

# MINUTES

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** Thursday, 31 July 2025

**Time:** 1.00pm

**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 Piki Te Ora Hiroa  
Cr Coral Raukawa  
Cr Jeff Wong  
Cr Simon Loudon  
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  
Mr Johan Cullis, Group Manager – Regulatory and Emergency Management  
Mr Michael Hodder, Advisor to CEO  
Mr Eswar Ganapathi, Senior Project Manager  
Ms Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager  
Ms Faenza Hiroti, TUIA Public Forum  
Mr Craig Connelly, Public Forum  
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/197**

That the apologies be received from Cr Maughan and Cr Lambert.

Cr B Carter/Cr P Sharland. Carried

## 3 Public Forum

Ms Faenza Hiroti read her TUIA report to councillors. Councillors thanked her for the report and noted they look forward to hearing from her in the future.

Mr Craig Connelly spoke about the urban growth rezoning and asking for 233a SH1 Bulls to be included as part of the proposed plan change 3. It was noted that there are changes to the RMA reforms resulting in councils stopping work on plan changes.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Dalgety declared a conflict of interest during the public excluded section of the meeting.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number**    **25/RDC/198**

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 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 B Carter/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

## 7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

### 7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/199**

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

Cr G Duncan/Cr P Sharland. Carried

## 8 Mayor's Report

### 8.1 Mayor's Report - July 2025

#### Water Services Delivery Plan

The Mayor noted there was a workshop earlier in the day and work continues on developing a water services CCO with Horowhenua District Council and Palmerston North City Council.

#### Celebration of Christmas to the Bulls Domain

Councillors were supportive of moving this event to the Bulls Domain as the event was becoming more challenging to host, requiring road closures and traffic management.

#### Rauma Road Safety Concerns

The Mayor introduced this item highlighting the safety concerns in the area. The Youth Council at their meeting also provided a resolution supporting the letter. The Mayor noted that the best process was for Council to advocate to New Zealand Transport Agency.

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/200**

That the Mayor's Report – July 2025 be received.

HWTM/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/201**

That Council supports the Bulls & District Community Trust's proposal to move the annual Celebration of Christmas to the Bulls Domain.

Cr B Carter/Cr P Sharland. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/202**

That Council write a letter of support to NZTA highlighting the safety concerns of St Joseph's School Taihape around the SH1/Rauma Road intersection.

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried

## 9 Chief Executive's Report

### 9.1 Chief Executive's Report - July 2025

Cr Wong stepped out during this item at 1.46pm and returned at 1.47pm.

#### Submissions

Councillors raised that there has been discussion in the media regarding kids on the farm. It was asked if there was capacity from staff to submit on this item.

#### Traffic Management Plan Costs for the Tangi of Te Pāti Māori MP Takutai Tarsh Kemp

The Mayor commented that there was significant traffic management for this event and while this event is a one-off traffic management is something Council has provided for other events.

#### Future Management of Stormwater

A workshop was held earlier that day to inform councillors of the options. Councillors noted that it was not practical to ring fence and set up a separate function to manage stormwater.

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/203**

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

HWTM/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/204**

That Council does reimburse Opaea Marae Committee to the value of \$3,780 plus GST for the traffic management plan costs associated with the Tangi for MP Takutai Tarsh Kemp.

HWTM/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/205**

That Council introduces a \$200 refundable deposit into Council's Fees and Charges 2025/26 for hire of the mountain bike fleet.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/206**

That Council:

- a. notes the recommendations made by Parliament's Finance and Expenditure Committee to the Local Government (Water Services) Bill, specifically definition of 'water services provider' in clause 4, the deletion of clause 10(2)(b) concerning obligations over stormwater infrastructure in the transport corridor, and more precision over service agreements for stormwater networks in clause 176, and
- b. resolves, subject to the Government's accepting these recommendations, to transfer to the joint water services CCO being established with Horowhenua District Council and Palmerston North City Council:
  - i. responsibility for all its stormwater services (including that in the transport corridor), and
  - ii. all legally permitted stormwater infrastructure (i.e. excluding that in the transport corridor).

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Duncan. Carried

## 10 Reports for Information

### 10.1 Project Update Report - July 2025

#### Rātana Wastewater Discharge to Land

Councillors asked with the new changes to the RMA whether this means the objectors from outside the area are still valid. Officers undertook to confirm if the new RMA rescinds these objections.

#### Taihape Grandstand

Officers responded to questions that the previous design for the Taihape Grandstand included four changing rooms, this is no longer required due to the Nga Awa Block.

#### Scott's Ferry

Further information will come to a Council workshop on the 07 August before coming back to Council. It was noted that this will be an open council workshop.

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/207**

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

Cr P Sharland/Cr B Carter. Carried

## 11 Minutes from Committees

### 11.1 Minutes from Committees

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/208**

That the following minutes are received:

- Community Grants Committee Meeting – 15 April 25
- Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund Meeting – 15 April 25
- Bulls Community Committee Meeting – 14 May 25
- Assets/Infrastructure Meeting – 22 May 25
- Creative Communities Scheme Meeting – 28 May 25
- Finance/Performance Meeting – 29 May 25
- Turakina Community Committee Meeting – 05 June 25
- Hunterville Rural Water Scheme Meeting – 09 June 25
- Ratana Community Board Meeting – 10 June 25
- Taihape Community Board Meeting – 11 June 25
- Marton Community Committee Meeting – 11 June 25
- Hunterville Community Committee Meeting – 16 June 25
- Finance/Performance Meeting – 26 June 25

Cr C Raukawa/Cr S Loudon. Carried

## **12 Recommendations from Committees**

### **12.1 Recommendations from Community Committees and the Taihape Community Board - Small Projects Fund**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/209**

That the report 'Recommendations from Community Committees and the Taihape Community Board - Small Projects Fund' report be received.

Cr P Sharland/Cr J Wong. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/210**

That Council approves the carry-forward of up to \$1,811.72 for the Turakina Community Committee for the 2025/26 financial year, noting that there are earmarked funds.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/211**

That Council approves carry-forward of up to \$930 for the Taihape Community Board for the 2025/26 financial year.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/212**

That Council approves carry-forward of up to \$63.74 for the Bulls Community Committee for the 2025/26 financial year.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/213**

That Council approves carry-forward of up to \$1,316.64 for the Hunterville Community Committee for the 2025/26 financial year.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

## 13 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session at 2.42pm

### Resolution to Exclude the Public

**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/214**

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

- 1 Public Excluded Council Meeting - 26 June 2025
- 2 Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
- 3 Request for Rates Remission
- 4 Taihape Town Hall & Library Redevelopment - Preliminary Design Proposal with Cost Estimates
- 5 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
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<b>13.1 - Public Excluded Council Meeting - 26 June 2025</b>	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 26 June meeting.	S48(1)(a)
<b>13.2 - Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings</b>	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)
<b>13.3 - Request for Rates Remission</b>	To discuss a request for rate remission, their privacy and business position s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position	s48(1)(a)(i)
<b>13.4 - Taihape Town Hall &amp; Library Redevelopment - Preliminary Design Proposal with Cost Estimates</b>	To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations. s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities	s48(1)(a)(i)
<b>13.5 - Public Excluded Resolutions</b>	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 B Carter/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

## 14 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session at 3.55pm

**Resolved minute number** 25/RDC/215

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

25/RDC/215 - 25/RDC/222

Cr C Raukawa/Cr J Wong. Carried

**The meeting closed at 3.55pm**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 August 2025.**

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**Chairperson**