

RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 37 AYR STREET, OHAKUNE,
ON WEDNESDAY 9 JUNE 2021, AT 12:37PM

PUBLIC BUSINESS

Present			
Mayor	Don Cameron		
Deputy Mayor	Karen Ngatai	Taumarunui Ward	
Councillors	Graeme Cosford	Taumarunui Ward	
	Adie Doyle	Taumarunui Ward	
	Robyn Gram	Taumarunui Ward	
	Vivienne Hoeta	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward	
	Lyn Neeson	Ohura Ward	
	Elijah Pue	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward	
	Murray Wilson	National Park Ward	
	Kim Wheeler	Taumarunui Ward	
	Rabbit Nottage	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward	
	Janelle Hinch	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward	
	Staff	Clive Manley	Chief Executive
		Pauline Welch	Executive Manager, Community & Economic Development
Paul Wheatcroft		Executive Manager, Communications	
Stuart Watson		Environmental Manager	
Warren Furner		Executive Manager, Infrastructure (part)	
Dean Hosking		Manager, Solid Waste (part)	
Emily Jasmine		Sustainability Facilitator (part)	
Aaron Pendergrast		Executive Manager Risk & Project Controls (via Zoom)	
Andrea Nicol		Manager, Land Transport (part, via Zoom)	
Peggy Veen		Community Organisations & Business Development (part, via Zoom)	
Shona Spadotto		Manager, Customer Services (via Zoom)	
Candice McNaught		Manager, Policy and Strategy (via Zoom)	
Tasha Paladin	Governance Officer		
In attendance	Margaret Hawthorne		
	Craig Madsen	Craig Madsen Photography	
	Jaimie Taylor		
	Keri Aves		
	Linda Trillo-McLaren		
	Michael Quintern	Quintern Innovation Ltd (Noke)	
	Rodney Gutsell	WPI International	
	Bill Nagle		
	Corinne Ebisu		
	Robert Milne	Ruapehu Bulletin	

The Mayor opened the meeting with an acknowledgement of Margaret Hawthorne's service to Council, and wished her well in her retirement.

1 Apologies

No apologies were received.

2 Declarations of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3 Public Forum: Temporary Suspension and Reinstatement of Standing Orders
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Council temporarily suspended Standing Orders in their entirety to allow Members and the public to address Council.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Pue

Seconded: Cr Wheeler

- 1 That the Report on Public Forum: Temporary Suspension and Reinstatement of Standing Orders be received.*
- 2 That pursuant to section 21(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:

- Craig Madsen introduced Jaimie Taylor, who gave a karakia (welcoming light, farewelling dark), before Craig presented his current photography project, Ata pūao - First Light. The project, currently half-way through, will be a series of 365 images of Mt. Ruapehu, taken from the same place and time each day. The National Army Museum has expressed an interest in exhibiting the project.
- Keri Aves and Linda Trillo-McLaren spoke on behalf of the Rangataua Working Group, and presented their vision for a staged revitalisation of Rangataua township (Minute Attachment). The group is seeking funding, guidance and support from Council to maintain momentum of the project.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Hinch

Seconded: Cr Ngatai

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.

4 Confirmation of Minutes: 26 May 2021

In reference to Item 8 – Deliberations: Long Term Plan 2021-31 Resolution 7 (page 9), Cr. Doyle gave clarification to his interest within the Forestry Industry. This was not considered significant. The resolution stands.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Ngatai

Seconded: Cr Pue

That the minutes of the Ruapehu District Council meeting dated 26 May 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record subject to the following amendment:

Item 8 – Deliberations: Long Term Plan 2021-31

- *Amend project name in Resolution 27 (page 13) from Dark Sky Project to Dark Sky Initiative.*

5 Deputation: Vermicomposting

Rodney Gutsell of Winstone Pulp International (WPI) and Michael Quintern of Quintern Innovation Ltd (Noke) addressed Members to seek support in principle from Council for the concept of vermicomposting in the Ruapehu District.

Mr. Quintern clarified the MyNoke Vermicomposting project was seeking support from Council for future resource consent applications; it was not seeking financial support.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Ngatai

Seconded: Cr Wilson

- 1 *That the report on Deputation: Vermicomposting be received.*
- 2 *That Council approve in principle, the concept of vermicomposting in the Ruapehu District.*

6 Adoption of the Treasury (Investment and Liability Management) Policy 2021

Members received a report recommending the adoption of the Treasury (Investment and Liability Management) Policy. A copy of the Policy was presented as an attachment to the report.

The report was tabled at the 24 May 2021 meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee where it was resolved that the Policy be recommended to Council for adoption. Council's Executive Manager Community & Economic Development spoke to the report and answered Members' questions.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Wilson

Seconded: Cr Wheeler

- 1 *That the Adoption of the Treasury (Investment and Liability Management) Policy 2021 report be received.*
- 2 *That Council adopts the Treasury (Investment and Liability Management) Policy 2021.*

7 Adoption of the Rates Postponement Policy 2021 for Engagement
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Members received a report recommending the adoption of the Rates Postponement Policy 2021 for engagement. A copy of the Policy was presented as an attachment to the report. Previously, this policy has been reviewed triennially. Section 110 (2A) of the Local Government Act (the Act) requires Council to review the policy six yearly, as such the next review date for this policy is recommended to be scheduled in 2027. The policy can be reviewed sooner if deemed necessary. Council's Executive Manager Community & Economic Development spoke to the report and answered Members' questions.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Pue

Seconded: Cr Hoeta

- 1 *That the Adoption of the Rates Postponement Policy 2021 report be received.*
- 2 *That the Rates Postponement Policy 2021 is adopted for engagement via the principles laid out in section 82 of the Local Government Act 2002.*

8 Development Contributions Fees and Charges 2021-24

Note: Cr Cosford left the meeting at 1:58PM and re-entered at 2:03PM

Members were presented with the proposed Development Contributions Fees and Charges for 2021-2024. Development Contributions are calculated from the growth component for capital projects in the three waters and roading activities of Council, and the expected growth (development) in the district. In previous years, the Development Contributions have been balanced between part paying for the growth component of development, and as an incentive for development. Council's Executive Manager Community & Economic Development, and Executive Manager Risk & Project Controls spoke to the report and answered Members' questions.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Neeson

Seconded: Cr Hinch

- 1 *That the Development Contributions Fees and Charges 2021-24 report be received.*
- 2 *That the Development Contributions for District Wide Roding be increased to \$2,040, and all other Development Contributions be kept at the 2020 level plus Local Government Index (LGI) Inflation.*

9	Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chief Executive and Elected Members' Reports (Verbal)
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Members each gave verbal updates on recent and upcoming meetings, events and issues.

10	Resolution to Exclude the Public for Consideration of Council Business
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Section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 gives the 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

Moved: Cr Pue

Seconded: Cr Gram

- 1 *That the report on Resolution to Exclude the Public for Consideration of Council Business be 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
C1: Confirmation of Public-Excluded Minutes: 26 May 2021	The reason(s) for excluding the public is/are recorded in the Public Business Minutes of the meeting	48(1)(a)
C2: 34 Ngarimu Street, Ohura	Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expressions of opinions by, or between, or to members of or officers or employees of any local authority, or any persons to whom Section 2(5) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 applies, in the course of their duty. To protect the privacy of natural persons	
C3: Confidential Briefing		
C4: Council-only time (Officers Excluded)		

- 1 *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.*

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There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 2:56PM.

Dated at Taumarunui this 23rd day of June, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don Cameron', written in a cursive style.

Don Cameron, JP
MAYOR