

RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 59-63 HUIA STREET,
TAUMARUNUI, ON WEDNESDAY 23 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 Left 3:56PM
	Rabbit Nottage	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward
	Staff	Clive Manley
Pauline Welch		Executive Manager Community & Economic Development
Warren Furner		Executive Manager Infrastructure
Aaron Pendergrast		Executive Manager Risk and Project Controls
Paul Wheatcroft		Executive Manager Communications (via Zoom)
Candice McNaught		Manager Policy and Strategy
Andrea Nicol		Manager Land Transport
Shona Spadotto		Manager Customer Services (via Zoom)
Kellie Burton		Capital Work Project Management
Michelle Austin		Senior Rates Officer (part, Via Zoom)
Tasha Paladin	Governance Officer	
In attendance	Weston Kirton	
	Fiona Kahukura Chase	
	John Smythe	
	Waitangi Patena	
	Keri-Ann Hokianga	
	Nicola Chase	
	Rosie Buckland	
	Peter Buckland	

1 Apologies**RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr Pue

Seconded: Cr Hoeta

That the Apologies from Cr Nottage be accepted.

2 Declarations of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3 Public Forum: Temporary Suspension and Reinstatement of Standing Orders

Council temporarily suspended Standing Orders in their entirety to allow Members and the public to address Council.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Gram

Seconded: Cr Hinch

- 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:

- Fiona Kahukura Chase provided a brief update to the Board on various activities including the increased use of the Memorial Hall; the opening of two Maori Women's Welfare Leagues in the district; a submission to the basis of representation review supporting Maori Wards; concern that not all community views were canvassed at the Housing Workshop; and feedback on the Taumarunui/Ohura Ward Committee Agenda item - Freedom Camping.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Cosford

Seconded: Cr Hoeta

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: 9 June 2021**RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr Pue

Seconded: Cr Gram

That the minutes of the Ruapehu District Council meeting dated 9 June 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

5 Adoption Report: Revenue and Financing Policy 2021

Members received a report presenting the Revenue and Financing Policy 2021 (the policy) for adoption. The Policy was consulted on as part of the supporting documents alongside the Consultation Document for the Long Term Plan 2021-31 (LTP) in March and April 2021.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Doyle

Seconded: Cr Wheeler

- 1 *That the Adoption Report: Revenue and Financing Policy 2021 be received*
- 2 *That the Revenue and Financing Policy 2021 is adopted.*

6 Adoption of Rate Remission Policy 2021

Members received a report presenting the Rate Remission Policy 2021 (the policy) for adoption. The Policy was consulted on as part of the supporting documents alongside the Consultation Document for the Long Term Plan 2021-31 (LTP) in March and April 2021.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Neeson

Seconded: Cr Pue

- 1 *That the Adoption of Rates Remission Policy 2021 report is received.*
- 2 *That Council adopts the Rates Remission Policy 2021.*

7 Adoption Report: Financial Strategy 2021-31

The Meeting adjourned to disseminate the revised wording from Audit's opinion at 1:03PM and reconvened at 1:10PM

Note: Cr Wilson left the meeting at 1:04PM and re-entered at 1:06PM

Members received a report presenting the Financial Strategy 2021 (the strategy) for adoption. The Strategy was consulted on as part of the supporting documents alongside the

Consultation Document for the Long Term Plan 2021-31 (LTP) in March and April 2021. Council's Manager Policy and Strategy spoke to the report and answered Members' questions.

Officers noted Audit's Opinion recommended changing some wording that affected the tone but not the direction of the strategy.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Pue

Seconded: Cr Wheeler

- 1 *That the Adoption Report: Financial Strategy 2021-31 be received.*
- 2 *[Amended] That the Financial Strategy 2021-31 is adopted with the proposed amendments from Audit.*

8	Adoption Report: Infrastructure Strategy 2021-2051
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Members received a report presenting the Infrastructure Strategy 2021-2051 (the strategy) for adoption. The Strategy was consulted on as part of the supporting documents alongside the Consultation Document for the Long Term Plan 2021-31 (LTP) in March and April 2021. Council's Executive Manager Community and Economic Development spoke to the report and answered Members' questions.

Cr Neeson expressed concerns that feedback from strategy workshops had not been incorporated, and minor edits should be made to reflect the feedback.

Council's Chief Executive clarified the Infrastructure Strategy could be adopted with minor edits, so long as the edits do not alter the document page numbers. Any alteration to page numbers would require a new Audit Opinion.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Wilson

Seconded: Cr Wheeler

- 1 *That the Adoption Report: Infrastructure Strategy 2021-2051 be received.*
- 2 *[Amended] That the Infrastructure Strategy 2021-51 is adopted subject to minor edits.*

Cr Neeson requested her vote AGAINST the resolution be recorded.

Officers undertook to meet with Cr Neeson to address her concerns. Any proposed edits are to be shared prior to adoption.

9	Adoption Report: Asset Management Plans 2021-31
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Members received a report presenting the Asset Management Plans (AMPs) 2021 -31 for adoption. Workshops on Land Transport, Community Property, Recreation and Facilities,

and The Three Waters were held with Elected Members and the Asset Management Plans for Revenue and Financing Policy, and Infrastructure and Finance Strategies were released as supporting information to the consultation document on the 26 March 2021. Council's Executive Manager Community and Economic Development, and Manager Land Transport spoke to the report and answered Members' questions.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Doyle

Seconded: Cr Gram

- 1 *That the Adoption Report: Asset Management Plans 2021-2031 be received*
- 2 *That the following Asset Management Plans are adopted.*
 - (a) *[Amended] The Land Transport Asset Management Plan with minor Amendments*
 - (b) *The Water Supply Asset Management Plan*
 - (c) *The Wastewater Asset Management Plan*
 - (d) *The Stormwater Asset Management Plan*
 - (e) *Community Property, Recreation and Facilities Asset Management Plan*

Officers undertook to meet with Cr Neeson to address her concerns with the Land Transport Asset Management Plan. Any proposed amendments are to be shared prior to adoption

10	Adoption Report: Long Term Plan 2021-2031
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Members received a report presenting the Long Term Plan (LTP) 2021-31 for adoption. Council's Executive Manager Community and Economic Development, and Manager Policy and Strategy spoke to the report and answered Members' questions.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Doyle

Seconded: Cr Hinch

- 1 *That the Adoption Report: Long Term Plan 2021-31 be received.*
- 2 *That the Long Term Plan 2021-31 is adopted.*
- 3 *That the Accounting Statements are included in the Long Term Plan Document*

11	Adoption Report: Fees and Charges 2021/22
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Members received a report presenting Ruapehu District Council's Fees and Charges for the 2021/22 financial year for adoption. Council's Executive Manager Community and Economic Development, and Manager Policy and Strategy spoke to the report and answered Members' questions.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Pue

Seconded: Cr Doyle

- 1 That the Adoption Report: Fees and Charges 2021/22 be received.
- 2 That the Ruapehu District Council Fees and Charges 2021/22 are adopted.

12 Adoption Report: Rates Resolution 2021/22

Note: Cr Pue left the meeting at 2:03PM and re-entered at 2:04PM

Members received a report presenting the rates, due dates for the payment of rates and penalties regime for the 2021/22 financial year for adoption. The rate requirement for 2021/22 is \$29.4m (GST inclusive). This is an increase of 4.92% on 2020/21. Council's Executive Manager Community and Economic Development spoke to the report and answered Members' questions.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Doyle

Seconded: Cr Pue

- 1 That the Adoption Report: Rates Resolution Report 2021/22 be received.
- 2 That pursuant to section 23 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, Council sets the rates as set out below, for the year commencing 1 July 2021 and ending 30 June 2022. The amount of the rate is set out in the fourth column of the Schedule of Rates for 2021/22 below:

Schedule of Rates for 2021/22

Please note all rates include GST.

Rate	Basis of Assessment	Differential (as per LG(R)A schedule 2	Rates 2021/22	
			Rate GST incl.	Total Rate GST incl.
GENERAL RATES				
Uniform Annual General Charge	Per SUIP	-	\$658.45	\$5,796,360
General Rate – General Differential	Capital Value	1 & 8	\$0.00175804	\$8,858,849
General Rate – Hydro Electrical Differential;	Capital Value	1 & 8	\$0.00106799	\$341,745
General Rate – Defence Land	Land Value	1	\$0.00075807	\$155,450
TARGETED RATES				
LAND TRANSPORT				
General	Capital Value	1	\$0.00075872	\$3,725,320
Hydro Electrical	Capital Value	1 & 8	\$0.00046100	\$147,516

Forestry	Capital Value	1	\$0.00226722	\$295,960
Kaha and Tau Street Resealing	Per rating unit		\$124.00	\$3,968
SOLID WASTE				
Solid Waste - Kerbside Collection				
Residential	Per SUIP	1&5	\$65.16	\$274,333
Commercial	Per SUIP	1 & 5	\$33.00	\$17,920
Solid Waste Charge	Per SUIP	-	\$72.99	\$642,601
STORMWATER - FLOOD PROTECTION				
Stormwater/Flood Protection Urban	Per SUIP		\$96.29	\$559,383
WASTEWATER				
District Wide Sewerage Rate				
General use (Inclusive of 2 pans)	Per SUIP	1 & 5	\$532.30	\$2,516,166
School Use	Per Pan	1 & 5	\$159.69	\$38,166
District Wide Additional Pan Rate				
General Use Per pan in excess of 2 pans per SUIP	Per Pan		\$266.15	\$383,520
WATER				
District Wide Water Rate				
Connected or capable of connection	Per SUIP	1 & 5	\$780.34	\$4,536,139
Extra-Ordinary	Per SUIP	1 & 5	\$936.41	\$34,647
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RATES				
Economic Development Rate	Per SUIP	-	\$52.18	\$459,366
Economic Development Commercial Rate	Capital Value	-	\$0.00124967	\$410,644
Non-Commercial Visitor Accommodation Targeted Rate	Per rating unit	-	\$300.00	\$156,600

13 Retrospective Adoption of Submission to Horizons' Long Term Plan

Note: Cr Gram left the meeting at 2:04PM and re-entered at 2:06PM

Note: Cr Pue left the meeting at 2:09PM and re-entered at 2:19PM

Members received a report seeking retrospective adoption of the submission to Horizons' Long Term Plan (LTP) 2021-31 submitted on 23 April 2021. Manager Land Transport spoke to the report and answered Members' questions.

Officers undertook to investigate if Horizons Regional Council could provide financial contribution through the Upper Whanganui River Scheme, to install Walkway Ramps to replace the current steps along the river walkway.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Doyle

Seconded: Cr Wheeler

- 1 *That the Retrospective Adoption of Submission to Horizons' Long Term Plan report be received.*
- 2 *That the Submission to Horizons' LTP 2021-2031 be retrospectively adopted.*

14 Local Government (Rating of Whenua Māori) Amendment Act

Note: Cr Pue was ABSENT for this item

Members received a report presenting an overview on the Local Government (Rating of Whenua Māori) Amendment Act 2021 (the Act), and the obligations this legislation imposes upon Council, as a local authority.

While the impacts of the Act may seem significant on Council's rating revenue, in reality rates are not being collected on a number of Māori land parcels, as they are already receiving a remission of rates under Council's Māori Freehold Rates Remission Policy. Rates arrears write offs will be captured in Council's Annual Report for 2021/22, and reported back to the Department of Internal Affairs. Council's Executive Manager Community and Economic Development spoke to the report and answered Members' questions.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Hoeta

Seconded: Cr Doyle

- 1 *That the Report on Local Government (Rating of Whenua Māori) Amendment Act 2021 be received.*

15 Adoption of Submission to Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2021

Note: Cr Ngatai left the meeting at 2:15PM and re-entered at 2:17PM

Note: Cr Hoeta left the meeting at 2:17PM and re-entered at 2:19PM

Members received a report seeking adoption of the submission to Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2021 from Council. Councillors were taken through the key changes at a workshop held on 26 May 2021, where feedback was sought to inform a submission to the proposed rule. Manager Land Transport spoke to the report and answered Members' questions.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Neeson

Seconded: Cr Doyle

- 1 *That the report on Adoption of Submission to Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2021 be received.*

- 2 *That the Submission to Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2021 be adopted and submitted to Waka Kotahi by 5.00pm on Friday 25 June 2021.*

16	Heavy Vehicle Restriction on Ruapehu Road between Dreadnought Road and Railway Row, Ohakune
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Note: Cr Pue left the meeting at 2:23PM and re-entered at 2:24PM

Members received a report seeking a resolution of Council to restrict heavy vehicles from using Ruapehu Road between Dreadnought Road and Railway Row, Ohakune under Land Transport Bylaw, Section 19, and Schedule 20: Restriction on Use of Road.

There have been many concerns regarding heavy vehicles crossing bridge number 404, the Ruapehu Rail Over Bridge on Ruapehu Road between Railway Row and Dreadnought Road. The bridge had restrictions of a gross weight of 5,000kg and a max of 2,500kg on any one axle. Despite the restrictions being advertised and reminders given to trucking companies, heavy vehicles continued to use the bridge. The bridge is now limited to a gross weight of 3,500kg and a max of 1,750kg on any one axle. Manager Land Transport spoke to the report and answered Members' questions, noting the report referred to the Railway over bridge only, and did not include the Mangateitei Bridge.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Neeson

Seconded: Cr Cosford

- 1 *That the report on Proposal to restrict heavy vehicles from using Ruapehu Road between Dreadnought Road and Railway Row, Ohakune under Land Transport Bylaw, Section 19, Schedule 20: Restriction on Use of Road Document/Subject be received.*
- 2 *That Council approves the below addition to Schedule 20 of the Land Transport Bylaw: Restriction on Use of Road.*
- (a) *Ruapehu Road – No Heavy Motor Vehicles (1750kg per axle, 3500kg gross) from Dreadnaught Road to Railway Row*

17	Annual Plan 2020/21 Financial Monitoring Report for the Month Ending 31 May 2021
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Members received a report monitoring Council's financial performance against the Annual Plan 2020/21. Council's Chief Executive spoke to the report and answered Members' questions.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Ngatai

Seconded: Cr Hoeta

- 1 *That the Annual Plan 2020/21 Financial Monitoring Report for the month ending 31 May 2021 be received.*

18 Housing Project- An Overview of Our Journey

Members received a report providing an overview of Council's work on housing initiatives within the Ruapehu district. Council's Chief Executive spoke to the report and answered Members' questions.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Doyle

Seconded: Cr Neeson

- 1 *That the report - Housing - an overview of our journey be received*

19 Mayor's Report: May 2021**RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr Doyle

Seconded: Cr Pue

- 1 *That the meeting continue past the 2-hour mark*

Members received a report advising Elected Members of appointments and meetings undertaken by the Mayor during the month of May 2021. The report also outlines fee-waiving applications approved (if any) by the Mayor during the same period. Mayor Cameron spoke to the report and answered members questions

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Ngatai

Seconded: Cr Doyle

- 1 *That the Mayor's Report: May 2021 be received.*

20 Chief Executive's Report: May 2021

Members received a Management Summary of activities for discussion. Detailed information on the activities was provided as an attachment to the report. Council's Chief Executive spoke to the report and answered members questions

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Doyle

Seconded: Cr Pue

- 1 *That the Chief Executive's Report: May 2021 be received.*

21 Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chief Executive and Elected Members' Reports (Verbal)

Members each gave verbal updates on recent and upcoming meetings, events and issues.

22 Resolution to Exclude the Public for Consideration of Council Business

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 Doyle

Seconded: Cr Neeson

- 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: 9 June 2021	The reason(s) for excluding the public is/are recorded in the Public Business Minutes of the meeting	48(1)(a)
C2: Adoption of Land Transport S17A review	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: Parks Reserves and Garden Maintenance Procurement		
C4: Upgrade and Amendment to Veolia Contract		
C5: Confidential Briefing		
C6: 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.*

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 4:00PM.

CONFIRMED

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Confirmed at Ohakune this 4th day of August, 2021.

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

Don Cameron, JP
MAYOR