



# Rangitikei District Council

## Council Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 28 January 2010 – 1:05 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 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 A van Niekerken, Waste Manager  
Mr S Rostron, Financial Leader  
Mr R l'Anson, Roading Manager  
Mr C Anderson, Water Manager  
Ms D Servante, Senior Policy Analyst  
Miss Z Grammaticogiannis, Executive Officer

**Apology:** Cr Kathleen Murphy

## **1 Council Prayer**

The prayer was read by His Worship the Mayor.

## **2 Public Forum**

There were no speakers for public forum.

## **3 Apologies / Leave of Absence**

That the apology for lateness from Cr Murphy be received.<sup>1</sup>

Crs Watson/Cherry. Carried

## **4 Confirmation of order of business**

It was agreed that Items 9 and 10 would be taken following Item 7.

## **5 Confirmation of minutes of Council 26 November 2009**

**Resolved minute number: 10/RDC/001**

That the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26 November 2009 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Crs Collie/Peke-Mason. Carried

## **6 Mayor's report**

The Mayor spoke to his report, and also advised that the appeal against the windfarm proposal in Taihape had been declined, and the windfarm could proceed. He also congratulated Anne George on the Marton Country Music Festival, which was well attended.

**Resolved minute number: 10/RDC/002**

That the Mayor's report to Council's meeting of 28 January 2010 be received.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Brown. Carried

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<sup>1</sup> A subsequent apology from Cr Murphy for absence was received by email at 12.50pm on Thursday 28 Jan 2010, but this was not known at the time of the meeting.

## 7 Management report

Mrs Hadley spoke to her report. There was some discussion on Dudding Lake, and the removal of the house.

**Resolved minute number: 10/RDC/003**

That the Management Report to Council's meeting of 28 January 2010 be received.

Crs Harris/Jones. Carried

Regarding the Turakina Beach Road, she advised that the anticipated letter from the Tini Waitara marae representative had not been received yet. There was some discussion about the process used in making the offer to the Tini Waitara marae representative.

**Resolved minute number: 10/RDC/004**

That Council ratify the offer made to the owners of the not legal but formed road fronting Tini Waitara Marae on Turakina Beach Road of \$60,000.

Crs Harris/Sheridan. Carried

Against – Cr Cherry

**Resolved minute number: 10/RDC/005**

That subject to consultation with the Bulls Community Committee, Council approve the subdivision of land by Guthrie Developments Ltd at Wilson Street, Bulls be named Guthrie Court.

That subject to consultation with the Marton Community Committee, Council approve the subdivision of land off Wanganui Road, Marton by Mr and Mrs Fowler be named Saleyard Close.

Crs Harris/Peke-Mason. Carried

**Resolved minute number: 10/RDC/006**

That Council note the review in the Finance area.

Crs Cherry/Harris. Carried

Mrs Hadley advised that in relation to questions asked about Dudding Lake, the process to revoke or alter a resolution was set out in Standing Order 3.9.15.

## 9 Marton waste-water treatment plant upgrade

Mr Kirby and Mr van Niekerken spoke to the report.

**Resolved minute number: 10/RDC/007**

That the report on the Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant be received.

Crs Jones/Sheridan. Carried

There was some discussion on this topic, with questions on cost, availability, measuring indicators, performance history in New Zealand, causes of odour and environmental issues, which were answered by Mr Kirby and Mr van Niekerken.

**Resolved minute number: 10/RDC/008**

That the installation of a Floating Treatment Wetlands (FTWs) system by Kauri Park Nurseries Ltd at a cost of \$504,907 plus GST be approved for anaerobic pond 1 in order to meet the consent conditions and to better manage odour and ammonia within the treatment plant process; AND

That due to the specialised nature of the floating treatment wetland technology and the need to specifically design and adapt the technology for the Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant, the normal Council procurement procedures for purchases of this value not be followed, and the floating treatment wetland system be procured directly from Kauri Park Nurseries Ltd, as the sole supplier. And further noting that any alteration to the retention percentage may drive a slight variation in price, which can be accommodated within the Chief Executive's authorities.

Crs Jones/Harris. Carried

## 10 Taihape waste-water treatment plant upgrade

Mr Kirby and Mr van Niekerken spoke to the report.

**Resolved minute number: 10/RDC/009**

That the report on the Taihape Wastewater Treatment Plant be received.

Crs Watson/Harris. Carried

There was some discussion on this topic, with the main questions being on cost to the ratepayer. Mr Kirby advised that by using this system, a saving of \$670,000 over 3 years would be made compared to the figures budgeted for in the LTCCP. There were further questions on use of chemicals, median flow, cost and suitability of other systems, which were answered by Mr Kirby and Mr van Niekerken.

**Resolved minute number: 10/RDC/010**

That the installation of a micro-filtration system by Canadian Pacific Ltd (CPL) for \$508,276 plus GST be approved, noting this can be accommodated within the capital expenditure budget for 2009/10; AND

That the following two items be funded by bringing forward \$200,000 of capital funding from year 3 of the LTCCP (2011/12) to the 2010/11 financial year, specifically:

Up to \$100,000 plus GST be approved for the installation of;

- a) effluent supply intake, pump and pipe line;
- b) Power supply;
- c) Wash-water and overflow return pipe line;

and that up to \$100,000 plus GST be approved for the installation of a chemical dosing system, chemical storage tanks and contact tank; AND

That due to the specialised nature of the membrane microfiltration technology and the need to specifically design and adapt the technology for the Taihape Wastewater Treatment Plan, the normal Council procurement procedures for purchases of this value not be followed, and the membrane microfiltration system be procured directly from Canadian Pacific Ltd.

Crs Harris/Jones. Carried

Against – Cr Cherry

## 8 Implementation of the Leisure Plan

**Resolved minute number: 10/RDC/011**

That the report 'Implementation of the Leisure Plan' be received.

Crs Jones/Harris Carried

There was some discussion on this topic. There were concerns around the cost to Council, the make-up of the group, performance measures, and whether the Implementation Group had distorted the Plan requirements to suit their needs. Cr Harris, as Chair, advised that the majority of the group was made up of volunteers. External funding was received for events, and the Group was more involved with directing events, rather than running them – its focus was on encouraging people to be involved.

Meeting adjourned 3.10/reconvened 3.25

Cr Harris left the meeting at 3.10

Mr Hodder provided some background information on the establishment of the Implementation Group, and the need now for a mandate on how to proceed. He advised

that the only cost to Council was staff time, but a breakdown in time would be rather difficult to provide, as Council's coding was not that specific.

**Resolved minute number: 10/RDC/012**

That the remaining recommended actions in the Rangitikei Leisure Plan (2005) that have not been started or completed be regarded as no longer relevant or useful.

Crs Jones/Cherry. Carried

There was further discussion on the Leisure Plan, with some councillors supportive of the initiative, and others believing it had run its course.

**Resolved minute number: 10/RDC/013**

That Council adopts the 'Leisure Plan Implementation Group Goals' [Appendix 3] as the strategic framework and the basis for future work on the Leisure Plan and endorses the Rangitikei Leisure Plan (2005) continuing as a reference document.

Crs Jones/Peke-Mason. Carried

## **11 (a) Public Works Designation – Powerco Ltd (No 1)**

There was discussion on what a designation was and how it affected Council. The item was deferred while Mrs Hadley sought further clarification from Opus NZ Ltd.

## **12 Proposed review of Liquor Control Bylaw and Control of Skateboarding Bylaw**

**Resolved minute number: 10/RDC/014**

That the report 'Proposed review of Liquor Control Bylaw and Control of Skateboarding Bylaw' be received.

Crs Byford/Jones. Carried

**Resolved minute number: 10/RDC/015**

That the review of the Control of Liquor Bylaw and Skateboarding Bylaw be included on the February 2010 meeting agendas for the Community Boards, Community Committees and Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, with the feedback from these meetings and draft revised bylaws considered by the Bylaw Working Group during March 2010.

Crs Byford/Peke-Mason. Carried

## **13 Receipt of Committee minutes and resolutions to be confirmed**

### **Recommendations**

**Resolved minute number: 10/RDC/016**

That the minutes of the following meetings be received:

- Hunterville Community Committee, 30 November 2009
- Taihape Community Board, 3 December 2009
- Turakina Community Committee, 3 December 2009
- Rātana Community Board, 8 December 2009
- Marton Community Committee, 8 December 2009
- Bulls Community Committee, 10 December 2009
- Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, 15 December 2009

Crs Brown/Collie. Carried

**Resolved minute number: 10/RDC/017**

That the following recommendation from the Taihape Community Board meeting, 3 December 2009, be confirmed:

### **09/TCB/083**

That before a building consent is issued, photographic evidence of footpaths is to be provided before work commences and then again on completion of the job.

Crs Cherry/Byford. Carried

The Taihape Community Board's recommendation 09/TCB/086 on the report on the West Taihape Area would be considered by the Strategic Planning & Policy Committee on 11 February 2010 in the context of the agenda item for that meeting.

**Resolved minute number: 10/RDC/018**

That the following recommendation from the Taihape Community Board meeting, 3 December 2009, be confirmed:

### **09/TCB/093**

That the Taihape Community Board recommends to Council that Council write to all Taihape Clubs reminding them of their responsibilities in relation to the rules and regulations of their liquor licence.

Crs Byford/Cherry. Carried

**Resolved minute number: 10/RDC/019**

That the following recommendation from the Taihape Community Board meeting, 3 December 2009, be confirmed:

**09/TCB/094**

That the Council Roading department come up with costings for upgrading the car parking area on Kiwi Road.

Crs Byford/Cherry. Carried

**Resolved minute number: 10/RDC/020**

That the following recommendation from the Taihape Community Board meeting, 3 December 2009, be confirmed:

**09/TCB/098**

That the Taihape Community Board ask that costs are investigated in order to formally designate the area on Robin Street as a dog run complete with signage and a doggy doo station.

Crs Peke-Mason/Cherry. Carried

Cr Jones left at 4.25pm

**Resolved minute number: 10/RDC/021**

That the following recommendation from the Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti meeting, 15 December 2009, be confirmed:

**09/IWI/031**

That the report 'Re-establishment of the Maori Land Rates Remission Sub-Committee' be received; AND

That Te Roopu Ahi Kaa's three appointees to the Maori Land Rates Remission Sub-committee be Peter Steedman, Mark Gray and Pahia Turia.

Crs Watson/Sheridan. Carried

**11 (b) Public Works Designation – Powerco Ltd (No 1)**

Mrs Hadley provided an update on designations, and the processes involved. It was suggested that officers meet with Powerco to discuss conditions, and see what agreement can be made.

**Resolved minute number: 10/RDC/022**

That the report 'Public Works Designation – Powerco Ltd (No 1)' lie on the table.

Crs Byford/Sheridan. Carried

## **14 Updated delegations register**

**Resolved minute number: 10/RDC/023**

That the report Updated Delegations Register be received.

Crs Brown/Watson. Carried

**Resolved minute number: 10/RDC/024**

That Hamish McConachy, CareerStart Cadet/Animal Control Officer, become an Authorised Officer pursuant to the Rangitikei District Council Stock Drovers and Grazing Bylaw 2008, Enforcement Officer pursuant to the Local Government Act 2002, Dog Control Officer pursuant to the Dog Control Act 1996, Litter Control Officer pursuant to the Litter Act 1979, Ranger and Pound keeper pursuant to the Impounding Act 1955.

Crs Cherry/Brown. Carried

**Resolved minute number: 10/RDC/025**

That Tony Groome become the Deputy Principal Rural Fire Officer and be added to the Rural Fire Officers warrant list, and the Local Government Act 2002 warrant list; AND

That Stan Dulieu and Simon Osborne's names be removed from the delegations register.

Crs Watson/Peke-Mason. Carried

## **15 Late items**

## **16 Date of next meeting**

25 February 2010. Cr Peke-Mason tendered her apology for the next Council meeting.

## **17 Meeting closed – 4.45pm**

**Confirmed/Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_