



Rangitikei District Council

Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Order Paper – Thursday 13 November 2014 – 9:30 a.m.

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The quorum for the Assets/Infrastructure Committee is 5

At its meeting of 28 October 2010 Council resolved that ‘The quorum at any meeting of a standing committee or sub-committee of the Council (including Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, the Community Committees, the Reserve Management Committees and the Rural Water Supply Management Sub-committees) is that required for a meeting of the local authority in SO 2.4.3 and 3.4.3.’ These Standing Orders were confirmed for the 2013-16 triennium by Council on 31 October 2013.

1 Welcome

2 Council prayer

3 Apologies/Leave of absence

4 Confirmation of order of business

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

5 Confirmation of minutes

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 16 October 2014 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

6 Chair's report

A report will be tabled at the meeting.

File ref: 1-CT-13-1

Recommendation

That the Chair's report to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 13 November 2014 be received.

7 Activity Management

The non-financial reporting templates for October 2014, covering the following groups of activities are attached:

- Roding & Footpaths
- Water Supply
- Sewerage and the Treatment and Disposal of Sewage
- Stormwater Drainage
- Community & Leisure assets
- Rubbish & Recycling

Recommendation

That the non-financial reporting templates for Asset based groups of activities for October 2014 be received.

8 Roading – update on NZTA decisions on the Funding Assistance Rate and the One Network Road Classification

The New Zealand Transport Agency Board has made a final decision on Funding Assistance Rates to apply until 2023/24. This provides a 63% rate for Rangitikei. While higher than our current base rate (58%), this new rate will cover major projects (notably bridges – currently 68%) and those emergency works below the trigger for Enhanced Emergency Works FAR. Calculations are being done to determine the overall financial impact if this new FAR had been in place over the past ten years (allowing for the likelihood that the damage from very significant storm events, such as in of 2004, would have been funded at the enhanced level).

The remaining variable is the One Network Road Classification, for which a final announcement is pending. If there is significant variation between the standard set by this national classification and the current standard of the District's roads, that could mean a larger rating need or a reduction in the maintenance standard.

9 LGNZ – 3 Waters Study – proposed response to key issues

Local Government New Zealand's recently released an issues paper on the back of their recent national survey on local council provision of water services. The key issues facing the local government sector's ability to improve performance are seen as:

- investing to replace and renew existing assets;
- investing to meet rising standards and increasing expectations; and
- providing end-users with the right incentives to use water infrastructure and services efficiently.

LGNZ is seeking feedback on the report by 21 November. At the meeting, members will be asked for their views on what this feedback should cover. This will be the basis for preparing the written comment to LGNZ by the due date. It will be circulated to Elected Members.

10 Options for Rural Community Halls

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 6-CF-3-4

Recommendations

- 1 That the memorandum 'Options for Rural Community Halls' to the 13 November 2014 meeting of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee be received.
- 2 That the Chief Executive be authorised to enter into formal service agreements with the Hall Committees of the Koititata, Makohau, Mataroa, Ohingati, Ohutu, Omatane, Tutaenui and Wainui Rural Community Halls.

11 Wilson Park – Plan for development of facilities

A report is attached

File ref: 6-RF-1-18

Recommendation

That the Report, 'Wilson Park – Plan for development of facilities', be received.

12 Skate Park Facilities in Marton

A submission from Roman Strong and 161 others is attached. The Committee may wish to recommend that a report be provided on the current state of skate parks in the District and upgrade proposals for Council's 29 January 2015 meeting.

13 Strategic Study of Rangitikei Aquatic Facilities

A report is attached. A letter from the outgoing Chairperson of the Taihape Community development Trust, to the Chairperson of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee, has been sent separately to Elected Members.

File ref: 6-RF-2-4

Recommendations

- 1 That the report 'Strategic Study of Rangitikei Aquatic Facilities' be received.
- 2 That the management of the Taihape Swim Centre from 1 July 2015 be on the basis of a two-year contract (with option to renew for a further two years) and following the terms in the current management contract with the Marton Swim Centre as closely as practicable and that

EITHER

this proceed through invited tenders from potentially qualified organisations, including the Taihape Community Development Trust

OR

this proceed initially as a direct negotiation with the Taihape Community Development Trust, unless there is no agreement by 31 March 2015, when tenders will be invited from other potentially qualified organisations.

14 Operational Policies - Roothing and Footpaths Group of Activities

During the review of the Policy Manual in 2012/13, two roading operational policies were identified for review.

The first is Unformed Legal Roads Policy; the review of this policy specifically needed to ensure that the Walking Access Commission is involved in Council decisions to stop or re-route any unformed legal roads. Council staff are meeting with staff from the Department of Conservation and the Walking Access Commission on 10 November: feedback on this draft policy from that meeting will be conveyed to the Committee.

The second is the Footpaths and Vehicle Crossings Policy; the review was particularly instigated to ensure that Council has a provision to charge for reinstatement of footpaths and vehicle crossings following damage from development or inappropriate use.

These draft policies are on the agenda for Assets/Infrastructure and Policy/Planning Committees.

Recommendations:

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee recommends that the Policy/Planning Committee adopts the Unformed Legal Roads Policy [as amended] and Footpaths and Vehicle Crossings Policy [as amended] for inclusion in the Roothing and Footpaths Group of Activities Operational Policies.

15 Consent compliance – July-October 2014

A report is attached.

File ref: 5-EX-4

Recommendation

That the report 'Consent Compliance – July-October 2014' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting on 13 November 2014 be received.

16 Potential sites for Community Gardens in Bulls

A report is attached

File ref: 1-AS-1-1

Recommendations

- 1 That the report "Potential Sites for Community Gardens in Bulls' be received.
- 2 That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee approves the inclusion of Walker Park, Bridge Street and Haylock Park, Taumaihi Street as available sites for establishing a community garden, subject to the application process outlined in the Policy, Community Gardens in the Rangitikei.

17 Progress with resolving uncertainty over responsibility for Council's stormwater drainage network in urban areas

A preliminary report and project plan will be presented to the Committee's first meeting in 2015.

18 Late items

19 Future items for the agenda

20 Next meeting

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21 Meeting closed