

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 22 February 2023

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

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

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
Mr Johan Cullis, Group Manager- Regulatory Services
Ms Adina Foley, Group Manager-Infrastructure
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/001

Apologies were received from Cr Raukawa.

Cr T Piki Te Ora Hiroa/HWTM Carried.

3 Public Forum

No Public Forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Hiroa declared a conflict of interest regarding item 10.4 Taihape Development Steering Group - Wellbeing Initiative.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/002

Item 10.4 presentation moved to after item 6 minutes.

That the late item “Putorino Landfill Remediation Project – Budget Increase Item 10.5 ” be dealt with as part of the agenda for the Council meeting on 22 February 2023. The item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting because Council needs to consider an increase in budget to complete the project. The reason the item is not on the agenda is that the quote for the work was only received after the agenda had been sent out.

That the recommendation from Finance/Performance Committee February 22 2023 “Financial Support Cyclone Gabrielle” be considered at item 10.6 for the Council meeting on 22 February 2023.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

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6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/003

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 December 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 G Duncan/Cr J Calkin. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

HWTM and Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa left the meeting at 1.32pm

Cr Wilson chaired the meeting.

HWTM returned to the meeting and Chair at 1.34pm

In response to a question about Item 4 and what the next steps are, staff responded that a contractor has been engaged for a sludge survey which will give us more information. This is in line with what Horizons expects to see. There was concern that this infringement was on top of a previous infringement however this is a non-related event.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/004

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

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

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - February 2023

HWTM acknowledged the ongoing impact of Cyclone Gabrielle.

The passing of Mr Terence Steedman, member of the Taihape Community and Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa was also acknowledged.

The Mayor clarified that The Four Regions Trust provide funds to the wider region and this can go towards a number of projects and activities.

It was requested that staff provide information on our Civil Defence plans and how prepared we are for an event. There is a list of topics for future workshops on this. This is likely to come to a Council workshop in the mid-year.

It was requested that staff to provide details on the effects from the cyclone within our own district. Horizons Regional Council will have a debrief and this will be distributed to all Councils. It was requested that Horizons be a part of the workshop process as well.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/005

That the Mayor's Report – February 2023 be received.

HWTM/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/006

That the Council endorses the reappointment of Mr Christopher Renshaw to the Four Regions Trust for a further term of 3 years.

Cr R Lambert/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/007

I move as part of the adoption of the Mayor's Report Civil Defence street signage in our towns be updated to provide for assembly point information

HWTM/Cr B Carter. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive Report - February 2023

External Submissions

Council recommended we submit on PFAS as this is of interest to us. It was still recommended to submit that this is of interest to us but we are unable to provide a technical response.

It was noted that the submission on Business Payment Practices was not circulated to Elected Members as this was an operational matter and was therefore submitted on behalf of the CE.

(Old) Mangaweka Bridge

This group is required so that the bridge can be maintained rather than be a risk to infrastructure and the new bridge.

Community Water Fluoridation- Letter from the Ministry of Health Update

The Ministry of Health have asked for confirmation on the expense of fluoridation in the district. The ministry have not directed us to take any action and if we were directed this would happen after the assets transitioned to the new entities. There would be high community interest on this.

Bulls & Districts Historical Society (Inc)Loan

The Bulls Historical Society is seeking financial relief. The current agreement includes interest payments however their letter states they have not been paying interest. Mr Tombs will be following this up.

There is an expectation from Council that funding was to come from other grants and providers such as JBS Dudding's Trust.

The building has been leased to the society for 30 years this was done with the expectation it was earthquake strengthened and they would look after maintenance.

Mr Beggs advised the loan was intended to bridge a gap in funding however the Society now need an extension to pay back the loan.

His Worship set aside Standing Orders at 2.20pm to allow more speakers on this item.

Better off Funding Update

Concern was raised regarding if entity B no longer exists and Council has committed funds do we need to return the funding? Mr Beggs advised that the only reason funds would be returned would be if the funding was used for items that are not listed in the table.

Triennial Agreement for the Hawke's Bay Region

It was noted that a small part of the Rangitikei District falls into the Hawke's Bay region, which is why Council is part of this agreement.

Roading Procurement Strategy

Mr Benadie advised he will bring a report to the 30 March Council meeting on what this strategy will look like with a timeline included to get this to Waka Kotahi for approval.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/008

That the Chief Executive's Report – February 2023 be received.

Cr J Calkin/Cr F Dalgety. Carried.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/009

That we submit on the PFAS submission.

Cr B Carter/Cr J Calkin Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/010

That the Council approves without amendment the submission on the Future for Local Government Draft Report.

Cr R Lambert/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/011

Agrees to extend the old loan agreement to The Bulls & Districts Historical Society (Inc), for a period of three years, allowing early repayment of the loan after which it will be reviewed, if necessary. Interest will continue to be charged to the Bulls & Districts Historical Society (Inc).

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

Move amendment:

That Council extend the loan agreement on the basis that The Bulls & Districts Historical Society (Inc) pay interest only on the loan with the expectation the society will continue to seek alternate funding to clear the loan with Council.

HWTM/Cr Wong. Lost.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/012

That the Annual Report on Dog Control Policy and Practices, required under Section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996, be adopted.

Cr T Piki Te Ora Hiroa/Cr S Loudon. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/013

That the Deputy Mayor, Dave Wilson, be appointed as the alternate Rangitikei District Council representative to the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Governance Body.

HWTM/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/014

That Council agrees to waive the consent fee of \$318 as requested by the Marton RSA which relates to a building consent application for the erection of a marquee.

Cr J Calkin/Cr S Loudon. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/015

That the Chief Executive be authorised to sign the funding agreement without amendment for the 'Three Waters Reform – Better Off Funding' (Tranche 1) totalling \$3,330,000.

Cr G Duncan/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/016

That His Worship the Mayor and the Chief Executive be authorised to sign the proposed triennial agreement for the Hawke's Bay Region.

HWTM/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/017

That Council does not agree to waive the not for profit fee of \$85 for the Bulls Community Patrol hire of Te Matapihi on 11 March 2023.

Cr G Maughan/Cr D Wilson. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Adoption for Community Consultation: Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond Draft Community Spatial Plan

Ms Gray noted that proposed events align with annual plan consultation events.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/018

That the report 'Adoption for Community Consultation: Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond Draft Community Spatial Plan' be received.

AND

That Council adopt Pae Tawhiti Rangitīkei Beyond Draft Community Spatial Plan for community consultation, noting that minor proofing edits may be made before publication.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr G Duncan. Carried

10.2 Project Management Office Report - February 2023

Work Plan for the Marton to Bulls Centralisation and Marton to Bulls Centralisation

Ms Foley advised she was seeking endorsement of the workplans as the way we are approaching these projects. This is a way to show priorities and we are seeking feedback from elected members on this.

There are timelines for consenting with Horizons which can be a court enforced order. Horizons want to see a draft consenting strategy approach to this project. We need to show significant progress and we must comply with consents.

Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation Project

The pipeline has been installed, there are three crossings that need to be completed. Resource consent is needed.

Marton Water Strategy

Marton ratepayers aren't aware of the current work on this and therefore there should be further comms in this area. Staff advised that there has been comms on this, but we can continue to push this messaging.

Taihape Amenities Building

HWTM has visited the building site and noted there have been delays but good progress being made.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/019

That the Project Management Office Report – February 2023 be received.

Cr J Calkin/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/020

That the Work Plan for the Marton to Bulls Centralisation is endorsed by Council without changes to the project constraints.

Cr J Calkin/HWTM Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/021

That the Work Plan for the Marton Water Strategy is endorsed by Council without changes to the project constraints.

Cr J Calkin/HWTM Carried

10.3 RDC Road Maintenance Contract – Increase Purchase Order

The purpose of this report is to raise a purchase order for the three-year contract. With the expectation to come back to Council for any works that are unexpected.

The numbers have come from the roading team and this has been reviewed by the finance team and by Mr Beggs.

Staff assured Council that the budget has not changed and that increases to the purchase order would come back to Council.

It was agreed that the Chair of Finance / Performance and Chair of Assets /Infrastructure would do a review of the figures provided.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/022

That the report 'RDC Road Maintenance Contract – Increase Purchase Order' be received.

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

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/023

That the Council acknowledges that the value of RDC 980 Road Maintenance Contract is **\$43,129,184** for the 3 year period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2024, which includes the LTP budget and approved Emergency Works.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/024

That the Council authorises the Chief Executive to approve the increase of the current Purchase Order to a total value of **\$40,430,349.25** to reflect the increased value of RDC 980 Road Maintenance Contract over the whole 3 year period, 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2024, to enable the contractor to deliver the 2022-23 Maintenance, Renewal and Improvement Programme as well as the Emergency Works that have already been approved. (Noting that there is a portion of \$2,698,834.75 spent on another Purchase Order, the sum of these two is \$43,129,184)

HWTM/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/025

That Council delegate the Chair of Finance and Chair of Assets and Infrastructure committees to review this paper and to provide feedback to the 30 March Council meeting.

HWTM/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/026

That the Council notes that if future severe weather events occur, and additional Emergency Works funding is approved by Waka Kotahi, then approval will be sought from Council for those unbudgeted expenditures so that the current Purchase Order can be increased accordingly.

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried

10.4 Taihape Development Steering Group - Wellbeing Initiative

Ms Prince noted this was an integrated platform to provide the ability to share information and resources between Council and other stakeholders. This is an opportunity for Council and Health to work together. This will become essential in small rural communities with limited resources and overlapping shared leadership.

The cost of this will not fall on Council, Whanganui Regional Health Network and Mokai Patea will resource this and have committed that the old hospital is maintained.

In response to a question about developing a long term position, it was advised that this would be a consideration as part of the Long Term Plan decisions next.

The current site is owned by the Crown, however it is intended to be a long term lease. Ongoing costs are provided by the leaseholders, however the Crown needs to take some ownership regarding maintenance.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/027

That the report 'Taihape Development Steering Group – Wellbeing Initiative' be received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr S Loudon. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/028

That Council **does** participate in a collective approach with key stakeholders in the Taihape community on the Taihape Development Steering Group – Wellbeing Initiative.

Cr G Duncan/Cr G Maughan. Carried

10.5 Putorino Landfill Remediation Project-Budget Increase

Mr Beggs advised the remediation is above budget and will have an impact on our operational budgets.

It was questioned the impact from the cyclone had on the site. Mr Beggs responded that 18 months ago decisions were made that meant that there was no impact on the awa.

There were questions regarding the investigation on other disposal methods. Mr Beggs responded that the important part is the managed fill and clean fill. Managed fill could not be transferred to another site without a resource consent.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/029

That the report 'Putorino Landfill Remediation Project – Budget Increase' be received.

Cr T Piki Te Ora Hiroa/Cr J Calkin. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/030

That Council approves the increase in the approved budget from \$150,000 to \$510,000, including 10% contingency. Also that Council notes that this remains an estimated figure and that it is intended to run an open book project in order to contain project costs.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/031

That Council notes staff are working with the Ministry for the Environment to obtain a Waste Levy refund for materials previously disposed at Bonny Glen. This could create an unbudgeted income of \$195,000 this Financial Year.

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

10.6 Recommendation from Finance/Performance Committee February 22 2023- Financial Support Cyclone Gabrielle

It was requested that there be further information on the impacts from the weather event on our own District.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/032

That the Finance / Performance Committee recommend to Council that \$ 20,000 to be paid into the Mayoral Relief Fund, to be used to support areas affected by the recent Cyclone.

Cr R Lambert/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Rangitikei Economic Wellbeing

Ms Prince agreed that growth is positive in the district and noted there are external factors outside of the control of our Council that are impacting on housing and rental prices.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/033

That the 'Rangitikei Economic Wellbeing' report be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

11.2 Te Matapihi - Financial Close Out Report

Ms Foley advised that the report states shows the final financial close out and where money was spent and offset and noted that the project was debt funded.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/034

That the report 'Te Matapihi - Financial Close Out Report' be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr J Calkin. Carried

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/035

That the following minutes are received:

- Youth Council-13 September 2022
- Youth Council-11 October 2022
- Creative Communities Committee- 14 November 2022
- Santoft Domain Management Committee- 30 November 2022
- Turakina Community Committee- 01 December 2022
- Hunterville Community Committee- 12 December 2022
- Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti- 13 December 2022
- Taihape Community Board- 14 December 2022
- Finance and Performance- 15 December 2022
- Ratana Community Board- 20 December 2022

Cr G Maughan/Cr G Duncan. Carried

13 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 5.07pm.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/036

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

- 1 Public Excluded Council Meeting - 15 December 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
13.1 - Public Excluded Council Meeting - 15 December 2022		s48(1)(a)
13.2 - 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)
13.3 - Request for Waiver of Water Account Charges	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 B Carter/Cr R Lambert. Carried

14 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 5.13pm

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/041

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

22/RDC/037- 22/RDC/041

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried

The meeting closed at 5.15pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 March 2023.

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Chairperson