

# MINUTES

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** Thursday, 23 December 2021

**Time:** 9.30 am

**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 [*via Zoom*]  
Cr Angus Gordon [*via Zoom*]  
Cr Richard Lambert [*via Zoom*]  
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  
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  
Ms Kezia Spence, Executive Assistant  
Ms Melanie Bovey, Library Services  
Mr Chris Webby, Audit NZ

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## **1 Welcome / Prayer**

The Mayor opened the meeting at 9.32am. The Council prayer was read by Cr Wilson.

## **2 Apologies**

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/478**

That the apology for Cr Raukawa be received.

Cr N Belsham/Cr D Wilson. Carried

## **3 Public Forum**

There was no public forum.

## **4 Conflict of Interest Declarations**

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest that they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

## **5 Confirmation of Order of Business**

No changes.

## **6 Reports for Decision**

### **6.1 Adoption of the 2020/21 Annual Report**

Mr Le Mar presented the Annual Report 2020/21 to Council with the new deadline being pushed to 31 December. Changes occurred this morning and were sent to elected members. The significant change is the recognition of subsidies and grants. This will not have significant changes on the report but there may be on flow effects for other areas of the report. The other change is the movement to the traffic light framework for Covid-19 in New Zealand and disclosure regarding the storm events that occurred in the District, stating that there was some damage to infrastructure.

Mr Le Mar advised that the drop in insurance is from direct correspondence with the insurance provider from AON as of 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Mr Webby from Audit NZ spoke in relation to the report, stating that both parties worked together with no significant matters arising. The Audit opinion mentions the completeness issue which cannot be rectified this financial year and had been identified in the last financial year. This has been resolved and should receive a clear completeness in the following annual report. There is also a note for Three Waters for Councils that have signed on to the Central Governments reform. This does not affect the audit opinion as it is referring the reader to this.

Mr Beggs and Mr Tombs recognised the contribution of, stated their appreciation for, Danny Le Mar, Leah Johnston and the audit team.

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/479**

That the 'Adoption of the 2020/21 Annual Report' report be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/480**

That His Worship the Mayor and the Chief Executive be authorised to sign the letter of representation addressed to the Council's auditor for the year ended 30 June 2021.

Cr N Belsham/Cr D Wilson. Carried

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/481**

That the Annual Report 2020/21, with amendment, be adopted noting that the Audit Opinion and the final list of changes be incorporated.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr G Duncan. Carried

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/482**

That His Worship the Mayor and the Chief Executive be delegated to approve the Summary Annual Report 2020/21 once the final Audit opinion is received.

.Cr D Wilson/Cr A Gordon. Carried

## **6.2 Covid-19 Vaccine Pass Requirements within Public Facilities**

Mrs Grant spoke to the report, advising it is important to note that the vaccination policy aligns with the guidance from the Ministry of Health.

In response to a question regarding the flexibility to adopt new testing and guidelines within the vaccination policy without significant change Mrs Grant assured elected members that the vaccination policy is flexible as changes and new updates become available.

A number of questions were asked and answered during this item.

Cr Belsham raised a point of order regarding the questions being raised and that they were operational matters and the report is regarding public access to Council facilities.

HWTM ruled to accept the point of order.

In response to a question regarding whether rapid antigen tests were available in the district, and if not when would they be made available, Mrs Grant responded that rapid antigen testing was not available currently but anticipate from trends overseas, that they will become available soon.

During discussion a point of order was raised by Cr Wilson stating that Cr Ash was no longer speaking to the motion. HWTM ruled not to accept that point of order.

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/483**

That the report on Covid-19 vaccine pass requirements in public facilities be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr T Hiroa. Carried

**Recommendation**

That Council approves the recommended use of vaccine passes and all supervised tests approved by the Ministry of Health at Council operated public facilities when the Rangitikei District is at the red or orange settings of the New Zealand Covid-19 Protection Framework.

Cr Duncan/Cr Dalgety. Lost

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/484**

That Council approves the recommended use of vaccine passes and supervised rapid antigen passes at Council operated public facilities when the Rangitikei District is at the red or orange settings of the New Zealand Covid-19 Protection Framework.

Cr Wilson/Cr Lambert. Withdrawn

Amendment: That Council approves the recommended use of vaccine passes and negative supervised rapid antigen tests at Council operated public facilities when the Rangitikei District is at the red or orange settings of the New Zealand Covid-19 Protection Framework.

Cr Belsham/Cr Carter. Carried

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

That Council approves the recommended use of vaccine passes and negative supervised rapid antigen tests at Council operated public facilities when the Rangitikei District is at the red or orange settings of the New Zealand Covid-19 Protection Framework.

Cr D Wilson/Cr N Belsham. Carried  
Against: Cr Ash and Cr Duncan

## 7 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 10.47am.

### Resolution to Exclude the Public

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/485**

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

7.1 Kensington Road land disposal

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
<b>7.1 – Kensington Road land disposal</b>	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 D Wilson/Cr N Belsham. Carried

## 8 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 11.13 am.

### **Resolved minute number 21/RDC/486**

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

21/RDC/486 – 21/RDC/487

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

**The meeting closed at 11.14am.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 January 2022.**

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**Chairperson**