

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 11 December 2025

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

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

In attendance

Mrs Carol Gordon, Chief Executive
Mr Arno Benadie, Deputy Chief Executive
Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager – Strategy, Community and Democracy
Mr Johan Cullis, Group Manager – Regulatory Manager
Ms Crystal Johnston, Executive Assistant – Group Managers
Mr Brent Manning, Transition Manager
Mr Graeme Pointon, Executive Legal Advisor
Mr Chris Dyhrberg, Executive Director Water Services CCO
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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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

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Amendments: At item 10.1 Taihape Grandstand – Update and Proposed Next Steps that the Amendment became the substantive motion Resolved minute number 25/RDC/297.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/344

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 27 November 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.

Cr J Wong/Cr D Wilson. Carried

7 Mayor's Report

7.1 Mayor's Report - December 2025

The Mayor noted the announcement from Central Government regarding regional councillors and that further information is yet to be provided, making it challenging to comment further at this stage.

Officers responded to questions, advising that the geotechnical report for the Marton Swim Centre, near the Tutaenui Stream, will be circulated to elected members.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/345

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

Cr D Wilson/HWTM Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/346

That in appreciation of the honourable traditions of the Second Workshop Company and recognition of its long and intimate association with the Borough of Taihape the Council confer upon the Second Workshop Company the rights, privilege and honour of marching through the streets of Taihape on all ceremonial occasions with bayonets fixed, drums beating and colours flying and that the Corporate Seal will be affixed to the necessary Deed of Grant and that the name of the second Workshop Company be inscribed on a panel in the Town Hall.

Cr J Wong/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

8 Chief Executive's Report

8.1 Chief Executive's Report - December 2025

Santoft Domain Management Committee Fee Reimbursement Request

Mrs Gordon clarified for councillors that the process for the Santoft Domain Management Committee's reimbursement request, that usually requests are made prior to invoicing, and that this was a retrospective request.

Further information was provided by Cr O'Fee and a tabled document was provided. This item was deferred at the meeting so officers were able to confirm the amount of funds requested by the committee.

Council moved back to this item after 9.2 Adoption of Meeting Schedule 2026.

Mrs Gordon confirmed that the request that is in the order paper is that request that was received from the Santoft Domain Management Committee.

The Mayor highlighted the direction from Central Government and the financial pressures on the community and that this should be considered when determining the value of the funds requested.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/347

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

Cr F Dalgety/Cr S Field. Carried

Motion

That the Council agrees to reimburse the Santoft Domain Management Committee to the value of \$5,426.54.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa.

Amendment

That the Council agrees to reimburse the Santoft Domain Management Committee to the value of \$2,500

HWTM/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/348

That the Council agrees to reimburse the Santoft Domain Management Committee to the value of \$2,500.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried Against Cr G O'Fee

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/349

That Council authorises the Chief Executive to take the required actions to address the road status and provide legal road frontage to 1 Rapaki Street, Koitiata.

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Hainsworth. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/350

That Council allocates \$292,316.41 which is the proceeds from the sale of land at Kensington Road to two Special and Restricted Reserves

As follows:

\$50,000 allocated to General Purpose (Capital Works) to replace the committed funding for the netball courts surface in accordance with resolution 25/RDC/304

AND

the balance of \$242,316.41 allocated to Aquatic Special Reserve for future funding towards the Swimming Pool project.

Cr J Wong/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Local Water Done Well - Foundation documents for the joint Water Services Council-Controlled Organisation known as Central Districts Water

Mr Dyhrberg introduced the report, noting that it has been presented to both Palmerston North City Council and Horowhenua District Council, with both councils having approved the documents.

Councillors acknowledged the work undertaken by officers and elected members to reach this stage.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/351

That the report 'Local Water Done Well – Constitution and Shareholders' Agreement for the joint Water Services Council-Controlled Organisation known as Central Districts Water' be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/352

That the Rangitīkei District Council, as shareholder of Central Districts Water, approves the attached Constitution for Central Districts Water, and delegates to the Chief Executive to sign any documents required to approve the Constitution on behalf of the Rangitīkei District Council.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/353

That the Rangitīkei District Council, as shareholder of Central Districts Water, approves the attached Shareholders' Agreement for Central Districts Water, and delegates to the Chief Executive to sign the Shareholders' Agreement on behalf of the Rangitīkei District Council.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr D Baird. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/354

That the Rangitīkei District Council delegates to the Chief Executive the ability to agree to any minor, non-material amendments to the Constitution and Shareholders' Agreement prior to final approval, and to report back to the Council on any changes made under this delegation.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/355

That the Rangitīkei District Council approves the establishment of a joint committee made up of representatives from across the Shareholding Councils and mana whenua partners, and endorses the terms of reference included in Schedule 3 of the Shareholders' Agreement.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/356

That the Rangitīkei District Council notes, as the next step in establishing Central Districts Water as a joint Water Services Council-Controlled Organisation, that it will be required to appoint its representative(s) to the Shareholders Committee and delegate the power to make the decisions recorded in Section 2 of Schedule 3 of the Shareholders' Agreement.

Cr D Baird/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/357

That the Rangitīkei District Council delegates to the Chief Executive to proceed with the incorporation and registration of Central Districts Water with the Companies Office and all related formalities.

Cr A Buckendahl/Cr P Sharland. Carried

9.2 Adoption of Meeting Schedule 2026

Ms Gray provided some amendments and councillors acknowledged that there may be subsequent changes.

Councillors moved back to item 8.1 Chief Executive's Report - December 2025 Santoft Domain Management Committee Request after this item.

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/358

That the report Adoption of Meeting Schedule 2026 is received.

HWTM/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/359

That Council adopts the Meeting Schedule 2026 with amendment, and note subsequent changes.

HWTM/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

10 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 2.06pm

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 25/RDC/360

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

- 1 Public Excluded Council Meeting - 27 November 2025
2. Tender Recommendation Report - Three Waters Capital Delivery

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
10.1 - Public Excluded Council Meeting - 27 November 2025	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 27 November meeting.	S48(1)(a)
10.2 - 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)

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 D Wilson/Cr J Hainsworth. Carried

