

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 26 June 2025

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

Cr Brian Carter
Cr Coral Raukawa
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Fi Dalgety
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Greg Maughan
Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Paul Sharland
Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa
Cr Richard Lambert
Cr Simon Loudon
HWTM Andy Watson

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 Tiffany Gower, Strategy Manager
Ms Janna Harris, Corporate Planner
Mr Jarrod Calkin, Economic Wellbeing Lead
Mr Warren Pedley, Manager Finance and Partnerships
Ms Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager
Ms Christin Ritchie, Senior People and Culture Advisor
Mr Eswar Ganapathi, Senior Project Manager
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

The Mayor opened the meeting at 12.59pm.

2 Apologies

There were no apologies 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

Item 10.3 Marton Swim Centre - Confirmation of Scope was moved to before 10.1 Adoption of the 2025/26 Annual Plan to ensure any decisions made that could impact the annual plan were made before the adoption of the annual plan.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/150

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 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 R Lambert/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/151

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 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 R Lambert/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/152

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 5 June 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 R Lambert/Cr G Duncan. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Item 6 – Traffic Calming - Bulls

This will be relooked at after the financial year if there are any remaining funds available to address this item.

Bulls Bus Lane

Mr Benadie advised that officers are investigating the use number plate recognition (instead of remote controls) and officers are working through the installation of the barriers with the bus companies. The cost will be the same as the remote controls.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/153

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

Cr B Carter/Cr S Loudon. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - June 2025

The Mayor corrected that Jack Inwood was the winner of Youth in Work Development/ Rangatahi Whanaketanga Award.

Remits for LGNZ

Security System Payments

Councillors raised that this was announced in the news and asked how this remit should be treated. The Remuneration Authority has made this decision to provide this payment but the Mayor noted that there would be benefit in Council having a position on this remit.

Councillors were supportive of this decision be a case-by-case basis and officers advised that the Remuneration Authority requires a risk assessment be undertaken by the local authority before approving funding.

School Bus Services

There were concerns raised that this an opportunity for the Ministry of Education to delegate their responsibilities onto local government due to the increasing cost.

Rates capping AGM paper

Councillors highlighted the benefit to have a discussion with LGNZ to better engage on this item.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/154

That the Mayor's Report – June 2025 be accepted.

HWTM/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/155

That Rangitikei District Council does endorse the following remit for the 2025 AGM for LGNZ:

That LGNZ advocates for security system payments to be included as an allowance under the Local Government Members Determination, in line with those afforded to Members of Parliament.

Cr R Lambert/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/156

That Rangitikei District Council does endorse the following remit for the 2025 AGM for LGNZ:

That LGNZ advocate to Government for: a) legislative change to make the Joint Management Agreement (JMA) mechanism more accessible for councils to use with iwi/hapu, b) for the provision of technical, legal and financial support to facilitate the use of JMAs for joint council and iwi/hapu environmental governance, and c) for a mechanism such as JMAs to be included in the Government's new resource management legislation.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/157

That Rangitikei District Council does endorse the following remit for the 2025 AGM for LGNZ:

That LGNZ advocates for the government to update the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Fees) Regulations 18 December 2013 to account for inflation and include a mechanism for automatic annual inflation adjustments.

Cr G Duncan/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/158

That Rangitikei District Council does not endorse the following remit for the 2025 AGM for LGNZ:

That LGNZ advocate for the reform of the Ministry of Education funded school bus services to provide an improved service for families and to better integrate the services with council provided public transport services, including the option of Public Transport Authorities (e.g. regional and unitary councils) managing such services (with appropriate government funding), noting that:

- a. Councils better know their local communities; and
- b. The potential to reduce congestion from better bus services for schools; and
- c. The efficiency gains realised from integrating these two publicly funded bus services
- d. The outdated and inflexible rules of the current centralised school bus system.

Cr J Wong/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/159

That Rangitikei District Council does endorse the following remit for the 2025 AGM for LGNZ:

That LGNZ works with the Government and Councils to review current local government arrangements, including the functions and structure of local government, to achieve a better balance between the need to efficiently and effectively deliver services and infrastructure, while enabling democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of communities.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/160

That Council does approves the direction of travel set out in the rates capping AGM paper, as described by LGNZ.

Cr D Wilson/Cr F Dalgety. Carried.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/161

That Council supports the nomination of Denise Pio to attend the 19th Annual Aspiring Leaders' Forum on 21-24 August 2025 up to the value of \$1,990 to be funded from the Mayoral Expenses for the 2025/26 financial year.

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried Unanimous

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - June 2025

Marton Office and Community Hub Update

Mrs Gordon advised that further information would come to a workshop in August.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/162

That the Chief Executive's Report – June 2025 be received.

Cr R Lambert/Cr P Sharland. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Adoption of the 2025/26 Annual Plan

Elected Members thanked officers and Mrs Harris on the worked completed for the Annual Plan 2025/26.

Councillors stated that the reduction to a rate of 7.9% is a great result, recognising that this does not come with a decrease in the level of service from Council.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/163

That the report 'Adoption of the 2025/26 Annual Plan' be received.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/164

That Council considers it prudent to adopt a budget that is not balanced in 2025/26 on the basis that it is financially prudent to do so and achieves a sustainable balanced budget in accordance with section 100 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr J Wong. Carried Against Cr Maughan.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/165

That Council adopts the 2025/26 Annual Plan and gives the Chief Executive authority to make minor editorial and formatting changes to the document prior to publication.

HWTM/Cr R Lambert. Carried

10.2 Setting of the 2025/26 Rates for the Financial Year 01 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

Ms Macdonald has worked with the Omatane Rural Water Scheme on their rating per unit, this was consulted at a higher rate than what will be set for 2025/26.

Councillors noted that ANZCO in the resolution should note which ANZCO is being referred to in the resolution.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/166

That Council receives the Setting of the 2025/26 Rates for the Financial Year 01 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 report.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/167

That the Rangitikei District Council, resolves under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, sets the rates listed in bullet point 2 (2(a) to 2(l)) above for the 2025/2026 financial year, being the period 01 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr S Loudon. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/168

That the Rangitikei District Council resolves that the rates listed in bullet point 2 (2(a) to 2(l)) above be due in four equal instalments, as set out in bullet point 3 above.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/169

That the Rangitikei District Council resolves to apply the penalties on these unpaid rates, as set out bullet point 4 (4.1-4.3 inclusive) above.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr S Loudon. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/170

That the Rangitikei District Council, under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, sets the Water Rates listed in bullet point 5 (5(a) to 5(g)) above.

Cr G Maughan/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/171

That the Rangitikei District Council resolves that due dates for the water rates listed in bullet point 5 (5(a) to 5(g)) above be set out in bullet point 6 (6.1 to 6.6) tables.

Cr G Maughan/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/172

That the Rangitikei District Council resolves to apply penalties on unpaid metered or extraordinary rates for water for Hunterville Urban Water Supply, Marton Water Supply, Ratana Water Supply, Bulls Water Supply, Mangaweka Water Supply and Taihape Water Supply and ANZCO Manawatu (Bulls – being the water meter site) listed in Bullet Point 5 (5(a) to 5(g)), as set out in bullet points 7 (7.1 to 7.2) above.

Cr B Carter/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/173

That the Rangitikei District Council resolves to apply the penalties on unpaid Hunterville Rural and Rural Urban Water Supply, as set out bullet point 7.2 above.

Cr G Maughan/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Meeting adjourned at 2.59pm and returned at 3.15pm

10.3 Marton Swim Centre - Confirmation of Scope

This item was moved to after item 9.1 Chief Executive's Report - June 2025.

Councillors requested moving into public excluded due to the discussion around the funder and the privacy implications of this.

Council returned to the open meeting at 2.24pm.

It was noted that the tender position will provide final costings and the Geotech report will be part of the process to design the work.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/174

That the report Marton Swim Centre - Confirmation of Scope be received.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/175

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting at 1.52pm.

1. Marton Swim Centre

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
Marton Swim Centre	Privacy of the funder for the Marton pool. 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 G Maughan/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/176

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

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/181

That Council delay any decisions about the options for the Marton Pool upgrade pending more extensive investigation and Community consultation

Cr P Sharland/Cr S Loudon. Lost. Abstained Cr Carter

Cr C Raukawa/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/177

That Council proceeds with the detailed design, building consent process and tender process for the Marton Swim Centre as identified in the scope of works identified in section 3.3 of this report for the repair of the Marton Swim Centre.

Cr D Wilson/HWTM Carried Against Cr Loudon and Cr Sharland

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Project Updates Report - June 2025

Marton Offices and Library

Officers advised that soil contamination has been found but the potential for leaks with the tanks is minimal. Next steps are arranging a meeting with staff.

Taihape Grandstand

Officers are waiting for the community to comeback and advise on their preferred option. Ms Prince has been talking to the group about potential fundraising.

Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment

There was discussion around community feedback into the project.

Councillors noted that there would be further discussion on this item during public excluded.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/178

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

Cr P Sharland/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

Councillors acknowledged the resignation of Bruce Dear from the Bulls Community Committee.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/179

That the following minutes are received:

- Bulls Community Committee Meeting – 12 March 25
- Risk and Assurance Meeting - 19 March 25
- Turakina Community Committee Meeting – 03 April 25
- Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meeting – 08 April 25
- Taihape Community Board Meeting – 09 April 25
- Marton Community Committee Meeting – 09 April 25
- Santoft Domain Management Committee Meeting – 09 April 25
- Policy/Planning Committee Meeting – 10 April 25
- Hunterville Community Committee Meeting – 14 April 25

Cr G Duncan/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

13 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 3.50pm

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/180

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

2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Public Excluded Resolutions
4. Taihape Town Hall - Preliminary Design Proposal

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
13.0 – Public Excluded Council Meeting – 29 May 2025	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 29 May meeting.	s48(1)(a)
13.1 - 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)
13.2 - 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)
13.3 - Taihape Town Hall - Preliminary Design Proposal	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)

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 P Sharland/Cr J Wong. Carried

14 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 4.37pm

Resolved minute number **25/RDC/181**

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

25/RDC/186 - 25/RDC/195

Cr J Wong/Cr G Maughan. Carried

The meeting closed at 4.37pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 July 2025.

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Chairperson