

MINUTES



RANGITIKEI
DISTRICT COUNCIL
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ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 14 December 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 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 Adina Foley, Group Manager – Capital Projects
Mr Graeme Pointon, Strategic Property Advisor
Mr Eswar Ganapathi, Senior Project Manager
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting at 1.00pm and Cr Dalgety read the prayer.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/375

Apologies received from Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Duncan. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/376

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 November 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

Item 19 – Macron above the “l” in Rangitikei

Mrs Gordon explained that this is still on the action list as it still needs to go back to Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa, and this has been delayed as the past two meetings have been cancelled.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/377

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - 14 December 2023

His Worship the Mayor spoke regarding the resignation of Cr Calkin and his valuable service to Council over the past 12 months.

In order for Cr Wong to provide his verbal update the Council returned to this item at 2.52pm

Cr Wong provided an update on the Passenger Transport Committee meeting held recently.

The regional service review - Connect the Dots received over 900 submissions. There was a large response from the Rangitikei even though there is limited public transport in the district.

Cr Wong noted there was a large response in relation to rail, which aligned with the rail campaign that was happening at the time and explained that it is likely there would be more buses before there is more rail in the district.

Cr Wong also noted that Palmerston North received funding of 90% towards Transport Choices from Central Government, through the Climate Emergency Response Fund (CERF). The CERF funding for Transport Choices is one of the key initial transport actions in the Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP) to create sustainable public transport choices. He noted it is unlikely that this will be a trend in the future due to the new central government priorities.

Cr Wong sent a proposal for discussion for increased regional public transport and additional bus routes and requested that if there was any feedback in relation to this item to send it through to him.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/378

That the Mayor's Report – 14 December 2023 be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/379

That Council send a letter of thanks for service to Cr Calkin.

HWTM/Cr G Maughan. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - December 2023

Late item from the Bulls Community Trust

The Bulls and District Community Trust requested \$10,000 for their Fest-a-Bull event in February. They had made an application to the Dudding Trust and while they were successful, they did not receive as much funding as they expected and now have a shortfall.

Mr Ross said that there was potential for the cost of hireage to be covered through the fees and charges, as the Trust want to hire the entire Te Matapihi building, which could be up to \$1800.

Councillors noted concerns that there are groups that do not apply for grant funding and then come and ask for funds direct from Council.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/380

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

Cr G Maughan/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/381

That Council provides discretion to the Chief Executive to consider whether to provide a reduction in the fee to hire Te Matapihi to the Bulls and District Community Trust for their Fest-a-Bull event in February 2024.

Cr S Loudon/Cr D Wilson. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Notice of Motion - Mayor Andy Watson - Revoke Resolved Minute Numbers 23/RDC/359 / 23/RDC/360

His Worship the Mayor explained he had submitted this notice of motion as further information on this item had been provided and this now gave a greater understanding on the outcomes of these previous decisions.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/382

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

HWTM/Cr J F Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/383

That Council agrees to revoke Resolved minute number 23/RDC/359:

"Resolved minute number 23/RDC/359

Remove the first floor to reduce complexity of redevelopment.

Cr S Loudon/Cr D Wilson. Carried Cr Duncan and Cr Dalgety voted against

HWTM/Cr J F Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/384

That Council agrees to revoke Resolved minute number 23/RDC/360:

“Resolved minute number 23/RDC/360

To demolish and rebuild the façade to look like it does now, to reduce complexity of redevelopment and saving costs.

Cr G Maughan/Cr R Lambert. Lost”

HWTM/Cr J F Wong. Carried

10.2 Reconsideration of Rates Remissions for Earthquake-prone Buildings

In considering both the appeals to Council’s previous decisions on the amount of remission, it was acknowledged that the wording in the current Policy needs to be updated (and this is currently underway), however, the decision to grant any remission is at the discretion of council.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/385

That the report ‘Reconsideration of Rates Remissions for Earthquake-prone Building’ be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/386

That Council does not agree to reconsider the rates remission granted to 8 Tui Street, Taihape and the original remission of \$5,000 stands.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried Casting vote used by HWTM Cr Loudon and Cr Duncan voted against.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/387

That Council does not agree to reconsider the rates remission granted to 71 Hautapu Street, Taihape and the original remission of \$5,000 stands.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried Cr Loudon and Cr Duncan voted against.

10.3 Marton Civic Centre - Recap and update on options

His Worship the Mayor waived standing orders for speaking rights during this item.

Mrs Gordon advised that advice had been sought from the Audit NZ and it was agreed that as there had already been substantial consultation completed on this project this did not need to be re-consulted on through the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan, an explanation of this will be noted in the Consultation Document.

Mrs Foley advised that the design itself had not been confirmed and the project would be done in a staged approach, including the relocation of staff.

Councillors noted that it is disappointing to not have a focus on the main street to enhance the town centre.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/388

That the report 'Marton Civic Centre - Recap and update on options' be received.

Cr G Maughan/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/389

That Council approves proceeding with option 2 – new structure on 46 High Street, Marton to include all current office staff and the library to be within the current LTP budget of \$19 million.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr S Loudon. Carried Unanimous.

10.4 Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment - Finalising scope

His Worship the Mayor waived standing orders for speaking rights during this item.

Mrs Foley explained that the recommendation for tender is evaluated and then staff will recommend the best team.

Mrs Foley responded to questions that at this stage, since there is no design completed, it is too difficult to compare costs.

Council acknowledged the benefit of the workshop to have a better understanding of this project and this provided the ability to move forward.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/390

That the report 'Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment - Finalising scope' be received.

Cr G Maughan/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/391

That the Project Work Plan for the Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment including its detailed scope and project priority as attached to this paper will be endorsed without amendment

Cr D Wilson/Cr S Loudon. Carried Unanimous

10.5 Draft Speed Management Plan Consultation Requirements

Mr Ross noted that since the Council agenda has been distributed a letter had been received from Minister Simeon Brown noting changes to the government's position in relation to Speed Management Plans. Therefore, it was not proposed to adopt the Plan for consultation at this stage.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/392

That Council note that due to the change in the Government's position in relation to the Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2022, the Speed Management Plan will not be adopted for consultation at this time.

HWTM/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

11 Minutes from Committees

11.1 Minutes from Committees

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/393

That the following minutes are received:

- Santoft Domain Management Committee- 19 July 2023
- Finance and Performance- 26 October 2023

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

12 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session at 2.34pm

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/394

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

- 1 Public Excluded Council Meeting - 30 November 2023
- 2 Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
- 3 Rate Remission Application
- 4 Taihape Area School - Location for Decant Update December 2023
- 5 Bulls Land Purchase

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:

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12.5 - Bulls Land Purchase	s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities	s48(1)(a)(i)

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Cr D Wilson/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Council adjourned at 2.34pm and returned at 2.47pm.

The meeting went into open session 2.47pm

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/395

That the meeting returned to open meeting.

HWTM/Cr B Carter. Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session 2.52pm

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 23/RDC/396

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

- 6 Public Excluded Council Meeting - 30 November 2023
7. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
8. Rate Remission Application

9. Taihape Area School - Location for Decant Update December 2023

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Cr D Wilson/HWTM Carried

13 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 3.44pm.

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

Cr R Lambert/Cr G Duncan. Carried

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 January 2024.

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Chairperson