



RANGITIKEI
DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting
Thursday, 25 March 2021

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**MINUTES OF RANGITĪKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, RANGITĪKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL, 46 HIGH STREET, MARTON
ON THURSDAY, 25 MARCH 2021 AT 1.00 PM**

Present: His Worship the Mayor Andy Watson, Cr Nigel Belsham, Cr Cath Ash, Cr Brian Carter, Cr Fi Dalgety, Cr Richard Lambert, Cr Tracey Hiroa, Cr Waru Panapa, Cr Dave Wilson, Cr Coral Raukawa

In Attendance: Mr Peter Beggs (Chief Executive)
Mr Arno Benadie (Group Manager - Assets and Infrastructure)
Mrs Carol Gordon (Group Manager - Democracy and Planning)
Ms Gaylene Prince (Group Manager - Community Services)
Mr Dave Tombs (Group Manager - Corporate Services)
Mrs Sharon Grant (Group Manager - People and Culture)
Mr George Forster (Policy Advisor)
Mrs Jess Mcilroy (Senior Project Manager – Infrastructure)
Mrs Adina Foley (Project Manager)
Mr Ash Garstang (Governance Administrator)

1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting at 1.01 pm.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **21/RDC/001**

That the apologies for the absence of Cr Gordon and Cr Duncan be received.

Cr Wilson/Cr Panapa. Carried

3 Public Forum

Te Arawa Ratana – TUIA Rangatahi Awa attended the meeting and spoke about his involvement in the mentorship programme between TUIA and Council.

Mr Mark McCoard and Mr Daryl O’Hara – Taihape Squash Clubs – Kokako St Area Development Proposal Overview. Mr McCoard and Mr O’Hara presented their plan for the Kokako St Area Development. It was agreed staff would make contact and discuss financial applications of their proposal.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

Cr Belsham declared a conflict of interest in relation to recommendation 4 of item 10.4 (Renaming of Marton Memorial Hall and Playground), and did not vote on the recommendation.

5 Confirmation of Order Of Business

The Council were advised that item 11.1 ““Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project Consenting Strategy” was no longer on the Agenda and will not be discussed.

The Council moved into a supplementary Public Excluded session at 3.17 pm, as a member of the public was presenting to Council. Council moved back into regular open session at 3.30 pm. This supplementary session occurred during item 10.3.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **21/RDC/002**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 February 2021 be confirmed (with amendment: pg 11 reads as “Cr Carter”, but it was actually Cr Lambert) be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham/Cr Carter. Carried

7 Follow up Action Items from Previous Meeting

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number **21/RDC/003**

That the report ‘Follow-up Items from Previous Meetings’ be received.

Cr Wilson/Cr Hiroa. Carried

8 Mayor’s Report

The Mayor tabled two additional documents:

- 1) KiwiRail documents, regarding the High-level feasibility report and North Island Regional Passenger Rail – Connector; and

2) Climate Change Commission Draft Advice.

The Mayor advised he had been in contact with KiwiRail about exploring possible train stops at Marton and Taihape and was in the early stages of this conversation.

He further noted that the new Marton playground had been opened and will be entered in for the 'Playground of the Year' award.

The Mayor also discussed the Three Waters reform and how to engage with iwi and through Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa representatives.

Resolved minute number **21/RDC/004**

That the Mayor's Report be received.

HWTM/Cr Hiroa. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

Mr Beggs – Chief Executive, presented the Health and Safety dashboard, noting the change of terminology from 'incidents' to 'events'.

Mr Beggs and Mrs Sharon Grant – Group Manager (People and Culture), discussed the Councils new organisational values which have been presented to staff.

Resolved minute number **21/RDC/005**

That the Chief Executive's Report be received.

Cr Dalgety/Cr Panapa. Carried

Resolved minute number **21/RDC/006**

That the Council move a vote of thanks to Tyrone Barker and the Bulls Community Committee.

HWTM/Cr Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number **21/RDC/007**

That Council request staff to continue to fulfil the action outlined in resolution 20/RDC/284 (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), noting external unbudgeted costs will be required and any investigation is likely to take between 3-4 months;

HWTM/Cr Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number **21/RDC/008**

Note that regular surveying of Te Matapihi users continues throughout 2021, and significant feedback themes be presented back to Council.

Cr Wilson/Cr Hiroa. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Councillor Appointments to Committees

This item was taken as read and appointments made to each of the committee.

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/009

That the Council receives the report Councillor Appointments to Committees.

Cr Dalgety/Cr Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/010

That Cr Raukawa be made a member of the Creative NZ Assessment Committee.

Cr Raukawa/Cr Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/011

That Cr Raukawa be appointed as liaison Councillor for the Bulls Community Committee (along with Cr Carter).

Cr Lambert/Cr Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/012

That Cr Panapa fulfills the role of Turakina Community Committee liaison from 01 April 2021.

Cr Raukawa/Cr Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/013

That Cr Carter be appointed a Member of the Santoft Reserve Management Committee.

Cr Belsham/Cr Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/014

That Cr Panapa be appointed a Member of the Ratana Community Board from 1 May 2021, noting that Cr Carter has been appointed for the first 18 months – until 30 April 2021.

Cr Raukawa/Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/015

That Cr Gill Duncan's request to be made a member of the Finance / Performance Committee be granted.

Cr Hiroa/Cr Panapa. Carried

10.2 Speed Limits Bylaw Review

Mr Forster explained that Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency, has advised that the roadways into the northern and southern ends of Taihape are State Highways, and therefore outside of the Councils jurisdiction.

Waka Kotahi is planning regional work on speed limits by the end of the year. It may be inappropriate for Council to conduct a review of these speed limits, as any review may need to be re-done if Waka Kotahi implement significant changes to regional speed limits.

Following discussion, it was agreed that speed limits should go to the relevant community committees and this will be advised to them.

Resolved minute number **21/RDC/016**

That the report 'Speed Limit Bylaw Review' be received.

Cr Wilson/Cr Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number **21/RDC/017**

That the adoption of the Proposed Speed Limit Bylaw and consultation materials for public consultation are postponed.

Cr Wilson/Cr Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number **21/RDC/018**

That Council recommend to staff to work with Waka Kotahi, NZTA and raise community speed limit change requests.

Cr Wilson/Cr Hiroa. Carried

10.3 Project Management Office Report - March 2021

Mrs Mcilroy explained that this report details a programme of works (not a single project), and is complex, as multiple processes are taking place simultaneously (e.g. consenting is happening at the same time as design).

Marton to Bulls wastewater

Councillors questioned whether we were possibly being too particular in trying to find the right piece of land.

Mr Benadie explained that previously Council was waiting for land to become available for sale, which was not a good solution as real estate agents did not know what Council was after. Moving forward, a list of criteria for land acquisition will be provided to real estate agents.

Three Waters review

The Mayor advised that the three waters review will have an effect on numerous parties. With regards to the Hunterville Rural Water Supply scheme, users of that scheme will inevitably be caught up in these regulatory changes.

Mr Beggs advised that Council needs to gain more clarity about how the rural water supply works and how the reform will impact them.

Possible new chair lift system at Te Matapihi

In response to a question around the safety of this lift, Mrs Foley advised that there were no issues.

His Worship the Mayor left the meeting at 3.05 pm and Cr Belsham assumed the Chair.

The meeting adjourned at 3.05 pm and re-convened at 3.17 pm.

The meeting moved into Public Excluded session at 3.17 pm.

Resolved minute number **21/RDC/019**

That the Public be excluded from the following part of the proceeding of this meeting.

1. Public Forum (Public Excluded) (s7(2)(i))

Cr Carter/Cr Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number **21/RDC/020**

That the meeting be moved back into open session at 3.30 pm.

Cr Wilson/Cr Carter. Carried

Discussion on item 10.3 resumed:

Taihape Amenities Building

Councillors questioned whether storage was included. Mrs Mcilroy advised that it had originally been included, and then removed and the purpose of this item was for the scope to investigate storage. A report would come back to Council at the conclusion of the investigation.

Marton Memorial Hall upgrades

In response to a question, Ms Prince advised that the painting had been done in the toilet areas and not the whole interior of the hall. Cr Belsham advised that this query was raised by a member of the public who thought it was for the interior of the hall. Mr Beggs advised he would confirm this.

Mrs Mcilroy advised that staff cannot yet confirm the final costs for interior painting, as more work is needed on the ceiling first. The existing ceiling needs to be replaced and we are waiting on costings for that.

In response to a question about the scaffolding and signage with regards to health and safety, Mrs Mcilroy advised that the scaffolding is compliant and she will need to check about the signage.

The Bulls reservoir

In response to a question relating to progress with construction for the Bulls reservoir, Mrs Mcilroy advised that construction would be finished by the end of April. Planning for the new rising main and new pump station is underway (which does not include the pump house). There is another year or two for the pump station.

Resolved minute number **21/RDC/025**

That Council agree to the name change for the playground at 397 Wellington Road, Marton from 'Marton Memorial Hall Playground' to 'Te Āhuru Mōwai Playground' as requested by the Marton Development Group, leading the re-development of the playground and notes the gifting of this name by Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa.

Cr Raukawa/Cr Panapa. Carried

Cr Belsham declared a conflict of interest in relation to recommendation 4 of this item and did not vote on the recommendation.

10.5 Application from Gentlemen Prestige for fee reduction to hire Te Matapihi

Ms Prince advised that Gentlemen Prestige had indicated that they would donate \$10 from all ticket sales, if they sell all of the tickets. If they do not sell all of the tickets, they will instead donate any profits. It has been brought before Council as it is outside of the Chief Executive's delegation.

Following discussion, Council decided not to reduce the hireage fee and not reduce costs.

Resolved minute number **21/RDC/026**

That Council makes no reduction in the hireage fee.

Cr Wilson/Cr Carter. Carried

10.6 Procurement of contractor for work at Mangaweka Campground

Mrs Mcilroy explained that when they tender projects with the Manawatu District Council they either get no response, or one response. Because of this, staff are recommending that Council approaches Permaloo directly.

Resolved minute number **21/RDC/027**

That the Council receives the report.

Cr Hiroa/Cr Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number **21/RDC/028**

Endorses exploring direct engagement with the Mangaweka bridge contractor and Permaloo for the Pavilion re-roof and new ablution block.

Cr Hiroa/Cr Dalgety. Carried

11 Reports for Information**11.1 Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project Consenting Strategy**

As per item 5 (Confirmation of Order of Business), item 11.1 was not discussed.

12 Minutes and Recommendations from Committees

12.1 Minutes to be received

Resolved minute number **21/RDC/029**

That the following Minutes be received:

- Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 17 February 2021
- Audit and Risk Committee, 26 November 2020
- Creative NZ Committee, 20 October 2020
- Erehon Rural Water Supply Management Committee, 08 March 2021
- Finance/Performance Committee, 25 February 2021
- Hunterville Community Committee, 01 March 2021
- Maori Land Rates Remission Sub-Committee, 08 September 2020
- Omatane Rural Water Supply Management Committee, 11 November 2020
- Policy/Planning Committee, 17 February 2021

Cr Wilson/Cr Raukawa. Carried

12.2 Recommendation from the Policy/Planning Committee Meeting 17 February 2021

Mrs Gordon advised that this recommendation is no longer required and should be deleted.

12.3 Recommendations from the Hunterville Community Committee Meeting 01 March 2021

Regarding recommendation a (*that Council advise on the frequency of the \$300.00 to Hunterville Huntaway Bulletin*):

Cr Lambert (who attended the Hunterville Community Committee meeting) advised the Hunterville Bulletin is produced monthly. Following discussion, it was agreed the Bulletin should be funded by the Small Projects Grand fund, and not by Council.

Regarding recommendation b (*that Council advise the Hunterville Community Committee on the costs and requirements to create disability access to the Hunterville town hall*):

Cr Belsham requested staff to provide some costings to the Hunterville Community Committee.

Regarding recommendation d (*that Council supports the Hunterville St John new build and puts an amount into the LTP for consultation*):

It was agreed this needs to be submitted via the Long Term Plan submission process and that Council would not support the recommendation

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/030

- a. The Hunterville Community Committee recommends to Council that they advise on the frequency of the \$300.00 to Hunterville Huntaway Bulletin.

Cr Wilson/Cr Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/031

- b. The Hunterville Community Committee recommends to Council that they advise the Hunterville Community Committee on the costs and requirements to create disability access to the Hunterville town hall.

Cr Lambert/Cr Dalgety. Carried

Recommendation (left to lie)

- c. The Hunterville Community Committee recommends to Council that they advise business owner, based on results of survey. The current truck parking spaces remain as they are.

Left to lie on the table.

Recommendation (left to lie)

- d. The Hunterville Community Committee recommends to Council that they support the Hunterville St John new build and recommends an amount is put in the LTP for consultation.

Left to lie on the table.

Recommended (left to lie)

- e. The Hunterville Community Committee recommends to Council that they provide an alternate option to meetings via zoom.

Left to lie on the table.

13 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session at 4.39 pm.

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/032

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

1. Confirmation of Minutes (Public Excluded)
2. Follow-up Actions (Public Excluded) from Previous Meeting
3. Option to Purchase Property in Bulls
4. Kensington Road, Marton – Proposals for balance of land held
5. Bulls Town Square – Extension of Area

Cr Hiroa/Cr Wilson. Carried

14 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session at 5.18 pm.

Resolved minute number **21/RDC/043**

Cr Lambert/Cr Carter. Carried

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The Meeting closed at 5.18 pm.