

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 29 September 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
Cr Fi Dalgety
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Angus Gordon
Cr Richard Lambert
Cr Tracey Hiroa
Cr Waru Panapa
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Coral Raukawa

In attendance

Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer
Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager- Corporate Services
Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager- Community Services
Mr Johan Cullis, Group Manager- Regulatory Services
Ms Carol Gordon, Group Manager- Democracy and Planning
Ms Sharon Grant, Group Manager- People and Culture
Ms Joanne Manuel, Manager Community Development
Ms Adina Foley, Senior Project Manager-Infrastructure
Ms Katrina Gray- Senior Strategic Planner
Mr Graeme Pointon, Strategic Property Advisor
Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor
Ms Kezia Spence, Executive Assistant

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1 Welcome

Meeting opened 1.01pm

2 Apologies

There were no apologies.

3 Public Forum

Mr Paul McLean presented to Council regarding his property, specifically the inclusion of a wastewater rate on his rates invoices, even though he is not connected to the council system.

In response to questions, it was confirmed that there is no ability to connect to the stormwater outlet because the property is below the road.

Mr McLean clarified that the property is not subdivided and only one set of services is needed for the property.

HWTM stated that the solution would be to look at the property and that it would be assumed after a LIM and assessment of the property, with sign off from Council, that this is in place.

Mr McLean confirmed that he had a problem with both stormwater on the property and the cost of rates.

Staff will provide an update to Mr McLean and Council at a future meeting on the issues raised.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Duncan declared a conflict of interest with regards to item 10.4 (Request for Financial Support-Erewhon Rural Water Scheme) as she is a user of the scheme.

Cr Hiroa declared a conflict of interest regarding 10.1 (Better off Funding Submission) as she is on the Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa komiti.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

No changes to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Undertaking:

Chief Executive to investigate and advise the total cost of Te Matapihi project, and separate the Bulls Bus Lane and Town Square costs.

Amendment to Minutes - There is an error on page 17, Bulls Community Committee which needs to be changed to the Ratana Community Board.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/330

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 August 2022, **as amended**, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Mayor be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Cr R Lambert/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Action: Follow up on signage for Te Matapihi civil defence signage. Currently the signage is incorrect.

Ms Grant to look at the response plans for Bulls, to see what is listed there.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/331

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

Cr N Belsham/Cr A Gordon. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Valedictory Speeches for retiring Councillors

Speeches were made by retiring Councillors.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/332

That the valedictory speeches of retiring Councillors, listed below, be received:

- Cr Nigel Belsham
- Cr Cath Ash
- Cr Waru Panapa
- Cr Angus Gordon

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Duncan. Carried

8.2 Mayor's Report - September 2022

The Mayor advised he had attended the gold stars for fire brigade service and noted that Cr Carter received a gold star award for 50 years of service.

The Mayor also advised he had the opportunity to talk to Waka Kotahi about his concerns regarding local road maintenance.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/333

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/334

That Council agrees to contribute the sum of \$3,500 towards the application to government agencies to fund the bulk of the North Island Regional Passenger Rail (NIRP) Indicative Business Case, noting this would be an unbudgeted expense.

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - September 2022

Mrs Gordon advised that item 9 of the Chief Executive's Report is to be ignored as this is duplicated further down in the report.

National Policy Statement (NPS)

Ms Gray spoke to the update on National Policy Statement on highly productive land. In response to a question about whether this becomes retrospective of any consent under consideration, Ms Gray responded that any applications prior to the date will not include consideration from the NPS.

A further question asked if there is any significant impact on the spatial plan. It will have implications, raises highly productive level of protection compared to previous, it will especially impact rural lifestyle rezoning. This does not cause a delay in the production of the spatial plan because the notification came out in time.

Taihape Grandstand-Heritage Listing Update

In relation to the categorisation of the Grandstand and whether this would impact third party fundraising, the Mayor responded that it may actually help as Heritage New Zealand can endorse funding applications, however it may become more complicated with public use of the building.

Tree for her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at Marton Park

The tree planting for Queen's jubilee will instead be for the reign of the queen.

External Submissions

Ms Etheridge spoke to this. The draft submission on The Future of Inter-Regional Passenger Transport was provided to Council to approve.

Freedom Camping Transition Fund

Ms Etheridge advised that no self-contained vehicles are allowed and therefore would require a bylaw from Council to identify which places have Council facilities for use, such as toilets. The Mayor

stated his concerns with commercial operations, specifically in Taihape, which have facilities in place already. It could also mean movement of freedom camping to outside the amenities building in Taihape.

Ms Etheridge confirmed that there are two application rounds for funding towards a bylaw, the second likely being next year prior, to the bill coming in. The submission would include a request to extend the funding round to seek further information regarding the impact that the bill would have.

Application for Concession (Kokako St Hall)- Kids Drama Club

It was advised that the dates requested would not impact any other users.

Request for Road Stopping-Bulls Rural

Mr Pointon responded to a query regarding the servicing of the properties and if they were subdivided will they be equally serviced, he advised there should be no issues with this under the District plan.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/335

That that Chief Executive's Report – September 2022 be received.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/336

That section 9 of the CE report be disregarded.

HWTM/Cr A Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/337

That Council approve the submission on the Future of Inter-Regional Passenger Transport without amendment.

HWTM/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/338

That Council, in considering the concession application from the Kids Drama Club for usage of the Kokako St Hall:

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

Cr C Raukawa/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/339

- a. That Council approves to initiate the process of stopping of the Unformed Legal Road shown as Area A on SO Plan 31762;
- b. That Council directs the Chief Executive to progress the matter subject to formal agreement with the potential purchasers to include their undertaking to pay all costs;
- c. That Council authorises the Chief Executive to take all necessary actions and sign all documents to give effect to this resolution.

Cr R Lambert/Cr D Wilson. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Better off Funding Submission

The submission of projects for the better-off funding is in the process of being completed and Council must confirm the final project.

Cr Hiroa and Cr Raukawa abstained from the conversation stating a conflict of interest regarding Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa discussions on this item.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/340

That the report 'Better off Funding Submission' be received.

.Cr F Dalgety/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/341

That Council approve the following project being submitted for Tranche 1 – Better off funding:

- Nga Marae O Rangitikei – Potable water and wastewater system compliance and capacity – Scope, Cost, and Prioritisation.

Cr A Gordon/Cr D Wilson. Carried

10.2 Better Business Cases - Marton and Taihape

In response to concerns regarding increasing costs for these projects and what this would look like, Mr Benadie replied that the function of the business case is to avoid being in a position of too many options and providing the best outcome.

Regarding increasing costs and the decisions that need to be made it now exceeds the budget. Therefore, the motion included below as b) is a new option and an alternative to the business case.

Cr Duncan raised a point of order relating to the previous recommendation saying it does not reflect accurately the name/project and therefore the motion must include Taihape Town Hall.

HWTM ruled to accept the point of order.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/342

That the report "Better Business Cases - Marton and Taihape" be received.

.Cr C Ash/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/343

- a) That staff provide a financial analysis and rating impact regarding the ability to fund an increase in the current Long Term Plan given potential cost implications of approximately an additional \$16M to provide for a new Council facility on the corner of Broadway and High Street.
- b) That staff complete an alternative design for strengthening and modernising the offices at 46 High Street and the library to fit within the existing \$20m Long Term Plan budget.

- c) That both proposals become part of the consultation process within the 2023/24 Annual Plan process

HWTM/Cr N Belsham. Carried

Recommendation

That, given the high public interest in the Marton Civic Centre and Taihape Town Hall projects, all Council meetings and workshops relevant to these projects be held in public forum.

Cr Wilson/Cr Lambert.

Amendment:

That, given the high public interest in the Marton Civic Centre and Taihape Civic Centre projects, all Council meetings and workshops relevant to these projects be held in public forum.

Cr Gordon/Cr Hiroa. Carried.

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

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/344

That, given the high public interest in the Marton Civic Centre and Taihape Civic Centre (including Town Hall, library and information centre) projects, all Council meetings and workshops relevant to these projects be held in public forum.

Cr A Gordon/Cr T Hiroa. Carried

Meeting was adjourned at 2.58pm and reconvened at 3.16pm.

10.3 Changing Rooms at Te Matapihi, Bulls Community Centre

During discussion there as concern raised regarding the space being requested was for 200 people and whether the area would be used enough to justify this. It was noted that currently there are 2-3 school productions a year held at Te Matapihi.

The Mayor recommended a desktop analysis be undertaken on the square meters requested to give a rough cost and feasibility of the space.

The Chief Executive stated that in undertaking that desktop analysis he would be concerned around the accuracy of any budgetary figures resulting from that, and noted that this would be done with a low level of expertise and confidence from staff.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/345

That the report 'Changing Rooms at Te Matapihi, Bulls Community Centre' be received.

Cr R Lambert/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/346

Staff to undertake a desk top analysis of the range of costs that are likely for provision of a changing space at Te Matapihi to accommodate 200 people and a minimum of 2 bathrooms, as described in the order paper report under section 3.1.

HWTM/Cr B Carter. Carried

10.4 Request for Financial Support - Erewhon Rural Water Scheme

Cr Duncan declared a conflict of interest in this item.

There were concerns raised regarding whether this debt would go to the new entity or if it would be a debt carried by Council, as this is an unbudgeted expense. There was discussion regarding this being a grant or a loan, however it is seen as an obligation by Council to support the rural water schemes and therefore the grant was approved.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/347

That the report 'Request for Financial Support – Erewhon Rural Water Scheme' be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/348

That Council approve a grant of up to \$50,000 to the Erewhon Rural Water Scheme for 50% of the costs associated with developing an Asset Replacement Programme for the Scheme, noting this would be unbudgeted expenditure.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

10.5 2022/23 Budget: Carry Forwards and Other Adjustments (excl Roding)

In response to a question Mr Tombs noted that roading adjustments would come to Council at a future meeting.

The Chief Executive advised he requested this to come to Council to give awareness of the carry forwards and other adjustments. He noted that the Project Management Office (PMO) now provide confidence levels as part of their budgeting and planning reporting.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/349

That Council receives the report '2022/23 Budget: Carry Forwards and Other Adjustments (excl Roding)'.

Cr N Belsham/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/350

That Council approves the proposed amendments to reduce the 2022/23 Capital Budget to \$34,510,170 by the deferral of certain capital expenditure budgets, changes to some Budget Carry Forwards from 2021/22 and the realignment/introduction of other capital budgets.

Cr N Belsham/HWTM Carried

Recommendation

That elected members discuss, and provide guidance on, their preferred strategies in connection with the development of Papakai Pump Station Replacement and the Ratana Waste Water Upgrade.

Cr Lambert/Cr Wilson Left to lie on the table

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/351

That Council approves the increase in the Operating Expenses Budget 2022/23 of \$920,000 (net) to recognise Council's obligations regarding grant income already received, various community/district promotional activities and other minor sundry amendments.

Cr N Belsham/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/352

That Council approves:

- a. the increase in the Revenue Budget 2022/23 of \$700,000 to recognise unbudgeted grant income that Council expects to receive relating to Three Waters Stimulus Funding and Mayors Taskforce for Jobs;

AND

- b. a decrease in the Revenue Budget 2022/23 of \$5.0m to recognise that the Marton Rail Hub project, and its related income streams, will extend into 2023/24.

Cr N Belsham/Cr D Wilson. Carried

10.6 Taihape Grandstand - Strengthening Update

In response to a question staff advised they are looking at options for the site and the current work will not be lost. A request was made to keep the Taihape Heritage Group Grandstand Subcommittee updated.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/353

That the report 'Taihape Grandstand – Strengthening update' be received.

Cr Wilson/Cr Gordon. Carried.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/354

That Council request staff continue to pursue reduced cost options for strengthening the Taihape Grandstand, to report these options to the December Council meeting, and to keep the Taihape Heritage Group Grandstand Subcommittee apprised of this action.

Cr A Gordon/Cr G Duncan. Carried

10.7 Project Management Office Report - September 2022

Taihape Town Hall will be included as a separate item in this report in future.

Taihape Amenities Building

Staff noted that this project has been delayed due to waiting for steel to arrive.

Bulls Reservoir and Scotts Ferry Pump may be added to the Assets and Infrastructure committee reports when these projects are started.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/355

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

Cr R Lambert/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/356

That a Project Update Group be established for the Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project, made up of the following members:

- His Worship the Mayor
- One councillor from the Southern Ward
- One councillor from the Central Ward
- One councillor from the Tiikeitia ki Tai (Coastal) Māori
- One chair of an appropriate Council Committee

Noting that at the first ordinary Council meeting in the new triennium Council will be asked to make appointments to this Project Update Group.

Cr T Hiroa/Cr R Lambert. Carried

10.8 Delegation to Chief Executive during Council's Interregnum

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/357

That the report 'Delegation to Chief Executive during Council's Interregnum' be received.

Cr N Belsham/HWTM Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/358

That from the day following the Electoral Officer's declaration, until the new Council is sworn in, the Chief Executive be authorised to make decisions in respect of urgent matters, in consultation with the Mayor Elect.

AND

That any decisions made under this delegation be reported to the first ordinary meeting of the new Council.

Cr N Belsham/Cr T Hiroa. Carried

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Earthquake Prone Buildings Update

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/359

That the 'Earthquake Prone Buildings Update' be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

11.2 Rangitikei Economic Wellbeing

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/360

That the report 'Rangitikei Economic Wellbeing' be received.

Cr A Gordon/Cr B Carter. Carried

11.3 LGNZ Conference 2022

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/361

That the report 'LGNZ Conference 2022' be received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr B Carter. Carried

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/362

That the following minutes are received:

- Assets/Infrastructure Committee, 11 August 2022
- Bulls Community Committee, 26 July 2022
- Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee, 06 September 2022
- Finance/Performance Committee, 25 August 2022

- Hearings Committee, 15 June 2022
- Marton Community Committee, 10 August 2022
- Santoft Domain Management Committee, 07 September 2022
- Taihape Community Board, 17 August 2022
- Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti, 09 August 2022

Cr C Ash/Cr W Panapa. Carried

13 Recommendations from Committees

13.1 Recommendation from the Taihape Community Board

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/363

That Council approves the below recommendation from the Taihape Community Board meeting on 17 August 2022:

- The Taihape Community Board request that the Rangitikei District Council investigate the provision of a suitable toilet facility at the Taihape Cemetery, a handwashing facility at both entrances and a provision of a paved turn-around.

Cr D Wilson/Cr T Hiroa. Carried

14 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 5.00pm

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/364

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

1. Public Excluded Council Meeting - 25 August 2022
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Rate Remissions
4. Bulls Property Disposals
5. Minutes from Committees (Public Excluded)
6. Chief Executive Performance Review

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
14.1 - Public Excluded Council Meeting - 25 August 2022	[enter text]	s48(1)(a)
14.2 - 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)
14.3 - Rate Remissions	s7(2)(a) - Privacy	s48(1)(a)(i)
14.4 - Bulls Property Disposals	s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
14.5 - Minutes from Committees (Public Excluded)	s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities	s48(1)(a)(i)
14.6 - Chief Executive Performance Review	s7(2)(a) - Privacy	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 B Carter. Carried

15 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 5.45pm

Resolved minute number **22/RDC/372**


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

22/RDC/364 - 22/RDC/372

Cr A Gordon/Cr G Duncan. Carried

The meeting closed at 5.45pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 October 2022.


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Chairperson

