

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 14 August 2025

Time: 9.30am

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

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

In attendance

Mrs Carol Gordon, Chief Executive (Zoom)
Mr Arno Benadie, Deputy Chief Executive
Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager - Strategy, Community and Democracy
Mr Michael Hodder, Advisor to CEO
Mr Warren Pedley, Manager Finance and Partnerships
Mr Brent Manning, Contractor
Ms Fran Pere, Mana Whenua Strategic Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

The Mayor opened the meeting at 9.29am and Cr Dalgety read the Council prayer.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **25/RDC/224**

That the apologies be received from Cr Lambert.

Cr B Carter/Cr P Sharland. Carried

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

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Reports for Decision

6.1 Local Water Done Well: Adoption of the Joint Water Services Delivery Plan

Cr Raukawa joined by zoom at 9.33am and Cr Hiroa joined by zoom at 9.36am.

Mrs Gordon thanked staff that have worked on this and highlighting that there is work to be continued with Horowhenua District Council and Palmerston North City Council.

The Joint Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP)

The Mayor responded to questions that the Whangaehu River obligations will be addressed through the new entity as required by law.

Officers responded to questions that the Rangitikei District Council is the last council to adopt the Joint Water Services Delivery plan (WSDP).

Mr Benadie responded to questions that the critical assets are included in the asset management database.

Mr Manning responded to comments that the Water Services Delivery Plan allows for other councils to join over time.

Elected members discussed if recommendations 7 and 8 were still needed as Ruapehu District Council has made its decision to remain with Whanganui. The general consensus was that elected members want to remain open to other councils joining the water services council controlled organisation in the future, but specific reference via resolution was not required.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/225

That Rangitikei District Council receives the report 'Local Water Done Well: Adoption of the joint Water Services Delivery Plan.

HWTM/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/226

That Rangitikei District Council notes that Horowhenua District Council and Palmerston North City Council have both made their decisions on the joint Water Services Delivery Plan by 14 August 2025.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/227

That Rangitikei District Council adopts the joint Water Services Delivery Plan, attached to this report.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/228

That Rangitikei District Council authorises the Chief Executive to make minor changes (if required, and in conjunction with Horowhenua District Council and Palmerston North City Council) to the joint Water Services Delivery Plan to allow for certification and joint submission prior to 3 September, and (in conjunction with the Chief Executives of Horowhenua District Council and Palmerston North City Council), to make changes to address any minor comments from the Department of Internal Affairs following submission of the Plan.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/229

That Rangitikei District Council directs the Chief Executive to certify the joint Water Services Delivery Plan, allowing for any minor changes to be made, before jointly submitting the Water Services Delivery Plan with the Chief Executives of Horowhenua District Council and Palmerston North City Council to the Secretary for Local Government on or before 3 September 2025.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/230

That Rangitikei District Council delegates to the Chief Executive the authority to enter into and sign, on behalf of the Council, the Collaboration Agreement with Horowhenua District Council and Palmerston North City Council that will provide for the operational guidelines and individual Council commitments on how the decision to establish the joint WS-CCO will be enacted, noting that there will be a Council workshop before the Collaboration Agreement is signed.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/231

That Council removes Recommendation 7 and Recommendation 8.

Cr D Wilson/Cr S Loudon. Carried

The meeting closed at 10.36am

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

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Chairperson