

ORDER PAPER

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 5 June 2025
Time: 9.30am
Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Chair: HWTM Andy Watson

Deputy Chair: Cr Dave Wilson

Membership: 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 Fi Dalgety
Cr Paul Sharland

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Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Rangitīkei District Council, 46 High Street, Marton on Thursday, 5 June 2025 at 9.30am.

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AGENDA

1 Welcome / Prayer

2 Apologies

3 Public Forum

No Public Forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, [enter item number](#) be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

Author: Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 May 2025 are attached.

Attachments

1. Ordinary Council Meeting - 15 May 2025

Recommendation

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 May 2025 **[as amended/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.

MINUTES

UNCONFIRMED: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 15 May 2025

Time: 9.30am

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Kokako Street Hall
Taihape

Present

HWTM Andy Watson
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Brian Carter
Cr Richard Lambert
Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa
Cr Coral Raukawa (Zoom)
Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Greg Maughan
Cr Paul Sharland

In attendance

Mrs Carol Gordon, Chief Executive
Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer
Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager – Strategy, Community and Democracy
Ms Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager – Corporate Services
Ms Janna Isles, Corporate Planner
Ms Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager

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1 Welcome / Prayer

The Mayor opened the meeting at 9.30am and read the council prayer.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **25/RDC/054**

That the apologies of Cr Loudon, Cr Duncan, Cr Dalgety be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr P Sharland. Carried

3 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4 Reports for Information

4.1 Hearing of Submissions on the Annual Plan 2025/26 & Co

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number **25/RDC/055**

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

Cr R Lambert/Cr G Maughan. Carried

The meeting closed at 10.10am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 May 2025.

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Chairperson

Submitter name	Organisation	Summary of topic and context	Summary of key questions posted by Elected Members and responses
#21 Kate Williams	Rangitikei Branch of Forest and Bird	<p>Tabled presentation provided.</p> <p>Ms Williams highlighted the reserves in the district and the work being completed by the group for pest management.</p> <p>Ms Williams asked council to consider the carparking at McPhersons Reserve.</p>	<p>Cr Wilson: When was the \$46,000 pricing indicated to you and the form this was indicated in? Answer: Indicated earlier this year following an onsite conversation. There was an email received as well.</p> <p>Cr Maughan: Expected cars to be parking there. Answer: The weekend is unknown, but a working bee is 6-8 cars.</p> <p>Cr Carter: Sealed carpark on the side road and a crossing with a car park in the reserve Answer: Not consider but there are big trees in there.</p>
#13 Felicity Wallace and Sally Patrick	Interested Residents of Marton and Rangitikei	Ms Patrick advocated for transparency and communication from Council.	<p>HWTM: What can council do better for communication with the community? Answer: A plan of communication along with the Long-Term Plan and years 2 and 3 to understand what is available and important to have key information on the council website.</p> <p>Cr Raukawa: Seen an example that you would like from other councils. Answer: Whanganui was pretty good in terms of the type of engagement.</p>
#11 Charlotte Oswald	Taihape Playground Group	Ms Oswald asked for funding of \$67,249 for the Taihape Playground Group to pay for a sheltered barbeque area.	<p>Cr Wilson: What other funding has been applied for? Answer: Going for funding we really needed a plan, only just got the playground plans back and the next phase is the application for funding. Previously funding from council was \$50,000 in 2021.</p>

			<p>Cr Hiroa: Time it takes to get things together, the money has been spent so far.</p> <p>Answer: The funding from council has not been received yet and has not been spent.</p> <p>Cr Raukawa: How long do you seeing this playground being around for and future demographics?</p> <p>Answer: This is a playground for the whole community and there will always be children in our community. Multigenerational for younger and older children</p> <p>Cr Maughan: \$800,000 fundraising how is that going?</p> <p>Answer: To date raised \$60,000 from small fundraiser. There is more funding that come through and then majority from grants.</p> <p>HWTM: Would it be useful for staff and councillors to meet with your group to fully understand this process?</p> <p>Answer: Yes, we've met with Pio, and she was our connection to council. Currently good but should meet with the parks and reserves team to make sure this works.</p> <p>Cr Lambert: The \$67,000 was part of \$800,000 project and if this was taken out separately could it be done cheaper.</p> <p>Answer: Potentially, quote from the playground we have looked at other quotes and groups. Hoping to bring this down.</p> <p>Cr Hiroa: Any other playgrounds used by the community in Taihape?</p>
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7 Reports for Decision

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

Author: Janna Harris, Corporate Planner

Authoriser: Katrina Gray, Group Manager - Strategy, Community and Democracy

1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for Council to consider all submissions and to make decisions on the Annual Plan & Co 2025/26, which includes the Draft Waste Minimisation and Management Plan, Draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy, Proposed Fee and Charges for 2025/26, and the draft Annual Plan 2025/26.

2. Context

- 2.1 The Council is required to produce an Annual Plan for the years alternate to the development of a Long Term Plan. Council has prepared a draft Annual Plan 2025/26 which is Year 2 of the Long Term Plan 2024-34.
- 2.2 Council must have a Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008. This plan must be reviewed every 6 years (in accordance with section 50 of the Waste Minimisation Act). Council is currently reviewing its WMMP and a draft of this plan was prepared by Council in 2024/25 and have been consulted on concurrent to the draft Annual Plan 2025/26.
- 2.3 Council is required to have a Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy under the Building Act 2004 and review this policy every 5 years. This policy was reviewed and the Draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy was prepared for consultation in accordance with the required review period.
- 2.4 The Draft Fee and Charges 2025/26 were workshopped and reviewed for consultation to be implemented for the 2025/26 financial year.

3. Process

- 3.1 A number of workshops were held with Council throughout 2024 and 2025. During these workshops Council reviewed the planned programme of work and the financials. Council did not propose to make any “significant or material” changes to the Annual Plan 2025/26 when compared to Year 2 of the Long Term Plan 2024-34.
- 3.2 Although consultation was not required as no significant or material changes were proposed, Council decided to consult with the community on the draft Annual Plan 2025/26 to ensure that the communities’ priorities have not changed since the adoption of the Long Term Plan 2024-34.
- 3.3 Council adopted the document “Where’s the Annual Plan 2025/26 & Co @ Rangitikei” at the Council Meeting held on the 27 March 2025.
- 3.4 Where’s the Annual Plan 2025/26 & Co @ Rangitikei covered the following for consultation:
 - Key Topic 1: Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

- Key Topic 2: Draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy
- Key Topic 3: Proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges 2025/26
- Key Topic 4: Your View on the Planned Programme of Work for Annual Plan 2025/26

3.5 Key Topic 4 was seeking submitters feedback on the Annual Plan 2025/26. The other key topics were seeking feedback on the simultaneous consultations.

4. Consultation Overview

- 4.1 Council consulted on the Where's the Annual Plan 2025/26 & Co @ Rangitikei from 4 April to 4 May 2025.
- 4.2 During consultation Council aimed to reach out to all parts of the community. Council used a number of different methods including public meetings, newspaper advertising, newsletters, and social media.
- 4.3 Eight (8) public meetings were held during the consultation period including two (2) in Taihape, 2 in Marton, and one (1) each in Bulls, Hunterville, Koitiata and Scotts Ferry.
- 4.4 Features on the Where's the Annual Plan 2025/26 & Co @ Rangitikei were included in four (4) community newsletters; Bull-it-in, Hunterville Hunterway, Talk-up Taihape, and Flat Spot Panui the community housing newsletter.
- 4.5 Eight individual posts were made on both Facebook and Instagram. Where appropriate the posts were also posted on LinkedIn and TikTok. Across all of these platforms, these posts reached 29,066 people, with 555 engagements.

5. Consultation results

- 5.1 Council received 23 submissions for the Where's the Annual Plan 2025/26 & Co @ Rangitikei consultation, including 1 late submission.
- 5.2 Three (3) submitters spoke to their submission at an oral hearing held on 18 May 2025. Two of these submitters attended the hearing in Marton, with one submitter attending the hearing in Taihape.
- 5.3 The Officer analysis of submissions is provided under separate cover and provides greater detail and analysis of each topic consulted on, as well as submission points raised by submitters that are not directly connected to the consultation topics.
- 5.4 As identified in the Officer analysis of submissions, Officers have not recommended any changes to the Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Building Policy or the Schedule of Fees and Charges after considering all submissions.
- 5.5 Post consultation on the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Officers updated table 2.2 (found on page 8). This change was made to reflect the changes in waste service providers operating in the district. Other minor changes have been made to the WMMP including completing the consultation insights section following the close of submissions, and minor design changes. No more substantive changes to the WMMP have been suggested by Officers following the close of submissions.

6. Financial Update

- 6.1 There have been two key changes to the budgets as a result of new information that occurred following the adoption of the Annual Plan documents for consultation:

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6.1.1 The first being with the renewal of our electricity provider, our electricity costs increased significantly. An increase of 35% compared to the initial proposed budget that Council consulted on.

6.1.2 The second key change arose from the review of the capital programme of work. Due to various reasons, a number of projects cannot be completed this year, which has resulted in Council commencing the year with a lower level of debt. This has decreased the cost of interest significantly, which has enabled the cost of electricity to be offset.

6.2 The Group Manager Corporate Services has also led budget finalisations which resulted in a number of smaller changes. An update will be presented at the Council meeting.

7. Financial Implications

7.1 Council sets and reviews Fees and Charges (some of which must be consulted on using the Special Consultative Procedure) in line with its Revenue and Finance Policy. The anticipated revenue from the proposed fees and charges has been incorporated into the Annual Plan 2025/26.

7.2 The review of the WWMP and Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy is provided for within existing budgets.

7.3 Decisions made during Council's deliberations may have an impact on debt and rates for the 2025/26 financial year depending on what is resolved during the meeting.

8. Impact on Strategic Risks

8.1 There is a risk that trust and confidence in Council is tarnished. The Annual Plan is the document that sets out Council's planned work programme and budget for the relevant financial year. There is a risk that if the planned programme and financials are not achievable or do not reflect the community's priorities, then trust and confidence in Council may be negatively affected.

8.2 Council chose to consult on its draft Annual Plan 2025/26 despite there being no significant or material changes. Consultation provides interested members of the community the opportunity to have their say about what Council is planning for 2025/26. This helps to mitigate the risk that trust and confidence in Council may be tarnished.

9. Strategic Alignment

9.1 Council's strategic framework was developed during the preparation of the Long Term Plan 2024-34.

9.2 While deliberating on the submissions made to the draft Annual Plan 2025/26, the Draft WMMP, Draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy, and the proposed fees and charges, Council should consider how requested changes align with Council's strategic framework.

10. Mana Whenua Implications

10.1 Council consulted on changing the Ratana cemetery fees in line with the changes proposed for all other cemetery fees. No submissions were received on this topic.

10.2 There are no other specific mana whenua implications.

11. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration

11.1 There are no climate change implications associated with this report.

12. Statutory Implications

12.1 Statutory requirements have been followed in the consideration of fees and charges including the Local Government Act 2002 section 150, Building Act 2004 section 219, and the Resource Management Act 1991 section 36.

12.2 Council is required to adopt an annual plan every year that a long term plan is not produced, and must be adopted before the beginning of the financial year that it relates to. Council has followed the process required as set in the Local Government Act 2002.

12.3 The draft WMMP has been reviewed and developed in accordance with the requirements of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.

12.4 The draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy has been reviewed as required by the Building Act 2004.

13. Decision Making Process

13.1 Following deliberations, Officers will make any final updates to the Annual Plan 2025/26. The Annual Plan 2025/26 will then be presented to Council for adoption at the 26 June 2025 Council meeting to be adopted within statutory timeframes.

13.2 If the Council is comfortable with officers recommendations for the proposed fees and charges, Draft WMMP, and Draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy then these can be adopted and finalised as part of this meeting.

Attachments:

1. **Annual Plan 2025/26 & Co Collated Submissions (under separate cover)**
2. **Annual Plan 2025/26 & Co Officer Analysis of Submissions (under separate cover)**
3. **Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Building Policy (under separate cover)**
4. **Schedule of Fees and Charges 2025/26 (under separate cover)**
5. **Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (under separate cover)**

Recommendation 1

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

Recommendation 2

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.

Recommendation 3

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.

Recommendation 4

That Council accepts the Officer analysis made in the Officer Analysis of Submissions with/without amendment to be used as Council's response to submitters.

ITEM 7.1**Recommendation 5**

That Council adopts the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan with/without [delete one] amendment and that Council gives the Chief Executive authority to make minor editorial changes.

Recommendation 6

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

Recommendation 7

That Council does/does not [delete one] 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.

Recommendation 8

That Council adopts the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2025/26 with/without [delete one] amendment and that Council gives the Chief Executive authority to make minor editorial changes.

Recommendation 9

That Council agrees/does not agree [delete one] that Officers apply to the Director of Land Transport to extend the 50km/h zone on Wellington Road to Hawkestone Road.

Recommendation 10

That Council does/does not [delete one] 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.

Recommendation 11

That Council does/does not [delete one] agree to fund a covered area with BBQ facilities for the Taihape Playground to the value of \$67,249, and this will require additional rate funded operational expense in the Parks and Reserves cost centre.

Recommendation 12

That Council does/does not [delete one] agree to fund the feasibility study for the Gorges To See Cycle Trail to the value of \$[insert value], to be funded as an additional rate funded operational expense as part of the District Promotions cost centre.

8 Meeting Closed.