

RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MEETING HELD IN THE TAUMARUNUI ROOM (COUNCIL CHAMBER),
HUIA STREET, TAUMARUNUI ON TUESDAY 10 JUNE 2014 AT 10.01AM

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Present

Mayor:	Don Cameron	
Deputy Mayor:	Marion Gillard	Ohura Ward
Councillors:	Bruce Broderson	Taumarunui Ward
	Ron Cooke	Taumarunui Ward
	Graeme Cosford	Taumarunui Ward
	Cynthia Dowsett	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward
	Ben Goddard	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward
	Karen Ngatai	Taumarunui Ward
	Rabbit Nottage	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward
	Pita Pehi	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward
	Elaine Wheeler	National Park Ward
	Rhonda Wood	Taumarunui Ward
Staff:	Peter Till	Chief Executive
	Margaret Hawthorne	Group Manager Community Services
	Pauline Welch	Group Manager Customer Services
	Pam Bicknell	Group Manager Corporate Services
	Sarah Doyle	Executive Assistant
	Warren Furner	Land Transport & Economic Development Manager
	Anne-Marie Westcott	Environmental Manager (Part)

1	Apologies	<i>File A05-0014</i>
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RESOLVED

That the apology for lateness from Councillor Pehi be accepted.

Councillor Pehi entered the meeting at 10.04am.

Late Agenda Item: Delegations of Council: Ruapehu District Plan Mediations	<i>File A05-0014 Doc 583118</i>
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Members considered a Report seeking a decision on whether to include a late Report, brought up in urgency, in the public excluded agenda of the meeting.

RESOLVED

1 *That the Report on Late Agenda Item: Delegations of Council: Ruapehu District Plan Mediations be received.*

- 2 *That the following Report be included in the Public Excluded Agenda for this meeting and a decision made.*

Report No and Title	Reason for Urgency
583105 – Delegations of Council: Ruapehu District Plan Mediations	Mediation scheduled for 20 June 2014

2	Public Forum: Temporary Suspension and Reinstatement of Standing Orders	<i>File A05-0014 Doc 582421</i>
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Council temporarily suspended 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:

- Councillor Wheeler and Mayor Cameron briefed Members on the Local Government Democracy Forum and the Rural Provincial Sector meetings they had attended in Wellington 4 – 6 June 2014. Topics of interest included:
 - Amalgamations
 - Local Alcohol Policies
 - NZTA Funding Assistance Rate review
 - Rural broadband
 - Risk and probability
 - Earthquake buildings
 - Three waters.
- Councillor Nottage advised that the Ohakune picture theatre is closing down and there is concern about what will happen to the building.
- Councillor Cooke queried the reason for the building being demolished in the main street to Taumarunui. Councillor Ngatai advised that the building was earthquake prone.
- Councillor Ngatai advised that the canoe for the Taumarunui northern entrance has been completed.
- Councillor Broderson noted that it was sad to see community groups like the Taumarunui Lions Club going into recess and that the bowling club is in a similar position. He advised that the new liquor act was having an effect on small organisations.

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: 13 May 2014	<i>File M80-0001</i>
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RESOLVED

That the Public-Business Minutes of the Council meetings held on 13 May 2014 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

4	Summary Financial Report for the Period Ended 30 April 2014	<i>File R40-0001 Doc 582801</i>
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Members considered a Report providing the April 2014 Financial Statement and the tabled May 2014 Cash Flow Statement. Council's Chief Executive and Group Manager Corporate Services spoke to the Report and answered Members' questions.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Financial Report for the Period Ended 30 April 2014 be received.*
- 2 *That the May 2014 Cash Flow Statement be received.*

5	Deprivation Index	<i>File S45-0013 Doc 582772</i>
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Members considered a Report regarding current levels of deprivation in the Ruapehu District. Council's Chief Executive and Group Manager Customer Services spoke to the Report and answered Members' questions.

RESOLVED

That the Report on Deprivation Index be received.

6	Growth Assumptions Report	<i>File A05-0153 Doc 579714</i>
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Members considered a Report regarding growth assumptions data used to inform Asset management Plans for the 2015-25 Long Term Plan. Council's Chief Executive and Group Manager Customer Services spoke to the Report and answered Members' questions.

RESOLVED

That the Report on Growth Assumptions Report be received.

7	Genetic Engineering and Genetically Modified Organisms	<i>File E01-0005 Doc 582678</i>
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Members considered a Report regarding options for regulating Genetic Engineering (GE) and Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) in the District. Council's Group Manager Customer Services spoke to the Report and answered Members' questions.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Genetic Engineering and Genetically Modified Organisms be received.*
- 2 *That Council adopts a “wait and see” approach in regard to the Genetic Engineering and Genetically Modified Organisms issue until after the 2014 general elections.*
- 3 *That Council proceed to discuss possible initiatives and collaboration with neighbouring councils on the Genetic Engineering and Genetically Modified Organisms issue in the meantime.*
- 4 *That a letter be sent to the Minister for the Environment and the Minister for primary Industries expressing Council’s concerns regarding genetic Engineering and Genetically Modified Organisms. This letter is to be copied to Auckland Council and Far North District Council.*

8	Ohura Water – Towards a Referendum	<i>File W30-0007 Doc 581936</i>
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Members considered a Report outlining the process going forward towards a referendum on closing the Ohura Water Treatment Plant. Council’s Group Manager Customer Services spoke to the Report and answered Members’ questions.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Ohura Water – Towards a Referendum be received.*
- 2 *That Council approve the process towards a referendum for Ohura Water Supply as outlined in Document No 581935 “Ohura Water – Towards a Referendum”.*

9	Raetihi Service Centre – Extended Hours	<i>File A06-0014 Doc 580515</i>
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Members considered a Report analysing the costs and benefits of extending the hours of service in Raetihi. Council’s Group Manager Customer Services spoke to the Report and answered Members’ questions.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Raetihi Service Centre – Extended Hours be received.*
- 2 *That Council extend the opening hours of Raetihi Service Centre on Mondays and Fridays to 4pm.*

10	Taumarunui Library Hours	<i>File L54-0002 Doc 582273</i>
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Members considered a Report seeking a decision on Taumarunui Library opening hours once it relocates to the Huia Street administration building. Council’s Group Manager Customer Services spoke to the Report and answered Members’ questions.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Taumarunui Library Hours be received.*
- 2 *That the Taumarunui Library hours be set at 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday for a trial period of six months from the date of the Library moving into the Taumarunui Administration Building.*

11	i-SITE Opening Hours	<i>File C60-1554 Doc 583026</i>
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Members considered a Report regarding opening hours of the Taumarunui and Ohakune i-SITEs. Council's Group Manager Corporate Services spoke to the Report and answered Members' questions.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on i-SITE Opening Hours be received.*
- 2 *That the Ohakune i-SITE hours be altered to 8am to 5.30pm, with flexibility to remain open longer.*
- 3 *That the Taumarunui i-SITE hours be altered to open 8.30am to 4pm during winter hours (outside daylight savings), with flexibility to open longer.*

Councillors Broderson, Goddard and Nottage requested their votes AGAINST this motion be recorded.

- 4 *That the Taumarunui i-SITE hours be altered to open 8.30am to 5.30pm during summer hours (during daylight savings), with flexibility to open longer.*

Councillor Dowsett requested her vote AGAINST this motion be recorded.

12	2013 OAG Report to Parliament	<i>File A02-0015 Doc 582990</i>
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Members reconsidered a Report regarding the Auditor General's Parliamentary Report on the 2012/13 Audits as presented to Parliament on 25 May 2014. Council's Group Manager Corporate Services spoke to the Report and answered Members' questions.

RESOLVED

That the Report on 2013 OAG Report to Parliament be received.

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 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 S48(1) for passing this resolution
<i>C1: Confirmation of Public Excluded Business Minutes: 13 May 2014</i>	<i>The reason(s) for excluding the public is/are recorded in the Public Business Minutes of the meeting.</i>	<i>48(1)(a)</i>
<i>C2: 582966: Chief Executive's Key Performance Indicators 2014/15</i>	<i>To protect the privacy of a natural person.</i>	
<i>C3: 582985: Council Staff Report</i>		
<i>C4: 582896: Write-Off of Rates More than Six Years Overdue as at 30 June 2014</i>		
<i>C5: 582827: Applications for Financial Assistance - Ruapehu Community Grants Funds - Halls</i>		
<i>C6: 581982: Progress Report – Civil Defence Emergency Management and Rural Fire Activity</i>		
<i>C7: 581983: Possible Discrete Remedies</i>	<i>To enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</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.

RESOLUTIONS BROUGHT OUT INTO PUBLIC BUSINESS

The following resolutions were brought out into Public Business:

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Write-Off of rates More Than Six Years Overdue as at 30 June 2014 be received.*
- 2 *That rates and penalties of \$28,998.86 on the ten properties not currently undergoing legal action be written off.*
- 3 *That this resolution is recorded in the Public Business Minutes of this meeting.*
- 4 *That this Report is not released as publicly available information.*

Members considered a Report presenting applications for financial assistance to the ring-fenced pool of the Ruapehu Community Grants Fund for community halls. Council's Group Manager Corporate Services spoke to the Report and answered Members' questions.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Applications for Financial Assistance – Ruapehu Community Grants Fund – Community Halls be received.*
- 2 *That Members of the Management Committee and Group Managers Corporate Services and Community Services be authorised to allocate the Ring Fenced Halls fund to a maximum of \$10,000.*
- 3 *That this resolution is recorded in the Public Business Minutes of this meeting.*
- 4 *That this Report is released as publicly available information.*

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 2.50pm.

Dated at Taumarunui this 15th day of July 2014

Don Cameron JP
MAYOR