

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, 8 October 2026

Time: 10.00am

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Diana Baird
Cr Alan Buckendahl
Cr Fi Dalgety
Cr Sandra Field
Cr John Hainsworth
Cr Piki Te Ora Hiroa (online)
Cr Graeme O'Fee
Cr Paul Sharland
Cr Jeff Wong

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
Mr Darryn Black, Acting Group Manager – Assets, Infrastructure and Projects
Mr Jarrod Calkin, Manager – Community and Economy
Ms Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager
Mr Aron Bremner, Economic Advisor
Ms Petra Fleming, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

The meeting opened at 10.00am and Cr Wilson read the Council Prayer. There was a moment of silence to recognise the passing of the Right Honourable Adrian Rurawhe.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/239

That the apologies from HWTM Andy Watson and Cr Coral Raukawa be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr A Buckendahl. 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

It was noted that Item 13.4 Public Excluded Resolutions will run prior to item 13.3 Recommendation from the Chief Executive Employment and Performance Committee.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/240

That the additional item regarding the Taihape Grandstand for 9.1 Chief Executive's Report - October 2026 be dealt with as part of the agenda for the Council meeting on 8 October 2026. The item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting as the decisions of Council are required to enable the Taihape Grandstand Restoration Committee to make funding applications by 30 November 2026.

Cr D Wilson/Cr D Baird. Carried

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/241

That the minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting held on 3 September 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 G O'Fee. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings

Officers noted there would be a delay in addressing Item 1 due to the urgency of addressing the Local Government (System Improvements) Amendment Bill considering the removal of voting rights from non-elected members coming into action in March 2027.

Item 2 will be addressed in a Council Workshop in November.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/242

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

Cr J Wong/Cr P Sharland. Carried

8 Mayor's Report

8.1 Mayor's Report - October 2026

It was noted HWTM Watson was attending other Council business.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/243

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Hainsworth. Carried

9 Chief Executive's Report

9.1 Chief Executive's Report - October 2026

Events

Cr Dalgety noted Tough Kids as a great event for the Rangitīkei that occurred on 4 September at McIntyre Reserve.

Taihape Grandstand

Elected Members discussed the complexities of the compliance process regarding the NBS rating. Officers confirmed that the grandstand has been assessed by external engineers as 34% NBS and is currently compliant. Any alterations must be done on a like for like basis otherwise a building consent would be triggered which would require those alterations to comply to 100% NBS. Councillors were in support of the Taihape Grandstand Restoration Committee's work to apply for funding, but discussed concerns about the ambiguity of making a decision regarding the toilets before any design plans had been presented.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/244

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

Cr P Sharland/Cr J Hainsworth. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/245

That Council approves Mr Robert Martin as the alternate member on the Shareholder Committee for Marj Heeny, as of October 2026.

Cr D Wilson/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/246

That Council approves the charge "Generic Corridor Access Request Application Fee" of \$300 being included in Council's Schedule of Fees and Charges 2026/27.

Cr A Buckendahl/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/247

That, if the Grandstand is being renovated and maintenance undertaken is on a like for like basis, then a rating of 34% NBS (in line with current legislation) is accepted.

Cr J Wong/Cr P Hiroa. Carried

Motion

That Council agrees to include public toilets in the Grandstand facility, noting that \$256,000 has been allocated to provide toilets at Taihape Memorial Park, and further noting this decision is being done separately from the 2027-37 Long Term Plan process.

Cr J Wong/Cr P Hiroa. Lost

For: Cr F Dalgety, Cr J Wong, Cr P Hiroa, Cr D Baird

10 Reports for Decision

10.1 Marton Streetscape Plan - Adoption

Mr Calkin highlighted that any financial decisions regarding the Marton Streetscape Plan would come back to Council.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/248

That the report Marton Streetscape Plan – Adoption is received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/249

That Council adopts the Marton Streetscape Plan.

Cr D Wilson/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

10.2 2025/26 Carry-over Requests

Ms Macdonald highlighted that the figures in Recommendation 2 had been updated from the original report as follows:

- OPEX increased by \$79,700 for the District Planning Activity.
- CAPEX decreased by \$995k to account for items in the Roding area that are not a carry forward.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/250

That the report 2025/26 Carry-over Requests be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/251

That the Council approve the carry-over request of \$127.7k OPEX and \$5.979m CAPEX.

Cr P Sharland/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/252

That Council authorise officers to create a revised 2026/27 budget for future meetings made up of the 2026/27 Annual Plan budget and the approved carry-overs.

Cr S Field/Cr D Baird. Carried

11 Minutes from Committees

11.1 Minutes from Committees

The report was taken as read. Cr Wilson noted these minutes provide a way stay informed about what is happening in the different communities and the issues they are facing.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/253

That the following minutes are received:

- Hunterville Community Committee Meeting – 05 August 2026
- Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Sub-committee Meeting – 10 August 2026
- Te Rōpū Ahi Kā Komiti Meeting – 11 August 2026
- Rātana Community Board Meeting – 11 August 2026
- Taihape Community Board Meeting – 12 August 2026
- Marton Community Committee Meeting – 12 August 2026
- Turakina Community Committee Meeting – 13 August 2026
- Bulls Community Committee Meeting – 19 August 2026

- Assets/Infrastructure Committee Meeting – 27 August 2026
- Finance/Performance Committee Meeting – 27 August 2026
- Risk/Assurance Committee Meeting – 27 August 2026
- Erewon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-committee Meeting – 03 September 2026

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Hainsworth. Carried

12 Recommendations from Committees

12.1 Recommendation from 27 August 2026 Risk/Assurance Committee

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/254

That the report Recommendation from 27 August 2026 Risk/Assurance Committee be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/255

That Council adopt Delegations to Positions Policy without amendment.

Cr D Wilson/Cr D Baird. Carried

12.2 Recommendation from 27 August 2026 Risk/Assurance Committee

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/256

That the report Recommendation from 27 August 2026 Risk/Assurance Committee be received.

Cr A Buckendahl/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/257

That Council adopt the Risk Management Strategy without amendment.

Cr D Wilson/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/258

That Council adopt the Risk Appetite and Tolerance Policy without amendment.

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Wong. Carried

13 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 11.24am.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 26/RDC/259

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

1. Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings
2. Minutes from Committees - Public Excluded
3. Recommendation from the Chief Executive Employment and Performance Committee
4. 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
13.1 - Follow-up Action Items from Council (Public Excluded) Meetings	s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(i) - Negotiations s7(2)(a) - Privacy	s48(1)(a)(i)
13.2 - Minutes from Committees - Public Excluded	s7(2)(a) - Privacy	s48(1)(a)(i)
13.3 - Recommendation from the Chief Executive Employment and Performance Committee	s7(2)(a) - Privacy	s48(1)(a)(i)
13.4 - Public Excluded Resolutions	s7(2)(h) - Commercial Activities s7(2)(b)(ii) - Commercial Position s7(2)(g) - Legal Professional Privilege s7(2)(i) - Negotiations 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 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 P Sharland. Carried

The meeting went into open session 11.45am.

That the public excluded meeting move into an open meeting, and the below recommendations be confirmed in the open meeting:

Cr D Wilson/Cr S Field. Carried

The meeting closed at 11.46am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 October 2026.

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Chairperson