



ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 27 March 2025

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
Cr Paul Sharland

In attendance

Mrs Carol Gordon, Chief Executive
Mr Arno Benadie, Deputy Chief Executive
Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager - Strategy, Community and Democracy
Mrs Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager- Corporate Services
Ms Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager
Ms Janna Harris, Corporate Planner
Ms Sophia Sykes, Communications Manager
Mr Jarrod Calkin, Economic Wellbeing Lead
Mr Eswar Ganapathi, Senior Project Manager
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

The Mayor opened the meeting at 1.59pm.

2 Apologies

No apologies were received.

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 25/RDC/035

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 February 2025 **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 P Sharland/Cr R Lambert. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Item 4 – Bulls Bus Lane

Officers responded to questions that councillors should continue to report any trucks seen in the bus lane. The Mayor will continue to call truck companies on behalf of Council.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/036

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

Cr F Dalgety/Cr B Carter. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - 27 March 2025

The Mayor noted that there is a second tabled report and apologised for the comment in his report regarding low Local Water Done Well public meeting attendance as there were thirty-six people in attendance for the Marton session.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/037

That the Mayor's Report – 27 March 2025 be received.

HWTM/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/038

That Paul Sharland be appointed as the alternate for the Mayor and Cr Carter to the Bulls Community Committee.

HWTM/Cr G Maughan. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - March 2025

Submissions

Officers advised that new legislation will be released for the Resource Management Act by the end of this year.

Fund for Projects that Support Survivors of Abuse in Care

Ms Prince responded to questions that so far, 119 unmarked graves have been identified and further hundred marked graves within the district.

The estimated cost can be provided at a future meeting, the current funding available is \$50,000. The Mayor highlighted that if further funds were required they would likely be granted.

Rubbish Collection Services

Councillors supported the actions taken and thanked those that were involved with this work. The feedback from the community has been excellent.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/039

That Chief Executive's Report – March 2025 be received.

Cr S Loudon/Cr B Carter. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Adoption of The Annual Plan 2025/26 & Co for Consultation

Mrs Harris highlighted that there are no significant or material changes from the Long Term Plan to consult on and therefore no requirement to consult however the preference from Council was to provide this opportunity.

Councillors noted concerns that there is a risk of consultation fatigue, especially if Council was to have further consultation for the Marton pool.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/040

That the report 'Adoption of the Annual Plan 2025/26 & Co for Consultation' be received.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/041

That Council confirms that there are no significant or material differences proposed between year 2 of the Long Term Plan 2024-34 and the Draft Annual Plan 2025/26, therefore it will not consult on the Annual Plan 2025/26 in accordance with section 95A of the Local Government Act 2002.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/042

That Council adopts the Annual Plan 2025/26 & Co document and the Draft Annual Plan 2025/26 for community consultation under section 82 of the Local Government Act 2002 and that Council gives the Chief Executive authority to make minor editorial and formatting changes to these documents prior to publication for consultation.

HWTM/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/043

That Council adopts for consultation, using the special consultative procedure outlined in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002, the:

- Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan
- Draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy
- Proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges 2025/26

and the associated Statements of Proposal. That Council gives the Chief Executive authority to make minor editorial and formatting changes prior to publication for consultation.

Cr D Wilson/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

10.2 Analysis of Submission - Rātana Road Renaming

Officers confirmed that the appropriate process has been taken and that the advice provided has come from the Rātana Community Board.

Council has delegation to name its own roads, but officers will inform Land Information New Zealand of the decision.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/044

That the report Analysis of Submission - Rātana Road Renaming be received.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/045

That Council renames the rural section of Rātana Road (north of Kiatere Street) to Papa Kōura as recommended by the Rātana Community Board.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr D Wilson. Carried

10.3 Triennial Elections 2025

Councillors spoke that the random order is preferred as this is the same approach from previous elections.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/046

That the report 'Triennial Elections' be received.

Cr G Maughan/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/047

That the names of candidates for the 2025 Rangitīkei District Council triennial elections, and any subsequent by-elections, be arranged on the ballot paper in the order chosen below:

- Random

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Marton Pool Update

Councillors noted that gaining detailed information on the Marton Pool was a request to staff and further discussion will happen at the Assets/Infrastructure Committee.

The desire is that that the Marton pool will open for next season however there are number of decisions to be made before this time. The Mayor highlighted that previously Council did not depreciate fund the pool. Ms McDonald noted that Council may consider this as part of the financial strategy and can change the current approach for funding the pool going forward.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/048

That the report "Marton Pool Update" be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr P Sharland. Carried

11.2 Project Updates Report - March 2025

Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation

Officers continue to investigate whether the land that is purchased is appropriate, noting that there potentially may not be enough land for the wastewater disposal. Officers responded to questions that this is due to a mix of soil types and the groundwater.

The Mayor questioned whether the potential to plant on the land for carbon credits has been investigated by officers. Officers responded that the current phase is investigating the appropriateness of the land for wastewater disposal.

Officers responded to questions that the population growth for Bulls and Marton are being considered as part of the project.

Taihape Grandstand

Councillors noted the positive meeting held for the Memorial Park Users Group however there were concerns of the funding required for the community to meet.

The Mayor noted that there are now three main groups to be consulted as part of this project, heritage, rugby, and the playground.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/049

That the report 'Project Updates Report – March 2025' be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/050

That the following minutes are received:

- Risk and Assurance Committee – 05 Dec 24
- Hunterville Rural Water Scheme Committee – 10 Feb 25
- Hunterville Community Committee – 10 Feb 25
- Rātana Community Board – 11 Feb 25
- Taihape Community Board – 12 Feb 25
- Marton Community Committee – 12 Feb 25
- Turakina Community Committee – 13 Feb 25
- Finance and Performance Committee – 26 Feb 25
- Assets and Infrastructure Committee – 13 Mar 25

Cr G Maughan/Cr P Sharland. Carried

13 Recommendations from Committees

13.1 Recommendation from the Assets and Infrastructure Committee

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/051

That the Recommendation from the Assets / Infrastructure Committee be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/052

That, following the recommendation from the Assets / Infrastructure Committee, Council do not approve payment of \$12,000 to the contractor that submitted the claim for the Taihape Town Hall procurement process.

Cr D Wilson/HWTM Carried

14 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 2.10pm.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/053

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

- 1 Public Excluded Council Meeting - 26 February 2025

2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Taihape Town Hall & Library - Concept Design
4. Marton Offices & Community Hub
5. Public Excluded Resolutions
6. Minutes from Committees (Public Excluded)

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
14.1 - Public Excluded Council Meeting - 26 February 2025	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 26 February meeting.	S48(1)(a)
14.2 - Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings	To consider the matters arising from previous 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)
14.3 - Taihape Town Hall & Library - Concept Design	To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations. s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
14.4 - Marton Offices & Community Hub	To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations. s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
14.5 - Public Excluded Resolutions	To consider previous public excluded decisions and bring these into the open. s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position	s48(1)(a)(i)

	s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	
14.6 - Minutes from Committees (Public Excluded)	To receive public excluded minutes. s7(2)(a) - Privacy 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 R Lambert. Carried

15 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 3.01pm.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/67

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

25/RDC/044 - 25/RDC/055

Cr B Carter/Cr S Loudon. Carried

The meeting closed at 3.01pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 16 April 2025.

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Chairperson