

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 28 August 2025

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

HWTM Andy Watson
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Brian Carter
Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa
Cr Coral Raukawa
Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Simon Loudon
Cr Greg Maughan
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
Ms Tiffany Gower, Strategy Manager
Mr Jarrod Calkin, Economic Lead
Mr Eswar Ganapathi, Senior Project Manager
Mr Rob Smith, Development Manager
Ms Sharon Bennett, Manager- People and Culture
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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The Mayor opened the meeting at 12.59pm.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/232

Cr S Loudon/Cr B Carter. Carried

Nigel Belsham spoke on behalf of Business Rangitikei advocating for the Marton Streetscape Plan and outlined the positive benefits to the business community in Marton this would bring.

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

The item 11.1 Mayors Taskforce for Jobs review 24/25 is moved to before item 6 the confirmation of minutes.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/233

HWTM/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number **25/RDC/234**

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/235

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 14 August 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 D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Item 3 – Taumata Hauha and VonLanthen presentations

This was agreed to be moved to the admin action list.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/236

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Sharland. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - August 2025

The Mayor congratulated Manawatū District Council as they already have a Mayor declared, Michael Ford.

The Mayor highlighted there are changes indicated from Tower insurance and the changes that this will impact to some properties for those in high risk areas, he has requested further information.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/237

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

HWTM/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - August 2025

Local Water Done Well – Update

Mrs Gordon highlighted that this would become a regular section and will be added to this report each month to provide Council with an update on Local Water Done Well.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/238

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

Cr S Loudon/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/239

That the report 'Annual Report to the Alcohol and Regulatory Licensing Authority for the year ending 30 June 2025' be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Overview of the "plan stop" and its implications for the review of the Rangitikei District Plan

Ms Gower highlighted that there has been an update to the first part of recommendation three for councillors to consider.

Ms Gower advised that the timeframes for receiving a decision on the exemption have been unclear, and that there are a number of councils interested in the same process..

Councillors spoke of this being a priority, that time has already been spent on the Plan Change, that a budget has been allocated for the work and aligns with housing priorities from government.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/240

That the report "Overview of the "plan stop" and its implications for the review of the Rangitikei District Plan" be received.

Cr P Sharland/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/241

That the Council confirm that the full sectional review of the Rangitikei District Plan does not proceed.

Cr G Maughan/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/242

That the Council endorses that work on Proposed Plan Change 3 – Urban Growth continues and that officers apply to the Minister for the Environment for an exemption to the plan stop with urgency and Council accepts that officers will submit a working draft of the proposed plan change provisions in their current form.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

10.2 Delegation to Chief Executive during Council's Interregnum

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/243

That the report 'Delegation to Chief Executive during Council's Interregnum' be received.

HWTM/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/244

That from the day following the Electoral Officer's declaration, until the new Council is sworn in, the Chief Executive be authorised to make decisions in respect of urgent matters, in consultation with the Mayor Elect.

AND

That any decisions made under this delegation be reported to the first ordinary meeting of the new Council.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

10.3 Project Update Report - August 2025**Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation**

Mr Benadie responded to questions that there has been progress made with discussions with ANZCO Manawatu, and officers are working through the impact that this will have on the treatment plant.

Marton Water Strategy

Mr Benadie responded to questions that the testing will not affect the warranty but will impact on the final design.

Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment

Mrs Gordon highlighted that if there are any delays or changes to design at this stage, this will impact the budget and delivery of this project.

Scotts Ferry

There was a workshop with councillors recently to discuss the current situation in Scotts Ferry and the issues that have arisen. As part of this report officers have provided recommendations for Council to consider and highlighting the unforeseen risk of purchasing a tractor for the community.

Councillors acknowledged that this issue has been around the table for a significant period of time and that a decision to engage a contractor for the use of the tractor is the most practical option.

The pump is owned by the farmer, and it is his responsibility to maintain this, officers advised that the contractor is being considered has a number of pumps if required in the future.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/245

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

Cr J Wong/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/246

That Council approves:

Alternative Option 1 as the preferred solution for the pumping of flood waters to protect access to the Scotts Ferry community during flood events.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Sharland. Carried

10.4 Rangitikei Tomorrow - Economic Strategy and Action Plan

Councillors supported the Economic Strategy and Action Plan and discussed the benefits of adoption this triennium versus endorsement for the new Council. It was noted that an adopted strategy would form part of an induction for the new Council. .

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/247

That the report 'Rangitikei Tomorrow – Economic Strategy and Action Plan' is received.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/248

That Council adopts Rangitikei Tomorrow Economic Strategy and Action Plan.

Cr S Loudon/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

10.5 Adoption of the Marton Streetscape Plan for informal consultation

Councillors commented on whether it should be adopted as a plan, or adopted for consultation. In making the decision to adopt for consultation, it was noted that while the community has input into a number of engagements that helped develop the document, they have not had the opportunity to provide feedback on the streetscape document.

Officers highlighted that the decision on funding will be part of the Annual Plan.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/249

That the report 'Adoption of the Marton Streetscape Plan for informal consultation' be received.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr P Sharland. Carried

A recommendation was moved by Cr Loudon and seconded by Cr Maughan and when put was LOST:

That Council adopts the Marton Streetscape Plan.

Cr S Loudon/Cr G Maughan. Lost

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/250

That Council adopts the Marton Streetscape Plan for consultation with the community.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Mayors Taskforce for Jobs review 24/25

This item was moved to after Public Forum and Mr Towers and Ms McCord were in attendance to present to councillors on the end of year review for Mayors Taskforce for Jobs 2024/25.

Cr Raukawa raised a conflict of interest, however, due to this being a report for information the Mayor ruled this was not required.

Mr Towers spoke of the success of the programme but did note that the changing job market and the changes to the priorities from MSD have been challenging.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/251

That the report 'Mayors Taskforce for Jobs review 2024/25' is received.

Cr S Loudon/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/252

That the following minutes are received:

- Omatane Rural Water Scheme Meeting – 03 June 25
- Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Meeting – 10 June 25
- Policy/Planning Committee Meeting – 12 June 25
- Bulls Community Committee Meeting – 09 July 25
- Youth Council Meeting – 30 July 25
- Finance/Performance Committee Meeting – 31 July 25
- Hunterville Rural Water Scheme Meeting – 11 August 25

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Carried

13 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session at 3.08pm.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/253

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

1. Public Excluded Council Meeting - 14 August 2025
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Cross-boundary wall at 305 Broadway, Marton - update
4. Water Rebate Request - Hunterville
5. Public Excluded Resolutions
6. Sale and Purchase Agreement - 304-318 Broadway, Marton

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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13.1 - Public Excluded Council Meeting - 14 August 2025	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 31 July meeting.	s48(1)(a)
13.2 - Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings	To consider the matters arising from previous public excluded. 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 - Cross-boundary wall at 305 Broadway, Marton - update	To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations. s7(2)(a) – Privacy s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) – Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
13.4 - Water Rebate Request - Hunterville	To discuss a water rebate, request, their privacy and business position s7(2)(a) – Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position	s48(1)(a)(i)
13.5 - 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)
13.6 - Sale and Purchase Agreement - 304-318 Broadway, Marton	To discuss commercial activities and negotiations 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 Sharland. Carried

14 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 3.50pm

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/254

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

25/RDC/248 - 25/RDC/255

Cr B Carter/Cr P Sharland. Carried

The meeting closed at 3.50pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 September 2025.

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Chairperson