

RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MEETING HELD IN THE WAIMARINO ROOM (COUNCIL CHAMBER),
AYR STREET, OHAKUNE, ON FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER 2010 AT 10.00AM

PUBLIC BUSINESS

PRESENT

Mayor:	Sue Morris	
Deputy Mayor:	Don Cameron	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward
Councillors:	Bruce Broderson	Taumarunui Ward
	Ron Cooke	Taumarunui Ward
	Graeme Cosford	Taumarunui Ward
	Cynthia Dowsett	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward
	Ronald Frew	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward
	Marion Gillard	Ohura Ward
	Jeni Kydd	Taumarunui Ward
	Karen Ngatai	Taumarunui Ward
	Nikki Riley	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward
	Elaine Wheeler	National Park Ward
Staff:	David Hammond	Chief Executive
	Peter Till	Deputy Chief Executive (part)
	Margaret Hawthorne	Group Manager Environmental Services
	Marion Smith	Group Manager Community and Regulation
	Chris Impson	Governance Manager
	Warren Furner	Team Leader Land Transport
	Kate Dahm	Policy Planner (part)

1 APOLOGIES M80-0001

There were no apologies received.

2 516530 – PUBLIC FORUM: TEMPORARY SUSPENSION AND REINSTATEMENT OF STANDING ORDERS A05-0014

Members considered a report enabling Council to temporarily suspend Standing Orders in their entirety to allow Members and the public to address Council.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Public Forum: Temporary Suspension and Reinstatement of Standing Orders be received.*
- 2 *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 address Council.*

Council received addresses as follows:

- Max Hodder – Car Rally road closure (Item C3 on the Agenda) – provided a letter of support from Ruapehu Alpine Lifts. Mr Hodder is currently in discussion with Ngati Rangī. The Mayor suggested he obtains a letter of support from Ngati Rangī.
- Uwe Kroll (Ohakune 2000) – spoke in support of the Car Rally above. He reminded Councillors of the economic benefit to District.
- Lyn Pope - spoke about Grants application for Raetihi Charitable Trust and Raetihi Squash Club. These organisations were disappointed about the amount of money received from the Grants applications. She was concerned about the amount ring-fenced.
- Jude Rivlin – Is interested in the reason in reaching decision on the location of the St John Ambulance station. She felt Raetihi was the more logical place to locate it there. The Mayor explained the reason for the decision.
- Mike Plowman (Ruapehu representative on Horizons Regional Council) – concerned about sewerage schemes, particularly Waiouru and Taumarunui. He stated the reasons for his concern as the conditions placed on the consents by parties, including Horizons and Iwi. He stated that these would become the norm for assessing future farm schemes. He asked for support for his investigations. The Mayor advised that Council could not give its support, without being fully aware of the facts, but supported the topic being discussed further. She requested a report be presented to the February Council meeting. Mr Plowman also advised that there is a surplus of \$21,000 in Horizons' budget for transporting people by minibus to Waikato Hospital with broken limbs, who could not use the normal means of transport to Hamilton. The Mayor asked for clarification, in writing, of Mr Plowman's comments.

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.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: 23 NOVEMBER 2010

M80-0001

RESOLVED

That the Public-Business Minutes of the Council meeting held on 23 November 2010 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

FINANCIAL

4 516327 – RATING OF SUBDIVIDED PROPERTIES: KN HOLDINGS SUBDIVISION

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Members considered a report regarding authority to reconsider the rating of KN Holdings' campervan subdivision in Clyde Street, Ohakune, undertaken by Mr Verhaaren.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Rating of Subdivided Properties Verhaaren Subdivision be received.*
- 2 *That Council levy the rates for 2009/10 and 2010/11 for KN Holdings and Mr Verhaaren's properties in Clyde Street, Ohakune, on the same basis as 2008/09 (ie, land and capital value only), with the 2009/10 and 2010/11 rates rise applied as follows:*

<i>Rates Levied: 2009/10</i>	<i>\$12,755.79</i>
<i> 2010/11</i>	<i><u>\$10,544.24</u></i>
<i>Total Due</i>	<i>\$23,300.03</i>
<i>Less 3% Discount</i>	<i>-543.97</i>
<i>Refund Due</i>	<i><u>\$22,756.06</u></i>
- 3 *This will continue until such time as Council considers a Rates Postponement Policy during 2010/11.*

Cr Gillard requested that her vote be recorded AGAINST the above resolution.

4 516387 - NZIER PROPOSAL E30-0006

Members considered a report presenting the first draft of the NZIER Proposal regarding lines charges, their impacts in Ruapehu and to determine its funding.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on NZIER Proposal be received.*
- 2 *That Council fund the NZIER Report up to a value \$35,000, plus GST.*
- 3 *That Council lead the project management of the NZIER Report.*
- 4 *That Council request a contribution from Taupo (for Turangi) and Waitomo District Councils for the cost of the Report.*

5 516257 – SALARY AND REMUNERATION: BALANCE OF 2010/11 M35-0001

Members considered a report regarding approval of a recommendation to the Remuneration Authority for Elected Members' Remuneration for 2010/11 and to confirm its amended Remuneration and Expenses Policy.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Salary and Remuneration: Balance of 2010/11 be received.*
- 2 *That Elected Members' Remuneration for 2010/11 is approved for recommending to the Remuneration Authority, as follows:*

Councillors	No	Within Pool					Outside Pool	Total
		Salary	Meeting Allnce	Total Salary	Total Meeting	Within Pool	Comms	
Deputy Mayor	1	10,482	8,606	10,482	8,606	19,088	750	19,838
Hearings Comm	2	7,715	8,606	15,430	17,212	32,642	1,500	34,142
Committee Chair (TOWC)	1	7,715	8,606	7,715	8,606	16,321	750	17,071
Councillors	7	5,031	8,606	35,217	60,242	95,459	5,250	100,709
Total Councillors	11	30,943	34,424	68,844	94,666	163,510	8,250	171,760
Community Boards							Salary	
Chairpersons	2	1,467		2,934	0	2,934	2,934	5,868
Members	6	1,053		6,318	0	6,318	6,318	12,636
Total Comm Boards	8	2,520	0	9,252	0	9,252	9,252	18,504
Summary								
Councillors	11	30,943	34,424	68,844	94,666	163,510	8,250	171,760
Community Boards	8	2,520	0	9,252	0	9,252	9,252	18,504
	19	33,463	34,424	78,096	94,666	172,762	17,502	190,264
Contingency						8,604		8,604
		33,463	34,424	78,096	94,666	181,366	17,502	198,868
							Comms	
Mayor	1	67,300		67,300		67,300	750	68,050
Total per Remuneration Authority	20	100,763	34,424	145,396	94,666	248,666	18,252	266,918
Plus:								
Community Boards Outside Pool (50%)						9,252		
Communications Allowance Outside Pool (12 * \$750)						9,000		
Total Elected Members Salaries and Allowances						266,918		

- 3 *That the Elected Members Remuneration and Expenses Policy, amended at a Council meeting held on 23 November 2010, is approved for recommending to the Remuneration Authority. The amendment relates to a new Clause 5 "Communications Allowance" for the Mayor and Councillors.*

POLICY

6 **515853 – SUBMISSION ON THE TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN**

T10-1432

Members considered a report regarding approval of a submission on the Tongariro National Park (TNP) Management Plan (Partial Review). Concern was expressed about noise levels for snow making equipment, etc, which work 24 hours/day during the right conditions. It was agreed that part 3.2 of the submission be amended to include only the first and second sentence and the second bullet point in 3.2 (relating to noise standards).

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Submission on the Tongariro National Park Management Plan be received.*
- 2 *That the submission to the Tongariro National Park Management Plan, as amended, be approved for forwarding to the Department of Conservation.*

7 514710 - WHANGANUI RIVER ENHANCEMENT CHARITABLE TRUST: A25-0055
ANNUAL REPORT - 30 JUNE 2010

Members considered a report presenting the Annual Report for the Whanganui River Enhancement Charitable Trust year ending 30 June 2010.

RESOLVED

That the Report on Whanganui River Enhancement Charitable Trust Annual Report 30 June 2010 be received.

8 516071 – STAFF WORKPLACE SURVEY P20-0010

Members considered a report providing a summary of the results of the first of the six monthly Staff Workplace Surveys.

RESOLVED

That the Report on Staff Workplace Survey be received.

OPERATIONAL

10 516085 – PROPOSED NEW TAUMARUNUI FIRE STATION L20-0100

Members considered a report seeking a resolution on the proposal for a new fire station in Miriama Street, Taumarunui.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Proposed New Taumarunui Fire Station be received.*
- 2 *That Council approves that:*
 - (a) *Council surrenders the existing registered lease with the New Zealand Fire Service.*
 - (b) *Council seeks revocation of the reserve status on the existing fire station land.*
 - (c) *Subject to Crown approval, Council transfers the existing fire station land to the Karanga Te Kere Whanau Trust in exchange for a transfer of the land owned by the Karanga Te Kere Whanau Trust to Council.*

- (d) Council seeks new reserve status on the exchanged land.
- (e) Council enters into a new lease with the New Zealand Fire Service on similar terms and conditions as the surrendered lease.
- (f) All costs incurred by Council throughout the process are to be reimbursed by the New Zealand Fire Service.

11 516076 – RENT REVIEW – TAUMARUNUI SALEYARDS

L20-0016

Members considered a report seeking a resolution from Council on a request from Associated Auctioneers, Taumarunui, that Council does not seek an increase in rent in terms of the lease for the five year period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2015.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Rent Review - Taumarunui Saleyards be received.*
- 2 *That the rent on the Taumarunui Saleyards for the five year period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011 is \$2,907.92 plus \$436.84, plus GST per annum. This amount to be increased by the CPI per annum.*

PUBLIC-EXCLUDED BUSINESS

12 516390 – RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FOR CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL BUSINESS

A05-0014

Section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 gives Council the right by resolution to exclude the public from the whole or any part of the proceedings of any meeting only on one or more of the grounds contained within that Section.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the report on Resolution to Exclude the Public for Consideration of Council Business is received.*
- 2 *That the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the meeting.*
- 3 *That Council agrees the Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Group Managers (Environment and Community/Regulation), Governance Manager and Team Leader Land Transport, having relevant knowledge, remain in attendance, to assist Council with its decision-making.*
- 4 *That the general subject of each matter to be discussed while the public is excluded, the reason for passing the resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) 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 S 48(1) for passing this resolution
<i>C1 - Council Minutes: 23 November 2010 (Public Excluded Business)</i>	<i>Reason(s) for excluding the public are included in the Public Business Minutes of the Meeting.</i>	<i>48(1)(a)</i>
<i>C2 - 516196 – Proposed Esplanade Strip – Fraser Subdivision</i>	<i>To enable the Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</i>	<i>48(1)(a)</i>
<i>C3 - 516434 –Car Rally: Ohakune Mountain Road</i>	<i>To enable the Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</i>	<i>48(1)(a)</i>
<i>C4 - 516372 - Progress Report: Fisher/Kurua Roads, National Park</i>	<i>To enable the Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)</i>	<i>48(1)(a)</i>

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 as the case may require are listed above.

RESOLUTION BROUGHT OUT INTO PUBLIC BUSINESS

The following resolution was brought out into Public Business:

C3 516434 – CAR RALLY: OHAKUNE MOUNTAIN ROAD

R76-0437

RESOLVED

- 1 That the Report on Application to Run Car Rally - Ohakune Mountain Road be received.*
- 2 That Council fully supports the Ohakune Giant 1000 Car Rally and that a letter of support be sent to the organisers.*
- 3 That this resolution is recorded in the Public Business Minutes of this meeting.*
- 4 That this report is released as publicly available information.*

Prior to closing the meeting the Mayor made presentations to the following:

- Errol Brown, recipient of Waimarino-Waiouru Citizens Award. Mr Brown was accompanied by his wife and children. The Chairperson of Waimarino-Waiouru Community Board, John Compton, spoke of Mr Brown's achievements with youth over a period of years in Waiouru.
- Head Boys and Girls, Deputy Head Boys and Girls, and the Principal, from Ruapehu College. The Mayor wished the pupils all the success for the future.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 12.30 pm.

Dated at Taumarunui this 8th day of February 2011

Sue Morris
MAYOR