

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 25 July 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 Richard Lambert
Cr Tracey Piki Te Ora Hiroa
Cr Coral Raukawa
Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Simon Loudon
Cr Greg Maughan
Cr Fi Dalgety

In attendance

Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer (Zoom)
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
Mrs Adina Foley, Group Manager-Capital Projects
Mr Johan Cullis, Group Manager- Regulatory Services
Mr Mark Barnes, Project Director- Rail Hub
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting at 1.02pm and Cr Dalgety read the Council prayer.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/211

Apologies received by Cr Calkin, Cr Duncan and Cr Maughan for lateness.

Cr B Carter/Cr D Wilson. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no Public Forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Maughan declared a conflict of interest for item 9.1 Chief Executive's Report – relating to the section on Putorino Landfill Remediation Project.

Cr Loudon declared a conflict of interest for item 11.4 PMO Report – relating to the section on the Marton Rail Hub and 13.4 Marton Rail Hub-Project Update Report.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Cr Maughan arrived at 1.04pm.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/212

That the late item "13.5 – Lake Alice Water Tower" be dealt with as part of the agenda for the Council meeting on 25 July 2023. The item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting as the Office of the Crown Response to the Abuse in Care Inquiry have asked for a direction from Council as soon as possible. The reason the item is not on the agenda is that the information and request from the Office was received after the agenda had been sent out.

HWTM/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/213

That the late item "13.6 – Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs" be dealt with as part of the agenda for the Council meeting on 25 July 2023. The item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting as the contract for this service needs to be awarded. The reason the item is not on the agenda is that the discussions with the two potential applicants to undertake this contract made presentations on the day of the council meeting (25 July 2023).

HWTM/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/214

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 June 2023 **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 R Lambert/Cr S Loudon. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/215

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - 25 July 2023

Cr Raukawa gave an update on her report which was provided at the last Council meeting and thanked Council for the opportunity to attend the Zone 3 meeting.

His Worship the Mayor spoke in relation to his attendance at the RMA meeting in Palmerston North noting that the changes to the RMA are very technical in nature.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/216

That the Mayor's Report – 25 July 2023 be received.

HWTM/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - July 2023

Health Safety and Wellbeing Update

Mrs Grant advised that Council is being showcased as part of the high engagement approach to health, safety and wellbeing at the LGNZ conference.

Community Services (Dashboard)

In response to a question about where Council provides a payment to Nga Wairiki Ngāti Apa for the services provided during an emergency event Mrs Gordon advised that not at this stage, but staff are looking at entering in an agreement in the future.

Building Consent / Producer Statement Issue

In response to a question Mr Beggs advised that currently a low number of consents and producer statements have been identified but staff are still working through their processes to identify everything. He advised that staff have not yet spoken to the people who have been impacted yet.

Putorino Landfill Remediation Project

Cr Maughan declared a conflict of interest due to working for the property for where the landfill is located.

Mr Beggs responded to questions noting that the process of screening and dumping contaminated waste has been paused until later in the year as the ground is too wet. The material taken to Bonny Glen landfill could be approximately 124 tonnes but there is still some screening to complete.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/217

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

Cr G Maughan/Cr J F Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/218

That Council approves the revised Governance Health, Safety and Wellbeing Charter without amendment.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/219

That the Council approves that a final submission is made to the Ministry for the Environment to recover \$200,000 of Waste Levy fees.

Cr R Lambert/Cr G Maughan. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Amendments to Fees and Charges 2023/2024

Mrs Gordon noted minor amendments that need to be made to the Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2023/24 so fees align with the adopted rates resolution and to reflect practical considerations at transfer stations.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/220

That the report Amendment to Fees and Charges 2023/24 be received

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/221

That Council adopt the amended Fees and Charges 2023/24 document.

Cr D Wilson/Cr S Loudon. Carried

10.2 Adoption of 2023/24 Revenue and Financing Policy

Mr Tombs noted that this Policy can be adopted during or after the adoption of the Annual Plan.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/222

That the Adoption of the 2023/24 Revenue and Financing Policy report be received.

Cr J Wong/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/223

That the Council adopts the 2023/24 Revenue and Financing Policy.

Cr J Wong/Cr D Wilson. Carried

11 Reports for Information**11.1 Annual Report to the Alcohol and Regulatory Licensing Authority for the year ending 30 June 2023**

Mr Cullis responded to questions regarding the fees set and noted that these are set through legislation.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/224

That the report 'Annual Report to the Alcohol and Regulatory Licensing Authority for the year ending 30 June 2023' be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa. Carried

11.2 Otara Bridge - Structural Component Replacement

Mr Beggs noted that this report had been requested at the previous Council meeting.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/225

That the Otara Bridge - Structural Component Replacement report be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr J F Wong. Carried

11.3 Taihape Domain Master Plan

Mr Benadie responded to questions noting there was no-one in house that was able to carry out this work. Council thanked the team for the work and were supportive of work in other areas of the district to happen. Mr Benadie advised that this work had been provided to user groups for feedback and minor changes were made following their feedback.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/226

That the Taihape Domain Master Plan report be received.

Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/227

That Council endorses, in principle, the Taihape Domain Master Plan, noting the Plan has been generated through community and user group engagement.

Cr S Loudon/Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa. Carried

11.4 Project Management Office Report - July 2023

Mrs Foley noted key points from her report:

Bulls Bus Lane - CCTV cameras

The purpose of this item was to give an update to Council on the number of CCTV cameras and the issue of the lack of software allowing staff to easily access the footage from the cameras. Council recommended that the software capacity and capability needs to be compatible with council's network.

Papkai Pump Station

Regular email updates are provided to those interested and staff continue with site meetings.

Concerns were raised in regards to the waste water discharge into the Hautapu River. Mrs Foley responded that there is a high level safety mechanism to stop any overspill. The reason this was happening was the stormwater impacts on the wastewater pump station when it infiltrates the system.

Taihape Amenities Building

Mrs Foley advised that the spend to date was \$4.4M, which was under budget, however there are further invoices to come in from contractors. The planned opening for the building is on the 12th of August and will coincide with a tree planting for the new King.

Taihape Town Hall

There will be a planning workshop in August with the public following a Taihape staff workshop. The purpose of these workshops are to define clearly what is required for the building.

Marton Rail Hub

Cr Loudon advised his conflict of interest in this item.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/228

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

Cr J F Wong/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/229

That the following minutes are received:

- Erewhon Rural Water Scheme - 06 Jun 23
- Omatane Rural Water Scheme - 06 Jun 23
- Ratana Community Board - 13 Jun 23
- Taihape Community Board - 14 Jun 23
- Marton Community Committee - 14 Jun 23
- Youth Council - 19 Jun 23
- Te Roopuu Ahi Ka Komiti - 20 Jun 23

Cr D Wilson/Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa. Carried

13 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 2.39pm.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/230

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

1. Public Excluded Council Meeting - 29 June 2023
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Valuation Services - Contract Renewal

4. Marton Rail Hub - Project Update Report
5. Lake Alice Water Tower
6. Mayors Taks Force

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 |
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| 13.1 - Public Excluded Council Meeting - 29 June 2023 | To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 29 June meeting. | 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 - Valuation Services - Contract Renewal | s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(i) - Negotiations | s48(1)(a)(i) |
| 13.4 - Marton Rail Hub - Project Update Report | s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities | s48(1)(a)(i) |
| 13.5 - Lake Alice Water Tower | 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 Piki Te Ora Hiroa. Carried

14 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 5.12pm

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/231

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

22/RDC/231- 22/RDC/242

Cr R Lambert/Cr G Maughan. Carried

The meeting closed at 5.12pm.

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

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Chairperson