

# MINUTES

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING



**Date:** Thursday, 15 December 2022

**Time:** 1.00 pm

**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Rangitikei District Council  
46 High Street  
Marton

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Present

HWTM Andy Watson  
Cr Dave Wilson  
Cr Brian Carter  
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  
Cr Fi Dalgety

In attendance

Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive  
Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager - Democracy and Planning  
Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager - Community Services  
Mrs Sharon Grant, Group Manager - People and Culture  
Ms Adina Foley, Senior Project Manager-Infrastructure  
Ms Georgia Etheridge, Corporate Planning Advisor (Zoom)  
Miss Crystal Johnston, Executive Assistant – Group Managers

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## 1 Welcome / Prayer

The Mayor opened the meeting at 1.00pm.

## 2 Apologies

No apologies received.

## 3 Public Forum

No public forum.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Wilson declared a conflict of interest regarding item 9.1, specifically the Marton Rotary application for funding.

HWTM declared a conflict of interest regarding item 9.1 as he is a Rotarian but he is not specifically involved with the proposed project.

Cr Loudon declared a conflict of interest in relation to item 10.4 Project Management Officer report specifically the Marton Rail Hub and item 10.5 in regard to the Marton Rail Hub project.

Cr Loudon declared a conflict of interest regarding item 12.3 Request for Waiver of Water Charges.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/439**

That the late item “10.5 - Marton Rail Hub – WSP Expert Witness and Resource Consent Support” be dealt with as part of the agenda for the Council meeting on 15 December 2022, the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting as the amount invoiced exceeds the delegation of the Chief Executive, and requires payment ahead of Council’s next meeting in February 2023. The reason the item is not on the agenda is that the invoices were received after the agenda had been sent out.

Cr J C Calkin/Cr B Carter. Carried

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

Mrs Gordon responded to a query regarding Māori Ward Councillors and the process of the Tiikeitia Ki Uta member being appointed to the Ratana Community Board and the Tiikeitia Ki Tai member being appointed to the Taihape Community Board as a matter of right. Staff responded that the representative could only be from the General Ward as this was stated by the commission. Mrs Gordon to approach the Commission to discuss any opportunity to change this.

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/440**

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 November 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 F Dalgety/Cr G Duncan. Carried

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/441**

That Cr Lambert is the Council nominated person for the first 18 months with Cr Dalgety as the alternate and that for the following 18 months Cr Fi Dalgety is the nominated Councillor with Cr Lambert being the alternate for the Hunterville Community Committee.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr B Carter. Carried

## **7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings**

### **7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings**

Item 19: it was advised that the procurement policy should also consider the carbon position.

Item 23: Certain locations of the boundary of the river sits between Rangitikei District Council and Horizons Regional Council. Rangitikei District Council remove the rubbish but then invoice Horizons for this work. Signage has been drafted to convey this message.

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/442**

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

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

## **8 Mayor's Report**

### **8.1 Mayor's Report – December 2022**

His Worship the Mayor note that two exceptional candidates have applied for the Tuia Programme from the Northern part of district. He said no decision has yet been received from the Environment Court re the Marton Rail Hub.

It was noted that the Hunterville Community Committee attendance needed to be amended in his report.

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/443**

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

Cr R Lambert/Cr G Maughan. Carried

## 9 Chief Executive's Report

### 9.1 Chief Executive Report - December 2022

#### Rural Water Supplies

Huntermville and Erewhon rural water schemes (RWS) acknowledged that they are mixed use which means the assets will transition to the new water services entities, following the 3 waters reform. Some rural water schemes can be removed from the transition after 1 July 2024. Council no longer will have any control or financial interest and therefore if they become independent they will need to set up their own structure. It is not guaranteed, if the schemes leave the entities, they would get the assets they put in, back. However, it is likely as the entities will be co-governed with appointees from within the community.

Rural Water Schemes have their own view on ownership but the Council has formal ownership of the schemes.

Omatane and Putorino RWS users have been invited to workshops regarding this however they have not attended. Council will continue to extend the invitation to both groups. Cr Duncan offered to be a conduit regarding this.

#### Request for Fee Waiver - Turakina Caledonia Society

There are community available funds and the group has been give funds of \$6,900 through the events sponsorship scheme. There are many events in this District and therefore we need to be consistent with our decision. Council have supported events of this nature across the District.

Staff are currently looking at the event sponsorship scheme, regarding regular events specifically and what this criteria and funding applications will look like.

#### Request from Marton Rotary Club

Conflict of interest declared by Cr Wilson at 1.45pm regarding Marton Rotary Club funding application.

Council have provided funding through the placemaking scheme for \$6,600. This was provided to the overall project not any individual organization.

HWTM advised he would not vote as he is a Rotarian but is not on the project board. Declared at 1.49pm.

#### **Resolved minute number 22/RDC/444**

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

Cr B Carter/Cr G Maughan. Carried

#### **Resolved minute number 22/RDC/445**

That the Council agrees to waive the fee of \$318 to the Turakina Caledonia Society for application to erect their marquee for the Turakina Highland Games.

Cr T Piki Te Ora Hiroa/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

#### **Resolved minute number 22/RDC/446**

That, in order to rectify an issue with the minutes of the 26 November 2020, Council resolve the following:

That Council approve stopping and the sale of the unformed legal road, Short Street Taihape, with title to be amalgamated with the land at 39 – 53 Dixon Way; And that the Chief Executive be authorised to complete negotiations with the owners of 39- 53 Dixon Way; exercise discretion without limitation to set the price (Council agreeing this may be for zero value), and complete all further actions and execute all required documents to give effect to this authority.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Carried

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/447**

That the Council agrees to waive the fee of \$974 to the Marton Rotary Club for the consent fees to a community stage at the Village Green, Marton.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr B Carter. Carried

## 10 Reports for Decision

### 10.1 Roothing - 2022/23 Budget Amendments

This report was a follow up from the September report for projects that needed deferral to try to align the budget with the Long Term Plan with Waka Kotahi budget and emergency works.

With increasing emergency events we need to anticipate these types of events and create a buffer for these types of events.

It was noted there was a discussion regarding this at the Finance and Performance meeting earlier in the day.

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/448**

That Council receives the report 'Roothing – 2022/23 Budget Amendments'.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr R Lambert. Carried

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/449**

That Council approves the proposed amendments to reduce the 2022/23 Capital Budget to \$33,170,170 for the deferral of certain capital expenditure budgets, changes to some Budget Carry Forwards from 2021/22 and the realignment of other capital budgets.

Cr J C Calkin/Cr G Maughan. Carried

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/450**

That Council approves the proposed amendments to reduce the 2022/23 Operating Expense Budget to \$22,439,994 for the deferral of certain roading operating expenditure budgets and changes to some Budget Carry Forwards from 2021/22.

Cr J C Calkin/Cr D Wilson. Carried

### 10.2 Triennial Agreement for the Manawatu-Whanganui Region 2022-25

Changes to the agreement came through to staff yesterday and Mrs Gordon noted the changes that were different from the version included in the agenda.

There was a need for a decision by 1 March 2023 on receiving this document.

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/451**

That the Triennial Agreement for the Manawatu-Whanganui Region 2022-25 report be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Carried

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/452**

That, the draft Triennial Agreement for the Manawatu-Whanganui Region be received, noting it is currently in a draft form, and that (unless any other Council suggests substantive change) His Worship the Mayor be authorised to sign the agreement, accepting any minor changes proposed by other councils.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr T Piki Te Ora Hiroa. Carried

### **10.3 Te Matapihi – Changing Rooms**

In response to a question it was advised that Te Matapihi complies with health and safety standards.

Designs for the changing room went out to the community and schools before this was brought to Council. Their preferred option was a separate changing room for 200+ people, as advised to Council previously. Council were told that the hall would get low usage without the changing room however groups and schools continue to use it.

In response to a question it was advised that a marquee was able to be erected by the doors in the carpark to give easy access to the back of the building. Due to the glass windows the upstairs area is not suitable as a changing space.

It was noted that the project completion report is still to come to Council, this will be in the new year, this will provide the final budget for the Te Matapihi project.

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/453**

That the report 'Te Matapihi – Changing Rooms' be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr D Wilson. Carried

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/454**

That Council approves minor privacy improvements (curtains and blinds) as per option (1) in section 4.2 of the report and not exceeding \$10,500, noting these improvements can be achieved within the remaining Te Matapihi Capital Budget.

Cr B Carter/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/455**

That Council approves up to \$25,000 of operational expenditure in the 2023/24 Annual Plan for the hire of a marquee as an occasional changing room, if required. The events will be limited to

school productions and large events only, and will require the approval of Council's Chief Executive.

Cr B Carter/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Cr Maughan recorded his vote against the motion

### **Amendment**

That Council approves up to \$45,000 of operational expenditure in the 2023/24 Annual Plan for the hire of a marquee and associated costs as an occasional changing room, if required. The events will be limited to school productions and large events only, and will require the approval of Council's Chief Executive.

Cr Calkin/Cr (Amendment Lost)

### **Foreshadowed Motion**

That Council investigate the purchase of a marquee for use at various events around the district.

Cr Loudon/Cr Calkin. Motion lost

### **Resolved minute number 22/RDC/456**

That Council request staff to not conduct any further investigation or work to construct additional changing rooms at Te Matapihi.

Cr R Lambert/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Cr Loudon/Cr Calkin recorded their votes against the motion

## **10.4 Project Management Office Report – December 2022**

Ms Foley gave the following highlights from the report:

### Marlon to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project:

Project work plan meeting held (high level scope) to capture the project itself in the right spirit.

### Marlon Industrial Park and Rail Hub

Conflict of interest noted by Cr Loudon.

### Marlon Water Strategy

Making good progress with the bore hole. Soil report to be provided to Councillors.

### Marlon Civic Centre

There is a fifteen year timeline to get this building strengthened, this date will be included in future reports.

### Taihape Amenities Building

Staff to include photos in future reports.

### Lake Waipu Improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project

Consent has been lodged.



Regional Treatment Plant Consenting Programme

An infringement notice has been received for the Taihape treatment plant as the quality of the water is not to standard, staff are working to identify to short term improvements.

Scotts Ferry Pump

Manawatu District Council staff have been trying to meet with Horizons Regional Council as the land is owned by them.

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/457**

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

Cr G Maughan/Cr S Loudon. Carried

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/458**

In regard to the Marton to Bulls Centralisation project, that Council request for HWTM and the Chief Executive to meet with the Chair and Chief Executive of Horizons Regional Council to discuss the status of current planning, timelines and next steps, and for regular meetings to be set up between RDC and Horizons.

HWTM/Cr B Carter. Carried

**10.5 Marton Rail Hub – WSP Expert Witness and Resource Consent Support**

Cr Loudon declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from the table, he returned at 4:03pm.

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/459**

That the report “Marton Rail Hub – WSP Expert Witness and Resource Consent Support” be received.

HWTM/Cr G Maughan. Carried

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/460**

That Council approves the payment of WSP invoices 01981360 @ \$166,498.56 (exc GST) and 01984621 @ \$65,459.58 (exc GST) for the subject matter expert witness and reporting services for the proposed MRH District Plan change.

HWTM/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/461**

That Council approves for WSP to continue their work on supporting the MRH District Plan change and on resource consent(s) preparation at a value not to exceed \$425,000, noting this sum is fully funded by the Infrastructure Reference Group grant to Council for the provision of the Marton Rail Hub.

HWTM/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

## 11 Minutes from Committees

### 11.1 Minutes from Committees

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/462**

That the following minutes are received:

- Youth Council- 9 August
- Policy and Planning-11 August
- Bulls Community Committee- 27 September
- Finance and Performance 29 September
- Finance and Performance- 23 November
- Marton Community Committee- 4 October
- Taihape Community Board- 5 October
- Turakina Community Committee-6 October

Cr J C Calkin/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

## 12 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 4:03pm

### Resolution to Exclude the Public

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

- 1 Public Excluded Council Meeting - 23 November 2022
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Request for Waiver of Water Account Charges

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>12.1 - Public Excluded Council Meeting - 23 November 2022</b>	[enter text]	S48(1)(a)
<b>12.2 - Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings</b>	s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities	s48(1)(a)(i)

	s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	
<b>12.3 - Request for Waiver of Water Account Charges</b>	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 Hiroa/Cr Duncan. Carried

### 13 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 4:24pm

**Resolved minute number 22/RDC/463**

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

22/RDC/459 - 22/RDC/462

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

**The meeting closed at 4:29pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 January 2023.**

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**Chairperson**