

# MINUTES

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** Thursday, 5 June 2025

**Time:** 9.30am

**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Rangitikei District Council  
46 High Street  
Marton

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**Present**

HWTM Andy Watson  
Cr Dave Wilson  
Cr Brian Carter  
Cr Gill Duncan  
Cr Richard Lambert  
Cr Jeff Wong  
Cr Simon Loudon  
Cr Greg Maughan  
Cr Fi Dalgety (Zoom)  
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  
Mr Johan Cullis, Group Manager – Regulatory and Emergency Management  
Mr Warren Pedley, Manager Finance and Partnerships  
Ms Tiffany Gower, Strategy Manager  
Ms Sophia Sykes, Communications Manager  
Ms Janna Harris, Corporate Planner  
Mr Jarrod Calkin, Economic Wellbeing Lead  
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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## 1 Welcome / Prayer

The Mayor opened the meeting at 9.30am.

## 2 Apologies

**Resolved minute number**                      **25/RDC/136**

That the apologies be received from Cr Raukawa and Cr Hiroa.

Cr G Duncan/Cr P Sharland. Carried

## 3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Simon Loudon declared a conflict of interest with the group Interested Residents of Marton and Rangitikei as he is a member.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number**    **25/RDC/137**

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 May 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 B Carter/Cr D Wilson. Carried

## 7 Reports for Decision

### 7.1 Analysis of Submissions for the Annual Plan 2025/26 & Co

Mrs Harris took councillors through the report.

Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Building Policy

Officers responded to questions that when the earthquake prone building policy is reviewed by central government if there are impacts these policies will be reviewed and will come back to council.

#### Policy to re-develop and re-furbish existing buildings

Officers responded to questions that rating remissions are primarily for earthquake prone buildings, and this is a separate request.

Councillors discussed that this is a broad request and noted that there are several avenues that people and businesses can approach council.

Officers will include the current policies in place as part of the response to the submitter and clarity to councillors be made available.

#### Fees and Charges 2025/26

Officers have tabled further changes at this meeting for the dog control fees.

#### Wellington Road to Hawkestone Road

Councillors were in favour due to the wellbeing and safety on the road.

#### McPhersons Reserve

Officers noted that this is a capital expense and is unsubsidised roading, however, council does not loan fund roading and therefore would result in rates increase.

Officers responded to questions that this is not a major road and therefore there is no traffic count.

#### BBQ facilities for the Taihape Playground

Officers responded to questions that the \$25,000 would be in addition to the \$50,000 that has already been approved for the group.

Councillors acknowledged that the frustration of the group for the slow process but preferred that the group focus on the core project.

#### Feasibility study for Gorges To See Cycle Trail

Councillors acknowledged that there have been some public meetings for those interested and affected.

Councillors noted that the group may consider an application to grants funding to support costs.

#### **Resolved minute number    25/RDC/138**

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

Cr R Lambert/Cr B Carter. Carried

#### **Resolved minute number    25/RDC/139**

That Council receives all submissions made to the Where's the Annual Plan 2025/26 & Co @ Rangitikei consultation, including the late submission received prior to this report being published.

Cr G Duncan/Cr B Carter. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/140**

That Council acknowledges all submissions made to the Where's the Annual Plan 2025/26 & Co @ Rangitikei consultation and thanks all submitters for their participation.

Cr S Loudon/Cr J Wong. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/141**

That Council adopts the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan without amendment and that Council gives the Chief Executive authority to make minor editorial changes.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/142**

That Council adopts the Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy without amendment and that Council gives the Chief Executive authority to make minor editorial changes.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/143**

That Council does not ask Officers to investigate options that may include a policy to support building owners to re-develop and re-furbish existing buildings and to bring this back to Council for its consideration in the 2025/26 financial year.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/144**

That Council adopts the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2025/26 with amendment and that Council gives the Chief Executive authority to make minor editorial changes.

Cr G Maughan/Cr D Wilson. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/145**

That Council agrees that Officers apply to the Director of Land Transport to extend the 50km/h zone on Wellington Road to Hawkestone Road.

Cr R Lambert/HWTM Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/146**

That Council does not agree to fund improvements to enable off road parking at McPhersons Reserve to the value of \$46,000, and that this shall be funded as a new capital expense in the Urban Reconstructions cost centre.

Cr B Carter/Cr D Wilson. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/147**

That Council does agree to fund a covered area with BBQ facilities for the Taihape Playground to the value of \$25,000, and this will require additional rate funded operational expense in the Parks and Reserves cost centre.

Cr J Wong/Cr G Duncan. Lost

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/148**

That Council does not agree to fund the feasibility study for the Gorges To See Cycle Trail.

Cr G Maughan/Cr R Lambert. Carried Against Cr Loudon.

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/149**

That Council accepts the Officer analysis made in the Officer Analysis of Submissions with amendment to be used as Council's response to submitters.

HWTM/Cr B Carter. Carried

## **8 Meeting Closed.**

The meeting closed at 10.37am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 June 2025.

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Chairperson