

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 26 October 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 Piki Te Ora Hiroa
Cr Coral Raukawa
Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Simon Loudon
Cr Greg Maughan
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
Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager - Corporate Services
Mrs Sharon Grant, Group Manager - People and Performance
Mr Blair King, Contractor Capital Projects
Mr Graeme Pointon, Strategic Property Advisor
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor
Mayor Tracey Collis, Taraura District Council
Cr Alison Franklin, Taraura District Council
Cr Michael Long, Taraura District Council

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1 Welcome / Prayer

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting at 1.00pm.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/303

Apologies were received from Cr Duncan and Cr Calkin.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

3 Public Forum

Public Forum – Tararua District Council

Mayor Tracey Collis, Cr Alison Franklin and Cr Michael Long thanked Rangitikei District Council for the contribution to the Mayoral Fund and the continued support, during the event and after.

Mayor Tracey Collis presented a taonga to councillors.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

As his Worship the Mayor vacated the room to farewell the members from Tararua District Council Cr Wilson took over Chairing from 1.16pm.

Mr Ross declared a conflict of interest in item 13.3 - Koitiata Unformed Road Access.

Cr Loudon declared a conflict of interest in item 13.4 Marton Rail Hub - Cooper Rapley Law Contract Variation.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Deputy Chair Dave Wilson noted that item 10.2 Annual Report was removed from the agenda as it was still going through Audit processes. This item will be presented at an extraordinary Council meeting scheduled for 30 October 2023.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/304

That the public excluded late item “13.3 - Koitiata Unformed Road Access” be dealt with as part of the agenda for the Council meeting on 26 October 2023. The item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting as negotiation and settlement with landowners needs to be advanced.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/305

That the public excluded late item “13.4 - Marton Rail Hub - Cooper Rapley Law Contract Variation” be dealt with as part of the agenda for the Council meeting on 26 October 2023. The item cannot

be delayed until a subsequent meeting as the contract for service needs to be paid to ensure continued legal support.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

6 Confirmation of Minutes

His Worship the Mayor returned to the meeting and took over Chairing the meeting at 1.21pm.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/306

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 September 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 Hiroa. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Item 4 – Tree planting at Marton Park

Staff are currently waiting for an update from the parks team on this item.

Item 23 – Rubbish bins at Bulls

Mr Benadie advised that currently the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is very one sided and not suitable for Council so he is working through this with staff from Horizons Regional Council.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/307

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

Cr B Carter/Cr R Lambert. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - October 2023

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/308

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

HWTM/Cr B Carter. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - October 2023

Council discussed whether both properties receive the same rate remission or whether this should be based on the cost of earthquake strengthening the building.

Hi Worship the Mayor called a brief adjournment during this item (at 1.50pm) and returned to the meeting at 1.55pm.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/309

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

Cr C Raukawa/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/310

That Council agrees that in relation to the property at 8 Tui Street (owned by GE, AP and ME Thomas) a rates remission of \$5,000 GST inclusive, be approved.

Cr D Wilson/Cr Hiroa. Carried

Amendment 23/RDC/311

That Council agrees that in relation to the property at 8 Tui Street (owned by GE, AP and ME Thomas) a rates remission of \$9,523.30 GST inclusive, be approved.

Cr S Loudon/Cr J F Wong. **Lost.**

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/312

That Council agrees that in relation to the property at 71 Hautapu Street (owned by T Byford) a rates remission of \$5,000 GST inclusive, be approved.

Cr Wilson/Cr Hiroa. Carried.

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Adoption of Meeting Schedule for 2024

Mrs Gordon presented the proposed meeting schedule for 2024, noting that this was subject to change as dates from Local Government New Zealand have not yet been received.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/313

That the report Adoption of Schedule of Meetings 2024 be received.

Cr R Lambert/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/314

That Council adopts the schedule of meetings for 2024.

Cr G Maughan/Cr D Wilson. Carried

10.2 Adoption of the 2022/23 Annual Report

This item was removed from the agenda.

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Councillor Reports

The report from Cr Fi Dalgety was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/315

That the Councillor Reports be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

11.2 Project Management Office Report - October 2023

Mr King took Council through this report.

Taihape Papakai Wastewater Pump Station

Mr King responded to questions that staff will present achievable options to stakeholders.

Taihape Town Hall

In response to a question Mr King advised that the report from the recent workshop will form part of the information for staff to put together the scope of work for this project. It will be provided to Council as part of the next steps in this project.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/316

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

Cr B Carter/Cr J F Wong. Carried

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/317

That the following minutes are received:

- Risk and Assurance Committee- 21 September 23
- Finance and Performance Committee- 28 September 23

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

13 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 2.14pm.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/318

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

1. Public Excluded Council Meeting - 28 September 2023
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Koitiata Unformed Road Access
4. Marton Rail Hub - Cooper Rapley Law Contract Variation

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 - 28 September 2023	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 28 September 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 - Koitiata Unformed Road Access	s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
13.4 - Marton Rail Hub - Cooper Rapley Law Contract Variation	s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities 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 Hiroa. Carried

14 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 2.56pm

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/319

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

22/RDC/320 - 22/RDC/326

Cr B Carter/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

The meeting closed at 2.56pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 November 2023.

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Chairperson