

# Rangitīkei District Council



## Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 28 January 2021 – 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 (via Zoom)  
Cr Angus Gordon  
Cr Tracey Hiroa  
Cr Richard Lambert  
Cr Dave Wilson

In Attendance: Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive  
Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager –Democracy and Planning  
Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager – Corporate Services  
Mrs Gaylene Prince, Group Manager – Community Services  
Mrs Sharon Grant, Group Manager – People and Culture  
Mr George Forster – Policy Advisor  
Mrs Janine Simpson – Acting Governance Administrator  
Mrs Jess Mcilroy *via Zoom*  
Mrs Adina Foley  
Mrs Gabriela Lawnicka  
Mr Graeme Pointon

## 1 Welcome

## 2 Council Prayer

## 3 Public Forum

### Chris Amon Statue in Bulls

Speakers - Paul Sharland, Project Co-ordinator and Russell Harris:

Paul Sharland spoke in regards the Bulls Museum Project to commission a statue, cast in bronze, of Chris Amon. Chris was born in Bulls and was always referred to in the press as from Bulls, New Zealand.

Russell Harris has also become involved and has worked on the concept design and believes it is appropriate to recognise Chris Amon. The concept has been given the approval from the Amon family who felt it would be an honour to have a statue in his home town.

They are seeking approval from the Council to have the statue erected on Council land adjacent to the Community Centre in conjunction with the local iwi plan, as well as any financial assistance or guidance towards obtaining financial assistance.

The council felt it was a good initiative and there would be further discussion.

## 4 Apologies/Leave of Absence

An apology has been received from Cr Waru Panapa.

That the apology for the absence of Councillor Panapa be received

Cr Carter/Cr Ash Carried

## 5 Members' Conflict of Interest

Nil.

## 6 Confirmation of Order of Business

Nil.

## 7 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number	21/RDC/536	File Ref
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That the minutes (and public excluded minutes) of Council's meeting held on 17 December 2020 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham/Cr Wilson Carried

## 8 Mayor's Report

His Worship the Mayor took his report noting the following additions:

Ratana Festival which had a huge turnout this past weekend, and activities coming up include The Taihape Go Throw Show, A & P Sports, Turakina Highland Games and Kiwiburn this coming weekend; and hearings at Ratana. Also, the Country Music festival in Marton had a record turnout this year.

**Resolved minute number**                      **21/RDC/537**                      **File Ref**

That the 'Mayor's report and schedule' to the 28 January 2021 Council meeting be received.  
HWTM/Cr Carter Carried

## 9 Follow-up Items from Previous Meetings

Mrs Gordon took the report as read, there were no questions regarding the report.

**Resolved minute number**                      **21/RDC/538**                      **File Ref**

That the report 'Follow-up Items from Previous Meetings' to 28 January 2021 Council Meeting be received.

Cr Hiroa/Cr Dalgety Carried

## 10 Chief Executive's Report

Mr Beggs took his report as read and noted that in regards to the drinking water section Council has been working with Manawatu District Council, who provides this as part its shared service arrangement, to ensure there are updated water safety plans for Marton and Taihape. Mr Beggs said it had been reported to Council informally that the drinking water from Marton was the cause of some health issues in the community, he advised that on hearing this testing of the water was increased and the results continue to be clear and are in line with health standards for the whole district.

Mr Beggs also noted that the adoption of the consultation document and supporting information will now go the Council meeting on 25 March, 2021 (not February).

**Resolved minute number**                      **21/RDC/539**                      **File Ref**

That the report 'Chief Executive's Report' to 28 January 2021 Council Meeting be received.

Cr Gordon/Cr Wilson Carried

## 11 Memorandum of Understanding - Mangaweka Bridge

Mr Beggs took the report by John Jones as read. This MOU has been considered by Manawatu District Council and endorsed by them. There were a number of questions asked but this did not mean the document could not be adopted at this stage.

**Resolved minute number**                      **21/RDC/540**                      **File Ref**

1. That the report 'Memorandum of Understanding – Mangaweka Bridge be received.

Cr Belsham/Cr Dalgety Carried

2. And that the Council enters into the "Memorandum of Understanding in respect of the prospective management and adaptive re-use of the Historic Mangaweka Bridge".

Cr Belsham/Cr Wilson Carried

## 12 Project Management Office Report: Top Ten Projects, January 2021

Mrs Mcilroy took the report as read and noted it has been provided in a different format and would like some feedback on this.

Cr Wilson asked why these land lease negotiations had been going on so long (July 2018). Mr Beggs advised that we are funded by the Ministry for the Environment under the freshwater improvement fund, we have 5 years to provide a solution and we advised that we would rather lease land than buy land to do it. Council also met with the Ministry and the Ratana Community in December last year. The negotiations are currently sitting with a Trust for some further internal discussions and we are in touch with them every week.

HWTM pointed out that in regards the establishment of the new Council Administration Centre and the Town Library in Marton, we have not removed this building and this facility as part of this matrix and until such time as we do so, if at all, that it must feature within these reports. Jess advised this will be clarified in the next report.

There was a meeting of the Taihape Memorial Park Users Group last night that was positive with people wanting to solve any minor problems and going forward there is a sense of unity building in regards this project.

There was discussion about the formatting of the report and the Project Management Office are still setting the boundaries in regards the colour coding.

**Resolved minute number**                      **21/RDC/541**                      **File Ref**

That the memorandum 'Top Ten Projects – status January 2021' to the 28 January 2021 Council meeting be received.

Cr Dalgety/Cr Ash Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **21/RDC/542**                      **File Ref**

That verbal feedback on this new format of the Top Ten Projects Report be provided by Council to staff during the 28 January 2021 meeting.

Cr Lambert/Cr Hiroa Carried

## 13 Financial Snapshot – December 2020

Mr Tombs took his report as read.

In relation to a question about what was eligible for grants Ms Prince advised Council had received grant from MBIE previously for capital projects. In the last year there has only been operational

grants so Council can apply for costs relating to maintenance, cleaning, emptying waste water tanks, if we meet the criteria.

**Resolved minute number**                      **21/RDC/543**                      **File Ref**

That the report 'Financial Snapshot – December 2020' to the Finance and Performance Committee meeting be received.

Cr Belsham/Cr Hiroa Carried

## 14 Minutes and recommendations from Committees

**Resolved minute number**                      **21/RDC/544**                      **File Ref**

That the following minutes and recommendations be received:

- Finance / Performance Committee – 17 December 2020

Cr Dalgety/Cr Gordon Carried

## 15 Late Items

There were no late items.

## 16 Public Excluded

### Recommendation:

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

1. Items 2, 3, 4, 5 - Minutes of previous meeting; Falkner – Poplar Road; Update on Haylock Park / Walker Crescent; RDC Road Maintenance Contract – Variation Pungatawa Road.

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
Items 2, 3, 4, 5 - Minutes of previous meeting; Falkner – Poplar Road; Update on Haylock Park / Walker Crescent, RDC Road Maintenance Contract – Variation Pungatawa Road.	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 Wilson/Cr Carter Carried

The meeting adjourned at 2.17 pm, and reconvened at 2.31 pm.

**21/RDC/545 – 21/RDC/549**

## **17 Open Meeting**

The meeting returned to an open meeting at 3.59 pm.

## **18 Next Meeting**

1.00 pm, 25 February 2021

## **19 Meeting Closed**

The meeting closed at 4.00 pm.