

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 31 August 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 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 Kevin Ross, 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 Adina Foley, Group Manager- Capital Projects
Mrs Kym Skerman, Manager- Events and Venues
Ms Joanne Manuel, Manager- Community Wellbeing
Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner
Mr Graeme Pointon, Strategic Property Advisor
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting at 1.01pm.

2 Apologies

No apologies were received.

3 Public Forum

Mr Brian Megaw spoke in relation to the Gorges to See cycle trail and the benefit this would have on the district. Mr Megaw is looking for support from Council on this idea and financial contribution to a feasibility study, which would be approximately \$20,000 for the study.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Calkin declared a conflict of interest in relation to the draft submission on the Cellar Door Tasting Amendment Bill (Item 9) due to his work with liquor outlets.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

No changes were noted.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/262

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 July 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 D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

This item was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/263

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

Cr F Dalgety/Cr D Wilson. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayors Report - 31 August 2023

Cr Wilson thanked Council for the opportunity to go to the LGNZ conference.

Councillors commended Mrs Foley on the successful opening of the Nga Awa block in Taihape.

His Worship the Mayor spoke about the roadshow bus and its success, which spent a day in the district.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/264

That the Mayors Report – 31 August 2023 be received.

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/265

That Council considers the request from Marton RSA for a tree to be planted at Marton Park to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III. This is an unbudgeted expense.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - August 2023

Staff Movements

Mr Ross responded to questions about the risk of losing a building compliance officer and acknowledging that all councils are feeling concerned about this. Council is receiving some support in this area.

External Submissions

His Worship the Mayor congratulated Cr Wong on the work he has completed on the Connect the Dots submission.

Cr Calkin declared a conflict of interest in regard to the draft submission on the Cellar Door Tasting Amendment Bill due to his work with liquor outlets.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/266

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

Cr B Carter/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/267

That Council approve the draft submission on the Cellar Door Tasting Amendment Bill without changes.

Cr R Lambert/Cr S Loudon. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Notice of Motion - Petition Calling for Citizens Initiated Referenda on State Highway Maintenance

His Worship the Mayor acknowledged the work from Mayor Neil Holdom from New Plymouth District Council on this issue.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/268

That the Notice of Motion from Mayor Andy Watson be accepted.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/269

That Council approves that the CE be authorised to make the petition available at Council information centres and appropriate facilities.

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried

10.2 Review of Electoral System for 2025 and 2028 Elections

Mrs Gordon advised there had been a workshop discussion on the two voting options, provided by Mr Warwick Lampp. Councillors noted there were benefits in aligning with Horizons Regional Council in particular, to avoid confusion from residents if the two systems were different.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/270

That Council receives the Review of Electoral System for 2025 and 2028 Elections report.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/271

- a. Council approves the electoral system for the following two election cycles remaining as First Past the Post (FPP);

Cr P Hiroa/Cr F Dalgety. Carried
Against: Cr Raukawa/Cr Loudon/Cr Lambert/Cr Calkin

10.3 Better Off Funding - Housing Business Case

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/272

That the report 'Better Off Funding – Housing Business Case' be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/273

That Council does request that the scope of the Better Off funded Housing Business Case be amended, to consider suitability for all Rangitikei District Council-owned property in Taihape for housing, and to identify that which is surplus to requirements and could be sold to contribute funding towards any Council housing project in Taihape.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr G Duncan. Carried

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Gorges To See Cycle Trail Concept

Council noted this could be financially significant and this would likely align with the Long-Term Plan.

The motion is open ended for staff to investigate and scope the amount of staff time involved.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/274

That the report 'Gorges to See Cycle Trail Concept' is received.

Cr G Maughan/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/275

That Council staff engage with Brian Megaw and Mark Grace to investigate costings and next steps with regard to the Gorges to See Cycle Trail concept.

Cr J Calkin/Cr G Maughan. Carried

11.2 Project Management Office Report - August 2023

Taihape Town Hall

Mrs Foley advised there will be a public workshop in October. The outcome from the workshop will be to provide a clearly defined scope and build on the priorities and needs. All elected members will be invited and it will be run by an external facilitator.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/276

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

Cr R Lambert/Cr B Carter. Carried

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

Huntermville Rural Water Scheme- Minutes

It was clarified that the Huntermville Rural Water Scheme was discussing options of where the water is supplied in an event.

Ratana Community Board- Minutes

Ms Foley answered questions on the Ratana Community Board minutes and Lake Waipu. This is being overseen by Horizons and that the access points are through private property.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/277

That the following minutes are received:

- Finance and Performance- 29 Jun 23
- McIntyre Reserve Management Committee-17 Jul 23
- Huntermville Rural Water Scheme- 17 Jul 23
- Huntermville Community Committee- 07 Aug 23
- Ratana Community Board- 08 Aug 23
- Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa- 08 Aug 23
- Taihape Community Board-09 Aug 23
- Turakina Community Committee- 10 Aug 23
- Youth Council-21 Aug 23

Cr R Lambert/Cr G Duncan. Carried

13 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 2.33pm

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number **23/RDC/278**

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

1. Public Excluded Council Meeting - 25 July 2023
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Taihape Area School - location for decant during rebuild
4. Mayors Task Force for Jobs - Contract Re-evaluation
5. Taihape Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades - Contract for system upgrade
6. Rātana Pā Wastewater Treatment Plant - Budget increase and direct procurement

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 - 25 July 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 - Taihape Area School - location for decant during rebuild	s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(c)(ii) - Public Interest	s48(1)(a)(i)
13.4 - Mayors Task Force for Jobs - Contract Re-evaluation	s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
13.5 - Taihape Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades - Contract for system upgrade	s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)

<p>13.6 - Rātana Pā Wastewater Treatment Plant - Budget increase and direct procurement</p>	<p>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

14 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 4.14pm

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/279

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

22/RDC/280 - 22/RDC/291

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

The meeting closed at 4.14pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 September 2023.

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Chairperson