

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 24 November 2021

Time: 1.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

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

In attendance

Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer
Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager – Democracy and Planning
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
Mrs Jess Mcilroy, Operations Manager
Ms Adina Foley, Senior Project Manager
Ms Kezia Spence, Executive Assistant
Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome

The meeting opened at 1.01 pm.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/395

Cr Lambert intends to leave the meeting at 3.30 pm.

Cr Dalgety intends to leave the meeting at 5.00 pm.

HWTM/Cr A Gordon. Carried

3 Public Forum

No Public Forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Carter declared a conflict of interest with regards to the Bulls Bus Lane (item 10.4, Project Management Office Report – November 2021).

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, item 15.5 (Ratana Cemetery Extension) was dealt with as a late item at this meeting (during the Public Excluded session).

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Council Minutes

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/396

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 28 October 2021, as amended, 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.

Amendment: pg 10, "Ngāti Paki *and* Ngāti Hinemanu".

Cr A Gordon/Cr N Belsham. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

The Mayor noted that the water levels in the B and C dams are beginning to drop and asked if it was possible to pump water into them from the bore at an earlier stage. Mr Benadie advised that the dams have a limited capacity for spill over and they could not be filled too high.

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/397

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

Cr W Panapa/Cr B Carter. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - November 2021

The Mayor advised that regarding Mayor Campbell's letters (Ruapehu District Council) it would be worth considering access to the rail corridor as there may be significant barriers to this. It was noted that there have been numerous attempts in previous years to improve the Rangitikei Districts rail connections, and it would be worthwhile supporting Mayor Campbell's letters advocating for increased rail.

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/398

That the Mayor's Report - November 2021 be received.

HWTM/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - November 2021

Banner / Flag of the Alfred Troop of Rangitikei Cavalry Volunteers

Ms Prince advised that staff still need to locate the family of Mrs Scott (who made the banner). She will also be liaising with the curator at the Army Museum on 30 Nov 21.

2021 Christmas Parades

In response to a query, Mr Beggs confirmed that the reason staff cannot issue traffic management plans for the 2021 Christmas Parades is due to the shortened timeframe that will likely be available (due to present COVID-19 restrictions).

Stock Truck Effluent

Council agreed to advocate to Waka Kotahi for the establishment of a stock effluent disposal facility.

Age Concern Whanganui – Application for Concession

Council agreed to waive this fee. Mrs Gordon noted that the delegations register is currently being reviewed, and as part of this process staff will consider changes that will provide the Executive Management Team with the delegation to manage issues of less significance, such as concession applications for small fees.

Road Naming – Rātana Pa

Cr Panapa provided Council with some context around the proposed names. Tahupōtiki Wiremu Rātana visited Japan in 1924 and was invited to see the emperors son who was unwell in order to heal him. In 1928, Bishop Juji Nakada opened a temple and made a blessing to Rātana in acknowledgement of this event.

Iriaka Rātana was the first Māori woman elected to Parliament and the mother of two important members of the early Rātana movement. Cr Panapa noted that her role in the growth of the early movement is underrepresented and so it is good to see this acknowledgement of her.

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/399

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

Cr A Gordon/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/400

That the Rangitikei District Council, by way of the Mayor's representation on the Regional Transport Committee, asks for consideration by Waka Kotahi for a stock effluent disposal facility, as per the tabled recommendation from Ryan Thomas and Company, in support of the need for a stock effluent disposal facility, noting that there were submissions to this in the Long Term Plan 2021-31.

Cr G Duncan/Cr B Carter. Carried

Recommendation

That Council, in considering the concession application from Age Concern Whanganui for usage of the Te Matapihi hall;

- c. Makes no reduction in the hireage fee.

Cr Ash/

Lapsed for lack of a seconder

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/401

That Council, in considering the concession application from Age Concern Whanganui for usage of the Te Matapihi hall;

- a. Agrees to reduce the hireage fee to zero.

Cr D Wilson/Cr N Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/402

That Council endorse and approve the use of the following names for the Māori Roadways associated with the Rātana Pa 110 partition process:

- Roadway 1 (Rātana Pa No 110 Roadway Lot 100): Juji Nakada Rise.
- Roadway 2 (Rātana Pa No 110 Roadway Lot 103): Iriaka Crescent.

Cr D Wilson/Cr W Panapa. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Rangitikei District Council Joining Three Waters Memorandum of Understanding

Mr Beggs advised that the position this MOU takes could differ from the position of both individual councillors and Council as a whole.

In response to a query about whether signing this MOU would interfere with the Mayor's ability to advocate on behalf of Council within the Entity B board, the Mayor advised that this would not be an issue as all 22 councils under Entity B had reserved the right to have their own viewpoints.

The Mayor advised that he would not limit the amount of speakers (refer to Standing Orders, para 22.6) and would allow each elected member to speak.

Council noted that although they would have the ability to withdraw from the MOU in future, there were comments in the document that implied fiscal liability for any group operations up until the withdrawal date. Several councillors felt that this posed a risk to Councils involvement.

Although Council was generally unhappy with the position that Central Government has taken with mandating inclusion in the Three Waters Reform, it was felt that the proposed MOU would be too obstructive in its approach and there were too many unknown variables to make it worthwhile for Council to join at this stage.

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/403

That the report 'Rangitikei District Council joining Three Waters Memorandum of Understanding' be received.

Cr N Belsham/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/404

That Council does not support the Three Waters Memorandum of Understanding.

Cr D Wilson/Cr W Panapa. Carried

10.2 Adoption of Schedule of Meetings for 2022

Mrs Gordon advised that the draft Schedule of Meetings for 2022 has been distributed to the Chairs of Community Committees and Community Boards. No issues have been raised thus far.

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/405

That the report Adoption of Schedule of Meetings for 2022 be received.

HWTM/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/406

That Council adopts the schedule of meetings for 2022 without amendment.

HWTM/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

10.3 Insurance Renewals

Mr Tombs clarified the Council's premium for Motor Insurance cover. Council pays a deposit of \$30,000 annually, as part of the wider MW LASS cover. If total claims (under MW LASS) come under a particular amount, Council receives a rebate of 50% for that specific year.

In response to a query, Mr Tombs advised that Council has not claimed insurance under the Infrastructure Programme since at least 2016.

Council felt that the savings that could be gained were not sufficient to warrant the increased risk.

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/407

That Council receives the report 'Insurance Renewals'.

Cr T Hiroa/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/408

That, after consideration of the operational cost savings plan identified in the 2021/31 Long Term Plan and the consequences of amending its insurance programme, Council declines the increase in the Infrastructure Programme Deductible from \$250k to \$2m.

Cr N Belsham/Cr A Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/409

That, after consideration of the operational cost savings plan identified in the 2021-31 Long Term Plan and the consequences of amending its insurance programme, Council declines to remove its Motor Insurance cover.

Cr N Belsham/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

10.4 Project Management Office Report - November 2021**Taihape Memorial Park Upgrade**

Regarding feedback on naming suggestions for the new Amenities building, Ms Foley advised that staff have not received naming suggestions from the Taihape Community Board, and no additional feedback has been received from the Taihape Parks Users Group. Staff are meeting with iwi in Taihape regarding this topic.

Regional Treatment Plant Consenting Programme

Ms Foley advised that when the tender went out there was one component not included in the project scope for the Taihape Water Treatment Plant. Mr Beggs advised that this variation to the consenting programme technically falls outside of his delegation, although he has asked the PMO office to look at this type of issue in the future and bring a suggestion back to Council.

In response to a query, Mr Benadie advised that staff have asked WSP to look at an engineering solution to the Taihape water intake, as currently staff are unable to make this compliant due to taking in too much water (as it is an open system).

Mr Benadie noted that staff are going to investigate alternatives to ensure a security of supply and possible alternative source for Taihape water, as the pipes are old and prone to earthquake damage.

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/410

That the Project Management Office Report – November 2021 be **received**.

Cr T Hiroa/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/411

That the Chief Executive be **authorised** to approve a variation to the Regional Treatment Plant consenting programme for \$32,350 for optimisation of the Taihape Water Treatment Plant.

Cr A Gordon/Cr T Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/412

That Council recommends either:

- a. Hautapu Pavilion for the whole Amenities block, with Totara, Matai, Kahikatea, and Maire (or similar tree species names) for individual rooms
- b. Ngā Awa Block for the whole Amenities block, with Rangitikei, Hautapu, Moawhango and Kawhatau for individual rooms

and that these name suggestions be presented to the Taihape Community Board for their consideration.

HWTM/Cr R Lambert. Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 2.53 pm and re-convened at 3.10 pm.

10.5 Taihape Grandstand - Strengthening Options

Cr Lambert left the meeting at 3.30 pm.

In response to a query, Ms Foley clarified that the sum listed in this report is for construction costs (not project costs); specifically the strengthening of the building. Mr Benadie advised that a separate report staff have received indicate a cost of \$100,000 for a fire sprinkler system and \$54,000 for new power and reticulation.

In response to a query, Ms Foley advised that the four options presented in this report have not been run by the Heritage Group in Taihape or Heritage NZ for feedback. Staff will initiate engagement with these groups during the detailed design process for the preferred option.

Council noted that the \$1 million committed towards this project in the Long-Term Plan 2021-31 was to be supplemented by external funding. Mr Benadie advised that a detailed design should be completed before community groups begin applying for external funding.

Council discussed the four options presented and a majority voted for Option 1 (steel frame). Several councillors were concerned about the possibility of Heritage NZ being less likely to provide funding due to the more modern nature of steel framing over other options (such as plywood). The Mayor advised that if Heritage NZ indicated a reluctance to provide funding, this could come back to Council for a revaluation of the strengthening options. Council requested that staff liaise with Heritage NZ during the detailed design to reduce the risk of this occurring.

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/413

That the report "Taihape Grandstand – Strengthening options" be **received**.

Cr B Carter/Cr A Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/414

That Option 1 is **approved** to proceed to detailed design, which includes a fully developed design, suitable to be constructed from, and cost estimates +/-10% of expected construction cost.

Cr G Duncan/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/415

That staff are **requested** to bring a further report to Council at the end of detailed design of the chosen option, including cost estimates and additional external funding options to cover the cost of construction that exceeds the \$1,000,000 project budget.

Cr Duncan/Cr Belsham. Withdrawn

Amendment:

That staff are **requested** to bring a further report to Council at the end of detailed design of the chosen option, including cost estimates and additional external funding options to cover the cost of the project.

Cr Wilson/Cr Hiroa. Carried

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

That staff are **requested** to bring a further report to Council at the end of detailed design of the chosen option, including cost estimates and additional external funding options to cover the cost of the project.

Cr G Duncan/Cr N Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/416

Cr Carter moved that the below recommendation be put immediately to the vote.

Cr B Carter/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/417

That staff are requested to engage with the Taihape Heritage Group, Grandstand subcommittee, as the focal group for Community Fundraising for the Grandstand.

Cr G Duncan/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond: Project Update

Ms Gray advised that formal community engagement will begin in early 2022.

In response to a query, Ms Gray advised that once the draft Spatial Plan phase begins staff will formally consult on the future availability of land.

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/418

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

Cr T Hiroa/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

12 Discussion Items

Nil

13 Minutes from Committees

13.1 Minutes from Committees

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/419

That the following minutes are received:

- Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 14 October 2021
- Bulls Community Committee, 13 October 2021
- Finance/Performance Committee, 28 October 2021
- Marton Community Committee, 13 October 2021
- Policy/Planning Committee, 14 October 2021
- Santoft Domain Management Committee, 04 August 2021
- Taihape Community Board, 06 October 2021
- Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti, 12 October 2021

- Youth Council, 12 October 2021

Cr N Belsham/Cr W Panapa. Carried

14 Recommendations from Committees

14.1 Recommendation from the Finance/Performance Committee 28 October 2021

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/420

That Council approves the below recommendation from the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 28 October 2021:

- a. That the Finance/Performance Committee recommend to Council the carrying over from 2020/21 the list of projects included in this report, and the 2021/22 budgets are amended accordingly.

Cr N Belsham/Cr T Hiroa. Carried

14.2 Recommendations from the Taihape Community Board 06 Oct 21

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/421

That Council approves the below recommendation from the Taihape Community Board meeting on 06 Oct 21:

- a. That the Taihape Community Board ask that Council request Waka Kotahi to reconsider the turning bay project at Winiata subject to available funds.

Cr G Duncan/Cr T Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/422

That Council approves the below recommendation from the Taihape Community Board meeting on 06 Oct 21:

- a. That Council fund the \$800.00 cost of the new northern events signage board by revenue collected from advertising fees received for advertising on the Taihape Community events notice boards.

Cr T Hiroa/Cr A Gordon. Carried

14.3 Recommendations from the Bulls Community Committee 13 Oct 21

Cr Carter clarified that the recommendation regarding the scooter rack refers to push scooters for children.

Mrs Mcilroy advised that she had met with Ms Raewyn Turner from the Bulls Community Committee and they had agreed work together on the beautification of the reservoir.

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/423

That Council approves the below recommendation from the Bulls Community Committee meeting on 13 October 2021:

- a. The BCC would like to recommend that we place a scooter rack at Te Matapihi at a suitable location. We would like to recommend under the walkway at the front of the building.

On confirmation of the quote price we would like the Council to consider splitting the cost between the BCC and the RDC.

Cr B Carter/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/424

That Council approves the below recommendation from the Bulls Community Committee meeting on 13 Oct 21:

- a. The BCC would like to ask permission from the RDC to paint the Reservoir at the corner of Taumaihi St and Kittyhawk Row.

Cr B Carter/Cr T Hiroa. Carried

14.4 Recommendation from the Marton Community Committee 13 October 2021

Mrs Gordon explained that the membership count is currently limited to 10 in Council's Terms of Reference.

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/425

That Council approves the below recommendation from the Marton Community Committee meeting on 13 October 2021:

- a. That John Whittaker be Co-opted to the Marton Community Committee as an additional member so the Committee would benefit from his willingness to help with various promotional opportunities.

Cr N Belsham/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/426

That the maximum membership of the Marton Community Committee, as defined in the Terms of Reference, be increased to 11.

Cr N Belsham/Cr D Wilson. Carried

15 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session at 4.10 pm.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/427

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

1. Confirmation of Council Minutes (Public Excluded) – 28 October 2021
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project - Purchase of Land
4. Taihape Amenities Building - Verbal Update
5. Ratana Cemetery Extension (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
15.1 - Confirmation of Council Minutes (Public Excluded) – 28 October 2021	s7(2)(a) – Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) – Commercial position s7(2)(h) – Commercial activities s7(2)(i) – Negotiation	s48(1)(a)(i)
15.2 - Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings	s7(2)(a) – Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) – Commercial position s7(2)(h) – Commercial activities s7(2)(i) – Negotiation	s48(1)(a)(i)
15.3 - Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project - Purchase of Land	s7(2)(b)(ii) – Commercial position s7(2)(h) – Commercial activities s7(2)(i) – Negotiation	s48(1)(a)(i)
15.4 - Taihape Amenities Building - Verbal Update	s7(2)(b)(ii) – Commercial position	s48(1)(a)(i)
15.5 - Ratana Cemetery Extension (Late Item)	s7(2)(h) – Commercial activities s7(2)(i) – Negotiation	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 W Panapa. Carried

16 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session at 4.10 pm.

Resolved minute number 21/RDC/428

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

21/RDC/428 - 21/RDC/432

Cr A Gordon/Cr B Carter. Carried

The meeting closed at 4.10 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 16 December 2021.

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Chairperson