



Rangitikei District Council

Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 12 March 2015 – 9:39 a.m.

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Present: Cr Dean McManaway (Chair)
Cr Mike Jones
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Ruth Rainey
Cr Lynne Sheridan

In attendance: Mr Hamish Waugh, Infrastructure Group Manager
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mr George McIrvine, Finance & Business Support Group Manager
Ms Gaylene Prince, Community & Leisure Services Team Leader
Mr Reuben Pokiha, Operations Manager - Roading
Ms Joanna Saywell, Asset Manager – Utilities
Mr David Rei Miller, Asset Engineer – Utilities
Mr Mike Fletcher, Project Engineer - Utilities
Mr Chris Pepper, Project Engineer – Utilities
Mr Andrew van Bussel, Operations Manager – Utilities
Mr Don Stewart, Project Engineer – Utilities
Mr Johan Cullis, Environmental Services Team Leader
Ms Samantha Whitcombe, Governance Administrator

Tabled documents: **Item 6** Chair's Report
Item 8 Budget Queries Raised at Finance/Performance Committee, 26 February 2015 (updated)

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Council Prayer

Cr McManaway read the council prayer.

3 Apologies/Leave of absence

That the apology for absence from His Worship the Mayor, Cr Harris Cr Gordon and Cr Peke-Mason be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Jones. Carried

4 Confirmation of order of business

The Chair informed the Committee that there would be no change to the order of business from that set out in the agenda.¹

5 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number	15/AIN/009	File Ref
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That the Minutes of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 12 February 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

6 Chair's report

Resolved minute number	15/AIN/010	File Ref	1-CT-13-1
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That the Chair's report to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 12 March 2015 be received.

Cr McManaway / Cr Sheridan. Carried

7 Activity management templates

Mr Pokiha, Mr Pepper, Mr Miller, Ms Prince and Mr Waugh spoke to the activity management templates for Asset based groups of activities.

¹ Item 10 was subsequently taken after Item 7 as Mr Lowe was present at the meeting.

Mr Pokiha noted that construction of the replacement Wylie's Bridge had started followed by a blessing ceremony by local Iwi. The Committee asked if the project plan could be circulated, along with clarification about access over the existing bridge.

The Committee sought clarification on any undertaking made by the Government to funding a replacement Mangaweka Bridge when the state highway was routed away from that bridge.

Mr Pokiha noted that the price from the contractor to install the off-road parking bay at Gumboot Park (\$30,000) was significantly higher than the engineer's estimate (\$18-20,000) and this was under discussion.

The Committee asked for clarification on the terms of the resource consent granted for the Marton Waste Transfer Station. Green waste was piling up above the fence line along King Street and a neighbouring resident had questioned this.

Resolved minute number	15/AIN/011	File Ref	5-EX-4
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That the non-financial reporting templates for Asset based groups of activities for February 2015 be received.

Cr Jones / Cr Rainey. Carried

10 Bulls Wastewater Treatment Plant

Hamish Lowe, from Lowe Environmental Impact, was present at the meeting to speak to the report on the Bulls Wastewater Treatment Plant. He provided a brief overview of the report and gave further detail to the various options for the treatment plant.

The existing treatment plant was fundamentally sound and the discharge to the river (monitored over ten years) had effects which were no more than minor. At present, the discharge was direct from the second pond. However, this was not acceptable to Iwi, who preferred discharge to land. This could be achieved, but at a probable cost of around \$5 million. The Resource Management Act had scope for councils to take affordability issue into account.

Creating a meandering wetland ("rapid infiltration") was a potential compromise, as it would not mean a direct discharge to the river. Given the quality of discharge to the river, there would be no detrimental effects on ground water. The rain risk (and to the treatment facility as a whole) was from several floods in the river, leading to over-topping of the ponds.

He anticipated the resource consent being lodged by 31 March 2015, if the Committee accepted the recommendations in the report.

Resolved minute number **15/AIN/013** **File Ref**

That the report 'Bulls Wastewater Upgrade: Best Practicable Option Report' by Lowe Environmental to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting 12 March 2015 be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/AIN/014** **File Ref**

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee endorses the recommendations included in the report from Lowe Environmental Impact on the Bulls Wastewater Treatment Plant, being:

- Investigate the practicality of a Rapid Infiltration system adjacent to the existing Bulls WWTP to reduce the extent of direct discharge to the Rangitikei River.
- Pursue the opportunities for a summer seasonal land discharge of wastewater from the Bulls WWTP; and
- Pursue the consenting of the entire Bulls WWTP discharge to the Rangitikei River, to ensure that the WWTP can remain irrespective of any summer seasonal discharge arrangement being successful.

Cr Jones / Cr Belsham. Carried

8 Budget Queries Raised at Finance/Performance Committee, 26 February 2015

The report was taken as read. Council staff were asked to investigate options for the use of the excess budget for public toilets, particularly to improve the interior of the Lower High Street toilets in Marton, and to report back to the Committee's next meeting.

Resolved minute number **15/AIN/012** **File Ref** 3-CT-14-1

That the memorandum 'Budget Queries Raised at Finance/Performance Committee, 26 February 2015' be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Belsham. Carried

9 Options to deliver services for Council parks and town maintenance

Ms Prince narrated a PowerPoint presentation on the delivery of services for Council's parks and town maintenance, currently contracted to Fulton Hogan. Mr Cullis provided some detail on the process undertaken by Waitomo District Council in bringing some of these services back in-house.

A formal written report on the matter would be provided for Council's consideration on 26 March 2015.

11 Mangaweka Camping Ground Ablution Block

Ms Prince spoke briefly to the report. The Chair noted the support from the Mayor and Cr Aslett to rebuilding the ablution block. The Committee asked for clarification on the minimum requirements for toilets at the campground, including over disability access.

Resolved minute number **15/AIN/015** **File Ref** 6-RF-1-1

That the 'Mangaweka Camping Ground Ablution Block' report be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **15/AIN/016** **File Ref** 6-RF-1-1

That the Assets and Infrastructure Committee support redirecting the unspent portion of the funding allocated to upgrade the Mangaweka Camping Ground on-site sewage disposal system towards an ablution block upgrade at the camping ground, and that the proposed scope, scale and cost of the upgrade be approved by the Chief Executive within the budget available.

Cr Belsham / Cr Rainey. Carried

12 Consent Compliance – Jul 2014 to Feb 2015

Ms Saywell spoke briefly to the report. Mr Waugh provided further detail on the upcoming meeting with Horizons Regional Council's Environmental Committee on the non-compliance issue at some of the wastewater treatment plants within the District.

Resolved minute number **15/AIN/** **File Ref** 5-EX-4

That the report 'Consent Compliance – Jul 2014 to Feb 2015' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 12 March 2015 be received.

Cr Jones / Cr Sheridan. Carried

13 Late items

Nil

14 Future items for the agenda

Nil

15 Next meeting

Thursday 9 April 2015, 9.30 am

16 Meeting closed – 11.42 am

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____