



Rangitikei District Council

Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 30 July 2009 – 1:00 p.m.

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Present: His Worship the Mayor, Chalky Leary
Cr Andy Watson
Cr Don Brown
Cr Jan Byford
Cr Ed Cherry
Cr Grant Collie
Cr Sarah Harris
Cr Mike Jones
Cr Kathleen Murphy
Cr Soraya Peke-Mason
Cr Lynne Sheridan
Cr Jill Strugnell

In attendance: Mrs C Hadley, Chief Executive
Mr M Hodder, Community Services Group Manager
Mr R Kirby, Assets Group Manager
Mr S Rostron, Financial Leader
Ms D Servante, Policy Analyst
Mr G Pointon, Property Manager
Miss Z Grammaticogiannis, Executive Officer

1 Council Prayer

The prayer was read by His Worship the Mayor.

2 Public Forum

Bronwyn Meads – town centre award and Council's support

Jo Rangooni – Memorandum of Understanding with Rangitikei Tourism and Trusts

Tim Scotland/Bronwyn Meads (in place of John Bowen) – Bulls Toilets

3 Apologies / Leave of absence

It was advised that:

- Cr Harris would leave at 4.00pm
- Cr Murphy would leave at 3.00pm
- Cr Peke-Mason would leave at 4.40pm

4 Confirmation of Order of Business

Three late items were raised:

- NZTA Procurement manual training
- Signage
- Access to Order Papers

5 Confirmation of Council Minutes of 25 June 2009

Resolved minute number: 09/RDC/265

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 June 2009 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Crs Brown/Jones. Carried

6 Confirmation of Minutes of Hearings Committee meeting of 25 June 2009 and adoption of resolutions

Resolved minute number: 09/RDC/266

That the Minutes of the Hearings Committee meeting held on 25 June 2009 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting and all recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Crs Strugnell/Byford. Carried

7 Confirmation of Minutes of Assets Committee meeting of 9 July 2009 and adoption of resolutions

Resolved minute number: 09/RDC/267

That the Minutes of the Assets Committee meeting held on 9 July 2009 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Crs Collie/Jones. Carried

Resolved minute number: 09/RDC/268

That the following recommendations be adopted:

- 09/AST/019;
- 09/AST/020;
- 09/AST/021;
- 09/AST/027;
- 09/AST/029.

Crs Cherry/Watson. Carried

There was discussion on the Bulls Toilets, and whether this project should go ahead.

Resolved minute number: 09/RDC/269

That recommendation 09/AST/023 be adopted.

Crs Sheridan/Collie. Carried

Cr Harris – Against

Cr Peke-Mason – Abstained

8 Confirmation of Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 9 July 2009 and adoption of resolutions

Resolved minute number: 09/RDC/270

That the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 9 July 2009 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting and all recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Crs Brown/Watson. Carried

9 Mayor's report

The Mayor spoke to his report and gave updates on meeting the Prime Minister at Ratana, the LGNZ conference, and West Taihape.

Resolved minute number: 09/RDC/271

That the Mayor's report to Council's meeting on 30 July 2009 be received.

Crs Harris/Peke-Mason. Carried

10 Renaming the Hearings Committee

Resolved minute number: 09/RDC/272

That the memorandum Renaming the Hearings Committee is received.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Watson. Carried

Motion:

That the name of the Hearings Committee be changed to the Environment Committee on the basis of the draft amended statement for the Hearings Committee and that all references to the Hearings Committee in the Delegations Register and Policy manual are amended to reflect the name change.

Crs Strugnell/Byford.

Foreshadowed Motion:

That the field of activity for the Strategic Planning and Policy Committee be amended by adding 'to examine any issue with regard to social, cultural, economic and environmental wellbeing.'

His Worship the Mayor

Resolved minute number: 09/RDC/273

That the matter lie on the table until the next Council meeting.

Crs Peke-Mason/Collie. Carried

11 Management Report

Resolved minute number: 09/RDC/274

That the Management Report be received.

Crs Watson/Harris. Carried

Mrs Hadley advised:

A joint council meeting with MDC (with agreed agenda) had been proposed – a date to be set.

SOLGM Exchange – she would be away from 10 September to 12 October, and hosted at the City of Thornton, Colorado, USA.

The report was then discussed.

Resolved minute number: 09/RDC/275

That Policy CLG 8 – Order of Business with respect to Council be amended by adding (after Council minutes) 'Council Committees and sub-committees (whose membership is confined solely to elected members of Council) - confirmation of minutes and consideration of recommendations'.

Crs Watson/Jones. Carried

Cr Murphy left the meeting at 3.00pm.

Meeting adjourned 3.10/reconvened 3.24pm.

Resolved minute number: 09/RDC/276

That the current volume based Schedule of Fees and Charges July 2009 continue to be applied at the five (5) transfer stations; Marton, Bulls, Taihape, Ratana and Mangaweka until at least 31st October 2009 for non commercial users; and

That officers be authorised to negotiate rates for the commercial operators for the period 1 August to 31st October 2009 (3 months) which commences an increase, including the waste minimisation levy, but which is not based on the volume based Schedule of fees and charges notified as part of the LTCCP; and

That the commercial user discount for commercial waste operators be withdrawn.

Crs Brown/Jones. Carried

Cr Brown gave an update on the Rata block and A Dam.

Resolved minute number: 09/RDC/277

That the Chief Executive be requested to dispose of the land known as the Rata Forestry

Block, in accordance with Council's policy on disposal of property.

Cr Harris/His Worship the Mayor. Carried

Resolved minute number: 09/RDC/278

That the Chief Executive be given approval to spend up to \$25,000 addressing minor maintenance issues around the Marton Administration Building.

Crs Jones/Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number: 09/RDC/279

That the Councillor only section of the website is accessed using Councillor's email address and chosen passwords.

Crs Jones/Peke-Mason. Carried

Resolved minute number: 09/RDC/280

That Dennis O'Callaghan of Strategic Pay be engaged to undertake the Chief Executive performance review, and that a workshop be held on the morning of 15 October.

Crs Jones/Harris. Carried

12 Old Courthouse, Bridge Street, Bulls

Resolved minute number: 09/RDC/281

That the report 'Old Courthouse, Bridge Street, Bulls' dated 20 July 2009 be received.

Crs Peke-Mason/Watson. Carried

Resolved minute number: 09/RDC/282

That the value offered to the wider community by the tenancy of Scullys Lavender and Gift Shop be noted.

Crs Jones/Brown. Carried

Resolved minute number: 09/RDC/283

That Council seek a change in the reserve classification of the old courthouse, Bridge Street, from local purpose (community building) to historic reserve, subject to Department of Conservation's approval of the sub-lease to Scully; and

That Council not approve the use of the old courthouse, Bridge Street, by the Bulls Youth Club, on the basis that there are other, more suitable facilities for the club in Bulls; and

That Council advise BDE of its intention to seek a change in reserve classification for the old courthouse, Bridge Street, and terminate its lease on the basis that it is no longer meeting the requirements of the lease, and that notice be given to BDE.

Crs Jones/Brown. Carried

Cr Harris left the meeting at 4.00pm.

13 Proposed Memorandum of Understanding with Rangitikei Tourism and the community trusts in Bulls, Marton and Taihape with respect to their town co-ordinators (variously titled)**Resolved minute number: 09/RDC/284**

That the report on proposed Memorandum of Understanding with Rangitikei Tourism and the community trusts in Bulls, Marton and Taihape with respect to their town co-ordinators (variously titled) be received.

Crs Byford/Peke-Mason. Carried

Cr Collie left 4.06/returned 4.08

Resolved minute number: 09/RDC/285

That the draft Memorandum of Understanding with Rangitikei Tourism and the community trusts in Bulls, Marton and Taihape with respect to their town co-ordinators (variously titled) be adopted as a draft, and taken to each organisation with the aim of having their comments and completed work plans agreed with the Chief Executive and considered at the 27 August 2009 Council meeting. The payment of each grant will not be made till after adoption.

Crs Byford/Peke-Mason. Carried

14 Receipt of Community Committee and Leisure Plan Implementation Group Minutes and resolutions to be confirmed.**Resolved minute number: 09/RDC/286**

That the Minutes of the following meetings be received:

- Hunterville Community Committee, 15 June 2009
- Leisure Plan Implementation Group, 14 July 2009

Crs Collie/Jones. Carried

Resolved minute number: 09/RDC/287

That the following recommendation from the Leisure Plan Implementation Group meeting (14 July 2009) be confirmed:

Recommendation

That the Leisure Plan Implementation Group recommends that Council officers commence with community consultation through Community Committees and Community Boards and local Town Co-ordinators regarding what we presently have and current usage, current costs and income per park or reserve, the future use of that open area and then hold a public forum after when the groundwork has been completed.

Crs Strugnell/Collie. Carried

15 Documents signed under seal

No documents were signed under seal since the last meeting of the Council.

16 Updated delegations

No additional or amended delegations are sought.

17 Late Items

NZTA Procurement manual training workshops: It was suggested that Crs Watson and Brown attend as the Council's representatives on the Regional Land Transport committee. Workshops were being held in Wellington on 19 August, and Palmerston North on 27 August. Staff would also attend, and it was proposed that appropriate staff and Elected Members from MDC would also attend.

Meeting adjourned 4.37/reconvened 4.39

Signage: Cr Byford was concerned at the state of the district's entrance/exit signs. It was agreed to get prices and options, and if needed come back to Council.

Access to Order Papers: Cr Byford advised of a recent issue where a member of the public was not able to access a Council order paper. Mrs Hadley advised there had been a

miscommunication, and that order papers were available at Council's service counters and libraries for the public.

Cr Peke-Mason left the meeting.

18 Date of next meeting

27 August 2009

19 Meeting closed 4.50pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____