

RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MEETING HELD IN THE TAUMARUNUI ROOM (COUNCIL CHAMBER),
HUIA STREET, TAUMARUNUI ON TUESDAY 8 APRIL 2014 AT 10.04AM

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Present

Mayor:	Don Cameron	
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
	Marc Lorentzen	Senior Accountant (Item 5 and Part Item C4)
	Paul Wheatcroft	Corporate Communications Manager (Part Item 8)

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

That the apology from Councillor Gillard be accepted and Leave of Absence granted.

2	Public Forum: Temporary Suspension and Reinstatement of Standing Orders	<i>File A05-0014 Doc 579331</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 Cooke is concerned at the animal carcasses he has seen dumped at Cherry Grove and Manunui Domain. He asked that his thanks to Council staff for fixing the problem be noted.
- Councillor Ngatai advised that the Stop sign in Manuaute Street had been tampered with.
- Councillor Goddard mentioned the open day being held at the Waimarino St John Ambulance Station this Saturday. He also mentioned that free fire safety assessments and solutions for the sight and hearing impaired were available through District Health Boards and were 100% subsidised.
- Councillor Nottage had attended a youth meeting with the Principal of Ruapehu College and tabled a two page list of activities the College were providing for youth.
- Councillor Pehi commented on the current Exceptions Annual Plan consultation advertisements on the radio which seek input from ratepayers and residents on alternative funding sources.
- Mayor Cameron noted that Vodafone were installing a tower behind Ruapehu Motors in Raetihi. He also circulated the Central New Zealand Agribusiness Strategy Communications Plan which is looking at opportunities for the greater Horizons area.

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 at 10.40am and reconvened at 11.05am.

3	Confirmation of Minutes: 11 March 2014	<i>File M80-0001</i>
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Amendment: Councillors present to include Councillor Bruce Broderson.

RESOLVED

That the Public-Business Minutes of the Council meetings held on 11 March 2014, amended as agreed, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Note: The following item was taken after item 1:

4	Deputation: Gabe Quirke, New Zealand Police	<i>File A05-0014 Doc 578982</i>
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Members received a deputation from Gabe Quirke, Ruapehu Family Violence Co-ordinator for the New Zealand Police, who gave an overview of Whakakotahitanga, the award winning programme established in 2007 by Ruapehu Police as an approach to family violence which to date has involved 200 couples.

RESOLVED

That the Report on Deputation: Gabe Quirke, New Zealand Police be received.

Note: The following item was taken after item 3:

5	Summary Financial Report for the Period Ended 28 February 2014	<i>File R40-0001 Doc 579548</i>
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Members considered a Report providing the February 2014 Financial Statement and the February 2014 Cash Flow Statement. Council's Chief Executive, Group Manager Corporate Services and Senior Accountant spoke to the Report and answered Members' questions.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Financial Report for the Period Ended 28 February 2014 be received.*
- 2 *That the February 2014 Cash Flow Statement be received.*

6	Library Charges	<i>File C45-0002 Doc 579330</i>
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Members considered a Report outlining new experiences the Taumarunui Library would like to provide from its new premises and seeking approval from Council to review its current policy of charging for the loan of library materials. Council's Group Manager Customer Services spoke to the Report and answered Members' questions.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Library Charges be received.*
- 2 *That the charges for Library materials be removed from the Fees and Charges Manual from 1 July 2014, except for faxing, photocopying, laminating, printing and media charges, and that overdue book charges be reviewed.*

7	2014 Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting and Remit Process	<i>File A53-0007 Doc 579080</i>
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Members considered a Report advising of the 2014 Annual General Meeting Remit Process as received from Local Government New Zealand.

RESOLVED

That the Report on 2014 Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting and Remit Process be received.

8	Outcomes for Leadership Training	<i>File P20-0015 Doc 577968</i>
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Members considered a Report on the benefits to the organisation resulting from staff attending the recent Women in Leadership seminar. Council's Group Manager Customer Services spoke to the Report and answered Members' questions.

RESOLVED

That the Report on Outcomes for Leadership training Season be received.

The meeting adjourned at 12.12pm.

Mayor Don Cameron welcomed Sue Morris and congratulated her for being made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to Local Government in the 2014 New Year Honours.

The meeting reconvened at 1.05pm.

Note: The following item was taken after item 10:

9	Raetihi Service Centre Office	<i>File P84-0034 Doc 579735</i>
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Members considered a Report providing information on day to day operation and running of the Raetihi Service Centre. Council's Group Manager Customer Services spoke to the Report and answered Members' questions.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Raetihi Service Centre Office be received.*
- 2 *That a Report on the provision of services and operational costs for the Raetihi, Ohakune and Taumarunui Service Centres be provided to Council within the next 12 months.*

Note: The following item was taken after item 8:

10	Locked Gate on Pokatea Kokakonui Road	<i>File R75-0354 Doc 577769</i>
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Members considered a Report seeking permission from Council for the relocation of a locked gate to the start of Pokatea Kokakonui Road. Sue Morris was in attendance to speak to the Report.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Locked Gate on Pokatea Kokakonui Road be received.*
- 2 *That Council recommends that permission be granted to Sue and George Morris and Hancock Forest Managers for the locked gate to be relocated from its present position at the end of the maintained road to the start of Pokatea Kokakonui Road, with the following conditions.*
 - (a) *That signs with the words "Public Road" painted thereon in letters not less than 75mm in height to be fixed on either side of the gate and this signage shall be at all times maintained by George and Sue Morris.*
 - (b) *Council shall not be liable for damages in respect to any accident arising from the existence of the gate or cattle stop.*

- (c) *That sufficient area be provided to enable vehicles to turn around before the gate.*
- (d) *That Pokatea Kokakonui Road will not be maintained by Council past the gate.*

Note: The following item was taken after item 9:

11	Resolution to Exclude the Public for Consideration of Council Business	<i>File A05-0014 Doc 577907</i>
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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: 11 March 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: 579476: Ohakune Railway Station – Proposals for Use</i>	<i>To enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</i>	
<i>C3: 578780: Council Social Housing Assets – Consideration of Disposal Options</i>		
<i>C4: 579077: Applications for Financial Assistance Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund</i>	<i>To protect the privacy of a natural person.</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:

C2	Ohakune Railway Station – Proposals for Use	<i>File P88-0015 L20-0019 Doc 579476</i>
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RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Ohakune Railway Station – Proposals for Use be received.*
- 2 *That Council approves entering into lease negotiations with proposal two (headquarters and retail space for Opus Fresh Apparel Co).*
- 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.*

C3	Council Social Housing Assets – Consideration of Disposal Options	<i>File H70-0013 Doc 578780</i>
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Members considered a Report providing a discussion document for consideration of disposal options for Council's social housing assets. Council's Group Manager Community Services spoke to the Report and answered Members' questions.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Council Social Housing Assets – Consideration of Disposal Options be received.*
- 2 *That Council consult with the community on the possible disposal of the social housing assets through the draft 2015-25 Long Term Plan.*
- 3 *That this resolution is recorded in the Public Business Minutes of this meeting.*
- 4 *That this Report is released as publicly available information.*

C4	Applications for Financial Assistance Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund	<i>File G50-0026 Doc 579077</i>
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Members considered a Report presenting applications for financial assistance through the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund. Council's Senior Accountant pointed out an error of \$130 in the amount available for allocation.

RESOLVED

- 1 *That the Report on Applications for Financial Assistance Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund be received.*

Note: Resolution 2 was
revoked on 29 April 2014

- 2 *That the following grants totalling \$9,386.96 are approved as follows:*

APPLICANT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT SUGGESTED	AMOUNT GRANTED
<i>National Park School</i>	\$836	\$224.56	\$221.46
<i>Ngakonui Valley School</i>	\$4,500	\$1,208.74	\$1,192.09
<i>Taumarunui BMX Club</i>	\$200	\$53.72	\$52.98
<i>Taumarunui High School</i>	\$7,000	\$1,880.24	\$1,854.36
<i>Ohura Valley Primary</i>	\$1,000	\$268.61	\$264.91
<i>Kaitieke School</i>	\$2,178	\$585.03	\$576.97
<i>Ongarue School</i>	\$460	\$123.56	\$121.86
<i>Waimarino Pony Club</i>	\$250	\$67.15	\$66.23
<i>Ruapehu Junior Rugby Club</i>	\$1,000	\$268.61	\$264.91
<i>Taumarunui Basketball and Sports Assn</i>	\$1,000	\$268.61	\$264.91
<i>Taumarunui Saturday Morning School Boy Rugby</i>	\$2,000	\$537.22	\$529.82
<i>Ohakune Squash Racquets Club Inc</i>	\$500	\$134.30	\$132.45
<i>Ruapehu College (total amount)</i>	\$7,235	\$1,943.37	\$1,916.60
<i>Waiouru Combined Sports Council</i>	\$6,360	\$1,708.35	\$1,684.82
<i>Ruapehu Rugby and Sports Club</i>	\$1,500	0	0
<i>Tokirima School</i>	\$800	\$214.89	\$211.93
TOTAL	\$36,819	\$9,486.96	\$9,356.30

- 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 2.40pm.

Dated at Taumarunui this 13th day of May 2014

Don Cameron JP
MAYOR