

**RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL****MINUTES**

**MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, HUIA STREET, TAUMARUNUI  
ON TUESDAY 9 JUNE 2009 AT 10.05AM**

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

<b>Mayor:</b>	Sue Morris	
<b>Deputy Mayor:</b>	John Compton	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward
<b>Councillors:</b>	Bruce Broderson	Taumarunui Ward
	Ron Cooke	Taumarunui Ward
	Graeme Cosford	Taumarunui Ward
	Cynthia Dowsett	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward
	Marion Gillard	Ohura Ward
	Jeni Kydd	Taumarunui Ward
	Karen Ngatai	Taumarunui Ward
	Murray Wilson	National Park Ward
<b>Staff:</b>	David Hammond	Chief Executive
	Peter Till	Group Manager Assets/Deputy Chief Executive
	Siti Mavoia	Group Manager Finance
	Chris Impson	Team Leader Governance
	Anne Marie Westcott	Team Leader Environment (part)
	Margaret Hawthorne	Team Leader Community Property (part)
	Pauline Love	Team Leader Strategic Development (part)
	Andrea Nichol	Technical Services Co-ordinator (Roading) (part)
	Warren Furner	Team Leader Land Transport (part)
	Louise Cowan	Team Leader Resource Management (Item C2 only)

1      **APOLOGIES**      A05-0014

**RESOLVED**

*That the apologies from Crs Don Cameron and Ronald Frew be received and Leave of Absence granted.*

2      **PUBLIC FORUM**      A05-0014

Members considered a report 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 and the public to address Council.*

Council received addresses as follows:

- **Cr John Compton** – advised of Raetihi School Fire and progress in arresting culprits. He advised on progress to date on reinstating the building. He requested that Council assist the school as much as possible, and associated building consent waivers. This sentiment was endorsed by Councillors.
- **Uwe Kroll** – Waimarino Brass Band Building – Mr Kroll spoke about development on his business site and his proposal to build an indoor swimming pool facility at no cost to the ratepayer. He gave a history of the Brass Band building since moving it onto its current site. He requested that the matter lie on the table until a satisfactory solution can be reached.

**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 **435735 – WAIMARINO BRASS BAND BUILDING** L20-0005

Members considered a report regarding the latest information on the proposal to relocate the Waimarino Brass Band building and to seek approval for the reallocation of special reserve funds, previously allocated for the proposed relocation project. Councillors reconfirmed resolutions already taken for the building's relocation as their position.

**RESOLVED**

- 1 *That the Report on Waimarino Brass Band Building be received.*
- 2 *That this matter lie on the table until the Mayor and Team Leader Community Property have had an opportunity to speak to those involved, including the Brass Band Members.*

4 **437310 – NATIONAL CYCLEWAY UPDATE** A05-0014

Members considered a report updating Council on the National Cycleway project. Nic Peet (Wanganui Area Manager, Wanganui Conservatory), Damian Coutts (Wanganui Area Conservator currently seconded to a Ministry Taskforce), Sarah Gibb (Director Tongariro National History Society), Ray Scrimgeour (Area Manager, Maniapoto Area) and Richard Balm (Assisting the Cycleway Project business case) were present.

**Damian Coutts** – Advised that there has been hundreds of ideas received from around the country since the announcement of the project. There are three ideas for the Ruapehu District – Pureora Forest Park, Old Coach Road and the old roading network from Fishers Track to Ruatiti and Mangapurua. There is no clarity yet on the Ministry of Tourism's funding proposal. DoC is seeking clarification on whether Council would be a partner in establishing the cycleway and suggested that there were needs in construction, branding signage and marketing.

**Sarah Gibb** – Advised that she represents the public side of the project and feels that the Old Coach Road would have more strength if it was linked to other parts of the cycleway. The intention is to continue to seek funding for the completion of the Old Coach Road, view a view to requesting a grant from Government. She is seeking Council's support for the continuation and completion of this project. She presented a map of the concept of "Mountain to the Sea" and outlined her willingness to be in a project co-ordination role.

**Ray Scrimgeour** – Reiterated that his proposal for the northern area through Pureora Forest Park, as presented to Council in 2008, still stands. He requested Council's support regarding building and resource consents. The Maniapoto area is currently working on a proposal to Government and suggested that Council indicates its agreement and support with the project.

Council was requested to write a letter of support to the Ministry of Tourism supporting the project.

#### **RESOLVED**

- 1 *That the Report on National Cycleway Update be received.*
- 2 *That a Taskforce be established under the Mayoral Taskforce for Economic Development Committee, consisting of Council representatives Department of Conservation staff and other interested parties for specific parts of the project identified by the Taskforce.*
- 3 *That Crs Murray Wilson and Graeme Cosford, together with Mayor Sue Morris, be appointed as Council's representatives on the Mayoral Taskforce for Economic Development to consider the National Cycleway initiative in the Ruapehu District.*
- 4 *That funding of \$20,000 from the 2008/09 Economic Development budget be allocated to the Mayor's Taskforce for Economic Development.*

#### 5 **CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC-BUSINESS MINUTES: 12 MAY 2009**

M80-0001

Amendment: Page 2 of Minutes – bullet point at top of page – note that Mike Plowman is the Ruapehu representative on Horizons Regional Council (not Ruapehu District Council's representative).

#### **RESOLVED**

*That the Public-Business Minutes of the Council meeting held on 12 May 2009, as amended, are confirmed as a true and correct record.*

6      **435961 – RATIFICATION OF SUBMISSION ON HORIZONS DRAFT COMMUNITY PLAN 2009-19**      A05-0027

Members considered a report regarding a submission on Horizon's draft Community Plan 2009-19. The Chief Executive reported on his verbal submission at the Hearing.

**RESOLVED**

- 1      *That the Report on Ratification of Submission on Horizons draft Community Plan 2009-19 be received.*
- 2      *That Council ratify the submission on the draft Horizons Community Plan 2009-19 sent to Horizons on 8 May 2009.*

7      **435586 – CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM (CDERS)**      C30-0001

Members considered a report seeking approval to reallocate capital expenditure within the Emergency Management budget from Rural Fire Automatic Weather Station to purchasing a Civil Defence Emergency Response System for Council's Emergency Operations Centre.

**RESOLVED**

- 1      *That the Report on Civil Defence Emergency System be received.*
- 2      *That Council reallocate the capital expenditure from Emergency Management budget for Rural Automatic Weather Station to the Civil Defence Emergency System budget.*

8      **437659 – MERIDIAN WINDFARM MEDIATION**      P30-1299

Members considered a report regarding delegation to the Group Manager Community and Regulation to complete requirements in the mediation process for the Meridian Windfarm application.

**RESOLVED**

- 1      *That the Report on Meridian Windfarm Mediation be received.*
- 2      *That Council authorises the Group Manager Community and Regulation to settle the Meridian Windfarm mediation on behalf of Council.*

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12 noon and resumed at 12.45pm.

9 **436667 – FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE TEN MONTHS ENDED  
30 APRIL 2009**

R40-0001

Members considered a report regarding the Financial Statements for the ten months ended 30 April 2009. The Chief Executive gave a brief overview of Council's financial position at that date. The Group Manager Assets summarised the Land Transport account.

**RESOLVED**

- 1 *That the Report on Financial Report for the Ten Months Ended 30 April 2009 be received.*
- 2 *That Council confirm payment of \$3,576,838.46 for the month ended 30 April 2009.*

10 **436498 – RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC FOR THE  
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, Group Manager Community and Regulation, Team Leaders (Governance, Strategic Development and Resource Management) and Grant Eccles (Maunsell Limited) – for Items C1 and C2 only, 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
C1 - Council Minutes: 12 May 2009 (Public Excluded Business)	Reason(s) for excluding the public are included in the Public Business Minutes of the Meeting	48(1)(a)

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
C2 - 436531 – District Plan Review	To enable the Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	48(1)(a)
C3 - 436890 – Chief Executive's Council Briefing	To protect the privacy of a natural person	48(1)(a)

*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.*

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 4.57pm.

Dated at Taumarunui this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2009.

SUE MORRIS  
MAYOR