



ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 24 June 2021

Time: 1.00 pm

- Venue: Council Chamber Rangitīkei District Council 46 High Street Marton
- 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 Cr Coral Raukawa
- In attendance: Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive (via Zoom) Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager – Corporate Services Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager – Community Services Mrs Sharon Grant, Group Manager – People and Culture Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor Mr Graeme Pointon, Strategic Property Advisor Mrs Jess Mcilroy, Senior Project Manager Ms Adina Foley, Project Manager Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Administrator

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1 Welcome

The Mayor opened the meeting at 1.01 pm.

2 Apologies

Cr Wilson offered apologies for his early departure from the meeting.

3 Public Forum

There were no public forum presenters.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Dalgety declared a conflict of interest in relation to the Waiver of Fees for the Hunterville Sport and Recreation Trust (Item 9 – Chief Executive's Report). The Mayor accepted the conflict of interest.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

A late item (Correction to Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2021/22) was discussed after item 13 (Recommendations from Committees) and before item 14 (Public Excluded).

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Council Minutes

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/159

That the minutes of Council's meeting held on 27 May 2021, without amendment, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham/Cr Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number

21/RDC/160

That the minutes of Council's meeting held on 09 June 2021, without amendment, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham/Cr Gordon. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

The Mayor advised that he has taken Council's concerns about the reduction in Waka Kotahi funding to LGNZ (Local Government New Zealand).

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/161

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

Cr Hiroa/Cr Wilson. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - June 2021

In response to a question about the Mayor's meeting with Linda Stewart (from Waka Kotahi), the Mayor advised that Waka Kotahi were not keen to enter into a discussion over the Napier-Taihape Road.

The Mayor elaborated on his planned excursion on 29 June to land-locked land in Taihape. Hon Nanaia Mahuta (Minister for Local Government) has advised the Mayor that they do believe land-locked land is important, but that it will not be managed by them. They have passed it on to another ministry.

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/162

That the 'Mayor's Report – June 2021' be received.

HWTM/Cr Hiroa. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - June 2021

Fencing of Tutaenui Stream

In response to a query about degradation of the stream, Mr Benadie advised that this was due to the stream drying out in summer and its only flow being treated wastewater.

Mr Beggs advised that there had been miscommunication between staff and the Tutaenui River Restoration Society regarding the construction of a foot bridge that crosses the spillway of the dam. This has had an amicable outcome, with Council staff and the Restoration Society both accepting partial responsibility and agreeing to improve on their communication in future.

Roading Maintenance

In response to a query, Mr Benadie confirmed that contractors are responsible for work quality and any remedy costs. These expectations are formalised within contractual obligations. Companies are able to sub-contract, but responsibility for meeting these expectations remain with the primary contractor.

Naming of new Taihape Amenities building

It was suggested that Council staff consider incorporating a cultural component to this build. For example, the Taihape Fire Station rebuild had considered putting in a Mauri stone. There was support from other Councillors for this concept, and staff will liaise with the project management team to explore further options.

Regarding the naming of the building, Council agreed that there would need to be consultation with both the wider community and local iwi. It was unknown whether the land was gifted to Council by private owners at some point in the past, staff will investigate this.

Taihape Papakai Park Donations

There was some discussion about the legality of collecting fees on Department of Conservation land. It was explained that any donations would go to the Friends of Taihape Society (a registered charity) and internal stakeholders. Council agreed that the Department of Conservation should be approached for advice.

Rural Water Schemes query

In response to a query about the present state of the Rural Water Supply Committee's, specifically with regards to the accuracy and reliability of their financials, Mr Beggs acknowledged this had been an issue with the Schemes in the past, and that Mr Hodder was conducting an investigation into the financials for all three schemes. The results of this are expected soon and staff will prepare reports for each scheme once the new information is received.

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/163

That the Chief Executive's Report - June 2021, be received.

Cr Dalgety/Cr Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number

That pursuant to Section 327A Local Government Act 1974 Council authorises the Building Line restriction on 20 Marumaru Street, Marton, be cancelled.

21/RDC/164

Cr Wilson/Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number

21/RDC/165

That Council approves the request from the Hunterville Sport and Recreation Trust for waiving 100% of the cost of their building consent, which is \$4,878.45.

Cr Hiroa/Cr Lambert. Carried

Recommendation

That Council approves the use of an electronic payment/donation system and accompanying signage to collect donations for using the tracks/parks etc, that have been upgraded, with all donations received being directed to the Friends of Taihape Society, subject to consultation with the Department of Conservation.

Cr Gordon/Cr Duncan. Withdrawn

Amendment:

That Council *investigates* the use of an electronic payment/donation system and accompanying signage to collect donations for using the tracks/parks etc, that have been upgraded, with all donations received being directed to the Friends of Taihape Society, subject to consultation with the Department of Conservation.

Cr Belsham/Cr Gordon. Carried

The amendment was *Carried* and became the substantive motion, below:

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/166

That Council investigates the use of an electronic payment/donation system and accompanying signage to collect donations for using the tracks/parks etc, that have been upgraded, with all donations received being directed to the Friends of Taihape Society, subject to consultation with the Department of Conservation.

Cr Gordon/Cr Duncan. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Changing Rooms - Te Matapihi, Bulls Community Centre

Ms Foley advised that Option 2 (Under the stage with modifications) overcomes several issues, such as access to the stage and the ease of moving stairs. There would be no requirement to excavate under the stage.

There were diverging opinions around whether the height of the space under the stage was sufficient to be used as a changing room. It was noted that most users will be children.

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/167

That the report 'Changing Rooms - Te Matapihi, Bulls Community Centre' be received.

Cr Dalgety/Cr Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number

21/RDC/168

That Council endorse Option 2, and request staff complete further cost analysis and report back to the next Council meeting.

HWTM/Cr Carter. Carried

10.2 Rangitīkei Beyond 2050: Project Scope

In response to a query, Ms Gray confirmed that public consultation would take place concurrently with the Advisory Group's work. The Advisory Group would operate with a workshop-style approach, and there would be a significant time commitment from members for both attending meetings and reviewing written material. Ms Gray advised that there will likely be monthly meetings. The Mayor advised elected members that they need to be certain that they are able to commit to the full process before volunteering.

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/169

That the report 'Rangitīkei Beyond 2050: Project Scope' be received.

Cr Gordon/Cr Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/170

That Council endorse the Rangitīkei Beyond 2050 Project Scope.

Cr Hiroa/Cr Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number

21/RDC/171

That Council establishes an Advisory Group for the Rangitīkei Beyond 2050 project comprising of the following elected members:

- His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
- Cr Gill Duncan
- Cr Fi Dalgety
- Cr Waru Panapa
- Cr Angus Gordon

And up to five members from Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa, nominated by the Komiti Chair.

Cr Panapa/Cr Raukawa. Carried

10.3 Small Projects Funds - Bull and Marton Community Committees

Council unanimously voted in favour of carrying-forward the unspent funds for the Marton Community Committee. It was noted that the Committee had been unable to meet in recent months, and that it would be unfair to only carry-forward one year's allocation.

In the interest of fairness, Council subsequently agreed to carry-forward the total unspent funds for the Bulls Community Committee, noting that this Committee had also struggled to meet recently.

Resolved minute number

21/RDC/172

That Council approves the carry-forward of \$1,254 (one year's allocation) for the Bulls Community Committee's Small Projects Fund.

Cr Carter/Cr Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/173

That Council approves the carry-forward of \$6,723.50 (unspent funds for the 2020/21 financial year) for the Marton Community Committee's Small Projects Fund, acknowledging that this is inconsistent with resolution 16/FPE/010 (allowing up to one year's allocation).

Cr Belsham/Cr Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/174

That Council approves the donation of \$1,000 to the Wilson Park Development Group, to come out of the Marton Community Committee's Small Projects Fund (2021/22 budget).

Cr Belsham/Cr Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number

21/RDC/175

That Council approves the carry-forward of \$647.90 (the unspent funds that were not carried-forward in recommendation 1) for the Bulls Community Committee's Small Projects Fund, acknowledging that this is inconsistent with resolution 16/FPE/010 (allowing up to one year's allocation).

Cr Carter/Cr Raukawa. Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 3.02 pm and re-convened at 3.18 pm.

Cr Dave Wilson left the meeting at 3.15 pm.

10.4 Local Government New Zealand 2021 Annual General Meeting Remits

The Mayor explained that if a remit is passed by LGNZ, they will then advocate this view to central government on behalf of local authorities.

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/176

That the report Local Government New Zealand 2021 Annual General Meeting Remits be received.

Cr Raukawa/Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/177

That Rangitikei District Council does not support the 'Tree Protection' remit.

Cr Duncan/Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/178

That the Rangitikei District Council supports the 'Rating Value of Forestry Land' remit.

Cr Belsham/Cr Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number

21/RDC/179

Cr Raukawa/Cr Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/180

That the Rangitikei District Council gives delegation to His Worship the Mayor to decide on whether to support or not support the 'Promoting local government election participation' remit.

Cr Carter/Cr Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/181

That the Rangitikei District Council supports the 'Carbon emission inventory standards and reduction targets' remit.

Cr Gordon/Cr Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/182

That the Rangitikei District Council supports the 'WINZ Accommodation Supplement' remit.

Cr Duncan/Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/183

That the Rangitikei District Council supports the 'Liability – Building consent functions' remit.

Cr Belsham/Cr Duncan. Carried

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Project Management Office Report - June 2021

Mrs Mcilroy advised Council that a recent fire at the Taihape grandstand had caused a small amount of damage.

The Mayor advised that the Horizons Regional Council had wanted the sheet piling at the historic landfill on Putorino road to remain in place permanently. This would come at a considerable cost to Council, as the sheet piling is currently being hired.

Mrs Mcilroy said that contractors had found some contamination at the historic landfill near the bottom and back of the excavation, which will be removed.

21/RDC/184

Resolved minute number

That the Project Management Office Report - June 2021 be received.

Cr Dalgety/Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number

21/RDC/185

That elected members wish to review the developed design for the Taihape Amenities Building.

Cr Dalgety/Cr Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/186

That His Worship the Mayor and the Chief Executive meet urgently with the Chair and Chief Executive of Horizons Regional Council to expediate a resolution to the outstanding issues of the historical landfill remediation on Putorino Road.

Cr Belsham/Cr Gordon. Carried

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees for Council Receipt

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/187

That the following Minutes are received:

- Finance/Performance Committee, 27 May 2021
- Audit & Risk, 27 May 2021
- Creative New Zealand Committee, 03 June 2021
- Santoft Domain Management Committee, 25 May 2021
- Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti, 08 June 2021
- Turakina Reserve Management Committee, 03 June 2021
- Hunterville Community Committee, 01 June 2021
- Turakina Community Committee, 03 June 2021

Cr Hiroa/Cr Lambert. Carried

13 Recommendations from Committees

13.1 Recommendation from the Turakina Community Committee meeting 03 June 2021

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number

21/RDC/188

That Council considers the below recommendation from the Turakina Community Committee meeting held on 03 June 2021 (this item is to be considered as a part of today's agenda):

a. That remaining funds in the Turakina Community Committee Small Projects Fund are carried-forward to the 2021/22 financial year.

Cr Panapa/Cr Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number

21/RDC/189

That Council approves the carry-forward of up to \$61 for the Turakina Community Committee's Small Projects Fund.

Cr Carter/Cr Hiroa. Carried

13.2 Recommendation from the Taihape Community Board meeting 16 June 2021

Council agreed to carry-forward one year's allocation only.

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/190

That Council considers the below recommendation from the Taihape Community Board meeting held on 16 June 2021 (this item is to be considered as a part of today's agenda):

a. That the Taihape Community Board requests that the Council carry-forward the unspent funds (from the Taihape Community Board's Small Projects Fund) at 30 June 2021 to the 2021/2022 year to allow uncompleted projects to be completed.

Cr Carter/Cr Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/191

That Council approves the carry-forward of \$5,379 (one year's allocation) for the Taihape Community Board's Small Projects Fund.

Cr Belsham/Cr Carter. Carried

Late Item Correction to Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2021/22

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/192

That Council agrees to accept the late item "Late Item – Correction to Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2021/22" to be dealt with at the Council meeting on 24 June 2021, under the provision 9.12 of the Standing Orders – Items of business not on the agenda which cannot be delayed.

HWTM/Cr Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number

21/RDC/193

That Council agrees to correct the error in the Dog Registration Fees section of the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2021/22, page 20, and this be updated to: *"Fee capped at \$220 for owners with five or more working dogs"*.

HWTM/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

14 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session at 4.07 pm.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/194

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

- 1. Council Minutes (Public Excluded) 27 May 2021
- 2. Proposed Project Advisory Board Members Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project
- 3. Retirement and Appointment of Four Regions Trust (Formerly Powerco Wanganui Trust) Trustee
- 4. Audit and Risk Minutes (Public Excluded) 27 May 2021

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
1.1 - Council Minutes (Public Excluded) – 27 May 2021	s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(f)(i) - Free and frank expression of opinions s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities	s48(1)(a)(i)
1.2 - Proposed Project Advisory Board Members - Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project	s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
1.3 - Retirement and Appointment of Four Regions Trust (Formerly Powerco Wanganui Trust) Trustee	s7(2)(a) - Privacy	s48(1)(a)(i)
1.4 - Audit and Risk Minutes (Public Excluded) – 27 May 2021	s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(f)(i) - Free and frank expression of opinions s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities	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 Carter/Cr Panapa. Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 4.07 pm and re-convened at 4.09 pm.

15 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 4.34 pm.

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/204

That the public excluded meeting move into an open meeting, and the following recommendations be confirmed in the open meeting.

21/RDC/195 - 21/RDC/203

Cr Duncan/Cr Carter. Carried

The meeting closed at 4.35 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 July 2021.

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Chairperson