

MINUTES



ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 25 September 2025

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitīkei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

HWTM Andy Watson
Cr Dave Wilson
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

In attendance

Mrs Carol Gordon, Chief Executive
Ms Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager – Corporate Services
Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager – Strategy, Community and Democracy
Mr Warren Pedley, Manager Finance and Partnerships
Ms Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager
Mr Eswar Ganapathi, Senior Project Manager
Mr Graeme Pointon, Executive Legal Advisor
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor
Mr Phil Payton

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1 Welcome / Prayer

The Mayor opened the meeting at 1.01pm.

2 Apologies

There were no apologies received.

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

The Chief Executive, Mrs Gordon declared a conflict of interest with item 10.2 Dudding Lake Community Building.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Officers to update the wording at item 10.5 Adoption of the Marton Streetscape Plan for informal consultation from supports to endorses.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/257

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 August 2025 **as amended** 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.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. 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/258

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

Cr B Carter/Cr P Sharland. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - September 2025

The Mayor attended the Whanganui Community Foundation meeting earlier in the day. He noted that the Foundation has provided \$1.2 million to organisations in the last round and congratulated the Foundation's new chair.

Elected member attendance

Officers to update the attendance register to show that Cr Lambert was an apology for the 28 August 25 Council meeting.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/259

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

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried

8.2 Valedictory Speeches for retiring Councillors

The valedictory speeches were tabled after the meeting.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/260

That the valedictory speeches of retiring Councillors, listed below, be received:

- Richard Lambert
- Gill Duncan
- Greg Maughan

HWTM/Cr P Sharland. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - September 2025

Events Held Across the District at Council's Facilities

Councillors raised that the Cluster Sports tournament at Centennial Park and the Rural Kids in Ōhingaiti are not included in the report. Officers will confirm if the paperwork for these events have been received.

Health, Safety and Wellbeing Dashboard

Councillors asked where the anti-social behaviour had occurred. Officers were unable to provide a response at the meeting and will include this in the follow-up actions.

Civil Defence Emergency Management Review

It was raised that some councillors did not receive an invite to comment on this review. Officers will follow up on this.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/261

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

Cr P Hiroa/Cr R Lambert. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/262

That the Council endorses the formation of the Chief Executive Employment and Performance Committee and recommends to the new Council to include it in the Committee Structure.

HWTM/Cr G Duncan. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 2024/25 Carry-over Requests

Mr Pedley took councillors through the carry forwards and the groups these belonged to.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/263

That the report 2024/25 Carry-over Requests be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/264

That 25-Sept-25 the Council approve the carry over request of \$728k OPEX and \$3.5m Capital.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/265

That Council authorise Officers to create a revised 2025/26 budget for a future meeting which includes the 2025/26 Annual Plan budget plus approved carry over amendments.

Cr G Maughan/Cr P Sharland. Carried

10.2 Dudding Lake Community Building

Mrs Gordon declared a conflict of interest and left the room at 2.00pm.

Ms Prince responded to questions, noting that the grant paid by Council is for public entitlement, meaning Council contributes to the facilities for public use. She confirmed that the building is up to code and the necessary work for consent has been completed.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/266

That the report Dudding Lake Community Building be received.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/267

That Council accepts the gift and vesting of the Community Building at the Dudding Lake Reserve and therefore as the owner of the Dudding Lake Reserve the building becomes a fixture of the Reserve, noting section 3.7 of the report.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Project Update Report - August 2025 Extended Update

It was noted that the national wastewater standards were meant to be completed by this time however they are not, and this does impact councils wastewater projects.

Taihape Grandstand

There is a potential alternative for the Taihape Grandstand that it could be purchased by an existing trust for a nominal sum and progress the work. This does not include the land, just the building itself.

Cr Wilson began chairing the meeting at 2.28pm.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/268

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

Cr F Dalgety/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

12 Minutes from Committees

12.1 Minutes from Committees

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/269

That the following minutes are received:

- Erewhon Rural Water Scheme Meeting – 03 June 25
- Risk and Assurance Meeting – 19 June 25
- Assets/Infrastructure Meeting – 10 July 25

- Turakina Community Committee Meeting – 07 August 25
- Hunterville Community Committee – 11 August 25
- Taihape Community Board Meeting – 13 August 25
- Marton Community Committee Meeting - 13 August 25
- Finance/Performance Committee Meeting – 28 August 25
- Erewhon Rural Water Scheme Meeting – 02 September 25

Cr G Duncan/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

13 Recommendations from Committees

13.1 Recommendation from Assets/Infrastructure Committee

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/270

That Council direct staff proceed with Option 1 (ETFE roof with steel frame) to develop the design details further for the Marton Swim Centre.

Cr P Sharland/Cr B Carter. Carried Cr Loudon abstained.

14 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session at 2.32pm

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/271

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

1. Public Excluded Council Meeting - 28 August 2025
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Chief Executive's Report - September 2025
4. 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

14.1 - Public Excluded Council Meeting - 28 August 2025	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 28 August 25 meeting.	s48(1)(a)
14.2 - 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)
14.3 - Chief Executive's Report - September 2025	This item is in public excluded to protect privacy. s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(g) - Legal Professional Privilege s7(2)(i) – Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
14.4 - 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)

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 C Raukawa/Cr R Lambert. Carried

15 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session at 3.20pm.

Resolved minute number

25/RDC/272

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

25/RDC/272 - 25/RDC/279

Cr B Carter/Cr G Maughan. Carried

The meeting closed at 3.20pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed by His Worship the Mayor.



Chairperson