

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 29 February 2024

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 Jeff Wong
Cr Simon Loudon
Cr Greg Maughan
Cr Fi Dalgety (zoom)

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
Mrs Adina Foley, Group Manager- Capital Projects
Ms Janna Isles, Corporate Planner
Mr Jarrod Calkin, Economic Wellbeing Lead
Mr Eswar Ganapathi, Senior Project Manager
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor
Mrs Fiona Elkington, AuditNZ

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1 Welcome / Prayer

Deputy Mayor Cr Wilson explained the Mayor was away on Council business, and that he would be chairing the meeting. The meeting opened at 1.00pm.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/020

Apologies received from His Worship the Mayor (noting he was away on Council business) and Cr Raukawa.

Cr D Wilson/Cr Hiroa. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflict of interests declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Item 10.2 Adoption of the Long-Term Plan Consultation Document was moved to after Item 10.4-Adoption: Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan.

Public Excluded item 13.5 Road Maintenance Procurement Strategy was moved to be the first item.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/021

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 1 February 2024 **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 R Lambert. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Item 16 – Bulls Bus Lane

Council noted that this an ongoing concern. Staff responded that there are no further updates and that if there are incidents on the bus lane that this should be reported, as this supports the prioritisation of the action.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/022

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr J F Wong. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - 29 February 2024

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/023

That the Mayor's Report – 29 February 2024 be accepted.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Duncan. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - February 2024

Events Held Across the District at Council's Facilities

Mrs Gordon noted that the list is provided by the Parks team. It was requested that if any Councillors know of an event being held at one of Council's facilities they encourage event holders to complete the paperwork and notify the Parks team, following this process means that staff can provide what may be required, i.e rubbish clearing and mowing of lawns etc.

Te Matapihi Public Facilities

Ms Prince responded to questions that the recent changes to the Freedom Camping means that campervans must be self-contained and therefore they do not need access to the Nga Awa block. Ms Prince also advised she has reached out to bus companies to ask if they require after hours access to Te Matapihi and they advised they do not.

Captain Cook Plaque

It was requested that this item go to Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa for further engagement.

Horizons Request to be Part of New Build at 46 High Street

Council gave support to this request and noted that there are benefits to work alongside each other in the same building, such as a point of contact with customer service.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/024

That the Chief Executive's Report – February 2024 be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/025

That Council agrees, in principle, to discuss with Horizons the potential to co-locate some Horizons staff on the new site for the Marton offices and library on 46 High Street, Marton.

Cr B Carter/Cr G Maughan. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Adoption of Documents Supporting the Consultation Document for the 2024-25 Long Term Plan & Simultaneous Consultation

Council acknowledged that there has been a large amount of work completed and that there have been several workshops on the Long Term Plan.

It was requested that the strategic vision on page 6, include the Māori ward councillors as a strength.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/026

That Adoption of Documents supporting the consultation document for the 2024-34 Long Term Plan & simultaneous Consultation be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/027

That the supporting documents including:

- Council's example properties – rating impacts
- Draft Long Term Plan 2024-34 including the Infrastructure and Financial Strategy
- Rangitikei District Strategic Framework
- Roding Asset Management Plan
- 3 Waters Asset management Plan

be adopted in accordance with section 93G of the Local Government Act 2002 and be made available to the public as supporting information for Council's Long Term Plan 2024-34 Consultation Document.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/028

That Council adopts for consultation simultaneously with the Consultation Document for the Long Term Plan 2024-34 the following:

- Proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges
- Draft Revenue and Financing Policy
- Draft Rates Remission Policy
- Draft Significance and Engagement Policy
- Draft Development Contributions Policy
- Summary of Information for Simultaneous Consultation Topics

Cr F Dalgety/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/029

That the Chief Executive and the Group Manager Democracy and Planning be delegated authority to make minor amendments to the Supporting information for the Long Term Plan 2023-34 Consultation Document.

Cr R Lambert/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/030

That the Chief Executive and the Group Manager Democracy and Planning be delegated authority to make minor amendments to the documents for Simultaneous Consultation.

Cr Hiroa/Cr S Loudon. Carried

10.2 Adoption of the Long Term Plan 2024-34 Consultation Document

This item was moved to after 10.4 Adoption: Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan.

Mrs Fiona Elkington from Audit NZ was attendance.

Mrs Elkington updated the Council advising that going out for consultation without an audit opinion in the Consultation Document was allowed for, for this LTP only, under the Water Services Acts Repeal Act 2024. It was acknowledged that putting 3 waters back into the LTP process meant there was significantly more work to be done on the 3 waters Asset Management Plan and Infrastructure Strategy. This affected Council's timelines and providing this information to Audit NZ.

In response to a question Mrs Elkington advised there are other councils facing the same situation especially if they want to meet the 30 June deadline to adopt their LTP. Mrs Elkington advised there are no major concerns at this stage, but the importance is strengthening the assumptions that have been made.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/031

That the report 'Adoption of the Long Term Plan 2024-34 Consultation Document' be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr J F Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/032

That Council adopts the Long Term Plan 2024-34 Consultation Document (subject to minor editorial changes) for public consultation, noting there is no Audit opinion in the Consultation Document, as provided for by the Water Services Acts Repeal Act 2024.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/033

That Council resolves that for the 2024-34 Long Term Plan it is financially prudent to set projected operating expenses at a different level than that required by section 100(1) of the Local Government Act 2002, having had regard to the four factors specified in section 100(2) of that Act.

Cr Hiroa/Cr J F Wong. Carried

10.3 Future options for the Council-owned Buildings on the Corner of High Street/Broadway, Marton

This item was moved to after item 10.1.

Mr Calkin presented the report and clarified why Council must follow the Public Works Act..

Cr Wilson noted that there would be further decisions for Council to make once they decided if the buildings were surplus and that the associated costs with any sale would be dependent on the decision at the meeting today.

It was advised that the Marton Civic Centre project name would be re-worded to better reflect the project due to the confusion of the name, which would be Marton Offices and Library.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/034

That the report 'Future options for the Council-owned Buildings on the Corner of High Street/Broadway, Marton' be received.

Cr Hiroa/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/035

That Council determines the buildings 304, 312 and 314-318 Broadway, Marton are deemed a surplus site.

And

Council staff are instructed to begin discussions with the previous vendor or their successor to sell the buildings 304, 312 and 314-318 Broadway, Marton by private contract as per the Public Works Act 1981.

Cr S Loudon/Cr G Maughan. Carried

10.4 Adoption: Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan

Ms Spence advised this item would be presented to Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa to make any specific suggestions at their workshop being held on the 12 March 2024.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/036

That the report 'Adoption: Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan' be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/037

That Council adopt the Climate Strategy and Action Plan, subject to minor amendments.

Cr B Carter/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

10.5 Road Legalisation - Gorge Road, Taihape Rural

Mr Ross and Mr Pointon acknowledged that this was a common Council operation and that the cost of the survey comes from the roading budget and there is budget within this.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/038

That the Report "Road Legalisation – Gorge Road, Taihape Rural" be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/039

That Council instructs and authorises the Chief Executive to negotiate and execute all requisite agreements and documents to complete stopping of road, acquisition of land and legalisation of realigned boundaries at Gorge Road, Taihape.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/040

That no compensation be offered or paid to the adjoining landowner for the minimal 0.0397 hectares inequality of exchange.

Cr B Carter/Cr S Loudon. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/041

That Council meet all costs of survey and legalisation processes involved with no contribution or reimbursement to be sought from the adjoining landowners.

Cr B Carter/Cr Hiroa. Carried

11 Reports for Information**11.1 Project Management Office Report - February 2024**

Cr Wilson noted that a recent report was provided at the Assets / Infrastructure meeting, and it was requested that Mrs Foley give key updates for projects.

Papakai Pump Station

Mrs Foley advised this project is close to completion and there will be an underspend of the budget due to the contingency around this project not been fully used.

Marton Water Strategy

The tested analysis of the water was completed successfully, and the water quality results have been received. The pump testing has still not been received.

Mrs Foley responded to questions about the water quality, advising that staff have set the parameters and these were reached when treating the water.

Marton Rail Hub

A further report on the risks to Council will go to the March Risk and Assurance meeting.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/042

That the report 'Project Management Office Report - February 2024' be received.

Cr G Maughan/Cr Hiroa. Carried

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/RDC/043

That the following minutes are received:

- Marton Community Committee-13 Dec-23
- Bulls Community Committee- 24 Jan 24
- Hunterville Rural Water Scheme- 12 Feb 24
- Hunterville Community Committee- 12 Feb 24
- Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa Komiti- 13 Feb 24
- Ratana Community Board- 13 Feb 24
- Turakina Community Committee- 15 Feb 24

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Duncan. Carried

13 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 2.32pm.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number **24/RDC/044**

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

1. Public Excluded Council Meeting - 1 February 2024
2. 3.30pm Public Forum
3. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
4. Marton Water Strategy - Contract award treatment process
5. Road Maintenance Procurement Strategy Update

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 - 1 February 2024	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 01 February meeting.	s48(1)(a)
13.2 - 3.30pm Public Forum	s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities	s48(1)(a)(i)
13.3 - 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)
13.4 - Marton Water Strategy - Contract award treatment process	s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
13.5 - Road Maintenance Procurement Strategy Update	s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position	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 D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

14 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 4.59pm

Resolved minute number **24/RDC/045**

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

22/RDC/046 - 22/RDC/058

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

The meeting closed at 4.59pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 March 2024.

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Chairperson