

RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

MEETING HELD IN THE MIRIAMA ROOM, 10 MIRIAMA STREET, TAUMARUNUI
ON WEDNESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2021, AT 10:05AM

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
	Janelle Hinch	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward
	Vivienne Hoeta	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward
	Lyn Neeson	Ohura Ward
(via Zoom)	Rabbit Nottage	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward Left 12:44pm
	Elijah Pue	Waimarino-Waiouru Ward
	Kim Wheeler	Taumarunui Ward
(via Zoom)	Murray Wilson	National Park Ward
Staff	Clive Manley	Chief Executive
	Pauline Welch	Executive Manager Community & Economic Development
(via Zoom)	Warren Furner	Executive Manager Infrastructure
(via Zoom)	Sarah Matthews	Executive Manager Finance & Strategy
	Paul Wheatcroft	Executive Manager Communications
(via Zoom)	Stuart Watson	Environmental Manager (part)
(via Zoom)	Andrea Nicol	Manager Land Transport
(via Zoom)	Candice McNaught	Manager Policy & Strategy
	Kim Treen	Manager i-SITEs (part)
(via Zoom)	Peggy Veen	Manager Community & Economic Development
	Brenda Ralph	Team Leader Compliance
(via Zoom)	Kellie Burton	Capital Work Project Management
	Tasha Paladin	Governance Officer
In attendance	Lawrence Yule	
	Geoff Burton	
	Mark Tyrrell	
	Luke Pepper	Federated Farmers
	Lyndel Stone	
	Ian McKelvie	Member for Rangitikei
	Jo Kennedy	Visit Ruapehu (part)

1 Apologies

No apologies were received

2 Declarations of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared

3 Notification of Additional Items

No additional items were notified

4 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 Wheeler

Seconded: Cr Pue

- 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:

- Lawrence Yule spoke to Carbon Forestry problems in rural areas, and presented potential solutions to the large scale land-use change posed by Forestry [See Minute Attachment]
- Geoff Burton also spoke to the Carbon Forestry problems. He raised his concerns for the potential of large sections of land being abandoned as carbon values decrease in the future. A significant investment is required to return land from Pinus Radiata to sheep and cattle farming.
- Mark Tyrrell shared his views on the Government's Three Waters Reform and He Puapua based law changes.

The Meeting adjourned at 11:20AM and reconvened at 11:30AM

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Pue

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

5 Confirmation of Minutes: 8 September 2021**RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr Cosford

Seconded: Cr Pue

That the minutes of the Ruapehu District Council meeting dated 8 September 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record

6 Confirmation of Minutes: 22 September 2021**RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr Cosford

Seconded: Cr Pue

That the minutes of the Ruapehu District Council meeting dated 22 September 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record

7 Notice of Motion: Government's Proposed Three Waters Reform**RESOLVED**

Moved: Cr Doyle

Seconded: Cr Neeson

- 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 to engage in a free and frank discussion on the item*

Members were advised of the Notice received from Councillor Doyle proposing to move a motion to undertake a binding referendum, under section 9 of the Local Electoral Act 2001, in relation to the Government's Proposed Three Waters Reform.

Members were presented with a supporting report from the Returning Officer indicating the process could take three months and cost in the region of \$37,000. Legal opinion obtained from Simpson Grierson indicates there is risk in conducting a referendum until more details on the Government's proposal are known and advises against it at this time.

Members agreed the issue is complex with intergenerational consequences. They agreed to a future referendum to allow time for further information to be shared by the Government.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Doyle

Seconded: Cr Neeson

- 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 Item*

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Ngatai
 Seconded: Cr Pue

That the Council:

- 1 *Receive the Report **Notice of Motion: Government's Proposed Three Waters Reform***
- 2 ***Note** the advice from the Retuning Officer on the process and costs of a referendum*
- 3 ***Note** the legal opinion from Simpson Grierson on conducting a binding referendum with the information known at this time*

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Doyle
 Seconded: Cr Neeson

- 4 *That when the Three Waters Reform goes to the Select Committee, a referendum of Ruapehu District Council's residents and rate payers is undertaken as to whether they wish to opt in or opt out of the Government's proposed Three Waters Reform*

The Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:44PM and reconvened at 1:16PM

8 Dog Control Policy and Practice Report 2020/21

Note: Cr Nottage left the meeting at 12:44PM

Members were presented with the annual report on Council's Dog Control Policy and Practices for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 as required by Section 10A Dog Control Act 1996.

The requirement for Council to adopt an annual report on Dog Control Policies and Practices is a statutory one. When compiling such a report, Council is required to have regard to its Dog Control Policy 2018. Council's Team Leader Compliance spoke to the report and answered Members' questions.

It was noted that options for a dog exercise area in Waiouru could be explored when the Dog Control Policy is reviewed.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Ngatai
 Seconded: Cr Pue

That the Council:

- 1 *Receive the Report **Dog Control Policy and Practice Report 2020/21***
- 2 *Adopt the Ruapehu District Council Annual Report on Dog Control Policy and Practices for 2020/2021, pursuant to Section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996*

9 Document Signed and Sealed: 46 Findlay Street, National Park

Members were presented with endorsement copies of documents signed under Seal by the Mayor and Chief Executive.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Pue
 Seconded: Cr Doyle

That the Council:

- 1 *Receive the Report **Document Signed and Sealed: 46 Findlay Street, National Park***
- 2 *Approve the action by the Mayor and Chief Executive in executing the following documents:*

Relocatable Refundable Bond Agreement	Owner:	Grzegorz (Greg) and Helen Sosna
	Description:	46 Findlay Street National Park

10 Annual Meeting and Workshop Schedule 2022

Members were presented with a proposed schedule of meetings and workshops for 2022 for adoption. Council's Chief Executive spoke to the report and answered Members' questions.

The Audit & Risk Committee, Community Boards and Ward Committee will need to adopt their own meeting schedules for 2022

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Pue
 Seconded: Cr Hoeta

That the Council:

- 1 *Receive the Report **Annual Meeting and Workshop Schedule 2022***
- 2 *Adopt the Annual Meeting and Workshop Schedule 2022 attached as an appendix to the report dated 6 October 2021, titled "Annual Meeting Schedule 2022"*
- 3 **Note** *Workshops and Briefings will, where possible, be held on a Wednesday that does not coincide with a scheduled Council Meeting, and commence at 10:00am*
- 4 **Note** *the Inaugural Meeting of the New Council is scheduled for Wednesday 19 October 2022 at 10:00am*

11 Annual Plan 2021/22 Financial Monitoring Report for the Month Ending 31 August 2021

Members received a report monitoring Council's financial performance against the Annual Plan 2021/22. It was noted the report had previously been presented to the Audit and Risk Committee 20 September. Council's Executive Managers Infrastructure and Finance & Strategy spoke to the report and answered Members' questions.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Pue
 Seconded: Cr Gram

That the Council:

- 1 *Receive the Report **Annual Plan 2021/22 Financial Monitoring Report for the Month Ending 31 August 2021***

12 Mayor's Report: August 2021

Members received a report advising Elected Members of appointments and meetings undertaken by the Mayor during the month of August 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 Pue
Seconded: Cr Hoeta

That the Council:

- 1 *Receive the Report **Mayor's Report: August 2021***

13 Chief Executive's Report: August 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.

Council's Chief Executive advised delays to sourcing materials and availability of alternative materials had contributed to the toilet programme delay; he was awaiting a revised completion date from the contractor and Members would be updated accordingly.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr Ngatai
Seconded: Cr Hinch

That the Council:

- 1 *Receive the Report **Chief Executive's Report: August 2021***

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

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

- Cr Ngatai advised she was happy for the Targa Rally Temporary Road Closure application to be presented in retrospect at the next meeting of the Taumarunui/Ohura Ward Committee.

15 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 Pue
Seconded: Cr Hoeta

- 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 considered 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: 8 September 2021	The reason(s) for excluding the public is/are recorded in the Public Business Minutes of the meeting	48(1)(a)
C2: i-SITE Submission of Non-binding Expression of Interest to VIN Future Network Proposal	To protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence where the making available of information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information; or would be likely to otherwise damage the public interest.	S7(2)(c)
C3: Confidential Briefing	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.	s7(2)(f)(ii)
C4: Council-only time (Officers Excluded)		s7(2)(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 which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as stated in the above table.

The Public Business part of the meeting concluded at 2:06PM.

Confirmed this 10th day of November 2021.



Don Cameron, JP
MAYOR