

# MINUTES

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING (VIA ZOOM)

**Date:** Thursday, 26 August 2021

**Time:** 1.00 pm

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

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Present

- HWTM, Andy Watson
- Cr Nigel Belsham
- Cr Brian Carter
- Cr Fi Dalgety
- Cr Gill Duncan
- Cr Angus Gordon
- Cr Richard Lambert
- Cr Tracey Hiroa
- Cr Waru Panapa
- Cr Dave Wilson
- Cr Cath Ash

In attendance

- Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
- Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer
- 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
- Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner
- Mrs Jess Mcilroy, Operations Manager
- Ms Adina Foley, Project Manager
- Mr George Forster, Policy Advisor
- Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Administrator

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Bulls & Districts Historical Society – Request to Lease the Old Bulls Library

In response to a query, Mr Beggs confirmed that the Bulls & Districts Historical Society would be responsible for continuing maintenance if the lease is granted to them.

In response to a query, the Mayor advised that this building was not one of the buildings earmarked for potential sale for cost recovery of Te Matapihi.

Council agreed that it would be useful to have more information about the history of the building – whether there were any previous Council resolutions relating to its usage and what the Bulls & Districts Society’s vision for it is. Mr Beggs noted that there was meant to be a public forum representation on this request that would have provided more information, but this was unfortunately cancelled due to COVID-19 lockdown restrictions.

In response to a query, Mr Beggs advised that the greenspace at Te Matapihi is not currently available for the erection of the Chris Amon statue, as artwork is going to be installed by Ngati Parewahawaha.

Cr Panapa advised that himself, Cr Carter and Cr Raukawa had met with Mr Paul Sharland (via Zoom) and saw a preview of the presentation that Mr Sharland was going to present. Cr Panapa felt that the group had very positive aspirations for the venue, and that they were doing their due diligence regarding the structural integrity of the building.

Council requested that staff gather more information about this request and present it back to Council at the next Council meeting.

Mokai Patea Services – Application for Concession

In response to a query, Mr Beggs advised that this application was for the duration of the national COVID-19 vaccination programme, as this is the reason that they are unable to use their regular venue.

Civil Defence and Emergency Management (CDEM) Covid-19 Alert Level 4 Response

Mrs Grant updated Council on staffs response to the recent COVID-19 outbreak and civil restrictions. A written version of this update is attached to these minutes as an annex.

Mr Beggs advised Council that he had authorised a sum of \$5,000 to be used at the discretion of on-duty incident controllers, for the purpose of meeting immediate food security needs for Food Pantry’s. In response to a query about equally dispersing these funds across town centres in the district, Mr Beggs advised that he had not formulated any rules or conditions for this fund, and that it could be used by the on-duty incident controllers at their discretion and where most needed.

**Resolved minute number****21/RDC/237**

That the Chief Executive’s Report – August 2021 be received.

Cr N Belsham/Cr C Ash. Carried

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/238**

That Council approves the request from the Marton Arts & Crafts Centre for waiving 100% of the cost of their building consent fee, which is \$772.

Cr C Ash/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/239**

With respect to the request from the Bulls & Districts Historical Society to lease the Old Bulls Library for \$1 per year, for the next 99 years, that this be left to lie on the table until we have more information and the Bulls and District Museum can present to Council at public forum.

Cr C Ash/Cr B Carter. Carried

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/240**

That Council, in considering the concession application from Mokai Patea Services for usage of the Kokako St Hall for the duration of the COVID-19 vaccination rollout, utilising the hospital site, agrees to reduce the hireage fee to zero.

Cr G Duncan/Cr A Gordon. Carried

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/241**

That Council commends and recognises both Mokai Patea and Ngati Wairiki Ngati Apa for their contribution to the vaccination programme and their assistance with the COVID response.

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried

## 10 Reports for Decision

### 10.1 Representation Review - Adoption of Initial Proposal

#### Representation Review - background

Ms Gray provided some context to this process. The review was triggered by Council's decision to adopt Māori wards, although it was noted that this does not reduce the need for the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti, who will continue to take the lead in representing iwi and hapu within the Rangitikei District. All four options being presented to Council include two Māori wards. The Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti and Ratana Community Board both endorsed Option B.

Staff would seek guidance from the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti about naming the wards during the consultation period.

An error in the report was noted: Para 2 of Recommendation 2 originally stated "... elected by the whole *Taihape Ward*". This part of the recommendation has been corrected in the minutes document to "... elected by the whole *Taihape Community Board area*".

In response to a query, Ms Gray confirmed that the endorsed option will go out for formal consultation, and that the three remaining options will still be available for consideration depending on public feedback.

Community Boards

Cr Panapa advised that the local community at Ratana Pa had a long history of engagement with the Ratana Community Board, and that the Board provided the community with an important voice.

Four options for future Wards structure

It was generally felt by elected members that Option B provided the best ward structure moving forwards. It was noted that the district is a very diverse one, geographically spread out and would benefit from having 12 elected members, rather than a smaller number. There were a couple of dissenting views to this, and a concern expressed that 12 was a high number for the districts population size.

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/242**

That the report 'Representation Review – Adoption of Initial Proposal' be received.

Cr A Gordon/Cr N Belsham. Carried

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/243**

That Council has the following arrangements as its Initial Proposal for the 2021 Representation Review of the Rangitikei District:

- A Community Board for Ratana, retaining the same boundaries as at present, having four members elected by the whole Ratana Community Board area and one appointed member (one of the Southern Ward Councillors).
- A Community Board for Taihape, retaining the same boundaries as at present, having four members elected by the whole Taihape Community Board area and two appointed members (rotated annually around the Northern Ward Councillors).

Cr W Panapa/Cr C Ash. Carried

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/244**

That Council adopt Option B as the initial proposal:

Ward	Population	No. of Councillors per Ward	Population per Councillor	Deviation from average	% deviation
<b>General Wards</b>					
Northern	2,800	2	1,400	-33	-2.33%
Central	6,960	5	1,392	-41	-2.88%
Southern	3,140	2	1,570	137	9.54%
<b>Total General</b>	<b>12,900</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1,433</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Māori Wards</b>					
Northern	1,450	1	1,450	15	1.05%
Southern	1,420	1	1,420	-15	-1.05%
<b>Total Māori</b>	<b>2,870</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1,435</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>District Total</b>	<b>15,770</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>















