Flood damage north of Macleay Turakina Valley Road 2' to Council's meeting on 26 November 2020 be received.

Cr Wilson/Cr Carter. Carried

**Resolved minute number**        **20/RDC/487**

That the Council approves the direct appoint of Higgins to repair the drop out located north of Macleays on Turakina Valley Road, using the contract rates in RDC 980 - Maintenance Contract, and with a budget of \$467,740.00 excluding GST.

Cr Wilson/Cr Carter. Carried

## **14 Flood damage south of Drysdale Turakina Valley Road 3**

**Resolved minute number**        **20/RDC/488**        **File Ref**

That the report "Flood damage south of Drysdale Turakina Valley Road 3' to Council's meeting on 26 November 2020 be received.

Cr Wilson/Cr Carter. Carried

**Resolved minute number**        **20/RDC/489**        **File Ref**

That the Council approves the direct appoint of Higgins to repair the drop out flood damage south of Drysdale Turakina Valley Road 3, using the contract rates in RDC 980 - Maintenance Contract, and with a budget of \$435,019.00 excluding GST.

Cr Wilson/Cr Carter. Carried

## Motion

That Standing Orders 4.2 be suspended, agreeing not to take a break.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Wilson. Carried

## 15 Long Term Plan 2021-31 – November Update

**Resolved minute number**            **20/RDC/490**            **File Ref**

That the report 'Long Term Plan 2021-31 – November Update' to Council's meeting on 26 November 2020 be received.

Cr Belsham/Cr Gordon. Carried

## 16 Project Governance and use of External Board Members

**Resolved minute number**            **20/RDC/491**            **File Ref**

- 1        That the report 'Project Governance and use of External Board Members' to the 26 November 2020 Council meeting be received.
  
- 1        That the Council endorse the establishment of a common project board for routine, low-risk capital projects; and / or
  
- 2        That the Council endorse the use of external board members on high-risk, complex projects as a capitalised project cost capped at \$10,000 per annum.

Cr Duncan/Cr Wilson. Carried

His Worship the Mayor left the meeting at 5.40 pm.

## 17 Minutes and Recommendations from Committees

**Resolved minute number**            **20/RDC/492**

That the following minutes and recommendations be received:

- Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Committee, 07 September 2020
- Audit Risk Committee, 24 September 2020
- Rangitikei Youth Council, 13 October 2020
- Turakina Reserve Management Minutes, 05 November 2020
- Turakina Community Committee Meeting, 05 November 2020
- Hunterville Community Committee Meeting, 09 November 2020
- Rātana Community Board, 10 November 2020
- Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa, 10 November 2020
- Taihape Community Board Meeting, 11 November 2020
- Santoft Domain Management Committee, 11 November 2020

- Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 12 November 2020
- Bulls Community Committee Chairman's Report, 17 November 2020

Cr Wilson/Cr Hiroa. Carried

## 18 Late Items

There were no late items.

## 19 Public Excluded

The meeting went into the public excluded session at 5.46 pm.

**Resolved minute number**                    **20/RDC/493**

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

*Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 - Minutes of previous meetings; Chief Executive's Report; Property matters; Contract C1112 Tender Process; Tutaenui Road Watermain Renewal and Item 5 – Chief Executive's Review*

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:

<b>General subject of the matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing of this resolution</b>
Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 - Minutes of previous meetings; Chief Executive's Report; Property matters; Contract C1112 Tender Process; Tutaenui Road Watermain 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)
Item 5 Chief Executive's Review	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)

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 Hiroa. Carried

**20/RDC/494 – 20/RDC/503**

**20 Open Meeting**

The meeting moved back into an open meeting at 5.58 pm.

**21 Next Meeting**

Thursday 17 December 2020, 1.00pm

**22 Meeting Closed**

The meeting closed at 6.03 pm.

**Confirmed/Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_