

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 3 November 2022

Time: 1.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

- HWTM Andy Watson
- Cr Dave Wilson
- Cr Brian Carter
- Cr Fi Dalgety
- Cr Gill Duncan
- Cr Richard Lambert
- Cr Tracey Piki Te Ora Hiroa
- Cr Coral Raukawa
- Cr Jeff Wong
- Cr Simon Loudon
- Cr Greg Maughan
- Cr Jarrod Calkin

In attendance

- Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
- Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy and Planning
- Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager - Community Services
- Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager - Corporate Services
- Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner (Zoom)
- Ms Georgia Etheridge, Corporate Planning Advisor (Zoom)
- Mr Graeme Pointon, Strategic Property Advisor
- Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

The meeting opened at 1.01pm. Cr Lambert read the Council prayer.

2 Apologies

No apologies were received. HWTM advised he needed to leave early to attend a meeting, via phone, on three waters. Cr Duncan advised she may also need to leave early.

3 Public Forum

No public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Loudon declared a conflict of interest in relation to item 12.1 Marton Rail Hub- CR Law Contract Variation Increase.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

The Mayor noted that Mr Murray Holdaway from Federated Farmers will come to speak at 1.30pm to item 11.1 Pricing Agricultural Emissions Submission.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/376

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 October 2022 **without amendment** be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this Committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Cr B Carter/Cr D Wilson. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Update on the plaque for the Mangaweka bridge. This has been viewed by Andy who stated there is no longer a risk of it being damaged. Staff to liaise with Cr Dalgety regarding the removal of old signage and a further conversation with Cr Hiroa regarding size of the font on the plaque.

Councillors asked about item 17 for the Bulls Bus Lane and if there had been any progress on the safety issues. Ms Prince stated that the process is underway regarding security cameras however it

is a long process regarding software capability, bylaw for consultation and then having the ability to prosecute.

Item 21 regarding rubbish removal was questioned on the process of how we get rubbish removed. Mr Beggs responded that with the Chief Operating Officer on long term sickness that staff are unable to answer the question today.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/377

22/RDC/36422/RDC/365 That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings' be received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr B Carter. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - 3 November 2022

Elected members discussed the nomination for Zone 3 representative on the LGNZ National Council for the triennium. Discussion included the benefits of Helen Worboys, in which we have a shared services agreement and she has a relationship with the district. The benefits of Neil Holdom are that he is business focused, in the same entity for three waters as the district and has provided information to Council as part of his nomination.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/378

That the Mayor's Report – 3 November 2022 be received.

HWTM/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/379

That Council **agrees** to support the nomination of Mayor Neil Holdom as Zone 3 representative on LGNZ National Council this triennium.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - 3 November 2022

PFAS Results

Mr Beggs advised that the PFAS results from the recent test in Bulls has been provided to the Bulls community.

In response to a question about whether testing had been done on the Bulls rubbish dump location Mr Beggs said he would check whether it has been included. Under the new drinking water

standards PFAS testing is done once a year, if any results show significant change this can be done more frequently.

Grandstand Heritage Listing

Mr Beggs advised that Heritage NZ have written to Council regarding the inclusion of the Grandstand at Memorial Park on the Heritage list. Ms Prince and Ms Foley have been working through this. Council agreed to form a working group to submit to this proposal.

Seismic Assessment

There was discussion on the seismic assessment being conducted on Council buildings. There has been an offer to Council to undertake these assessments. The financial threshold for the Taihape town hall strengthening was questioned, and this was stated to likely be between \$100,000-150,000.

External Submissions

Staff have set up a process for submissions, this includes a weekly update to ELT on open submissions. These are then provided to officers for responses. A monthly update on the Council agenda will be provided, with the intention of the draft submission to be included, this will be circulated via email if not possible.

It was highlighted there is a need for Council to submit on the Charities Amendment Bill as the district has small agencies wanting to secure funding. The process of being registered can be cumbersome and therefore Council should submit on this issue.

It was also noted that there are short consultation periods which is a disadvantage. HWTM encouraged councillors to put a submission in for the zone meeting to communicate this issue to LGNZ.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/380

That the Chief Executive's Report – 3 November 2022 be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr T Piki Te Ora Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/381

That a working group of three elected members:

1. Cr Duncan
2. Cr Hiroa
3. Cr Wong

work with staff to prepare a submission for the Taihape Memorial Park Grandstand heritage list proposal.

Cr G Duncan/Cr T Piki Te Ora Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/382

That staff provide a report to Council on the unsolicited offer received to seismically strengthen the Taihape Town Hall, to give advice on the impacts of Councils procurement policy and budgets, and any legal requirements that may need to be considered.

HWTM/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/383

That Council delegate the authority to approve submissions made to other agencies on behalf of Council to the Mayor and Chief Executive, provided all Elected Members have been provided with an opportunity to input into the submission.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr R Lambert. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Remuneration for Councillors in the 2022-25 Triennium

Ms Gordon advised Councillors that there is a remuneration pool and that this must all be allocated. This pool does not include the mayors salary and states the a minimum salary for a Councillor.

HWTM advised Councillors that in allocating the remuneration pool there was consideration of past salaries, respective workloads and the growth in role of the Deputy Mayor.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/384

That the report Remuneration for Councillors in the 2022-25 Triennium be received.

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/385

That Council adopts the following proposal, noting that the final resolution will be provided to the Remuneration Authority for their final determination:

- A base salary for Councillors of \$26,728, and
- An allowance of \$10,003 for the role of Deputy Mayor; and
- An allowance of \$8,000 for the role of Committee Chair; and
- An allowance of \$2,500 for the role of Committee Deputy Chair; and
- An allowance of \$2,000 for the role of the Chair of the Chief Executive Review committee.

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried

10.2 Appointments to Committees

Ms Gordon advised that further committee appointments will come to the end of November Council meeting.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/386

That the report, Appointments to Committees, be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/387

That the following appointments be made to the Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation - Project Update Group:

- His Worship the Mayor
- One councillor from the Southern Ward, that being Cr Carter
- One councillor from the Central Ward, that being Cr Dalgety
- One councillor from the Tiikeitia ki Tai (Coastal) Māori, that being Cr Raukawa
- One chair of an appropriate Council Committee, that being Cr Wilson, Chair of Assets/Infrastructure

Cr T Piki Te Ora Hiroa/Cr G M Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/388

That His Worship the Mayor be appointed as the Rangitikei District Council representative to the Regional Transport Committee, with Cr Wilson as the alternate.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/389

That Cr Wong be appointed as the Rangitikei District Council representative to the Passenger Transport Committee, with Cr Maughan as the alternate.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/390

That His Worship the Mayor and Rita Batley be appointed as the Rangitikei District Council representatives to the John Beresford Swan Dudding Trust Advisory Committee.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/391

That Cr Gill Duncan be confirmed as the Rangitikei District Council representative to the Otaihape Health Trust and that Cr Loudon be appointed as the alternate.

HWTM/Cr T Piki Te Ora Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/392

That Cr Wilson be appointed as the Rangitikei District Council representative to the Bonny Glen Community Trust and that Cr Lambert be appointed as the alternate.

Cr B Carter/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/393

That His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson, be appointed as the Rangitikei District Council representative to the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Governance Body.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/394

That for the November 2022 meeting His Worship the Mayor and Councillor Duncan be appointed to the Creative New Zealand Assessment Committee.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/395

That for the 2022-25 triennium the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Assessment Committee comprise His Worship the Mayor, Councillor Maughan and Councillor Calkin, with Cr Maughan appointed as Chair.

Cr T Piki Te Ora Hiroa/Cr R Lambert. Carried

10.3 Meeting Schedule to 31 December 2022

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/396

That the Meeting schedule to 31 December be received and dates confirmed without amendment

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

11 Reports for Information**11.1 Pricing Agricultural Emissions – Submission**

Mr Murray Holdaway, from Federated Farmers came to speak to this item. He raised concerns regarding the impact of methane pricing and that this is set solely on achieving targets, with no economic impact taken into consideration, emissions leakages are likely to continue to increase global emissions and further impacts on the rural sector. That there is little science behind the targets set.

In response to a request from Council Mr Holdaway advised he was happy to work with Council on the submission. Council resolved to have a working group of elected members to work on this submission.

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/397

That the report 'Pricing Agricultural Emissions-Submission' be received.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/398

That a working group of elected members be made up of :

1. Cr Dalgety
2. Cr Maughan
3. Cr Duncan
4. Cr Hiroa
5. His Worship The Mayor

to work with staff to prepare a submission Pricing Agricultural Emission submission on the National Direction for Plantation and Exotic Carbon Afforestation.

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried

12 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 3.00pm

Resolution to Exclude the Public**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/399**

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

1. Marton Rail Hub - CR Law Contract Variation Increase
2. Taihape Papakai Wastewater pump station
3. Digitisation of Property Files
4. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings

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
12.1 - Marton Rail Hub - CR Law Contract Variation Increase	s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
12.2 - Taihape Papakai Wastewater pump station	s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
12.3 - Digitisation of Property Files	s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities	s48(1)(a)(i)

<p>12.4 - Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings</p>	<p>s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i)</p>
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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

13 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 4.48PM

Resolved minute number 22/RDC/408

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

22/RDC/400 - 22/RDC/407

Cr B Carter/Cr T Piki Te Ora Hiroa. Carried

The meeting closed at 4.48PM.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 November 2022.

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Chairperson