

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 21 May 2026

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 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 Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager – Corporate Services
Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager – Strategy, Community and Democracy
Mr Johan Cullis, Group Manager - Regulatory and Emergency Management
Ms Tiffany Gower, Strategy Manager
Mr Darryn Black, Roding Transport Manager
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor
Ms Brya Dixon, Marton Primary School Principal

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that the project be reconsidered prior to adoption of the Annual Plan. It was noted that the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) is separate from the civic building concept.

Mrs Gordon noted that the discussion on the build would include urgent maintenance considerations, so councillors fully understand the implications of potential decisions.

Erewhon Rural Water Scheme

Councillors asked about the risk exposure to Council. The loan would be scheme specific to members and officers advised that there is urgent work required on the scheme. It was highlighted that scheme members are generally unable to withdraw from the scheme, property owners remain responsible for payment regardless of water usage unless the property is sold and the scheme is vital for the members of the scheme.

Governance, Community and Communication

MOU Partners

Councillors asked whether inflationary adjustments for CPI had been included. Officers advised that the budget as a whole had been adjusted for inflation. Councillors discussed the bulls and calves on private property and the desire for the discussion to occur as part of a wider review of the Memorandum of Understanding..

Property

Taihape Grandstand and Public Toilets

Councillors discussed the public toilet situation at Taihape Memorial Park and noted that the playground plans included the demolition of these.

Omatane Hall

Councillors noted that there is other funding available for this work to be completed and that they recently received funding from the JBS Dudding Trust.

Marton School Playground

Councillors noted that there is significant pressure on Council budgets.

A number of amendments to the response to submitters were made, with additional information to be provided.

The meeting adjourned at 2.58pm and returned at 3.15pm.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/086

That the report Deliberations Report for the Annual Plan 2026/27, amended Revenue and Finance Policy and Draft Rates Remission Policy be received.

Cr A Buckendahl/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/087

That Council receives all submissions made to the “Where’s the Annual Plan 2026/27 & Co @ Rangitikei”, amended Revenue and Finance Policy and Draft Rates Remissions Policy consultation, including the late submission received prior to this report being published.

Cr S Field/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/088

That Council acknowledges all submissions made to the “Where’s the Annual Plan 2026/27 & Co @ Rangitikei”, amended Revenue and Finance Policy and Draft Rates Remissions Policy consultation, and thanks all submitters for their participation.

HWTM/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/089

That based on feedback from submitters, Council requests further information from officers be workshopped with councillors regarding the Marton Civic building project, with the potential that this project be reconsidered prior to the Annual Plan being adopted.

HWTM/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/090

That Council accepts the Officer analysis made in the Officer Analysis of Submissions with amendment to be used as Council’s response to submitters.

HWTM/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/091

That Council does approve the 2026/27 Annual Plan capital budget be amended to allow Erewhon Rural Water Scheme’s capital works programme to increase to \$5 million, noting it will be debt funded and repayment by the scheme members.

HWTM/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/092

That Council adjusts the annual payment for the MoU partnership with the Bulls & District Community Trust and the Taihape Community Development Trust by inflation each year.

HWTM/Cr G O'Fee. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/093

That Council does increase the MoU partnership payment to the Bulls & District Community Trust by \$2,000 (GST exclusive) for the 2026/27 financial year, and that this will be included in the budget each year going forward, for the maintenance and repair of the bull, cow and calf statues located on private property in Bulls. If approved, funding is to be provided from additional operational budget that will be funded through the General Rate.

Cr P Sharland/Cr G O'Fee. Lost.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/094

That Council commits up to \$256,000 as part of the Long Term Plan 2027-37 for public toilets for Taihape Memorial park.

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Wong. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/095

That Council does not allocate funding to the Omatane Domain Board for heating and/or plumbing and drainage works at the Omatane Hall to be undertaken in the 2025/26 financial year.

Cr D Wilson/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/096

That Council does not provide a grant towards the upgrade of the Marton School playground.

Cr D Wilson/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

7.2 Deliberation on submissions and adoption of the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/27

Officers noted the amendments to fees and charges for Te Matapihi meeting spaces.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/097

That the report Deliberation on submissions and adoption of the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/27 be received.

Cr P Sharland/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/098

That Council receives all submissions made to the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/27 as part of Where's the Annual Plan 2026/27 & Co @ Rangitikei.

Cr A Buckendahl/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/099

That Council accepts the Officer analysis made in the Officer Analysis of Submissions for the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/27 without amendment to be used as Council's response to submitters

Cr A Buckendahl/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/100

That Council adopt the Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/27, and that Council gives the Chief Executive authority to make minor editorial changes.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G O'Fee. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/101

That Council thank staff for the work as part of the Annual Plan and Fees & Charges.

Cr J Wong/Cr P Sharland. Carried

The meeting closed at 3.29pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 11 June 2026.

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Chairperson