

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 9 April 2026
Time: 10.00am
Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

- HWTM Andy Watson (Zoom)
- 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 and Emergency Management
- Mr Graeme Pointon, Executive Legal Advisor
- Ms Sophia Sykes, Communications Manager
- Mr Warren Pedley, Manager Finance and Partnerships
- Mr Jarrod Calkin, Economic Lead
- Ms Tiffany Gower, Strategy Manager
- Mr Eswar Ganapathi, Senior Project Manager
- Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

Deputy Mayor Dave Wilson opened the meeting at 10.00am and Cr Wong read the council prayer.

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 were no changes to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/058

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 12 March 2026 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 S Field. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

There were no follow up actions from previous meetings.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/059

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

Cr Wilson/Cr Hiroa. Carried. Cr D Wilson/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

8 Chief Executive’s Report

8.1 Chief Executive's Report - April 2026

Central Districts Water Update

The powhiri for the new board was held on 8 April 2026 and councillors agreed to debrief the process.

Fuel Disruption & Contingency Planning

Mrs Gordon highlighted that staff have undertaken fuel disruption planning and noted staff are currently planning for the coming weather event this weekend.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/060

That the report Chief Executive’s Report – April 2026 be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Raukawa. Carried

9 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session at 10.15am.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/061

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

- 1 Public Excluded Council Meeting - 12 March 2026
2. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
3. Cross-boundary wall at 305 Broadway, Marton - update
4. Marton Swim Centre Tender Recommendation
5. Marton Water Strategy update

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 - 12 March 2026	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 12 March meeting.	S48(1)(a)

<p>10.2 - Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings</p>	<p>To consider actions from previous public excluded meetings.</p> <p>s7(2)(a) - Privacy</p> <p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - Negotiations</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i)</p>
<p>10.3 - Cross-boundary wall at 305 Broadway, Marton - update</p>	<p>To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations and privacy.</p> <p>s7(2)(a) - Privacy</p> <p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities</p> <p>s7(2)(i) – Negotiations</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i)</p>
<p>10.4 - Marton Swim Centre Tender Recommendation</p>	<p>To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations.</p> <p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - Negotiations</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i)</p>
<p>10.5 - Marton Water Strategy update</p>	<p>To enable commercially sensitive information to be discussed without impacting any negotiations.</p> <p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - Negotiations</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i)</p>

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

8 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 12.29pm

