

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 24 June 2021

Time: 1.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei 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.

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

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**

That the Rangitikei District Council supports the 'Funding of Civics Education' remit.

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.

Resolved minute number **21/RDC/184**

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

