

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 27 November 2025

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

HWTM Andy Watson
Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Fi Dalgety
Cr Paul Sharland
Cr Alan Buckendahl
Cr John Hainsworth
Cr Sandra Field
Cr Graeme O'Fee

In attendance

Mrs Carol Gordon, 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 Darryn Black, Acting Group Manager – Assets, Infrastructure and Projects
Ms Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager
Mr Eswar Ganapathi, Senior Project Manager
Ms Sophia Sykes, Communications Manager
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/286**

That the apologies be received from Cr Raukawa, Cr Baird and Cr Hiroa.

Cr P Sharland/Cr G O'Fee. Carried

3 Public Forum

Denise Pio - Aspiring Leaders Forum in August – a tabled document was provided.

Ms Pio spoke of her attendance at the Aspiring Leaders Forum and how valueable this was.

Gill Duncan – Taihape Grandstand Restoration Committee – a tabled document was provided

Ms Duncan advocated that the Taihape Grandstand Restoration Committee (TRGC) have a community led agreement with Council to support the Taihape Grandstand restoration.

Katie Deere – Rangitikei Netball

Councillors noted that a letter was received from Ms Deere.

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 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **25/RDC/287**

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 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 P Sharland/Cr S Field. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Item 2 – Timeline Marton Water Strategy

Councillors requested that this timeline for the Marton Water Strategy be provided at the first Assets/Infrastructure meeting.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/288

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

Cr F Dalgety/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - November 2025

The Mayor noted that central government is bringing in a lot of new legislation. This includes the recent announcement about regional councils, and that the rates-capping legislation is also expected before Christmas.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/289

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

HWTM/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/290

That the Community Volunteer Awards 2026 do take place in the scaled back format as 2023.

HWTM/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - November 2025

Submissions

There is significant consultation expected over the Christmas period, requiring responses within a short timeframe. Mrs Gordon noted that the Council will take the opportunity to collaborate with neighbouring councils on the upcoming submissions where possible.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/291

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

Cr J Hainsworth/Cr J Wong. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Taihape Grandstand - Update and Proposed Next Steps

Elected members commented that the upgrade works would be completed by the community led project and then council would take over ongoing maintenance work.

It was noted that further information is still required regarding the agreement between the Taihape Grandstand Restoration Committee (TGRC) and Council. After the meeting adjourned at item 10.5 Elected Members' Allowances and Recovery of Expenses Policy Council returned to this report item to confirm the final two resolutions.

It was raised that Cr Hiroa was not in attendance at the meeting and that she may want to be the portfolio holder for this project and therefore this recommendation was left to lie.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/292

That the report Taihape Grandstand – Update and Proposed Next Steps be received.

Cr A Buckendahl/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/293

That Council agrees the Taihape Grandstand project be a Community Led, Council Owned Facilities Upgrade, under the guidance of the Taihape Grandstand Restoration Committee.

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/294

That Council approves the Taihape Grandstand Restoration Committee to engage Copeland Associates to continue design work on the Grandstand, and that no further quotes be sought.

Cr J Wong/Cr D Wilson. Carried Against Cr Field and Cr Dalgety

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/295

That Council records setting aside Council's Procurement and Contract Management policy in regards to Resolved minute number 25/RDC/294.

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Wong. Carried

Motion

That Council agrees that the Taihape Grandstand Restoration Committee determine how the remaining Council funds are allocated toward refurbishment and restoration of the Taihape Grandstand, and that Council does make payments upon TGRC authorisation.

HWTM/Cr G O'Fee. Carried

Amendment

That Council agrees that the Taihape Grandstand Restoration Committee determine how the remaining Council funds are allocated toward refurbishment and restoration of the Taihape Grandstand, and that Council does make payments upon TGRC authorisation, subject to confirmation of final approval of the TGRC agreement which includes roles, responsibilities and procurement and payment processes.

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/296

That Council agrees that the Taihape Grandstand Restoration Committee determine how the remaining Council funds are allocated toward refurbishment and restoration of the Taihape Grandstand, and that Council does make payments upon TGRC authorisation, subject to confirmation of final approval of the TGRC agreement which includes roles, responsibilities and procurement and payment processes.

HWTM/Cr G O'Fee. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/297

That Council is a final funder for the Taihape Grandstand.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr G O'Fee. Carried

Left to lie -

That Cr _____ be allocated the Grandstand Project as one of the portfolios for the Assets / Infrastructure Committee.

10.2 Outdoor Courts - Bulls, Marton, Taihape

Ms Prince introduced the report, noting that Rangitikei Netball have been in contact regarding the number and layout of courts. While they would prefer four courts in the long term, they have recommended retaining the current layout in the short term as described in the Thrive report but noting that Rangitikei Netball still request a plexipave surface.

Council noted concerns regarding the suitability of surface options, leading Council to request additional information and quotes in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/298

That the report Outdoor Courts – Bulls, Marton, Taihape and the tabled reports be received.

Cr S Field/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/299

That Council confirms the ownership status of the outdoor courts at Bulls Domain, Centennial Park (Marton), and Memorial Park (Taihape) as Council-owned facilities for which Council holds on-going maintenance responsibility.

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Hainsworth. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/300

That Council retain the courts in their current configuration at Centennial Park, Marton.

Cr D Wilson/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/301

That Council resolves that the courts resurfacing project at Centennial Park, Marton, will be delivered as a Community Led / Council Owned Facilities project, alongside Rangitikei Netball subjection to completion of an application, agreement on roles and responsibilities, and confirmation of sufficient funding, prior to work commencing;

Cr A Buckendahl/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/302

That Council requests additional information and quotes for acrylic surface overlays and cushioned hardcourt systems in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy.

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/303

That Council agrees to allocate a budget of up to \$50,000 (excluding GST), as the final funder, for the resurfacing of the Marton netball courts to be funded from the General Purpose Reserves (Capital Works).

Cr A Buckendahl/HWTM Carried

10.3 Committee Structure and Membership for the 2025-28 Triennium

Council moved through each of these appointments noting that there were apologies from some councillors at the meeting and it will be confirmed what committees they would like to be a part of after the meeting.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/304

That the report Committee Structure and Membership for the 2025-28 Triennium be received.

Cr P Sharland/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/305

That for the 2025-28 triennium, the following elected members are members of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee:

Crs Dalgety, O'Fee, Hainsworth, Wilson, Buckendahl, Sharland, Wong, Field.

Cr D Wilson/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/306

That for the 2025-28 triennium, the following elected members are members of the Finance/Performance Committee:

Crs Dalgety, Wilson, Sharland, Wong.

Cr D Wilson/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/307

That for the 2025-28 triennium, the following elected members are members of the Community Grants Committee, a sub-committee of the Finance/Performance Committee:

Crs Dalgety, Sharland, Wong, HWTM.

Cr D Wilson/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/308

That for the 2025-28 triennium, the following elected members are members of the Policy/Planning Committee:

Crs Hainsworth, Wilson, Buckendahl, Wong, Field.

Cr D Wilson/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/309

That for the 2025-28 triennium Cr Field be appointed as the alternate liaison to the Youth Council.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/310

That for the 2025-28 triennium, His Worship the Mayor, Cr Wong, and Cr Buckendahl be appointed to the Māori Land Rates Remission Committee (noting these members will sit alongside three members appointed by Te Rōpū Ahi Kā).

Cr S Field/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/311

That for the 2025-28 triennium Cr O'Fee be appointed to the Santoft Domain Management Committee and Cr Sharland as alternative.

Cr A Buckendahl/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/312

That for the 2025-28 triennium Cr Dalgety be appointed to the McIntyre Reserve Management Committee and Cr Wong as alternative.

Cr J Hainsworth/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/313

That for the 2025-28 triennium Cr O'Fee be appointed to the Bulls Committee and Cr Sharland as alternative.

HWTM/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/314

That for the 2025-28 triennium Cr Wilson be appointed to the Marton Community Committee and Cr Hainsworth as alternative.

HWTM/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/315

That for the 2025-28 triennium Cr Dalgety be appointed to the Hunterville Committee and Cr Buckendahl as alternative.

Cr P Sharland/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/316

That for the 2025-28 triennium Cr Sharland be appointed to the Turakina Community Committee and Cr Field as alternative.

Cr D Wilson/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/317

That the Terms of Reference for the Policy/Planning Committee be adopted.

Cr J Wong/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/318

That the Terms of Reference for the Chief Executive Employment and Performance Committee be adopted.

HWTM/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/319

That the Terms of Reference for the Santoft Domain Management Committee and the McIntyre Reserve Management Committee be adopted.

Cr P Sharland/Cr G O'Fee. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/320

That the Terms of Reference for the Community Committees (Marton, Bulls, Hunterville, Turakina) be adopted.

Cr A Buckendahl/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/321

That Council appoints Phil Harre to replace Chris Renshaw on the Four Regions Trust.

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Hainsworth. Carried

10.4 Remuneration for Councillors in the 2025-28 Triennium

The Mayor noted that the workload for deputy chair roles for committees is expected to be comparable to that of councillors who hold portfolio responsibilities, and as such, no additional remuneration is proposed for the role, but an increase instead to the base rate.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/322

That the report Remuneration for Councillors in the 2025-28 Triennium be received.

Cr P Sharland/Cr G O'Fee. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/323

That Council recommends the following proposal to the Remuneration Authority for the remuneration for councillors for the 2025-28 triennium:

- Deputy Mayor/Chair Assets/Infrastructure Committee: \$49,585
- Chair Finance/Performance Committee: \$42,589
- Chair Policy/Planning Committee: \$42,589
- Base Rate: \$34,585

HWTM/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

10.5 Elected Members' Allowances and Recovery of Expenses Policy

Ms Gray noted that the amendment of the policy was in relation to the update of the credit card sign off process.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/324

That the report Elected Members' Allowances and Recovery of Expenses Policy be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/325

That the Elected Members' Allowances and Recovery of Expenses Policy be amended and adopted.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Sharland. Carried

The meeting adjourned at 2.56pm and returned to the meeting at 3.09pm. Council moved back to the Taihape Grandstand recommendations.

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Project Updates Report - October 2025

Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation

Mrs Gordon advised that the national wastewater standards have now been approved. A report outlining the implications for the wastewater projects will be presented at a future Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting.

Marton Water Strategy

Councillors were advised that stress testing of the bore is currently underway, with officers assessing a range of scenarios that could affect the results.

Marton Swim Centre

Councillors provided feedback on the proposed roof design with some councillors noting concerns that it may result in excessive heat during the summer months.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/326

That the report Project Updates Report – October 2025 be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Sharland. Carried

11.2 Finance Snapshot - October 2025

Ms Macdonald provided an overview of the Finance Snapshot.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/327

That the report Finance Snapshot - October 2025 be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr P Sharland. Carried

11.3 Statement of Service Provision 3 Month Report: July 2025 - September 2025

Council noted that the section for water supply in the district did not meet compliance criteria. Mrs Gordon responded that this is primarily due to data interruption.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/328

That the report 'Statement of Service Provision 3 Month Report: July 2025 – September 2025' be received.

Cr S Field/Cr J Wong. Carried

12 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session at 3.50pm

Resolution to Exclude the Public**Resolved minute number 25/RDC/329**

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

1. Cross-boundary wall at 305 Broadway, Marton - alternate option
2. Sale Agreement and Development Agreement for 304-318 Broadway, Marton
3. Taihape Grandstand - Request for Payment
4. Tender recommendation Report - Three Waters capital delivery

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
12.1 - Cross-boundary wall at 305 Broadway, Marton - alternate option	To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations. s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) – Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
12.2 - Sale Agreement and Development Agreement for 304-318 Broadway, Marton	To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations. s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(i) – Negotiations	s48(1)(a)(i)
12.3 - Taihape Grandstand - Request for Payment	To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations. s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position	s48(1)(a)(i)
12.4 - Tender recommendation Report - Three Waters capital delivery	To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations. s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities	s48(1)(a)(i)
12.5 - 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	s48(1)(a)(i)

s7(2)(i) – Negotiations

Cr F Dalgety/Cr G O'Fee. Carried

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Chairperson