

MINUTES



RANGITIKEI
DISTRICT COUNCIL
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ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 30 April 2025

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

HWTM Andy Watson
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Richard Lambert
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 Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager – Corporate Services
Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager – Strategy, Community and Democracy
Ms Sharon Bennett, Group Manager – People and Performance
Ms Tiffany Gower, Strategy Manager
Ms Johanna Verhoek, Manager Planning
Mrs Janna Harris, Corporate Planner
Ms Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager
Mr Eswar Ganapathi, Senior Project Manager
Ms Sophia Sykes, Communications Manager
Ms Caroline MacArthur, Governance Advisor

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Mr Steedman invited the Mayor to speak at the marae.

Mrs Gordon responded to questions that this will be looked at the end of the financial year if there is budget remaining in the roading space. If there is no budget remaining this will come back to Council to consider as an unbudgeted expense.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/062

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

Cr R Lambert/Cr G Maughan. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report to Council - 30 April 2025

The report was taken as read.

Local Government New Zealand Membership

There are increasing costs to this membership, fee has increased substantially the past few years, including inflation and withdrawal from big councils, AKONA training are included in the membership rather than separate.

Councillors noted the benefit of the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs and the benefit this has. There is some reference point. However, some members noted the \$50,000 membership fee is expensive and the concern of the value received.

Ms Gordon undertook to bring the LGNZ invoice to Council annually.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/063

That the Mayor's report – April 2025 & Cr Raukawa's report be received.

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/064

That Council agrees to retain membership of Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ).

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried Against Cr Duncan, Cr Maughan

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - April 2025

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/065

That the Chief Executives Report – April 2025 be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/066

That an additional 'Platinum' block be added to the Te Matapihi Ngā Kaitautoko (Supporters Wall of Fame), to be funded by the 'Halls' activity budget, to acknowledge the many volunteer hours and anonymous donations that contributed towards the building of Te Matapihi.

Cr P Sharland/Cr D Wilson. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Adoption of Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy and TAB Venue Policy

Councillors noted the process through Policy/Planning committee was highly considered and that both sides were considered. There were some changes from the policy.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/067

That the report 'Adoption of Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy and TAB Venue Policy' be received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/068

That the Gambling Venue (Class 4) Policy is adopted and that Council gives the Chief Executive authority to make minor editorial changes.

Cr G Duncan/Cr G Maughan. Carried Against Cr Loudon

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/069

That the TAB Venue Policy is adopted and that Council gives the Chief Executive authority to make minor editorial changes.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried Against Cr Loudon.

10.2 Huriwaka Windfarm Council Delegation (Fast Track Approvals Delegation)

The Mayor declared a conflict of interest with this item, however this is not a pecuniary interest and remained at the table with no voting.

Cr Wilson moved to the Chair at 2.20pm.

Cr Duncan declared a conflict of interest as a member of the Rangitikei Guardians and was previously on their executive.

Councillors clarified a range of matters related to the Fast Track Approvals process.

Cr Maughan raised a point of order regarding that Cr Duncan was making statements on the item after declaring a conflict of interest. Cr Wilson ruled to accept the point of order however the inconsistencies referred to by Cr Duncan are not significant to the recommendations provided by officers.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/070

That the Council:

- a) Receives the Report Huriwaka Windfarm Council Delegation (Fast Track Approvals Delegation)

Cr R Lambert/Cr G Maughan. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/071

That the Council:

- b) Confirms the delegation of Council's functions under the Fast-Track Approvals Act 2024 to the Rangitikei District Council Chief Executive, except for the power to appeal decisions and noting that conditions & significant matters will be provided to the Mayor and Elected Members for their input.

Cr R Lambert/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/072

That the Council:

- c) Confirms that the Chief Executive has the power to further delegate these functions to Council officers.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/073

That the Council:

- d) Notes that the Chief Executive intends to delegate responsibilities to the Group Manager Regulatory & Emergency Management, who has responsibility for planning and functions related to the Resource Management Act 1991; and
- e) Notes the Council's Delegations to Positions Policy will be updated following this meeting to reflect the changes approved by the Council.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Sharland. Carried

14.2 Marton Pool

The meeting adjourned at 2.55pm and returned at 3.13pm.

The Mayor returned to the Chair at the beginning of this item.

Elected members discussed the options available for the future of the pool.

It was noted that the item would come back to Council if the option was not fully funded externally.

A tabled document was provided that outlined indicative timeframes for completion.

Officers noted uncertainties with building consent requirements which could create additional costs and delay timeframes.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/074

That the report Marton Swim Centre Update be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/075

That Council does not close the Marton Swim centre permanently.

Cr D Wilson/HWTM Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/076

That Council requests officer progress with the following option:

- Option 1B “Base recommendations” ” as described in Stage 2 report from Create Architects and Engineers.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/077

That Council will accept the offer of external funding that has been made.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/078

That the tabled document of the Marton Pool estimated timeframes be accepted.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Duncan. Carried

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Project Updates Report - April 2025

Rātana Wastewater Discharge to Land

Mr Benadie responded to questions that the Rātana project could be under financial strain given the protracted duration of that project.

Marton Water Strategy

Councillors noted concerns about the timelines being pushed out.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/079

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

Cr G Duncan/Cr P Sharland. Carried

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/080

That the following minutes are received:

- Youth Council - 26 Mar 25
- Hunterville Rural Water Scheme – 07 Apr 25

Cr G Maughan/Cr D Wilson. Carried

13 Recommendations from Committees

13.1 Adoption of the Treasury Management Policy

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/081

That the Treasury Management Policy is adopted by Council.

Cr S Loudon/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

13.2 Recommendation from the Marton Community Committee

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/082

That the Recommendation from the Marton Community Committee be received.

Cr G Maughan/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/083

That Council confirms that the three (3) new roads associated with resource consent RM210083, residential subdivision along Hendersons Line, Marton be named as follows: the 'main road' shall be Barton Street, 'Road A' shall be Harveston Street, and 'Road B' shall be Heggulun Street.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Carried

13.3 Recommendation from the Bulls Community Committee

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/084

That the Recommendation from the Bulls Community Committee be received.

Cr P Sharland/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/085

That Council approves the Bulls Community Committee request Council to create a public GIS map layers for the community committees, and that this includes the number of households in the boundary lines.

Cr P Sharland/Cr D Wilson. Carried

14 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session at 4.22pm

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/086

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

1. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
2. Procurement of Property in Taihape
3. Sale of High St and Broadway Buildings - Update
4. Public Excluded Resolutions
5. Request for Fee Waiver

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
14.0 – Public Excluded Council Meeting – 27 March 2025	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 27 March meeting.	s48(1)(a)
14.1 - 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 - Procurement of Property in Taihape	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 - Sale of High St and Broadway Buildings - Update	To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities	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 s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) - Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
14.6 – Public Excluded – Request for Fee Waiver	s7(2)(a) - Privacy	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 S Loudon/Cr J Wong. Carried

The meeting went into open session 5.25pm

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

Cr G Maughan/Cr G Duncan. Carried

The meeting closed at 5.25pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 May 2025.

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Chairperson

