

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 12 February 2026

Time: 10.00am

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 Paul Sharland
Cr Alan Buckendahl
Cr Diana Baird
Cr Sandra Field
Cr Graeme O'Fee

In attendance

Mrs Carol Gordon, Chief Executive
Mr Arno Benadie, Deputy Chief Executive
Ms Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager – Corporate Services
Mr Johan Cullis, Group Manager – Regulatory Services
Mr Darryn Black, Roothing Transport Manager
Mr Eswar Ganapathi, Senior Project Manager
Ms Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager
Mr Chris Dyhrberg, Executive Director WSCCO Establishment
Mr Warren Pedley, Manager Finance and Partnerships
Mr Jarrod Calkin, Economic Lead
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

The Mayor opened the meeting at 10.00am.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **26/RDC/001**

That the apologies be received from Cr Dalgety and Cr Hainsworth.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr J Wong. Carried

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

Resolved minute number **26/RDC/002**

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 11 December 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 G O'Fee. 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 **26/RDC/003**

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - February 2026

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/004

That the Mayor's Report – February 2026 be received.

HWTM/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - February 2026

Events Held Across the District at Council's Parks and Reserves

Officers responded to questions that the list is retrospective but the weekly email from the comms team can circulate upcoming events. Officers reminded councillors that they can view upcoming events on the Rangitikei Aotearoa webpage as well.

CDEM Review

Officers advised that the EOC build is not expected to be completed for several years. However, other priority actions identified in the review will be progressed in the interim.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/005

That the report Chief Executive's Report – February 2026 be received.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/006

That, His Worship the Mayor be delegated authority to sign the 2026 Triennial Agreement for the Manawatu-Wanganui Region.

Cr P Sharland/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/007

That Council notes the extension of Contract 1126 - Streetlight Maintenance with Horizon Networks for a further three-year period, from 1 March 2026 to 28 February 2029.

Cr D Wilson/Cr D Baird. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/008

That Council accept NZTA's offer of additional NLTP funding of \$2,816,000 (local share \$957,440) to enable completion of deferred roading works within the 2024–27 period, noting that the local share will be funded from Roading Reserves with no impact on rates.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/009

That the revised terms of reference for the Marton Community Committee are adopted, providing for membership from Marton Rotary and Marton Lions clubs.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr S Field. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/010

That Council recommends that Mr Stuart Hylton be reappointed as commissioner for Council's District Licencing Committee in accordance with section 193 of the and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 for a period of five years to 12 February 2031.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/011

That Council endorse the advertising for community members for the District Licensing Committee in accordance with section 193 of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012, noting that Council will receive recommendations for membership at a subsequent Council meeting.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Local Water Done Well – Initiating the Shareholders Committee for the joint Water Services Council-Controlled Organisation known as Central Districts Water

Officers introduced the report that this item is to formalise the Shareholder Committee for the Joint Water Services – Central Districts Water. Palmerston North City Council agreed yesterday, and Horowhenua District Council was confirmed last week.

Councillors highlighted the exhaustive process and work completed to get to this stage.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/012

That the Rangitikei District Council receives the report 'Local Water Done Well – Initiating the Shareholders Committee for the joint Water Services Council-Controlled Organisation known as Central Districts Water.

Cr D Baird/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/013

That, subject to confirmation by the Horowhenua District and Palmerston North City Councils, the Rangitikei District Council initiates the Shareholders Committee for Central Districts Water under clause 30(1)(b) of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002, having regard to the terms of reference set out in the Shareholders Agreement approved by Council at its meeting on 11

December 2025, and determines (in terms of clause 30(7) of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002) that the Committee will not be discharged following the triennial local elections.

Cr D Wilson/Cr D Baird. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/014

That Rangitikei District Council notes the roles and responsibilities of the Shareholders Committee, as stated in Schedule 3 of the Shareholders' Agreement and, in terms of clause 30A(2)(d) of Schedule 7 in the Local Government Act 2002, delegates to the Shareholders Committee those roles and responsibilities.

Cr D Baird/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/015

That Rangitikei District Council appoints with the delegated power to make decisions in accordance with the Committee's terms of reference the following persons as the Council's representatives on the Shareholders Committee for Central Districts Water:

His Worship the Mayor Andy Watson

Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson

Cr Fiona Dalgety (alternate)

Cr D Baird/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/016

That, subject to confirmation of the Horowhenua District and Palmerston North City Councils, the Rangitikei District Council confirms the appointment of the following persons nominated by Nga Tapūwae o Hau as the iwi representatives on the Shareholders Committee for Central Districts Water with the delegated power to make decisions in accordance with the Committee's terms of reference:

Tainui Confederation: Hayden Turoa

Alternate for Hayden Turoa: Tiwana Tibble

Kurahaupo Confederation: Danielle Harris

Alternate for Danielle Harris: Di Rump

Iwi of the greater Rangitikei Region: Marj Heeney

Alternate for Marj Heeney: Suze Hepi (alternate)

Cr C Raukawa/Cr D Wilson. Carried Unanimous

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/017

That, subject to confirmation of the Horowhenua District and Palmerston North City Councils, the Rangitikei District Council delegates to the Council's representatives on the Shareholders Committee for Central Districts Water the power to confirm any replacement iwi members nominated by Nga Tapūwae o Hau.

HWTM/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

11 Reports for Information

11.1 Project Updates Report - January 2026

Marton to Wastewater Centralisation

Officers advised that discussions have been completed with ANZCO Bulls, and they are being kept informed throughout the design process.

Rātana Wastewater Discharge to Land

Officers answered questions that there is the potential to pump wastewater through to Whanganui, however, Whanganui District Council has not yet provided feedback following the election of new councillors.

Marton Offices and Library

Officers responded to questions that the contaminated soil will be relocated and reused on site under the build, as this is the most cost-efficient and effective option, rather than disposing of the contaminated soil off site.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/018

That the report Project Updates Report – January 2026 be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

11.2 Finance Snapshot - December 2025

Officers responded to questions that the funding for the local share of roading will be drawn from the roading reserve, this will not impact on other areas of Council's budget. The roading reserve is funded through targeted rates and receives depreciation funding. As this funding is not currently required for renewals, it can be used to support the upcoming programme of work.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/019

That the Finance Snapshot - December 2025 Report be received by Council.

Cr D Baird/Cr J Wong. Carried

12 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session at 11.16am.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/020

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

1. Public Excluded Council Meeting - 11 December 2025
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Extension Request - Sale and Purchase Agreement - 304-318 Broadway, Marton
4. Recommendation from Committee

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 - Public Excluded Council Meeting - 11 December 2025	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 11 December meeting.	s48(1)(a)
12.2 - Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings	To consider actions 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)
12.3 - Extension Request - Sale and Purchase Agreement - 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)
12.4 - Recommendation from Committee	To consider recommendations from previous public excluded committee meetings. s7(2)(a) - Privacy	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 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 S Field. Carried

