

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 30 October 2025

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

HWTM Andy Watson
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Diana Baird
Cr Alan Buckendahl
Cr Fi Dalgety
Cr Sandra Field
Cr John Hainsworth
Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa (Zoom)
Cr Graeme O'Fee
Cr Coral Raukawa
Cr Paul Sharland
Cr Jeff Wong

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 Graeme Pointon, Executive Legal Advisor
Mr Warren Pedley, Manager Finance and Partnerships
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor
Ms Fiona Elkington, Audit NZ

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1 Welcome / Prayer

The Mayor opened the meeting at 1.00pm

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

Council moved to item 8.1 Declaration by Councillor and then moved to item 10.1 Annual Report.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/257

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 23 October 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 P Sharland. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Item 2 – Traffic Calming in Bulls

Councillors decided that this action would sit best with the Assets/Infrastructure Committee.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/258

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

Cr J Wong/Cr P Sharland. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Declaration by Councillor

Cr Dalgety read her declaration.

8.2 Mayor's Report - October 2025

The Mayor highlighted key areas of the induction for new councillors that are coming up, such as the cultural induction and the tours of the district.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/259

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

HWTM/Cr S Field. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - October 2025

Submissions

Mrs Gordon responded to questions that the reason Council did not submit to the Manawatu Whanganui Emergency Management Group Plan review is because Council has already been involved in the development of the plan.

Road Boundary Corrections - Powerco facility, Eagle Street and Kiwi Road, Taihape

It was noted that these types of requests are regular for Council.

Request for Fee Waiver – Hunterville Shemozzle

Cr Raukawa raised a point of order regarding the wording of the substantive motion, noting this was not the intention of the mover and seconder. Officers confirmed that this is the correct process for an amendment to substantive motion.

It was requested that the Chief Executive explore developing a MOU with the Hunterville Shemozzle to provide consistency across events in the district. This was added as an action item.

Erewhon Rural Water Scheme - NZ Regional Infrastructure Fund

Ms Macdonald explained that the Erewhon Rural Water Scheme is seeking a \$3.2 million loan to fund infrastructure upgrades from the NZ Regional Infrastructure Fund. Council is required by the scheme to endorse the application, with final terms to be negotiated and brought back for approval.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/260

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

Cr C Raukawa/Cr S Field. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/261

That Council:

- accepts Powerco's offer to exchange land adjoining Kiwi Road, Taihape in return for stopping of part of Eagle Street,
- records Powerco's offer provides that all costs of the action will be met by Powerco,
- directs the Chief Executive to conclude negotiations with Powerco and complete all requisite actions and execution of documents to complete the matter.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Recommendation

That Council approves a waiver of \$8,000 for the Shemozzle being held on 1 November 2025.

Cr Dalgety/Cr Hainsworth.

Amendment

That Council approves a waiver of \$3,465 for the Shemozzle being held on 1 November 2025.

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/262

That Council approves a waiver of \$3,465 for the Shemozzle being held on 1 November 2025.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr J Hainsworth. Carried Against Cr Dalgety, Cr Sharland, Cr Raukawa

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/263

That Council endorses the Erewhon Rural Scheme's NZ Regional Infrastructure Fund application.

HWTM/Cr G O'Fee. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 2024/25 Annual Report

Ms Elkington from Audit NZ was in attendance for this section of the meeting.

It was noted that Local Water Done Well and the Water Services Delivery Plan have uncertainty however, this is expected.

Cr Raukawa raised a point of order regarding the Mayor addressing Cr Dalgety as Fiona, the Mayor accepted this point of order.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/264

That the 2024/25 Annual Report be received.

Cr P Sharland/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/265

That Council adopt the 2024/25 Annual Report subject to any amendments (if any) or final changes to the information, or grammatical corrections identified.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/266

That Council authorise staff to make any late administrative changes, noted by elected members, staff or Audit NZ, post writing of this report, including copying the final written audit opinion from Audit NZ into the 2024/25 Annual Report ahead of publishing the Annual Report for circulation.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

10.2 Appointments to Committees 2025-28 Triennium

Councillors moved through each of the appointments.

The meeting adjourned during this item at 3.00pm and returned at 3.12pm.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/267

That the report Appointments to Committees 2025-28 Triennium be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/268

That for the 2025-28 triennium Cr Buckendahl be appointed to Te Rōpū Ahi Kā.

HWTM/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/269

That for the 2025-28 triennium that for one year each the listed councillors be appointed to the Rātana Community Board.

- Cr Hiroa year one
- Cr Sharland year two
- Cr Raukawa year three

Cr D Baird/Cr S Field. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/270

That for the 2025-28 triennium councillors Baird, Wong and Hiroa be appointed to the Taihape Community Board for a two year period each.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Note: Following the meeting the terms were agreed to be as follows:

Y1: Cr Wong and Cr Baird

Y2: Cr Hiroa and Cr Baird

Y3: Cr Hiroa and Cr Wong

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/271

That for the 2025-28 triennium Cr Dalgety be appointed to the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee and Cr Hainsworth as the alternate.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/272

That for the 2025-28 triennium Cr Baird be appointed and Cr O'Fee as alternative to the Omatane Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee.

Cr P Sharland/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/273

That for the 2025-28 triennium Cr Wong be appointed to the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee and Cr Baird as the alternate.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/274

That for the 2025-28 triennium Cr Field be appointed to the Creative New Zealand Assessment Committee.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/275

That for the 2025-28 triennium Cr Sharland, Cr Hainsworth and Cr O'Fee be appointed to the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund Assessment Committee, with Cr O'Fee appointed as Chair.

Cr S Field/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/276

That for the 2025-28 triennium His Worship the Mayor be appointed as the Rangitikei District Council representative to the Regional Transport Committee, with the Deputy Mayor as the alternate.

Cr A Buckendahl/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/277

That for the 2025-28 triennium Cr Wong be appointed as the Rangitīkei District Council representative to the Passenger Transport Committee, and Cr Wilson as alternate.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/278

That for the 2025-28 triennium His Worship the Mayor and Rita Batley be appointed as the Rangitīkei District Council representatives to the John Beresford Swan Dudding Trust Advisory Committee.

HWTM/Cr G O'Fee. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/279

That Council reconfirms the appointment of His Worship the Mayor as the Rangitīkei District Council representative on Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū, the governance group associated with the Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika Framework.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/280

That the 2025-28 triennium Cr Wilson be appointed as the Rangitīkei District Council representative to the Bonny Glen Community Trust and that Cr Buckendahl be appointed as the alternate.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/281

That the 2025-28 triennium His Worship the Mayor be appointed as the Rangitīkei District Council representative to the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Governance Body.

Cr P Sharland/Cr G O'Fee. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/282

That in the absence of His Worship the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor be designated to declare a local state of emergency, or give notice of a transition period in accordance with s25(5) of the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act 2002).

Cr A Buckendahl/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

10.3 Code of Conduct and Standing Orders

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/283

That the report Code of Conduct and Standing Orders be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/284

That Council adopt the Code of Conduct and Standing Orders.

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Hainsworth. Carried

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Finance Snapshot - September 2025

Mr Pedley took councillors through this report and highlighted Council's planned budget deficit, the rationale behind operating with an unbalanced budget, and the role of depreciation funding.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/285

That Council receive the report Finance Snapshot - September 2025 be received.

Cr P Sharland/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

The meeting closed at 4.00pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 November 2025.

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Chairperson