

RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 26 MAY 2010 COMMENCING AT 9.35AM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, AYR STREET, OHAKUNE

PUBLIC BUSINESS

PRESENT

Mayor:	Sue Morris	
Deputy Mayor:	Don Cameron	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward
Councillors:	Ron Cooke	Taumarunui Ward
	Cynthia Dowsett	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward
	Ronald Frew	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward (from 10.00am)
	Marion Gillard	Ohura Ward
	Karen Ngatai	Taumarunui Ward
	Murray Wilson	National Park Ward
Staff:	David Hammond	Chief Executive
	Peter Till	GM Corporate Services/Deputy CE (from 10.10am)
	Marion Smith	GM Community and Regulation
	Chris Impson	Governance Manager
	Warren Furner	Team Leader Land Transport (from 10.13am)
	Pauline Love	Team Leader Strategic Development
	Tracy Wikaira	Governance Support Officer
	Margaret Hawthorne	Acting GM Assets (from 11.13am)

1 **APOLOGIES** A05-0014

RESOLVED

That the apologies from Cr John Compton, Cr Bruce Broderson, Cr Graeme Cosford, Cr Jeni Kydd and Cr Ronald Frew (for lateness) be received and Leave of Absence granted.

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS** A05-0014

There were no declarations of interest by Members.

3 **503840 – HEARINGS AND DELIBERATIONS ON THE 2010/11
EXCEPTIONS ANNUAL PLAN AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
LONG TERM PLAN 2009-19**

A05-0138

Council considered a report allowing it to consider all submissions received to the Statement of Proposals for the Draft Exceptions Annual Plan 2010/11 (Draft EAP) and Proposed Amendments to the Future Ruapehu Long Term Plan 2009-19 (LTP).

3.1 **Hearing of Submissions**

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The following submitters were heard:

Submission No 6 Jeff Drayton

Mr Drayton did not attend to speak in support of his submission.

Submission No 8 Mark Ebrey

Mr Ebrey distributed his CV in support of his eligibility to speak on economic development and congratulated Council on supporting economic development. He spoke about funding of Te Kahui Tupua (TKT) and believes there will be great benefits through TKT for the National Cycleways project. The Great NZ Touring Route (GNZTR) and the Regional Tourism Organisation (RTO - Visit Ruapehu) may be tended to greater benefits for Taupo tourism than Ruapehu. He believed that the TRENZ Trade Fair is an opportunity for wholesalers to “haggle and make deals”. Mr Ebrey was concerned about the level of investment in I-sites and asked how much value they are delivering per dollar per ratepayer. He floated the concept of local events supported by a Council Events team and winding up the RTO.

Cr Frew entered the meeting at 10.00am.

Submission No 4 Mr Gary Rawnsley - Ruatiti Wilderness

It was noted that Mr Rawnsley had advised he no longer wished to speak to his submission.

Submission No 19 Mr Deryck Brown

Mr Brown spoke about closure of transfer stations. He believes that they should keep the same hours as they currently are. He is not in favour of wheelie bins due to elderly people being unable to manage them. He is concerned about the state of footpaths in the District, which need repairing. He said that putting things off becomes a cumulative expenditure – “nothing is cheap as it is today”. He suggested taking out a loan and doing the repairs all at once would be a more effective method of funding.

Submission No 21**Winston Oliver**

Mr Oliver spoke about the level of rates increase for rural ratepayers. He listed the levels of increase on his rates over the last 20 years. Council needs to look at the rate for rural Waimarino by increasing the urban rate. He is opposed to paying for security cameras – they should be paid for by the urban ratepayers. Consultation with rural ratepayers could be improved considerably. Farmers need to be able to have access to their properties for trucks with trailers, meaning more road investment. Council should talk to the farmers to gauge what they require. He commented on the frequency of mowing road verges – a considerably lower standard than previously. He requested that a traffic count be carried out in the summer time on Shorts Hill. They are currently being done during the quiet period in May.

Submission No 15**David Holland**

Mr Holland believes that development contributions are included at the time for paying for building consents. He felt that security cameras would aid the Police in their work and the “Snowmass” subdivision owners were in favour of installing the cameras. He felt it was important to have a uniform camera system throughout the District – Council should subsidise the system 50%. The whole community will benefit at the end of the day. He suggested that \$50,000 be set aside for a referendum to determine whether Council should remain as a separate entity or to split and amalgamate with neighbouring councils. Funds should be also set aside for the administration of Community Boards and that the Waimarino-Waiouru Board should be given some delegated authority to make decisions. He thinks that the (too) frequent road inspections are an overkill.

Submission No 34**Richard Muneke - Horizons Regional Council**

Mr Muneke represented Horizons’ Chairperson, Garrick Murfitt, who was involved in that Council’s Annual Plan Hearings. He spoke about the collaborative approach both Councils are taking in the delivery of service and that they perform in a complementary way. Horizons wishes to see this relationship continue to improve and to support each other in public and sort out differences in private. He offered to assist with consultation regarding resource consents, particularly with iwi.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 11.30am and resumed at 12.33pm.

Submission No 64**Sandy Waters/Lucy Conway - Raetihi Promotions Group**

Sandy Walters attempted to speak to her submission via “Skype”. However, this did not function and Ms Conway spoke instead. She advised that the clean up of the Parapara Road tree site and the Aroha Trust building has been removed. The Association has asked business owners to contribute but the matter is on hold because the demonstration was not of the same high quality or resolution to that trialled in Ohakune. Ms Conway noted that she had been advised that the lights on the Raetihi-Ohakune bridge would be funded from Council’s street lighting budget in 2010/11.

Submission No 49 **Lucy Conway**

Ms Conway spoke about commercial composting and the cost of transporting organic matter. Wheelie bins seem (to her) to be a backward step and she suggested Council investigate a commercial composting facility. She suggested that staff investigate funding from the Ministry for the Environment to assist in researching the facility.

Submission No 14 **Donald Beale - Ohakune 2000 Inc**

Members were advised that Mr Beale was unable to attend to speak to his submission, but it would be covered by Mr Uve Kroll's submission the following day (No 53)

Submission No 56 **Lynne Pope**

Ms Pope thought that security cameras were a waste of time in her street (in Raetihi). Funds should be spent on community development – eg, access to grants funding information, youth programme development co-ordinator, etc. She spoke about educating people how and what to compost, to lengthen the life of the landfill. She is against the wheelie bins proposal as it would discourage recycling.

Submission No 55 **Barbara Lloyd**

Ms Lloyd is concerned about the state of derelict buildings and vacant sections in Raetihi. They are very untidy and have long grass which is a fire hazard in summer. She said that the footpaths and kerbsides are very dirty and need a clean. She was advised that the footpaths are steam cleaned once per month. There is no wheelchair/mobility scooter access on Ward Street, Raetihi. There are quite a few large trucks exceeding the 50 kph speed limit through the main street. She would like to see a pedestrian crossing where children cross the road near the school. She would not like Raetihi being transferred into the Wanganui District.

Submission No 48 **Michael Higson - Raetihi Times Newspaper**

Mr Higson supports Ms Lloyd's submission regarding slowing traffic down in Raetihi main street. He suggested that a security camera be placed near the Council building in Raetihi. He would like to see the street lights over the Makotuku River carried out. He is in favour of installing security cameras but was disappointed in the quality of the demonstration given in Raetihi recently. He advised of a "plasma" waste disposal system.

Submission No 54 **Jude Rivlin**

Ms Rivlin spoke about community development. She felt it was more important to be a "great place to live" rather than a "great place to visit". She is concerned about the decreasing population in Raetihi and quoted some examples of the quality and changes in education over the past few years. There are inequalities between the towns (Ohakune and Raetihi) and she would like to see this change. She suggested that, rather than spending money on security cameras, Council look at the cause of the problem. There is cause for major investment in community development, funding for which is available from central government.

Submission No 52 **Kordula Kroll**

Mrs Kroll felt that transfer stations do not need to be open seven days per week – people will get used to the days it is closed. She is strongly against commercial recycling fees. Wheelie bins and plastic bags should be optional. She is in favour of security cameras but the community should “buy in” to the project and be asked to provide more funding. She is concerned about the cost to ratepayers of the Regional Tourism Organisation and Visitor Information Centres.

Submission No 27 **Grant Nelson**

Mr Nelson queried the status of the lights on the Raetihi-Ohakune bridge. He was advised that the lights would be funded from Council’s street lighting budget in 2010/11. He advised that Chills Off/Raetihi Promotions would like to tender for the Swimming Pool operation contract, which is due for review in October 2010. He requested that the 8-wire fence around the sportsground be replaced with bollards.

The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.05pm and resumed at 3.30pm.

Submission No 28 **Paul Van de Water**

Mr Van der Water spoke about derelict buildings in Raetihi, removal of tree stumps on Parapara Road and Makatoke Bridge lights. He is in favour of installing security cameras. There are a lot of uncontrolled dogs on Seddon Street. He commented on the colour of Raetihi water. The Acting Group Manager Assets advised of the reason for the colour.

Submission No 33 **Barney Haami - Tama Upoko Link
(Te Runanga O Tama Upoko and Wanganui DC)**

Mr Haami did not attend to speak in support of his submission.

RESOLVED

That the verbal submissions from the following, as presented in support of written submissions to Council’s Exceptions Annual Plan 2010-11 be noted and referred for consideration at the Deliberations meeting to be held on Thursday 27 May 2010.

<i>Submission No 8</i>	<i>Mark Ebrey</i>
<i>Submission No 19</i>	<i>Deryck Brown</i>
<i>Submission No 21</i>	<i>Winston Oliver</i>
<i>Submission No 15</i>	<i>David Holland</i>
<i>Submission No 34</i>	<i>Richard Muneke - Horizons Regional Council</i>
<i>Submission No 64</i>	<i>Sandy Waters - Raetihi Promotions Group</i>
<i>Submission No 49</i>	<i>Lucy Conway</i>
<i>Submission No 56</i>	<i>Lynne Pope</i>
<i>Submission No 55</i>	<i>Barbara Lloyd</i>
<i>Submission No 48</i>	<i>Michael Higson - Raetihi Times Newspaper</i>
<i>Submission No 54</i>	<i>Jude Rivlin</i>
<i>Submission No 52</i>	<i>Kordula Kroll</i>

Submission No 27 *Grant Nelson*
Submission No 28 *Paul Van de Water*

The meeting adjourned at 4.00pm to be reconvened at 9.00am on Thursday 27 May 2010 in Taumarunui.

Dated at Ohakune this 29th day of June 2010

SUE MORRIS
MAYOR

RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

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IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, HUIA STREET, TAUMARUNUI

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	Marion Smith	GM Community and Regulation
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	Chris Impson	Governance Manager
	Warren Furner	Team Leader Land Transport (part)
	Pauline Love	Team Leader Strategic Development
	Narelle Gray	Policy Planner
	Wendy Guthie	Finance Manager (part)
	Andrea Nichol	Technical Services Co-ordinator Land Transport (part)
	Abbey Tito	Assistant Accountant (part)
	Anne-Marie Westcott	Team Leader Environment (part)

Note: Before commencing the meeting the Group Manager Community and Regulation and Environmental Health Officer addressed Council on an urgent matter.

1 APOLOGIES

A05-0014

RESOLVED

That the apologies from Cr John Compton, Cr Ronald Frew and Cr Jeni Kydd (for lateness) be received and Leave of Absence granted.

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS (CONTINUED)**

A05-0014

Members declared an interest in the following submissions:

- Cr Murray Wilson – Submission No 38 - National Park Village Business Association.
- Cr Jeni Kydd – Submission No 63 – Mischele and Ron Rhodes.
- Mayor Sue Morris - Submission No 62 – Mr K Vile.

3 **503840 – HEARINGS AND DELIBERATIONS ON THE 2010/11 EXCEPTIONS ANNUAL PLAN AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE LONG TERM PLAN 2009-19 (CONTINUED)**

A05-0138

3.1 **Hearing Of Submissions**

The following submitters were heard:

Submission Nos 30 and 47 Kelly Martyn - Ruapehu Federated Farmers of NZ (Inc) and Wanganui Federated Farmers of NZ (Inc)

Lyn Neeson introduced the group: Brian Dowerty (President Wanganui Branch), Tim Mathews, (Vice President Wanganui Branch), Anne Carmichael and Kelly Martyn (Policy Planner).

Mr Mathews congratulated Council and staff on keeping cost increases as low as possible. He spoke about the Revenue and Finance Policy, particularly increasing the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) to the 30% maximum. He advocated a boxed differential rating system similar to that Wanganui District Council uses. He suggested there was no need for a building consent for a number of minor building works where there are no health and safety implications. He suggested contacting Rangitikei District Council for its policy.

Lyn Neeson – Rates remissions for new subdivisions. She suggested that it is a subsidy for subdividers and Council should defer rates for up to two years or until the property is sold, whichever comes sooner, rather than giving a remission. The group appreciates the River Valley roading approach and would like the approach extended. Council should be recompensed for the use of rural roads by tourists.

Kelly Martyn – Also congratulated staff on help given in providing information requested for preparing the Group's submission. She gave a PowerPoint presentation Council's rating system. This included "boxed differential" rate modelling.

Submission No 39 Alan Turton - Greypower Ruapehu Sub

Mr Turton had tendered an apology as he was unable to attend to speak to his submission.

Submission No 1 Estrelita Dickinson

Ms Dickinson is against wheelie bins and was concerned about pace of change. The blue bins ought to be given a chance before introducing wheelie bins. She believes that security cameras should be paid for by shop owners.

Submission No 3**Kevin McGrath on behalf of Phil Burkett**

Mr McGrath spoke on the location of the Mahoe bus shelter. He said that residents are concerned about the safety of children running across the state highway to board the school bus.

Submission No 36 and 37**Jim Paul, Pat and Peter Lacy - Owango Residents & Ratepayers Inc**

Mr Paul spoke about roading issues, particularly seal extensions on Otapouri Road. The Association would like to progress having the roads sealed. The Association is working on a plan for work required over the next few years. National Park and Owango residents would like the transfer stations to remain without reduction in hours. He questioned the practicality of commercial recycling, particularly differentiating between commercial and domestic users. Pat Lacy queried the reduction in costs of the Owango water supply compared to what is stated in the Long Term Plan. The group wished to have more constructive dialogue with staff regarding sewerage reticulation in the village. The Association would like to be kept informed on progress with the stock truck effluent disposal system.

Submission No 38**Hakan Svensson - National Park Village Business Association**

Mr Svensson spoke about National Park transfer station – the business community is strongly opposed to reducing the opening hours by two days per week. He suggested that Council take away one day and add an extra half hour at both ends of the days remaining open. The current opening hours accommodate business and weekend visitors being able to dispose of refuse. The community is willing to accept the greater costs to ratepayers. Mr Svensson spoke at length on recycling, including 24 hour access. The Association is against commercial recycling charges because they are a disincentive to recycle.

Submission No 31**Shona Forbes - National Park Community Board**

Mrs Forbes spoke against commercial recycling charges and advocated finding ways for providing a better service. The additional opening hours on a Sunday afternoon have decreased the amount of rubbish illegally dumped. Weekends are the busiest days at the transfer station. Reducing the service will have a reverse effect. She commented on Owango sewerage system and needs in future.

Submission No 24**Don Dempsey**

Mr Dempsey read his submission (as submitted) on the cost of borrowing, in full, and tabled a supplementary paper. Mr Dempsey advocated freezing all capital expenditure for several years to build enough of a fund to enable future capital to be internally funded.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.05pm and resumed at 12.47pm.

Submission No 63**Mischele and Ron Rhodes**

Mr Rhodes spoke on behalf of his daughter, who was not able to attend. He gave a history of fluoridation of water. He listed several illnesses and diseases thought to be related to, or are advanced by, fluoridation. He stated that there is enough fluoride in toothpaste to be effective. Council agreed to prepare a report for Taumarunui Ward Committee.

Submission No 53**Uwe Kroll – Ohakune 200 Inc**

Mr Kroll spoke briefly on security cameras, which was a submission to have been presented by Mr Donald Beale the previous day (Submission No 14). He requested that the Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board funding be put back into the Annual Plan. He noted that Council started a discussion in the District by proposing to dissolve the Community Board and about amalgamating with another local authority. He urged Council to put money aside in the event that a referendum is required.

Submission No 45**AE Harrison – King Country SPCA**

It was noted that Ms Harrison was unable to attend to speak her submission. She had sent a further email in support of her submission. This further submission had been circulated to Members the previous day and was taken as read.

RESOLVED

That the verbal submissions from the following, as presented in support of written submissions to Council's Exceptions Annual Plan 2010-11, be noted and considered during Deliberations.

<i>Submission Nos 30 and 47</i>	<i>Kelly Martyn - Ruapehu Federated Farmers of NZ (Inc) and Wanganui Federated Farmers of NZ (Inc)</i>
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<i>Submission No 24</i>	<i>Don Dempsey</i>
<i>Submission No 63</i>	<i>Mischele and Ron Rhodes</i>

3.2 Deliberations**RESOLVED**

That written submissions to Council's Exceptions Annual Plan 2010/11 and Proposed Amendments to the Log Term Plan 2009-19 be received.

3.3 Suspension of Standing Orders

RESOLVED

That, pursuant to Section 27(4) Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, Council temporarily suspends Standing Orders in their entirety to allow members to have a free and frank discussion on submissions.

Councillors discussed the various items raised in submissions and gave staff a direction on items to be further explored.

RESOLVED

That, pursuant to Section 27(4) Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, Council reinstates Standing Orders in their entirety for consideration of the agenda.

The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.30pm and resumed at 3.45pm.

4 RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE MEETING FOR MORE THAN SIX HOURS A05-0014

RESOLVED

That, pursuant to Standing Order 3.3.7, the meeting continues for more than six hours, in order to hear the remainder of the submitters who wished to be heard in Taumarunui.

3.3 Suspension of Standing Orders (continued)

Councillors discussed further various items raised in submissions and gave staff a direction on items to be further explored.

The meeting adjourned at 4.07pm to be reconvened at 10.00am on Friday 28 May 2010 in Taumarunui.

Dated at Ohakune this 29th day of June 2010

**SUE MORRIS
MAYOR**

RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

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Councillors discussed the various items raised in submissions and gave staff a direction on items to be further explored.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.15pm and resumed at 12.45pm.

Cr Broderson retired from the meeting at 12.15 and did not return after the lunch break.

3.2 Deliberations

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Hearings and Deliberations on the Exceptions Annual Plan 2010/11 and Proposed Amendments to the Long Term Plan 2009-19 be received.*
- 2 *That the Action Pathways be adopted, as amended.*
 - 1 *That the wheelie bins proposal not be proceeded with.*
 - 2 *That \$24,000 be ring-fenced in the 2010/11 Community Grants Budget for the installation of security cameras in Taumarunui, Ohakune and Raetihi. Council will grant up to 25% of the cost of the cameras in the CBD areas of the towns, as defined Commercial Zone in the Ruapehu District Plan.*
 - 3 *That commercial recycling charges not be proceeded with.*
 - 4 *That the Land Transport budget be confirmed.*
 - 5 *That staff bring back further information on the following to the Council Meeting/Workshop on 8 June 2010.*
 - *Landfill/Transfer Station Opening Hours – status quo or reduced hours (Taumarunui and Ohakune). Sunday closed for Ongarue Transfer Station.*
 - 6 *That \$49,000 and \$5,000 be added to the Roothing Budget for 2010/11 for Ohakukura Saddle Road.*
 - 7 *That \$7,500 be added to the Roothing Budget for 2011 for the Ohakune Mountain Road.*
 - 8 *That Council investigate sealing the first 500 metres of Otapouri Road.*

- 9 *That \$2,000 be set aside for the Matapuna sewerage pump station switchboard upgrade.*
- 10 *That the genealogy fees be set at \$85 for the first 1.5 hours, and \$20 for each additional half hour required thereafter.*

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 2.25pm.

Dated at Ohakune this 29th day of June 2010

SUE MORRIS
MAYOR