

# MINUTES

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** Thursday, 28 September 2023

**Time:** 1.00pm

**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 Piki Te Ora Hiroa  
Cr Coral Raukawa  
Cr Jeff Wong  
Cr Simon Loudon  
Cr Greg Maughan

In attendance

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 Performance  
Mrs Adina Foley, Group Manager- Capital Projects  
Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner  
Mr Eswar Ganapathi, Senior Project Manager  
Ms Joanne Manuel, Manager- Community Wellbeing  
Mr Graeme Pointon, Strategic Property Advisor  
Ms Sheryl Srhoj, Manager- Community Property  
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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## 1 Welcome / Prayer

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting at 1.00pm.

## 2 Apologies

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/280**

Apologies were received from Cr Calkin and Cr Dalgety.

Cr B Carter/Cr D Wilson. Carried

## 3 Public Forum

Mr Peter Kipling-Arthur, Chair of the Taihape Community Board spoke to a number of recommendations that had come out of the boards recent workshops. Key requests are to update the disability road signs, have designated areas for the motorhome association and sealing the road outside Kokako Pavillion for truck parking.

It was agreed that these items would go to the next Assets and Infrastructrue meeting as an agenda item.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Loudon declared a conflict of interest for item 14.3 Marton Rail Hub-Project Update Report and Item 14.4 Marton Rail Hub – July 2023 Update Report: Correction.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/281**

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 August 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 B Carter/Cr J F Wong. Carried

## 7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

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

#### Item 5

It was requested that Mr Barnes provide an update on this item for the next meeting.

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/282**

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

Cr B Carter/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

## 8 Mayor's Report

### 8.1 Mayor's Report - September 2023

His Worship the Mayor provided highlights from his report.

Cr Loudon updated Council on the health initiative in Taihape and noted this involved health service parties across the area and that this was a very positive meeting.

Cr Lambert gave an update on the RRCC meeting where the lead speaker emphasised the importance the RRCC setup for NZ trade.

Cr Duncan provided an update on her attendance at Business Rangitikei and that it was well attended, and the initiative was very exciting.

His Worship the Mayor spoke of concerns around the Bulls bridge and the dumping of rubbish occurring in the area, noting that a clean up had been undertaken and he was part of this.

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/283**

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

HWTM/Cr G Maughan. Carried

## 9 Chief Executive's Report

### 9.1 Deputy Chief Executive's Report - September 2023

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/284**

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/285**

That clause 13.8 of Council's Standing Orders be amended to read:

**13.8 Member's status: quorum**

Members who attend meetings by electronic link will be counted as present for the purposes of a quorum.

*LGA 2002, sch 7, cl 25A(4). [updated from 1 October 2023]*

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

## 10 Reports for Decision

### 10.1 Adoption of Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond, Community Spatial Plan

The Council acknowledged and commended Ms Gray for her work to produce the Spatial Plan.

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/286**

That the report 'Adoption of Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond, Community Spatial Plan' be received.

Cr Te Ora Hiroa/Cr G Duncan. Carried

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/287**

That Council adopt Pae Tawhiti Rangitikei Beyond, Community Spatial Plan, subject to minor amendments.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

### 10.2 Review of Swim Centre Admission Fees

Mrs Gordon confirmed that any increase will not impact the adopted fees and charges as the schedule doesn't specify the fees for swim centres.

In response to a question Ms Srhoj advised that Council has, for the last two years, allocated funds towards Taihape and Marton swim centres and there have been some upgrades to both these facilities.

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/288**

That the report "Review of Swim Centre Admission Fees" be received

Cr B Carter/Cr G Maughan. Carried

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/289**

That Council does approve an increase of 6% for the Taihape and Marton Swim Centres admission fees for the 2023-24 Season.

Cr B Carter/Cr G Maughan. Carried

**10.3 2023/24 Budget Adjustments**

Mr Tombs clarified that the budget will be amended when this is resolved by Council.

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/290**

That Council receives the report '2023/24 Budget Adjustments

Cr J F Wong/Cr R Lambert. Carried

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/291**

That Council approves the proposed amendments to decrease the 2023/24 Capital Budget to \$34.27m to reflect more appropriate timing of certain key projects (noting that the future expenditure related to these projects may be brought forward to 2023/24 if practical), to include two key unbudgeted projects that have continued to 2023/24, to include prior year budgets for certain projects that were incomplete at 30 June 2023 and to reflect some budgets being more appropriately classified as operational.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Carried

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/292**

That Council approves the increase in the Operating Expenses Budget 2022/23 to \$27.59m to reflect Council's ongoing responsibility to continue with Emergency Repair Works, Council's obligations regarding grants and other minor initiatives that were incomplete at 30 June 2023.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/293**

That Council approves the increase in the Revenue Budget 2023/24 to \$15.78m to recognise unbudgeted grant income that Council expects to receive relating to Emergency Works and Mayors Taskforce for Jobs.

Cr G Maughan/Cr S Loudon. Carried

**10.4 Treasury Management Policy - Update**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/294**

That Council approves the amended Treasury Management Policy.

Cr J F Wong/Cr D Wilson. Carried

## 11 Reports for Information

### 11.1 Better Off - Town Centre Revitalisation - Phase 1

Ms Gray introduced this report and the launch of phase 1 which is intended to focus on Marton. In response to a question about the \$80,000 budget Ms Gray advised this will be used to implement a range of low-cost high value projects.

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/295**

That the report 'Better Off - Town Centre Revitalisation - Phase 1' be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/296**

That Cr Loudon is the Elected Member Lead for the Better Off Town Centre Revitalisation Project for Marton.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

### 11.2 Project Management Office Report - September 2023

Mrs Foley presented a verbal report this month.

#### Papakai Pump

Ms Foley will have an offline discussion in regard to Friends of Taihape and the building of the bridge, noting the Papakai Pump project is not completed as yet.

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/297**

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

Cr B Carter/Cr D Wilson. Carried

## 12 Minutes from Committees

### 12.1 Minutes from Committees

The minutes were received.

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/298**

That the following minutes are received:

- Bulls Community Committee- 12 July 23
- Marton Community Committee- 09 August 23
- Policy and Planning Committee- 10 August 23
- Finance and Performance- 31 August 23

Cr D Wilson/Cr J F Wong. Carried

## 13 Recommendations from Committees

### 13.1 Recommendations from the Hunterville Community Committee

Mrs Gordon explained to the Council that there was a proposed change to annual allocations due to changes in ward boundaries, which changed the funding amounts to the community committees. Instead, staff aligned the amounts with previous years to not disadvantage any committee.

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/299**

That Council reinstate annual allocation of \$1 per rateable property to terms of reference.

Cr R Lambert/Cr J F Wong. Lost.

### 13.2 Recommendations from Taihape Community Board

Mr Benadie confirmed that the items raised by the Taihape Community Board are complex, especially when they relate to a state highway.

It was agreed that these recommendations would be presented to the next Assets / Infrastructure Committee.

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/300**

That the Taihape Community Board strongly recommend that Council engage with Waka Kotahi over the issues and possible solutions raised in Items One, Six Seven and Eight of the Traffic, Safety and Management summary as discussed at their July workshop.

That Council staff consult with the Taihape Community Board over the feasibility of actions requested in Items Two, Three, Four, Five and Eight of the Traffic, Safety and management summary as discussed at their July workshop.

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried

## 14 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 2.27pm.

### Resolution to Exclude the Public

**Resolved minute number** **23/RDC/301**

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

1. Public Excluded Council Meeting - 31 August 2023
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Marton Rail Hub - Project Update Report
4. Marton Rail Hub – July 2023 Update Report: Correction
5. Taihape Area School - location for decant update
6. Road Maintenance Procurement Strategy
7. 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 |
|--|---|---|
| <b>14.1 - Public Excluded Council Meeting - 31 August 2023</b>               | To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 31 August meeting.               | S48(1)(a)   |
| <b>14.2 - Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings</b> | s7(2)(a) - Privacy<br>s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position<br>s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities<br>s7(2)(i) - Negotiations | s48(1)(a)(i)  |
| <b>14.3 - Marton Rail Hub - Project Update Report</b>                        | s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities  | s48(1)(a)(i)  |
| <b>14.4 - Marton Rail Hub – July 2023 Update Report: Correction</b>          | s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities  | s48(1)(a)(i)  |
| <b>14.5 - Taihape Area School - location for decant update</b>               | s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position<br>s7(2)(c)(ii) - Public Interest  | s48(1)(a)(i)  |
| <b>14.6 - Road Maintenance Procurement Strategy</b>                          | s7(2)(a) - Privacy  | s48(1)(a)(i)  |

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|   | s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position<br>s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities<br>s7(2)(i) - Negotiations |              |
| <b>14.7 - Rātana Pā Wastewater Treatment Plant - Budget increase and direct procurement</b> | s7(2)(i) - Negotiations   | 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 Te Ora Hiroa. Carried

## 15 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 4.13pm.

**Resolved minute number 23/RDC/302**

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

22/RDC/302 - 22/RDC/315

Cr B Carter/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

**The meeting closed at 4.13pm.**

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

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**Chairperson**