

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 24 February 2022

Time: 1.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

HWTM, Andy Watson
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

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 [via Zoom]
Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner [via Zoom]
Mr Danny Le Mar, Manager Financial Services [via Zoom]
Mrs Jess Mcilroy, Operations Manager [via Zoom]
Ms Adina Foley, Senior Project Manager [via Zoom]
Mr Graeme Pointon, Strategic Property Advisor [via Zoom]
Ms Anne Mcleod, Acting Manager Community Development [via Zoom]
Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome

The Mayor opened the meeting at 1.00 pm.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/025

That the apology for Cr Panapa be received.

Cr N Belsham/Cr B Carter. Carried

Cr Gordon joined the meeting at 1.02 pm.

3 Public Forum

Mr Lance Collier spoke to Council and advised that he wishes for a change to be made to the district plan regarding the western slip zone boundaries in Taihape. Mr Collier believes that the four current slipzones have different levels of risk, and should be reduced to two slipzones. Mr Collier advised that stormwater is the biggest issue and if the risks around this are mitigated, it will allow for buildings consents to be considered.

Mr Benadie advised Council that staff have to rely on expert advice when determining the risks of natural hazards throughout the district. Ms Gray agreed and advised that the risks of natural hazards will likely be considered next in 2023/24.

Undertaking: The CE will work with staff to identify the appropriate next steps, regarding the response to Mr Collier.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Raukawa declared a conflict of interest with relation to item 10.2 (Contract – Mayors Task Force For Jobs), as she is a part of a rūnanga in Marton that works in this space.

Cr Belsham declared a conflict of interest with relation to item 10.2 (Contract – Mayors Task Force For Jobs), as the organisation has hired vehicles from his private company.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

A late item was considered in the Public Excluded agenda (Item 15.6 “Insurance Costs Approval”).

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Council Minutes

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/026

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 23 December 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 R Lambert/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/027

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 27 January 2022, 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 R Lambert/Cr B Carter. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Mrs Gordon advised that Council staff, Stats NZ, the Local Government Commission and the Chair of the Ratana Community Board, have agreed that the boundary ward line for Ratana will be re-considered during the next representation review.

Mrs Gordon advised that the Local Government Commission has advised staff that there will not be a hearing for the current representation review (for Māori wards).

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/028

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

Cr N Belsham/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

8 Mayor’s Report

8.1 Mayor’s Report - February 2022

The Mayor advised that he has been invited to be a part of a working group that is focusing on the transition and policy work for the Three Waters reform.

In response to a query, Mr Beggs advised that the executive leadership team (ELT) do not have specific criteria that will trigger a removal of Council's COVID-19 framework. The ELT meet and review Council's COVID-19 framework on a daily basis.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/029

That the Mayor's Report – February 2022, including the attachments to the report, be received.

HWTM/Cr T Hiroa. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - February 2022

Section 17a Reviews

Mr Benadie clarified that a Section 17a Review refers to a section of the Local Government Act 2002, that details the requirements for local authorities to review long-term contracts.

Staff Movements

In response to a query, Mr Beggs advised the building control officer role has been advertised and there has been some expressions of interest. Coincidentally, there has been a slow-down in building consenting recently, due to a shortage of construction supplies. This has reduced the pressure on current staff.

Putorino – Response from Horizons

In response to a query, Mrs Mcilroy advised that Horizons do not believe that they significantly altered their resource requirements after the work at the landfill had commenced, which is a contrary view to that of staff at the Rangitikei District Council.

Undertaking:

The Chief Executive will provide the Mayor with a briefing document, regarding the current situation around the landfill on Putorino Road and Horizon's unwillingness to contribute to the additional costs that have been imposed by them.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/030

That the Chief Executive's Report – February 2022 be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr T Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/031

That, given Horizons Regional Council are unwilling to fund the additional costs imposed by them on the remediation of the disused landfill on Putorino Road, Council request for HWTM and Deputy

Mayor to present Rangitikei District Council's position to the next available Horizons Regional Council Public Forum.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried
(the vote was unanimous)

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond - Adoption of Materials for Community Engagement

Ms Gray advised there is a specific section dedicated to rural communities and staff have identified 16 settlements throughout the district.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/032

That the report 'Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond - Adoption of Materials for Community Engagement' be received.

Cr R Lambert/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/033

That Council adopt the Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond discussion document for community engagement, noting that final edits and amendments will be made before publication.

Cr A Gordon/Cr T Hiroa. Carried

10.2 Contract - Mayors Task Force For Jobs

The Mayor acknowledged the work from Mr James Tower and Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa.

In response to a query, the Mayor advised that this initiative is funded by the Ministry of Social Development and a report is provided to them each month detailing the number of placements and what financial assistance has been provided to individuals. The Mayor indicated that he will distribute copies of these reports to elected members (provided that there are no confidentiality issues).

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/034

That the report 'Contacts – Mayors Taskforce for Jobs' be received.

HWTM/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/035

That Council:

- a. Endorses applying the opt-out procurement rule (Rule 11) of the procurement policy for the delivery of the Mahi Tahi Programme (January to June 2022) and approves James Towers Consultants Ltd to undertake the work.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Duncan. Carried

10.3 Better Business Case - Marton and Taihape

Several councillors noted that the Better Business Case (BBC) model has a lot of depth and encourages input by the community.

In response to a query, Ms Foley advised that the facilitator for the model is very proficient at controlling the pace of the process and not allowing participants to skip straight ahead to solutions.

Staff will come back to Council at a later date with nominations for the better business case for the Taihape Town Hall.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/036

That the report 'Better Business Case - Marton and Taihape' be **received**.

Cr D Wilson/Cr N Belsham. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/037

That considering the closure of the Taihape Town Hall due to an unfavourable seismic assessment, Council approves starting the Better Business Case analysis on the Taihape Town Hall Development in the 2021/22 financial year instead of waiting for year 4 as currently scheduled in the 2021-31 Long Term Plan.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr G Duncan. Carried

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Statement of Service Performance: July - December 2021

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/038

That the report 'Statement of Service Performance: July – December 2021' be received.

Cr T Hiroa/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

11.2 Project Management Office Report - February 2022

Cr Ash left the meeting at 2.15 pm.

Mangaweka Bridge Replacement

In response to a query, Mrs Mcilroy confirmed that the \$4.85m project budget includes contingency costs.

Cr Ash returned to the meeting at 2.17 pm.

Marlon to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project

Staff will include this project at a future Council workshop.

In response to a query, Mrs Mcilroy confirmed that it is 13 kilometres in length.

In response to a query, Mrs Mcilroy advised that the risks around the project have now lessened due to having Lowe Environmental assisting in the management of the project.

Bulls Bus Lane and Town Square

Mrs Mcilroy advised that the bus lane should become operational on 07 Mar 22, although this is awaiting confirmation with the contractor. A full opening ceremony will be scheduled once the town square has been completed. Staff have been communicating with iwi and other stakeholders around the opening of the bus lane.

Taihape Grandstand & Taihape Amenities Building

Regarding the Taihape Grandstand, the Mayor advised that the budget breakdown (i.e., the total cost and Council's contribution) of the overall project was not clear. Staff will provide elected members with a summary position of this project.

Marlon Water Strategy

Mrs Mcilroy advised that staff have selected a location for a new bore and have requested tenders for a test drill to be completed. This drill will test for both depth (400m) and water quality.

Mr Benadie advised that the priority for this project is extremely high.

In response to a query, Mr Benadie advised that Marlon faces taste and odour issues partly due to the reservoir at the Marlon dams (which is standing water being the water source. Water sources in other parts of the district come from flowing water (i.e. rivers).

Regional Treatment Plant Consenting Programme

In response to a query about the risk for the preferred site at Ratana, Ms Foley advised that this refers to the ecology on the site (such as plants) and particularly the maintenance of the dunes. Staff have committed to not undertaking any earth works that will diminish the dunes. The risk is minor and staff are actively working to further mitigate it.

Taihape Town Hall

In response to a query, Mr Beggs advised that the work to install a service desk and carpet, originally earmarked for the old town hall has been diverted – the carpet has gone to the Kokako St Pavilion, and the service counter has gone to the BNZ building, being occupied by Council.

Mr Beggs advised that the strengthening design will be a requirement as part of the Better Business Case (BBC) methodology. After the completion of this process, staff will have a more accurate understanding of the estimates required for any proposed solutions.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/039

That the Project Management Office Report – February 2022 be **received**.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

12 Discussion Items

Nil.

13 Minutes from Committees

13.1 Minutes from Committees

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/040

That the following minutes are received:

- Assets Infrastructure Committee, 09 December 2021
- Finance/Performance Committee, 27 January 2022
- Hunterville Community Committee, 06 December 2021
- Policy/Planning Committee, 09 December 2021
- Ratana Community Board, 08 February 2022
- Taihape Community Board, 15 December 2021
- Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti, 14 December 2021
- Turakina Community Committee, 02 December 2021

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

14 Recommendations from Committees

14.1 Recommendation from the Finance/Performance Committee 24 November 2021

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/041

That Council approves the below recommendation from the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 24 November 2021:

- a. That the Finance and Performance Committee recommend to Council the removal of the \$1.97m 'New Marton Admin and Library – Construction' 2021/22 capital budget, noting

that a separate capital budget (Marton Building and Construction), based on more current figures, also exists and is for the same Project.

Cr N Belsham/HWTM Carried

14.2 Recommendations from the Hunterville Community Committee 06 Dec 21

Mrs Gordon advised that herself and Cr Dalgety have met with Ms Kelsey Smith. Mrs Gordon has forwarded Ms Smith a draft agreement for services (for the Hunterville Village Bookshop) for her input. Cr Dalgety advised that the intent from the Hunterville Community Committee is to not have any loss of service.

Council agreed not to approve the Hunterville Community Committee's recommendations around the Hunterville Village Bookshop, and instructed the Chief Executive to negotiate these requests at an operational level instead.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/042

That Council does not approve the below recommendation from the Hunterville Community Committee meeting on 06 Dec 21:

- a. That RDC continues to provide current services through the Hunterville Village Bookshop.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/043

That Council does not approve the below recommendation from the Hunterville Community Committee meeting on 06 Dec 21:

- a. That RDC advertise grants, schemes and any community consultation through the Hunterville Village Bookshop.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/044

That Council does not approve the below recommendation from the Hunterville Community Committee meeting on 06 Dec 21:

- a. That RDC considers council voting to be conducted at the Hunterville Village Bookshop.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/045

That Council instruct the Chief Executive to continue to negotiate with the Hunterville Bookshop to deliver appropriate Council services.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/046

That Council approves the below recommendation from the Hunterville Community Committee meeting on 06 Dec 21:

- a. That RDC considers cardboard and paper recycling at the Hunterville Refuse Centre.

Cr D Wilson/Cr N Belsham. Carried

15 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 3.00 pm.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/047

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

1. Council 27 Jan 22 - Minutes
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Kensington Road - Review of Offers to Purchase
4. Abandoned Land Tender Process
5. Kensington Road - Lease Agreement
6. Late Item - Insurance Costs Approval

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 - Council 27 Jan 22 - Minutes	s7(2)(a) - privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - commercial position s7(2)(h) - commercial activities s7(2)(i) - negotiations	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) - negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
15.3 - Kensington Road - Review of Offers to Purchase	s7(2)(b)(ii) - commercial position s7(2)(c)(ii) - public interest s7(2)(h) - commercial activities s7(2)(i) - negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
15.4 - Abandoned Land Tender Process	s7(2)(a) - privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - commercial position	s48(1)(a)(i)

	s7(2)(f)(i) - free and frank expression of opinions	
15.5 - Kensington Road - Lease Agreement	s7(2)(a) - privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - commercial position s7(2)(c)(ii) - public interest	s48(1)(a)(i)
15.6 – Late Item - Insurance Costs Approval	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 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 D Wilson. Carried

16 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 3.46 pm.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/048

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

22/RDC/048 - 22/RDC/062

Cr N Belsham/Cr G Duncan. Carried

The meeting closed at 3.46 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 March 2022.

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Chairperson