

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 30 March 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 Coral Raukawa
Cr Jeff Wong
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
Mrs Sharon Grant, Group Manager - People and Culture
Mr Johan Cullis, Group Manager-Regulatory Services
Ms Adina Foley, Group Manager- Capital Projects
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor
Mr Paul Sharland, Bulls Historical Society

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1 Welcome

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/048

Apologies were received from Cr Loudon. HWTM may leave at 4.45pm and the role of Chair will pass to the Deputy Mayor, Cr Wilson.

HWTM/Cr J Calkin. Carried

3 Public Forum

Mr Paul Sharland- Bulls Historical Society presented to Council. He stated that the decision made by Council at the previous meeting will greatly impact the historical society and it is unlikely that the costs incurred will be able to be repaid, and may instead mean the historical society has to cease or being back in this position in a few months.

HWTM confirmed there are two requests to either rescind the loan or make the loan interest free.

Council can not make a decision on this until a future Council meeting on this and would need to be submitted as a Notice of Motion.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Dalgety declared a conflict of interest with item 10.3 Project Management Office Report - March 2023 specifically Hunterville Town Hall and item 10.5 Parks Upgrades Partnership Application Hunterville Community Assets Trust, as Cr Dalgety is the Chair of the Hunterville Community Assets Trust.

Cr Wilson declared a conflict of interest with item 13.5 Streetlight Maintenance Contract- Tender Recommendation Report.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

That item 13.2 Recommendation from Finance / Performance Committee - 30 March 2023 and item 13.4 RDC Road Maintenance Contract Procurement Strategy be moved to after item 8, the Follow-up Action Items.

That item 10.6 Adoption of the Annual Report will be taken when Chris Webby from Audit NZ arrives.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/049

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried.

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| 13.2 - Recommendation from Finance / Performance Committee - 30 March 2023 | s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(i) - Negotiations | s48(1)(a)(i) |
| 13.4 - RDC Road Maintenance Contract Procurement Strategy | s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(g) - Legal Professional Privilege | 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 R Lambert/Cr B Carter. Carried

Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session at 3.00pm.

Council meeting adjourned at 3pm and returned at 3.10pm.

Resolved minute number **23/RDC/053**

That the public excluded meeting move into an open meeting.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - March 2023

The Mayor noted the Zone 3 meeting will go ahead on the 27 and 28 of April, and he be attending.

Councillors acknowledged the hard work of staff and the positive feedback from the community awards evening.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/054

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

HWTM/Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - March 2023

It was noted that the Taihape Show Jumping event had been cancelled due to the state of grounds.

Staff will provide a paper to the next Council meeting on the drainage issues in Koitiata.

An external review of the Ratana Communal Board will be completed by the end of April however a paper on this will not come to next council meeting.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/055

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

Cr G Duncan/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/056

That Council approves a 100% fee waiver of the discounted rate of \$78.70 for the Boot-throwing Association for hiring Taihape Memorial Park on Sunday, 26 February for the Due Drop Hope Challenge 2023.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Adoption of the Local Governance Statement

This item was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/057

That the report 'Adoption of the Local Governance Statement' be received.

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

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/058

That the Local Governance Statement be adopted without amendment.

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Calkin. Carried

10.2 Support requests for the Christmas Tree by Marton Development Group

Ms Foley presented this item. Councillors asked about other ways to support the group such as the community initiatives grant and noted building consent fees can also be applied for through this process. Staff will provide feedback to the group and request an application through the community initiatives fund.

There were concerns raised about the insurance for the tree and whether the tree was owned by Council. Staff will investigate the costs of insurance and report this back.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/059

That the report 'Support requests for the Christmas Tree by Marton Development Group' be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/060

That Council **agrees** to the registration of an electrical connection through an ICP under Council's name for the community groups using the green space at Broadway and High Street in Marton and fund the monthly fees and user charges for this connection, noting this is an unknown and unbudgeted operational cost to Council.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/061

That Council **will not** support Marton Development Group's purchase of the Christmas tree organised by MDG with a sum of \$3000 +GST, noting this is an unbudgeted operational cost to Council.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/062

That Council **will not** waive the annual Building Consent Fee (currently \$318) for the erection of the Christmas tree and associated banner.

Cr G Maughan/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/063

That Council **will not** support the Christmas tree project by paying for the preparation of the surface (if required) to support the container storing the Christmas tree.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/064

That Council **will** take ownership of the tree and that it **will not** rates fund depreciation of the tree.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Recommendation

Council look to insure the tree as we have ownership, noting this an unbudgeted operational cost to Council.

HWTM/Cr Calkin. Lost

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/065

Council investigate the cost of insurance for the Christmas tree and report this back to Council.

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

10.3 Project Management Office Report - March 2023

Marton to Bulls Centralisation

A draft on Council's consenting approach has been sent to Horizons Regional Council for their review. Engineers will ensure a certain flow, and structures will be built to withstand the pressure to be resilient in flooding.

Marton Water Strategy

Water quality in Marton is an ongoing issue. The communications team is creating an infographic about the bore to help people understand the process. The new date for the completion of this project is December 2024.

Miscellaneous

It was requested that the Scott's Ferry Pump be added to the PMO report.

Huntermville Town Hall

There was discussion about the unsolicited offer being more affordable. Mr Beggs clarified that under the building act that once earthquake strengthened then all regulations must comply, such as fire and accessibility. The decision to assess the hall has been pulled back until the next LTP.

Mr Beggs confirmed that part of the third recommendation is to improve accessibility to the lower hall, and heating is included in this.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/066

That the report 'Project Management Office Report - March 2023' be received.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/067

Staff include the work to strengthen and improve accessibility for the Huntermville Town Hall as a project for consideration in the 2024-34 Long Term Plan.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/068

To address the original request to improve accessibility for the Huntermville Town Hall, staff investigate costings for wheelchair access to the hall's ground floor (noting that this may not satisfy

all the Building Code requirements for accessibility improvements if an upgrade were to be commissioned), and report this to Council for consideration.

Cr G Maughan/Cr R Lambert. Carried

10.4 Proposed Hunterville Subdivision connection to Council's reticulated wastewater network

The Mayor spoke to this item stating that the Hunterville wastewater plant is not currently compliant, which is a common situation across the country. However, this is an opportunity to grow Hunterville and council is prepared to accept that risk.

The Mayor left the meeting at 4.37pm and Cr Wilson Chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/069

That the report 'Hunterville Subdivision Consent' be received.

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

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/070

That Council, having given due cognisance to the risk and mitigation measures being implemented by staff on Hunterville WWTP, agree in principle for the lots proposed for subdivision consent application RM 230002 to connect to Council's reticulated wastewater network.

HWTM/Cr R Lambert. Carried

10.5 Parks Upgrades Partnership Application - Hunterville Community Assets Trust

Cr Dalgety declared a conflict of interest in this item and remained at the table but didn't vote.

This item was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/071

That the report "Parks Upgrades Partnership Application – Hunterville Community Assets Trust" be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/072

That Council approve funds of \$20,000 from the Parks Upgrades Partnership Fund to the Hunterville Community Assets Trust to install solar panels at the Hunterville Swimming pool.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

10.6 Adoption of the 2021/22 Annual Report

This item was taken at 3.10pm.

Mr Chris Webby, Audit NZ was welcomed to the table. It was acknowledge there were a variety of reasons for delay in the completion of the annual report.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/073

That the 'Adoption of the 2021/22 Annual Report' report be received.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/074

That His Worship the Mayor and the Chief Executive be authorised to sign the letter of representation addressed to the Council's auditor for the year ended 30 June 2022.

AND

That the Annual Report 2021/22, with amendment, be adopted noting that the Audit Opinion and the final list of changes be incorporated.

AND

That His Worship the Mayor and the Chief Executive be delegated to approve the Summary Annual Report 2021/22 once the final Audit opinion is received.

Cr J F Wong/Cr D Wilson. Carried

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre and Memorial Park Grandstand - Unsolicited offers for earthquake strengthening received

Ms Foley presented the report noting risks associated with these offers for the Taihape Town Hall.

The costs of earthquake strengthening needs to be taken into account as well as compliance with the building code. Councillors noted it is important to wait for the consultation outcome before making any decisions.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/075

That the report 'Taihape Town Hall / Civic Centre and Memorial Park Grandstand - Unsolicited offers for earthquake strengthening received' be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/076

That Council agree to reject the unsolicited offers to earthquake strengthen the Taihape Town Hall/Civic centre and the Taihape Memorial Park Grandstand at this time.

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Calkin. Carried

Recommendation

That Council request the Chief Executive to enter into direct negotiations with Mr Morgenstern and other providers to assess earthquake strengthening solutions that meet compliance within the Building Code.

Cr Wilson/Cr Lambert. Lost.

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

Cr Duncan left the meeting at 5.04pm.

Item taken as read.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/077

That the following minutes are received:

- Risk and Assurance- 16 Nov 22
- Taihape Community Board-08 Feb 23
- Turakina Community Committee- 09 Feb 23
- Hunterville Community Committee-13 Feb 23
- Ratana Community Board- 14 Feb 23
- Finance and Performance- 22 Feb 23
- Erewhon Rural Water Scheme- 07 Mar 23
- Bulls Community Committee- 14 Mar 23
- Youth Council- 20 Mar 23

Cr B Carter/Cr G Maughan. Carried

13 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 5.04pm

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/078

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

1. Confirmation of Minutes
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
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Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

14 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 5.13pm

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

Cr B Carter/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 April 2023.

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Chairperson