

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 29 May 2025

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

HWTM Andy Watson
Cr Brian Carter
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Richard Lambert
Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa
Cr Coral Raukawa
Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Simon Loudon
Cr Greg Maughan
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
Mr Johan Cullis, Group Manager – Regulatory and Emergency Management
Ms Sharon Bennett, Group Manager - People and Performance
Mr Eswar Ganapathi, Senior Project Manager
Mr Jarrod Calkin, Economic Wellbeing Lead
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

The Mayor opened the meeting at 1.00pm

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **25/RDC/112**

That the apologies be received from Cr Wilson and Cr Dalgety.

Cr P Sharland/Cr G Maughan. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Sharland declared a conflict of interest with item 8.1 Mayors Report relating to the Bulls Museum funding request.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Cr Raukawa stated her apology was not reflected in the attachment of meeting attendance in the Mayor's Report.

Resolved minute number **25/RDC/113**

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 April 2025 **as amended** 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 J Wong/Cr R Lambert. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

The follow up action items were taken as read. It was noted Item 2 – Scott’s Ferry is included in the Projects Update report.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/114

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

Cr B Carter/Cr G Duncan. Carried

8 Mayor’s Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - May 2025

Cr Sharland declared a conflict of interest in regard to the request from the Bulls Museum.

Funding Request from the Bulls Museum Trust – Devils on Horses

The Mayor received a request from the Bulls Museum Trust to provide funding towards pamphlets and noted that Palmerston North City Council is providing \$1,000. Councillors did noted there is a process to apply for funds and requested officers provide this feedback to the museum. Officers noted there is existing budget the funding could be provided from.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/115

That the Mayor’s Report – May 2025 be accepted.

HWTM/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/116

That Council provide funding for the Devils on Horses premier pamphlet to the value of \$500 to be funded from district promotions.

Cr B Carter/Cr J Wong. Carried Against Cr Maughan.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/117

That His Worship the Mayor appoints Cr Jeff Wong and Mr Chalky Leary to be members of the District Licensing Committee for the hearing to be held on 24 June 2025.

HWTM/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

9 Chief Executive’s Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - May 2025

Submissions

Officers responded to questions that there has not been any specific feedback on the fracking application in Taranaki. process. Council have requested being an interested party, Officers noted that the application sits with the Environmental Protection Agency and the application has not been lodged to their knowledge.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/118

That that the Chief Executive Report – May 2025 be received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/119

That the request from the Lake Alice Survivors Group for the erection of a Lake Alice memorial plaque on the Lake Alice Road, Marton, road reserve be agreed to and formalised in a written agreement.

HWTM/Cr B Carter. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Council Controlled Organisations Exemption

The report was taken as read, noting this is routine item to Council.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/120

That the “Council Controlled Organisations Exemption” Report be received.

Cr R Lambert/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/121

That Council provide an exemption to Manawatu-Whanganui Local Authority Shared Services from being a Council Controlled Organisation granted under Section 7(5) of the Local Government Act 2002 for the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2028.

Cr G Duncan/Cr S Loudon. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/122

That Council provide an exemption to Manawatu-Whanganui Regional Disaster Relief Trust from being a Council Controlled Organisation granted under Section 7(5) of the Local Government Act 2002 for the period of 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2028.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr J Wong. Carried

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Resource Consent Fee Calculations

Officers responded to questions that the internal audit began due to a query which picked up the anomaly. Councillors acknowledged the process undertaken.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/123

That the report “Resource Consent Fee Calculations” be received.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr G Maughan. Carried

11.2 Project Updates Report - May 2025

Ratana Wastewater Discharge to Land

Mr Benadie highlighted section 3.4 that officers are looking at an alternative option that would decrease the capital and operational costs.

Councillors asked about the salinity issues identified with the land and asked if officers would have been known before the land was purchased. Officers responded that this was identified after the purchase of the land.

Marton Water Strategy

Mr Benadie will bring a timeline on this item to a future Council meeting.

Marton Offices and Library

It was noted that the inclusion of Horizons Regional Council is still undecided.

Mr Ganapathi responded to questions that the geotechnical work is planned.

Scotts Ferry

Mrs Gordon updated that the further feedback from the farmer has come back to officers.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/124

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

Cr J Wong/Cr P Sharland. Carried

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/125

That the following minutes are received:

- Finance/Performance – 30 Apr 25

Cr G Maughan/Cr J Wong. Carried

13 Recommendations from Committees

13.1 Recommendations Assets/Infrastructure Committee

Council discussed the options available for the road, including the potential of stopping the road. It was noted the stopping of the road is a long process.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/126

That the recommendations from Assets/Infrastructure Committee be received.

Cr G Maughan/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/127

That Council does approve the Option 1 (WSP) repair at a cost of \$350,000 to remediate the slip on Kaimatawi Road to be funded from the General Purpose (Capital Works) Reserve, noting that Council's local share is 34% of the total cost.

Cr J Wong/Cr C Raukawa. Carried Cr Maughan against. Cr Hiroa abstained.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/128

That Council does approve that the Roding Reserve is accessed to fund Emergency Works repairs required on the Kuripapango Bridge with a local share value of \$73,803 (full cost \$217,069).

Cr R Lambert/Cr G Duncan. Carried

14 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 2.23pm.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/129

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

1. Public Excluded Council Meeting – 30 April 2025
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Recommendation Assets/Infrastructure Committee

4. Public Excluded Resolutions

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 – 30 April 2025	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 30 April 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)
14.2 - Recommendation Assets/Infrastructure Committee	To consider recommendation from Assets/Infrastructure on commercial activities. s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities	s48(1)(a)(i)
14.3 - 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)

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 C Raukawa/Cr G Maughan. Carried

15 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 2.41pm

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/130

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

25/RDC/131 - 25/RDC/134

Cr G Maughan/Cr G Duncan. Carried

The meeting closed at 2.41pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 5 June 2025.

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Chairperson