

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 30 June 2022

Time: 1.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

HWTM Andy Watson [*via Zoom*]
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Brian Carter
Cr Fi Dalgety [*via Zoom*]
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*]
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
Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager - Corporate Services
Mrs Sharon Grant, Group Manager - People and Culture
Mr Michael Hodder, Advisor to the Chief Executive
Mrs Adina Foley, Senior Project Manager
Mrs Hilary Walker, Management and System Accountant
Mr Graeme Pointon, Strategic Property Advisor
Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome

The meeting opened at 1.00 pm. Due to His Worship the Mayor being unwell and attending the meeting via Zoom Cr Belsham assumed the Chair.

2 Apologies

No apologies received.

3 Public Forum

No public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Duncan declared a conflict of interest in relation to item 12.6 (Bulls Tender Sales), under the Public Excluded agenda.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Late Item – 9.7 (Correction to Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2022/23). Took place after item 9.1.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Council Minutes

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/214

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 09 June 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 D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/215

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 26 May 2022, 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: Cr Duncan was in attendance (via Zoom).

Cr G Duncan/Cr W Panapa. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/216

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 19 May 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 A Gordon. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Mr Beggs advised that a security guard had been stationed at the Bulls Bus Lane to help advise vehicles, other than buses, not to use it. Staff will now look at installing cameras on site, which will allow them to write to people who are erroneously using the lane. Once cameras are installed, staff will draft a bylaw for Council's consideration that will allow enforcement action to take place.

Ms Prince advised that the Bulls & District Historical Society have received their building consent for the strengthening work at the old Bulls Library Building.

In response to a query, staff confirmed that the new Mangaweka Bridge has a road classification that confirms it can carry heavy vehicles.

There was some discussion around the size of the plaque at the new Mangaweka Bridge. Mr Beggs advised that it is outside of staff's scope to increase the size of this, and that this aspect of the project was jointly managed by the Manawatu District Council and Ngāti Hauiti.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/217

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

Cr A Gordon/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - June 2022

The Mayor congratulated the staff who were awarded at the recent Matariki staff awards.

The Mayor suggested that \$2,000 be donated to the Wairoa District Council (WDC), towards the cost of the recent court case they faced with the forestry sector over the introduction of a differential rate to forestry. Mr Beggs agreed and advised that if WDC do not get support, he will bring this back to a future Council meeting.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/218

That the Mayor's Report – June 2022 be received.

HWTM/Cr B Carter. Carried

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - June 2022

Mr Beggs thanked the Mayor for his attendance at the recent Matariki staff awards.

Section 17A Review of Solid Waste Contract

Mr Benadie advised that this review had been undertaken and it was recommended that waste management come back in-house; collection services and transfer stations outsourced.

The Mayor noted that there has been talk of Wellington's wastewater plant sending some waste to our district (to the Bonny Glen Landfill). Staff are not aware of any conversations around this.

Update on Request for Additional Land from Taihape Squash Club

Cr Wilson (Chair of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee) advised that the Chief Executive has confirmed with him that there will be no adverse impacts to any Council infrastructure services.

Sale of Bulls Facilities

Council agreed that the lease should be reviewed in 2029. Council noted that the new toilets at Te Matapihi are a good facility and that there is no reason to retain the old toilets.

Relationship with Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa

In response to a query, Mr Beggs advised that the proposed meeting would take place on a six-monthly basis. Council noted that other hapu and iwi in the district will have the same opportunity as Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa in the future (i.e., once they have settled). Mr Beggs confirmed that he would be happy to consider these sorts of request from other hapu and iwi as well.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/219

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

Cr T Hiroa/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/220

That, in relation to the letter from Mr Platt, Council agrees to:

- Examine the lease for the toilets at the shopping complex and the associated costs at the contractual review point in 2029. Then to decide if the lease should be renewed.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/221

That, in relation to the letter from Mr Platt, Council does not agree to:

- Put a hold on the sale of the Bulls Plunket Rooms and Old Toilets until a decision on the lease in 2029 is made in case this site is best for the long-term location of Public Toilets.

Cr B Carter/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/222

That Council endorses replacing the dying conifer in Marton Park with a copper beech tree to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee.

Cr R Lambert/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/223

That Council endorses the establishment of a regular meeting between the Board of Ngā Wairiki Ngāti Apa and Council and requests the Chief Executive explore options for, and the scope of, a formal agreement between the two parties on housing.

Cr T Hiroa/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/224

That Council agrees to collaborate in the joint preparation of long-term employment, population and household projects for council 2024-34 Long Term Plans, alongside other territorial authorities in the Manawatu-Whanganui region and Horizons Regional Council, noting that the cost of this (\$5,625) will come out of existing budgets.

Cr D Wilson/Cr A Gordon. Carried

9.2 Adoption of the 2022/23 Annual Plan, and Adoption of the 2022/23 Rates Resolution

A correction was noted for section 5 of the 2022/23 Rates Resolution document – the reference to “Riverlands” should read as “ANZCO Bulls”. Staff will amend this.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/225

That the report Adoption of the 2022/23 Annual Plan, and Adoption of the Rates Resolution be received.

Cr T Hiroa/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/226

That Council adopts the 2022/23 Annual Plan.

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/227

That Council adopts the rates resolution for 2022/23.

Cr B Carter/Cr A Gordon. Carried

9.3 Adoption of the Procurement Policy

Staff advised that this Policy needed further review by the Project Management Team, therefore it was agreed to leave this lie on the table. The revised Policy will go to the Audit & Risk Committee meeting in December 2022, and then to full Council in February 2023.

9.4 Local Government New Zealand 2022 Annual General Meeting Remits

Remit 1: Central government funding for public transport

Council supported this remit, noting that although it may be more useful for metropolis centres, it was still relevant for the district.

Remit 3: Illegal street racing

Council agreed that territorial authorities need more resources to deal with this issue.

Remit 4: Bylaw infringements

Council noted that this had been raised by Auckland Council and that they had not suggested how LGNZ might promote this. In response to a query, Mr Beggs advised that no staff have raised this with him as an issue, and that he would anticipate that this would have been brought to his attention if it was.

[Addendum 14 July 2022 – following the Council meeting further information was received on this remit and Council decided to support the remit as it was presented].

Remit 5: Density and proximity of vaping retailers

Councillors had different views on this remit, but overall agreed to support it, noting that there seemed to be an abundance of retailers (particularly in Palmerston North) and there would be value in having more legislation around the sale of these products.

[Addendum 14 July 2022 – following the Council meeting Remit 6 – Polling LGNZ Members was received and Council decided to support this additional remit].

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/228

That the report Local Government New Zealand 2022 Annual General Meeting Remits be received

Cr R Lambert/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/229

That Rangitikei District Council supports the following remits:

- Remit 1: Central government funding for public transport
- Remit 2: Review of Government transport funding
- Remit 3: Illegal street racing
- Remit 5: Density and proximity of vaping retailers

Cr C Raukawa/Cr R Lambert. Carried

9.5 Public Consultation on the Government's Three Waters Reform

Council discussed what options may be available for consulting with residents prior to the Mayor making a submission to the select committee on the Water Services Entity Bill. It was noted that staff conducted a survey online in late 2021, but that information on the Three Waters Reform was lacking at this time and that the public could now have a different opinion.

Staff advised that a referendum would be cost prohibitive, short (less than a week) due to the limited timeframe that this Bill is with the select committee, and irrelevant due to central government mandating the Three Waters Reform. It was noted that the public are able to make their own submissions to the select committee and that they should be encouraged to do so.

The meeting was adjourned at 3.05 pm and re-convened at 3.19 pm.

Council asked staff about the feasibility of conducting another survey. Staff advised that although this is technically possible, it would only be able to be available for a short time period (less than a week), and would require substantial staff resources. Council discussed this for some time, but in the end agreed that it would not be worthwhile holding another survey, due to the limitations around this and the low likelihood that public opinion on the reform had significantly changed.

Staff advised that Council was in an awkward position with the options available for public consultation, as the short time period and lack of real choice would understandably lead to criticism from the public. However, central government bears responsibility for the mandating of the reform and had effectively decided how to consult with the populace on behalf of territorial authorities.

Council agreed that the best course of action would be for the Mayor and Chief Executive to draft a submission for the select committee, taking into account the public sentiment expressed in the survey conducted in 2021, and then distribute this to councillors for feedback. The Chief Executive will issue a media release that explains this decision and encourages individuals and organisations to make their own submission to the select committee.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/230

That the report 'Public Consultation on the Government's Three Waters Reform' be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr W Panapa. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/231

That the Mayor and Chief Executive be delegated authority to make the Rangitikei District Council's submission on the Water Services Entities Bill to Parliament's Finance and Expenditure Select Committee, based on a comparison of the responses to the online survey conducted in September 2021 with the provisions of the Bill, noting that the Mayor will request an opportunity to speak with members of the Select Committee.

Cr D Wilson/Cr A Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/232

That the Chief Executive issues a media release explaining the Council's decision on making a submission on the Water Services Entities Bill to Parliament's Finance and Expenditure Select Committee and encouraging individual residents and organisations within the District to make their own submissions.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

9.6 Project Management Office Report - June 2022

Mangaweka Bridge Replacement

Mr Benadie advised that there are a couple of small items remaining within this project, and that once they are complete this project will be removed from future PMO reports.

Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project

In response to a query, Ms Foley advised that multiple bridges will be constructed for this project and this will require a consent.

Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project

In response to a query, Ms Foley advised that the environmental risks for this project are not big (slightly more than 'minor'). The contractor is being as cautious as possible and working to mitigate the risks.

Bulls Bus Lane

Ms Foley advised that the artists have made good progress and are now looking at the installation of the art work. It is hoped that this will be completed by the end of July 2022.

Taihape Amenities Building

In response to a query, Ms Foley advised that the delays are due to the steel drawings, but there are no additional costs fixed to this. January 2023 is expected to be the completion date.

Marton Rail Hub

Staff are waiting for the court date in September 2022. In response to a query, Mr Beggs advised that Council's contribution to this project is fixed and he does not anticipate coming back to Council for more funds.

Marton Water Strategy

In response to a query about cost increases, Mr Benadie advised that the project cost was divided in the 2021-31 Long Term Plan along different years. \$1m was expected to be spend in year 1, but this is not the entirety of the project budget (which is \$11m). Mr Beggs acknowledged that the report is slightly misleading on this fact and it will be corrected in future iterations.

Mr Benadie advised that staff have met with the Tutaenui Stream Restoration Society about the amenity planting and come to an agreement on what areas would be used by contractors for the bore.

Regional Treatment Plant Consenting Programme

It was noted that the Bulls water rising main works had caused significant traffic delays. Staff advised that contractors had tried to stay off of the state highway shoulder, but that there were too many services. Mr Benadie acknowledged the traffic delays, but advised that the current traffic management plan is the only available option. This work should be completed in mid-July.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/233

That the Project Management Office Report – June 2022 be received.

Cr W Panapa/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/234

That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to approve an additional \$313,175 of design work on the Marton Rail Hub.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

9.7 Late Item - Correction to Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2022/23

This item took place after item 9.1, and before item 9.2.

Mrs Gordon advised that cash has to be accepted at Transfer Stations and there is no way to accept a 5c denomination, therefore the cost is being amended a 10c denomination.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/235

That Council agrees to accept the late item “Correction to Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2022/23” to be dealt with at the Council meeting on 30 June 2022, under the provision 9.12 of the Standing Orders - *Items of business not on the agenda which cannot be delayed*.

Cr R Lambert/Cr T Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/236

That Council agrees to correct the error for the cost of disposing a rubbish bag at the Waste Transfer from \$3.25 to \$3.20.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr T Hiroa. Carried

10 Minutes from Committees

10.1 Minutes from Committees

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/237

That the following minutes are received:

- Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 09 June 2022

- Bulls Community Committee, 31 May 2022
- Creative NZ Committee, 02 June 2022
- Finance/Performance Committee, 26 May 2022
- Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee, 30 May 2022
- Maori Land Rates Remission Sub-Committee, 14 June 2022
- Marton Community Committee, 13 April 2022
- Marton Community Committee, 08 June 2022
- Omatane Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee, 10 May 2022
- Ratana Community Board, 14 June 2022
- Taihape Community Board, 15 June 2022
- Turakina Community Committee, 02 June 2022
- Turakina Reserve Management Committee, 02 June 2022
- Youth Council, 10 May 2022

Cr D Wilson/HWTM Carried

11 Recommendations from Committees

11.1 Recommendations from the Bulls Community Committee 31 May 2022

Undertaking:

Staff will work with the Bulls Community Committee around creating better signage at Te Matapihi.

Scooter Rack

Council did not agree to contribute more than the \$1,000 they have already set aside, noting that the Committee's Small Projects Fund should be used to cover the extra costs.

Sign for Toilets at Te Matapihi

Council agreed that it was important for the new toilets at Te Matapihi to have clear signage, particularly as the old toilets are no longer in use.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/238

That Council does not approve the below recommendation from the Bulls Community Committee meeting on 31 May 2022:

- That the Bulls Community Committee recommend to Council that they install and service additional rubbish bins at complex.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/239

That Council approves the below recommendation from the Bulls Community Committee meeting on 31 May 2022:

- That the Bulls Community Committee recommend to Council that they include location details on their photos in the Destination Management Plan.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/240

That Council does not approve the below recommendation from the Bulls Community Committee meeting on 31 May 2022:

- That the Bulls Community Committee request Council to consider increasing their contribution to more than \$1,000 to the scooter rack project due to rising costs.

Cr D Wilson/Cr A Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/241

That Council approves the below recommendation from the Bulls Community Committee meeting on 31 May 2022:

- That the Bulls Community Committee recommend Council install a sign in between French & Sons and the old town hall pointing down the alley way towards Te Matapihi to indicate where the toilets are.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Recommendation

That Council approves / does not approve [~~delete one~~] the below recommendation from the Bulls Community Committee meeting on 31 May 2022:

- That the Bulls Community Committee recommend that Council place better signage on the east facing wall of Te Matapihi in consultation with the Committee (outside of the bi-monthly meetings to speed the process up) of where the public toilets are.

Left to lie on the table

Recommendation

That Council approves / does not approve [~~delete one~~] the below recommendation from the Bulls Community Committee meeting on 31 May 2022:

- That the Bulls Community Committee recommend that Council place better signage on the ground floor and on each specific floor of Te Matapihi of what facilities are on each floor such as Plunket, meeting rooms, learning hub.

Left to lie on the table

Recommendation

That Council approves / does not approve [~~delete one~~] the below recommendation from the Bulls Community Committee meeting on 31 May 2022:

- That the Bulls Community Committee request Council to investigate the old concrete toilet block on High Street Bulls next to the old Plunket rooms and if there is a need for them or can they be removed?

Left to lie on the table

11.2 Recommendations from the Marton Community Committee 08 June 2022

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/242

That Council approves the below recommendation from the Marton Community Committee meeting on 08 June 2022:

- That Marton Community Committee recommend to RDC that parking and toilet signage is installed at the RSA and Citizens Memorial Hall.

Cr N Belsham/Cr D Wilson. Carried

12 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 4.22 pm.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/243

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

- 1 Public Excluded Council Meeting - 26 May 2022
- 2 Public Excluded Council Meeting - 9 June 2022
- 3 Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
- 4 Marton and Taihape Swim Centre Contract
- 5 Remediation of the historic landfill on Putorino Road
- 6 Bulls Tender Sales
- 7 Minutes from Committees (Public Excluded)

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 |
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| 12.1 - Public Excluded Council Meeting - 26 May 2022 | s7(2)(a) - Privacy | s48(1)(a) |

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| | s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations | |
| 12.2 - Public Excluded Council Meeting - 9 June 2022 | s7(2)(a) - Privacy | s48(1)(a) |
| 12.3 - 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) |
| 12.4 - Marton and Taihape Swim Centre Contract | s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations | s48(1)(a)(i) |
| 12.5 - Remediation of the historic landfill on Putorino Road | s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities | s48(1)(a)(i) |
| 12.6 - Bulls Tender Sales | s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position | s48(1)(a)(i) |
| 12.7 - Minutes from Committees (Public Excluded) | s48(1)(b)(i) - Contrary to the provisions of a specified enactment | s48(1)(b)(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 T Hiroa/Cr D Wilson. Carried

13 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 6.07 pm.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/260

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

22/RDC/244 - 22/RDC/259

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

The meeting closed at 6.07 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 July 2022.

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Chairperson