

# MINUTES

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** Thursday, 29 April 2021

**Time:** 1.00 pm

**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Rangitikei District Council  
46 High Street  
Marton

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**Present:** His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson  
Cr Nigel Belsham  
Cr Cath Ash  
Cr Brian Carter  
Cr Fi 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  
Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager – Community Services  
Mrs Sharon Grant, Group Manager – People and Culture  
Mr Arno Benadie, Group Manager – Assets and Infrastructure  
Mr Graeme Pointon, Strategic Property Advisor  
Mr John Jones, Roading Manager  
Mrs Jess Mcilroy, Senior Project Manager - Infrastructure  
Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Administrator

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## 7 Follow up Action Items from Previous Meeting

Mr Benadie advised that the original scope for interior painting in the Marton Memorial Hall was for two toilets. As part of the new contract, staff will now also paint the walls, ceiling and everything above the wooden wall panelling.

Mr Benadie advised that the RSA has made some changes to their request for signage – he will bring an update on this to the Council meeting in May.

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/054**

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

Cr Lambert/Cr Duncan. Carried

## 8 Mayor's Report

### 8.1 Mayors Report - April 2021

#### Hastings District Council

The Mayor noted that Hastings District Council had put a lot of funding into housing and the rebuild of the opera house. Mr Beggs advised that he has made a request to the Chief Executive of the Hastings District Council for Ms Prince and other staff to visit them to look at their approach to housing.

#### Three Waters Reform

The Mayor advised that there were difficulties with engaging the public on this issue currently, as the Council does not have all of the information at hand. There will be a national consultation period in quarter three of this year, after which it should become easier for Council to provide more advice to constituents.

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/055**

That the Mayor's report be received.

HWTM/Cr Gordon. Carried

#### **Recommendation**

That Council supports the remit from Manawatu District Council.

Cr Belsham/Cr Ash. Carried

## 9 Chief Executive's Report

### 9.1 Chief Executive's Report

#### CouncilMARK





In response to a question regarding the similarities/overlap of proposals 3 and 4, Mr Beggs clarified that proposal 3 is about the tools that can be used to enforce regulations, while proposal 4 is about the regulations themselves.

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/060**

That the report Draft Submission: Supporting Sustainable Freedom Camping in Aotearoa New Zealand Discussion Document be received.

Cr Hiroa/Cr Carter. Carried

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/061**

That Council approves (with amendment: noting that the Council did not support proposal 1, but did support proposals 2, 3 and 4) the submission on the Sustainable Freedom Camping in Aotearoa New Zealand Discussion Document.

Cr Wilson/Cr Belsham. Carried

Council adjourned the meeting at 3.05pm and re-convened at 3.17pm.

### **10.3 Marton Rail Hub - Signing of Contract for Construction of Rail Siding and Access Road**

Mrs Mcilroy advised that staff are seeking approval to progress with the project without needing to come back to Council. Mr Beggs advised that this only applies if the amount is fully funded under the \$9.1m contract. If it is partially funded, it will come back to Council.

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/062**

1. That the report Marton Rail Hub - Signing of Contract for Construction of Rail Siding and Access Road be received.

Cr Wilson/Cr Hiroa. Carried

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/063**

2. That Council approves to commit resources to support the Marton Rail Hub project (or as otherwise named), as defined by IRG funding agreement R06.02978 (per resolution made on 22 October 2020), and for which Council is to receive \$9.1M in grant funding. Any such commitment will not extend beyond those made within the IRG agreement.

Cr Wilson/Cr Carter. Carried

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/064**

3. That Council approve for contracts that exceed \$250,000 but are fully funded by the IRG agreement can be signed and executed by the Chief Executive, subject to each contract being externally legally reviewed and being supported by the Project Advisory Board.

Cr Belsham/Cr Hiroa. Carried

### **10.4 Signing of Contract for Regional Treatment Plant Consenting Programme**

Mrs Mcilroy explained that the purpose of this programme was to streamline the delivery of consents for treatment plants.

In response to a question regarding the Three Waters Reform and potential impact on this contract, Mrs Mcilroy advised that there are mechanisms in the contract that allow staff to make amendments if the future landscape of water changes.

In response to a question regarding the content of the contract, Mrs Mcilroy advised that it does not include changes in detailed design for the treatment plants, but revolves around administrative changes to the consent process. Iwi and the Horizons Regional Council were consulted on this.

The Mayor advised that this contract covers the cost of Council preparing consent applications – it does not cover the total cost of getting a consent.

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/065**

That the Signing of Contract for Regional Treatment Plant Consenting Programme be received.

Cr Hiroa/Cr Dalgety. Carried

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/066**

That the Chief Executive be authorised to enter into a contract with WSP New Zealand Ltd for a maximum of \$415,000, including \$105,000 contingency, for the Regional Treatment Plant Consenting Programme, noting that the contract allows for removal of projects from the scope if future anticipated budgets are not approved.

Cr Gordon/Cr Panapa. Carried

## **10.5 Rangitikei District Council Contract No 980 Road Maintenance - Three Year Extension**

Mr Jones advised that Higgins Contractors Limited had met the performance criteria stipulated by Council. Staff have analysed the market as part of the procurement strategy, and resources in this industry are currently limited. Mr Beggs stated that in the procurement strategy produced by Council in September 2020, it was established that Council would extend this contract by three years if Higgins met the performance criteria.

In response to questions regarding the tender process after the end date of the contract and extension (2024), Mr Jones advised that Assets and Infrastructure will complete their own procurement strategy (no consultants) and do a thorough analysis of the market. They will then bring a report to Council. This would need to be approved by Waka Kotahi before going out to tender.

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/067**

That the report Rangitikei District Council Road Maintenance Contract: 980: Three Year Extension be received.

Cr Wilson/Cr Belsham. Carried

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/068**

That Council approves the three year extension of the Road Maintenance Contract 980 to Higgins Contractors Limited up to a value of \$32,969,150 + GST for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2024. Subject to Council's adoption of the draft 2021-31 Ten Year Plan.

Cr Wilson/Cr Gordon. Carried







## 13 Minutes and Recommendations from Committees

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/074**

That the following minutes be received:

- Finance/Performance Committee, 25 March 2021
- Audit/Risk Committee, 25 March 2021
- Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa, 6 April 2021
- Bulls Community Committee, 10 March 2021 (as per previous item)
- Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 8 April 2021
- Community Grants Sub-Committee, 9 April 2021
- Taihape Community Board, 14 April 2021

HWTM/Cr Wilson. Carried

## 14 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 3.15 pm.

### Resolution to Exclude the Public

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/075**

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

1. 7 Poplar Grove, Bulls – Encroachment on Legal Road
2. Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes - 25 March 2021
3. Public Excluded Minutes from Committees

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987* for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
<b>1.1 - 7 Poplar Grove, Bulls – Encroachment on Legal Road</b>	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	S48(1)(a)(i)
<b>1.2 - Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes – 25 March 2021</b>	To enable the local authority holding the information to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons) and	S48(1)(a)(i)

	enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations – section 7(2)(a and i).	
<b>1.3 - Public Excluded Minutes From Committees</b>	That the exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the local authority to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation in any proceedings to which this paragraph applies.	S48(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 Belsham/Cr Dalgety. Carried

## 15 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session at 4.30 pm, and continued with item 10.4 “Signing of Contract for Regional Treatment Plant Consenting Programme”.

**The Meeting closed at 5.17pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 May 2021.**

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**Chairperson**