

# MINUTES

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** 30 September and 07 October 2021

**Time:** 1.00 pm

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

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Present

HWTM, Andy Watson (30 September 2021 only)  
Cr Nigel Belsham  
Cr Brian Carter (*via Zoom*)  
Cr Fi Dalgety (*via Zoom*)  
Cr Gill Duncan (*via Zoom*)  
Cr Angus Gordon (*via Zoom*)  
Cr Richard Lambert (*via Zoom*)  
Cr Tracey Hiroa (*via Zoom*)  
Cr Dave Wilson  
Cr Cath Ash (*via Zoom*)  
Cr Coral Raukawa (*via Zoom*)

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 (*via Zoom*)  
Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager - Corporate Services  
Mrs Sharon Grant, Group Manager - People and Culture  
Mrs Jess Mcilroy, Operations Manager  
Mr John Jones, Roading Manager  
Mr Graeme Pointon, Strategic Property Advisor (*via Zoom*)  
Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

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## 1 Welcome

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting at 1.01 pm.

## 2 Apologies

No apologies.

Cr Raukawa joined the meeting at 1.12 pm.

## 3 Public Forum

Mr Paul Sharland and Mr Russell Harris, from the Bulls and District Historical Trust presented at 1.02 pm:

Mr Sharland and Mr Harris showed Council a presentation that they tabled at the meeting. They explained that the Trust would like to take over the old Bulls Library building and transform it into a war memorial. The building used to be the old war memorial and the archway includes the names of soldiers lost in World War One. The NZ Army have indicated that they will assist the Trust with the project if it goes ahead. They intend to install a Chris Amon statue at the front of the site.

In response to a query, Mr Sharland confirmed that the Trust have the endorsement of the Bulls Museum Committee.

Ms Delwyn Hakaria (*via Zoom*) presented at 1.12 pm:

Ms Hakaria showed Council a presentation on proposed artwork at Te Matapihi. She also advised Council members who the artists were who would complete this work.

Cr Wilson asked if there were any plans for the corner of the greenspace section. Ms Hakaria advised that it was a small area and often used by members of the public, and so they did not intend to make use of it.

Cr Belsham asked if Ngāti Apa had been included in the design process. Ms Hakaria advised that Ngāti Apa had input into the interior of the building.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Dalgety declared a conflict of interest in relation to the Funding Request from the Hunterville Sport and Recreation Trust (item 9, Chief Executive's Report). Cr Dalgety is the chairperson of the Trust. The Mayor thanked Cr Dalgety and advised that she would be excluded from any vote in relation to this topic.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Mr Michael McCartney and Mr Craig Nash joined the meeting at 1.58 pm to provide an update on Accelerate 25 (item 12.1).

A late item “Marton to Bulls Wastewater Pipeline and Bulls Water Rising Main – Construction Contract” was dealt with during the Public Excluded agenda for 30 September 2021.

A late item “Engagement of External Agency to Conduct Chief Executive Performance Review – 2021” was dealt with during the Public Excluded agenda for 07 October 2021.

The Council meeting took place over two days, 30 Sep 21 and 07 Oct 21. The chronological order of items dealt with during the meeting are listed below:

**30 Sep 21** – items 1 to 10.2 as per the agenda order, then 10.4, 10.5, 10.6, 11.3, 15 (Public Excluded items), 10.3, 10.6 and 11.1.

**07 Oct 21** – items 11.2, 11.4, 13.1, 14.1 and 17 (Public Excluded late item).

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

### 6.1 Confirmation of Council Minutes

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/283**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 26 August 2021, without amendment, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the Mayor’s electronic signature be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Cr N Belsham/Cr D Wilson. Carried

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/284**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 09 September 2021, without amendment, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the Mayor’s electronic signature be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Cr N Belsham/Cr D Wilson. Carried

## 7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

### 7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Taken as read.

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/285**

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

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Cr T Hiroa/Cr A Gordon. Carried

## 8 Mayor's Report

### 8.1 Mayor's Report - September 2021

The Mayor advised that the Marton Christian Welfare Council had distributed approximately \$180,000 to the Marton Community in the last year noting this was an amazing effort.

There was a consensus among elected members that issues relating to forestry plantations in the Tararua and Wairoa Districts also applied to the Rangitikei District.

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/286**

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

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/287**

That Council agrees to be part of the collaborative approach to increase forestry planting throughout New Zealand and advises the Mayors of Tararua District and Wairoa District of our agreement, noting there will be a funding contribution of \$5,000.

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried

## 9 Chief Executive's Report

### 9.1 Chief Executive's Report - September 2021

#### Application to Pub Charity

Mrs Gordon and Ms Prince advised that the Community Development team will also be using some of the funding (between 50 – 100% of the total funding) that had been allocated to Project Marton.

In response to a query, Ms Prince advised that staff will consider what key events that Project Marton were planning to run, supported by Council. She also noted that there is a possibility of another community group forming – to replace Project Marton.

Ms Prince will prepare a report for the October 2021 Council meeting regarding Project Marton and the community projects in Marton that they were responsible for.

#### Funding Request – Hunterville Sport and Recreation Trust

Cr Dalgety explained that there is a lot of work that needs to be done on the pool and that there are potential savings to be made by completing several pieces of work at the same time (such as only

having to empty the pool once). The Trust has raised \$173,000 from a local trust, but they are running out of avenues to apply to for external funding.

Council discussed the option of taking the money out of another budget (as it would be unbudgeted otherwise), but Mr Beggs advised that staff had not had sufficient time to investigate this properly. Council also suggested the possibility of loan-funding the funds and writing it off in the next annual plan, but staff were unable to provide any comment or advice on this at this stage.

Ms Prince will prepare a report on the Hunterville swimming pool for the 28 Oct 21 Council meeting, including advice on an option around loan-funding.

At 1.58 pm Council brought forward the Presentation from Horizons Regional Council (item 12.1). The Chief Executive's Report resumed after this was completed at 2.33 pm, as below:

#### Request for Continuation of Rating Remission – 85 Hendersons Line

In response to a query, the Mayor confirmed that the site's primary purpose was for education.

There was some discussion about the sites purpose and whether this included a commercial operation. Cr Raukawa advised that Ngāti Apa's commercial division is not based at 85 Hendersons Line, and that the site delivers educational and health services.

#### Hereford Heights – Road Names

In response to a query, the Mayor advised that Council does not currently have a list or register of notable families or people, etc, that can be referred to for road naming. Mrs Gordon advised that a Road Naming Policy would come to Council for review in the future, and that the policy would contain that information.

#### **Resolved minute number                          21/RDC/288**

That the Chief Executive's Report – September 2021 be received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr B Carter. Carried

#### **Resolved minute number                          21/RDC/289**

That Council approves a rates remission to Te Runanga o Ngā Wairiki – Ngāti Apa of 100% for all rates (other than utility services) and 50% on rates for utility services, in respect of their property at 85 Hendersons Line, Marton, for a period of three years.

HWTM/Cr F Dalgety.

Amendment: ... for a period of one year.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr D Wilson. Carried

The amendment was carried and became the substantive motion, below:

That Council approves a rates remission to Te Runanga o Ngā Wairiki – Ngāti Apa of 100% for all rates (other than utility services) and 50% on rates for utility services, in respect of their property at 85 Hendersons Line, Marton, for a period of one year.

HWTM/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/290**

Subject to comment from Marton Community Committee at its meeting on 13 October 2021, Council approves the names Rayner Lane for the larger cul de sac and Kereru Court for the smaller cul de sac in Hereford Heights, Marton.

HWTM/Cr N Belsham. Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 3.02 pm and re-convened at 3.11 pm.

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/291**

That Council **approves** the stopping of the portions of Kiwi Road shown on the attached aerial overlay plan.

Cr A Gordon/Cr G Duncan. Carried

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/292**

That Council **instructs** the Chief Executive to progress the sale of the stopped road at the front boundary of 66 Kiwi Road, Taihape, noting that Council's costs of road stopping are to be paid by the purchasers through a non-refundable deposit.

Cr N Belsham/Cr D Wilson. Carried

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/293**

That Council **notes** the Better Business Case methodology has been selected by the Chief Executive to deliver the Business Case for a proposed multi-purpose Civic Centre in Marton, and that this process has started with an expected completion of December 31, 2021.

Cr N Belsham/Cr T Hiroa. Carried

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/294**

That Council **confirms** that the Chairs of the Finance and Performance committee and Assets and Infrastructure committee be appointed to assist the development of the Marton Civic Centre Business Case, using the BBC model.

HWTM/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/295**

That Council **confirms** the sequencing of Marton and Taihape Civic Centre developments is consistent with Council's Long Term Plan 2021-31, i.e. Marton 2021-25 and Taihape 2023-26.

Cr D Wilson/Cr A Gordon. Carried

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/296**



That the Council approve His Worship the Mayor to sign the Audit NZ letter relating to the proposed audit fees for the 30 June 2021 and 30 June 2022 financial years.

Cr N Belsham/Cr D Wilson. Carried

## **10 Reports for Decision**

### **10.1 Submission to Central Government on 3 Waters Reform**

The Mayor thanked councillors and staff for the work and time that had been put into this. He also thanked the Chief Executive for drafting a very balanced letter back to Hon Nanaia Mahuta.

Councillors generally agreed that the letter was well-balanced, but did make several suggested amendments which have been captured in the below resolution (21/RDC/298).

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/297**

That the Council receive the Submission to Central Government on 3 Waters Reform report.

Cr N Belsham/Cr C Ash. Carried

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/298**

That, following feedback at the Council meeting, Council approve the final submission to Central Government on the 3 Waters Reform, noting it will be sent on 01 October 2021.

HWTM/Cr R Lambert.

Amendment:

To replace para 2.d with: “it has too many layers and insufficient opportunity for local input, effective representation and ensuring accountability equally back to each council and community served”.

Cr G Duncan/Cr A Gordon. Carried

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

That, following feedback at the Council meeting, Council approve the final submission to Central Government on the 3 Waters Reform, noting it will be sent on 01 October 2021, with para 2.d being replaced with: “it has too many layers and insufficient opportunity for local input, effective representation and ensuring accountability equally back to each council and community served”.

HWTM/Cr R Lambert.

Amendment 2:

To replace the last sentence of the ‘Community Feedback’ section with: “Overwhelmingly, the vast majority of survey respondents, including feedback directly to Council’s elected members, have no confidence in this reform and are opposed to it.”

Cr C Ash/Cr N Belsham. Carried

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

That, following feedback at the Council meeting, Council approve the final submission to Central Government on the 3 Waters Reform, noting it will be sent on 01 October 2021, with para 2.d being replaced with: "it has too many layers and insufficient opportunity for local input, effective representation and ensuring accountability equally back to each council and community served", **and** that the last sentence of the 'Community Feedback' section be replaced with: "Overwhelmingly, the vast majority of survey respondents, including feedback directly to Council's elected members, have no confidence in this reform and are opposed to it."

HWTM/Cr R Lambert. Carried

The vote was unanimous.

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/299**

That the submission to central government on the 3 Waters Reform is posted on the Council website.

HWTM/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

**10.2 Lease request for former Bulls Library**

Ms Prince advised that if the lease is longer than 35 years, it will be considered as a sub-division.

There was some debate about the seismic integrity of the building, and whether public access should be prohibited until the Bulls & Districts Historical Society had completed all seismic strengthening work. Several elected members felt that while Council was effectively handing over all responsibility for the building to the Society, they still had a moral obligation to ensure that it would be safe for public access. Council sought confirmation from staff about what percentage of the New Building Standard would be required. Mrs Mcilroy advised that 34% is the legal minimum.

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/300**

That the report 'Lease request for former Bulls Library' be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr T Hiroa. Carried

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/301**

That Council enters into a lease with Bulls & Districts Historical Society Inc for the former Bulls Library building located at 73 High Street, Bulls.

Cr D Wilson/Cr T Hiroa. Carried

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/302**

That the public car parking areas at the rear of 73 High Street (Pt Lot 22 and Pt Lots 25 and 26) do not form part of a lease with Bulls & Districts Historical Society, and that they remain available as a public car parking space.

Cr G Duncan/Cr B Carter. Carried

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/303**

That due to the very high Life-Safety Risk rating, the building at 73 High Street, Bulls, is not to be opened to the public until all seismic strengthening work has been completed.

Cr D Wilson/Cr A Gordon. Carried

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/304**

That the following covenants be included in the lease documentation for the lease with Bulls & Districts Historical Society for the former Bulls Library, 73 High Street, Bulls:

1. That the term of lease be for 35 years
2. That there be a nominal rental of \$1.00 GST exclusive per year
3. That Bulls & Districts Historical Society be responsible for the maintenance and renewal of the lawn frontage and gardens
4. That Bulls & Districts Historical Society be responsible for (including funding of) all exterior and interior building maintenance and renewals, including the Memorial Arch
5. That Bulls & Districts Historical Society be responsible for (including funding of) the seismic strengthening of the building to achieve 34% Percentage of New Building Standard, and that the building is not to be opened to the public until all seismic strengthening work has been completed
6. That Bulls & Districts Historical Society is responsible for (including funding of) all services it requires, for example, electricity, gas, water, refuse removal, rates, insurance.
7. That Bulls & Districts Historical Society may not sub-lease or allow commercial benefit to occur without the prior consent of the Landlord.

Cr N Belsham/Cr D Wilson. Carried

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/305**

That if Council determines that a lease be entered into with The Society, that the Bulls community be advised that Council will not now be considering a design brief for a green space at the former Bulls Library site and that, instead, a lease is being entered into with the Bulls & Districts Historical Society Inc. to allow them to create a dedicated war memorial.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/306**

That Council permits the erection of the Chris Amon Statue on the front lawn at 73 High Street, Bulls.

Cr G Duncan/Cr B Carter. Carried

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/307**

That a B4U-Dig be obtained before final placement of the Chris Amon statue at 73 High Street, Bulls, is determined in conjunction with Council Officers, and that Bulls & Districts Historical Society be responsible for (including funding of) on-going maintenance of the statue.

HWTM/Cr B Carter. Carried

### **10.3 Health, Safety and Wellbeing Due Diligence Plan**

Taken as read.

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/308**

That the report, Health, Safety and Wellbeing Due Diligence Plan, be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/309**

That Council nominates Cr Dalgety to undertake the role of Governance Health, Safety and Wellbeing Champion for the remainder of the triennium.

Cr N Belsham/Cr T Hiroa. Carried

**10.4 Bulls Bus Lane and Town Square - Revised Construction Contract**

Mrs Mcilroy confirmed that the contract was achieved openly and that it went through a competitive process.

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/310**

That this report for the Bulls Bus Lane and Town Square be received.

)Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/311**

That Council **approve** for the Chief Executive to sign a contract with ID Loaders for the construction contract of the Bulls Bus Lane and Town Square to a value not to exceed of \$775,541.11, excl GST, which includes provision of \$50,000 variation for additional work and \$100,000 contingency.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/312**

That Council **approve** for the Chief Executive to expend the project budget not to exceed \$1,025,603 and to delegate this to staff as required.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/313**

That Council **approve** for the artefacts found onsite to be offered to iwi in consultation with Heritage New Zealand.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

**10.5 Taihape Amenities Building - Detailed Design Endorsement**

Taken as read.

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/314**

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That the report 'Taihape Amenities Building - Detailed Design Endorsement' be received.

Cr A Gordon/Cr T Hiroa. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                               **21/RDC/315**

That Council endorses the attached Taihape Amenities Building detailed design layout.

Cr A Gordon/Cr T Hiroa. Carried

### **10.6 Mangaweka Ablutions Block - Construction Contract**

In response to a query, Mrs Mcilroy advised that there were two different contingencies. The \$16,000 contingency is for known variations. The \$50,000 contingency is held outside of the construction contract, and is for unknown variations (e.g. any changes to the foundation).

In response to a query, Mrs Mcilroy advised that the existing toilet block is outside the scope of this project, but that she is aware of its considerable value and that in future this will be managed by Ms Prince's staff.

**Resolved minute number**                               **21/RDC/316**

That the report 'Mangaweka Ablutions Block - Construction Contract' be received.

Cr R Lambert/Cr T Hiroa. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                               **21/RDC/317**

That Council approves for the Chief Executive to sign a contract for the construction of the Emmett's Civil Construction for \$375,432 for the construction of the Mangaweka Ablutions Block which includes \$16,000 of provisional sums for contingency.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                               **21/RDC/318**

That Council approves the addition of \$50,000 contingency to the Mangaweka Ablutions Block project, increasing the project budget to \$425,432.

Cr D Wilson/Cr N Belsham. Carried

## **11 Reports for Information**

### **11.1 Project Management Office Report - September 2021**

#### Taihape Memorial Park Upgrade

In response to a query, Mrs Mcilroy advised that the extra \$91,000 expenditure for the Grandstand was for design, Geotech investigation and a heritage assessment.

Regional Treatment Plant Consenting Programme

Mrs Mcilroy advised that staff were uncovering more issues as they went through this programme of work. Future additional works that are required will be reported to Council.

In response to a query, Mrs Mcilroy advised that the hui planned for 18 October 2021 will be with staff from the Rangitikei District Council, staff from the Manawatu District Council, consultants and representatives from a number of iwi and hapu. The Mayor advised that he believed somebody from the governance table should be present as well.

The Mayor queried if Marton water was routinely being taken from the bore. Mr Benadie confirmed that this was not the case, although water was taken from the bore about a year ago during summer.

Council noted that there was significant public concern with Marton’s water, and that they would like staff to increase communications and engagement on the Marton Water Strategy.

**Resolved minute number**    **21/RDC/319**

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

Cr N Belsham/Cr R Lambert. Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 6.15 pm on 30 September 2021.

Cr Belsham re-opened the meeting at 1.07 pm on 07 October 2021. Cr Gordon read the Council prayer.

**07 Oct 21 Apologies**

**Resolved minute number**    **21/RDC/320**

That the apology for His Worship the Mayor be received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr T Hiroa. Carried

**11.2 Hunterville Wastewater Treatment Plant Consent**

Mrs Mcilroy advised that there are two issues preventing staff from gaining a consent; firstly that we discharge too much wastewater (volume) and secondly that we struggle to comply with the limits on nutrients. Horizons are unwilling to grant a consent due to these issues. WSP have been brought on for the Regional Treatment Plant Consenting Programme and they have advised that it is unlikely Council will be able to get a variation to the consent, meaning that a new consent will be required in the future. This new consent will likely cost somewhere in the vicinity of \$100,000 and will come from unbudgeted expenditure, although staff do not know what upgrades would be required under a new consent.

In response to a query, Mrs Mcilroy advised that we do not currently know what our receiving environment might be and that consenting strategy will provide more information on our options.

In response to a query, Mr Benadie advised that the plant is non-compliant in winter due to increased rainfall and stormwater.

Mrs Mcilroy clarified that the costings would only cover the consent, and not any required upgrades. The projected \$100,000 would cover both staff time and consultant fees.

In response to a query, Mr Benadie advised that staff were not aware of any pending abatement or infringement notice, although it is a possibility. The more that staff communicate with Horizons and show that they are proactively looking for solutions, the less likely Council will be to receive an abatement or infringement notice. Staff's goal with WSP is to completely avoid the possibility of this occurring.

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/321**

That the report 'Huntermville Wastewater Treatment Plant Consent' be received.

Cr T Hiroa/Cr A Gordon. Carried

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/322**

That Council **note** Officer's recommendation that a new Discharge Consent will be sought for Huntermville Wastewater Treatment Plant and that this consent is likely to take 1-2 years.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr G Duncan. Carried

### **11.3 Roading Program 2021/24 - Confirmation**

Mr Jones advised that Waka Kotahi had provided staff with a programme of funding. They did not approve any of the walking or cycling projects, and all the roading improvements were collated into one figure. The Mayor noted that he had spoken to Waka Kotahi and they do not seem to have funded Council for the bridge on Hereford Street. Mr Jones advised that he had spoken to Waka Kotahi about this and they had apologised for the confusion and would get this clarified.

The Mayor noted that Waka Kotahi's unexpected reduction of funding before the approval of the Long-Term Plan 2021-31, and subsequent indication that they would provide more funding back to Council (after the Long-Term Plan was approved and embedded) was going to put Council in an unpleasant position with regards to rates. Council is responsible for a part (local) share of roading projects that receive funding from Waka Kotahi, and so any subsequent offers of additional funding (now that the Long-Term Plan is completed) will either have to be refused, or funded through increased expenditure by Council.

Elected members expressed disappointment in central government on this issue, and noted that the process of funding via Waka Kotahi had been poorly done. Waka Kotahi's lack of funding for walking and cycling programmes was particularly vexing.

Mr Jones advised that once Waka Kotahi have clarified their programme of funding to the Rangitikei District, he would bring this back to Council for review. Staff will urgently pursue these issues with Waka Kotahi.

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/323**

That Council receives the report 'Roading Program 2021/24 – Confirmation'

Cr N Belsham/HWTM Carried

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/324**

That the Rangitikei District Council urgently requires clarification around the roading budgets.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

#### **11.4 Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond: Project Update**

Ms Gray advised that the advisory group had recently held their third meeting. So far they have focused on the residential environment.

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/349**

That the report 'Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond: Project Update' be received.

Cr A Gordon/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

## **12 Discussion Items**

#### **12.1 2.00pm - Presentation from Horizons Regional Council**

Mr McCartney went through their tabled presentation. Mr McCartney advised that it was no surprise that farming, including beef and sheep farming, were major areas of focus for the Manawatu-Whanganui region.

Mr Nash expanded on this and advised that in recent years there had been a concerted focus within the region to band together and advance our farming sector interests to central government. Feedback gained from stakeholders showed that people wanted to see a more leadership at a regional level and increased co-operation between councils.

The Mayor queried whether work on the rail line and forestry was being encompassed within Accelerate 25. Mr Nash advised that the Tararua forestry is included within our larger forestry aspirations for the region, and Mr McCartney advised that plans around rail in the region were generally received positively by central government, although the biggest challenge was to do with finding skilled labour – it is an area that they are focusing on.

## **13 Minutes from Committees**

#### **13.1 Minutes from Committees**

Taken as read.



**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/325**

That the following minutes are received:

- Audit and Risk Committee, 09 September 2021
- Finance/Performance Committee, 26 August 2021
- Hunterville Rural Water Scheme Sub-Committee, 20 September 2021
- Marton Community Committee, 11 August 2021
- Policy/Planning Committee, 12 August 2021

Cr T Hiroa/Cr D Wilson. Carried

## **14 Recommendations from Committees**

### **14.1 Recommendations from the Finance/Performance Committee**

It was noted that the Rates Remission Policy is due for review.

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/326**

That Council approves the below recommendation from the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 26 Aug 21.

- a. That the Finance/Performance Committee recommends Council change its insurance programme by increasing “deductible on Material Damage” from \$10k to \$250k.

Cr D Wilson/Cr T Hiroa. Carried

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/327**

That Council approves the below recommendation from the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 26 Aug 21.

- a. That the Finance/Performance Committee recommends Council change its insurance programme and remove “Material Damage additional cover”.

Cr D Wilson/Cr A Gordon. Carried

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/328**

That Council approves the below recommendation from the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 26 Aug 21.

- a. That the Finance/Performance Committee recommends to Council to further consider changes to its insurance programme, and requests staff to provide supporting information, by increasing “Infrastructure Programme deductible” from \$250,000 to \$2 Million (in 100% Terms).

Cr N Belsham/Cr G Duncan. Carried

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/329**

That Council approves the below recommendation from the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 26 Aug 21.

- a. That the Finance/Performance Committee recommends that Council consider changes to its insurance programme by removing “Motor Insurance cover”, and to consider whether there could be a separation regarding third party cover.

Cr G Duncan/Cr A Gordon. Carried

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/330**

That Council approves the below recommendation from the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 26 Aug 21.

- a. That the Finance/Performance Committee recommends that Council approves the reduction to the rates remission budget of \$100,000.

Cr D Wilson/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/331**

That Council approves the below recommendation from the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 30 Sep 21.

- a. That the Finance/Performance Committee recommends to Council that the two external assessors (Michelle Fannin and Laurel Campbell) be invited to take part on discussions, deliberations and decisions when the events sponsorship scheme and community initiatives funds grants are discussed at future Finance / Performance committee meetings.

Cr N Belsham/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

## **15 Public Excluded – 30 September 2021**

### **Resolution to Exclude the Public**

The meeting went into public excluded session at 5.11 pm.

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/332**

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

1. Confirmation of Council Minutes (Public Excluded)
2. Marton Rail Hub Consultancy Contract
3. Minutes from Committees (Public Excluded)
4. Marton to Bulls Wastewater Pipeline and Bulls Water Rising Main – Construction Contract (Late Item)

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:

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution</b>
<b>1.1 - Confirmation of Council Minutes (Public Excluded)</b>	s7(2)(b)(ii) – Commercial position s7(2)(h) – Commercial activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
<b>1.2 - Marton Rail Hub Consultancy Contract</b>	s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) – Commercial position s7(2)(h) – Commercial activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
<b>1.3 - Minutes from Committees (Public Excluded)</b>	s7(2)(b)(i) – Trade secret s7(2)(f)(i) – Free and frank expressions of opinion s7(2)(j) – Improper gain or improper advantage	s48(1)(a)(i)
<b>1.4 – Marton to Bulls Wastewater Pipeline and Bulls Water Rising Main – Construction Contract (Late Item)</b>	s7(2)(b)(ii) – Commercial position s7(2)(h) – Commercial activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	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 B Carter/Cr C Ash. Carried

## 16 Open Meeting – 30 September 2021

The meeting went into open session at 5.55 pm.

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/344**

That the public excluded meeting move into an open meeting, and the below recommendations be confirmed in the open meeting:

21/RDC/333 - 21/RDC/343

Cr G Duncan/Cr B Carter. Carried

**17 Public Excluded – 07 October 2021**

**Resolution to Exclude the Public**

The meeting went into public excluded session at 1.36 pm.

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/345**

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

1. Engagement of External Agency to Conduct Chief Executive Performance Review – 2021 (Late Item)

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
3.1 – Engagement of External Agency to Conduct Chief Executive Performance Review - 2021	s7(2)(a) – Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) – Commercial position	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 N Belsham/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

**18 Open Meeting – 07 October 2021**

The meeting went into open session at 1.44 pm, 07 October 2021.

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/346**

That the public excluded meeting move into an open meeting, and the below recommendations be confirmed in the open meeting:

21/RDC/346 - 21/RDC/347

Cr F Dalgety/Cr G Duncan. Carried

**The meeting closed at 1.45 pm on 07 October 2021.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 October 2021.**

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**Chairperson**