



# Rangitikei District Council

## Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 9 July 2015 – 9:35 a.m.

---

### Contents

1	Welcome .....	3
2	Council prayer .....	3
3	Apologies/Leave of absence.....	3
4	Confirmation of order of business .....	3
5	Confirmation of Minutes.....	3
6	Chair’s report .....	3
7	Marton Swim Centre – 2014/15 Season Update .....	3
8	Activity management templates.....	4
9	Resource consent compliance – update .....	5
10	Update on work to address impacts of 20-21 June 2015 on the District’s roading network.....	5
11	Additional roading proposals .....	6
12	Giving effect to decisions in the adopted 2015/25 Long Term Plan for community housing.....	6
13	Parks Upgrades Partnership Fund .....	7
14	Frae-Ona Park – stormwater discharge .....	7
	Mr van Bussel undertook to investigate the matter with a view to finding a low-cost solution. ....	8
15	Water Mains Options Investigation for Dixon Way/Mangaone Valley Road, Taihape .....	8
16	Late items.....	9
17	Future items for the agenda .....	9
18	Next meeting.....	9
19	Meeting closed -12.06pm .....	9

**Present:** Cr Mike Jones  
Cr Nigel Belsham  
Cr Soraya Peke-Mason  
Cr Ruth Rainey  
Cr Lynne Sheridan  
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

**Also Present:** Councillor Cath Ash

**Apologies:** Cr Angus Gordon (for lateness)  
Cr Tim Harris (for lateness)  
Cr Dean McManaway

**In attendance:** Mr Hamish Waugh, Infrastructure Group Manager  
Mr Michael Hodder, Community Services Group Manager  
Mr Reuben Pokiha, Roading Operations Manager  
Mr Jim Mestyaneck, Senior Project Engineer, Roading  
Ms Joanna Saywell, Utilities Assets Manager  
Mr Andrew van Bussel, Utilities Operations Manager  
Mr Glenn Young, Utilities Project Manager  
Ms Priscilla Jeffrey, Governance Administrator

**Tabled Items:** **Item 8:** Activity Management Templates\*  
**Item 9:** Report 'Consent Compliance – Jul 2014 to June 2015'

\*circulated electronically to Elected Members before the meeting

## 1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2 Council prayer

The Chair, Councillor Jones, read the Council prayer.

## 3 Apologies/Leave of absence

That the apologies from Councillor Harris and Gordon for lateness and Councillor McManaway for absence be received.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Sheridan. Carried

## 4 Confirmation of order of business

The Chair advised that item 10 would be considered in conjunction with item 8.

## 5 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number	15/AIN/043	File Ref
------------------------	------------	----------

That the Minutes of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 11 June 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham / Cr Rainey. Carried

## 6 Chair's report

The Chair advised that he did not have anything to report this month.

## 7 Marton Swim Centre – 2014/15 Season Update

Councillor Gordon entered the meeting at 9.33am

Representing Nicholls Swim Academy, Mr Trevor Nicholls gave an update on the 2014/15 season. Patronage from out of town was up 30% and the Academy was already fielding enquiries for January 2016.

Cr Harris entered the meeting at 9.42am

The main points covered in the update and subsequent questions were:

- The dive well had deteriorated, had major leaks and had been fenced off.

- The loss of funding from Water Safety New Zealand (through Sport Whanganui) had led to schools choosing to undertake coaching themselves, booking lanes at the Pool to do this. This was not an ideal outcome as teachers were not trained to coach and (because of regulations) were not able to be in the pool with the students. Council's decision to waive entry fees for children having lessons would help rectify this.
- Future development for the Aquatic Centre included
  - creating a development squad (sponsored by the Academy) – the Academy would approach primary schools to enlist representative swimmers and transport those swimmers to the Marton Pool once a week to further their training.
  - triathlete training, which was open to all ages, and to continue with the special needs learn to swim. Last year the Academy received good feedback on the special needs learn to swim programme.
  - a 10 week swimming programme for 40 pre-schoolers (funded by an external sponsor). Expression of interest would be sought throughout the district and the first 40 would be selected for the lessons.
  - installation of a splash pad in the grassed area where the dive well existed (funded from the community). A splash pad was an area of water which did not need pool attendance and would be monitored by parents. Drawings of the new facility would be made available to Elected Members in due course.

**Resolved minute number**

**15/AIN/044**

**File Ref**

**6-RF-2-2**

That the report 'Marton Swim Centre – 2014/15 Season Update' and the operational report from Nicholls Swim Academy be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried

## **8 Activity management templates**

Mr Waugh, Mr Pokiha, Ms Saywell, Mr Young, Mr van Bussel and Ms Prince spoke to the tabled non-financial reporting templates for June 2015, covering the following groups of activities (and including Request for Service details):

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

Cr Harris left the meeting at 10.10am/10.11am

Mr Pokiha informed the Committee about the work being undertaken to address the impacts of 19-21 June 2015 rain event on the District's roading network. Staff and contractors worked from dawn to dusk from Saturday through to Monday to clear roads.

The change of contractors from 1 July 2015 overall worked smoothly: twelve employees had transferred from Downers to Higgins, six or seven were sub-contracted and others were looking to transfer to Downers operations in Wanganui, Central Hawkes Bay or Taumarunui.

There were nine areas on the network that had been affected by slips, blocked culverts and fallen trees. This was an ongoing challenge to clear. Two roads had been closed being Mount Curl and the Te Houhou Bridge.

The New Zealand Transport Agency had approved an initial grant of \$500,000 in recognition there were substantial costs in the remedial work on the network. Mr Pokiha estimated that the emergency works Funding Assistance Rate (FAR) for 2014/15 would be around 82%. Different rules for the FAR applied from 1 July 2015.

Mr Mestynek, who is responsible for bridges in Rangitikei and Manawatu, noted that structural damage to Te Houhou Bridge was the first urgent issue: a Bailey bridge had been installed as a temporary solution – it could cope with full class 1 loading which was required for milk tankers.

Cr Peke-Mason left the meeting at 10.32am/10.34am

Cr Harris left the meeting at 10.44am/10.49am

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>15/AIN/045</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>5-EX-4</b>
-------------------------------	-------------------	-----------------	---------------

That the activity management templates for Roading and footpaths, Water, Sewage and the treatment and disposal of sewerage, Stormwater drainage, Community and leisure assets, and Rubbish and recycling for June 2015 be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Gordon. Carried

## **9 Resource consent compliance – update**

Ms Saywell spoke briefly to the tabled report.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>15/AIN/046</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>3-CT-13-4</b>
-------------------------------	-------------------	-----------------	------------------

That the report 'Resource consent compliance – update' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 9 July 2015 be received.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Harris. Carried

## **10 Update on work to address impacts of 20-21 June 2015 on the District's roading network**

This was covered in item 8.

## 11 Additional roading proposals

At its meeting on 11 June 2015, the Committee resolved that staff present options/projects to the Committee's July meeting for consideration in terms of utilising the savings to be realised through the new road maintenance contract. The impact of the heavy rain during 20-21 June 2015 on the District's roading network meant that this analysis had been postponed. It was intended that it be presented to the Committee's September meeting.

## 12 Giving effect to decisions in the adopted 2015/25 Long Term Plan for community housing

Ms Prince spoke briefly to the report. His Worship the Mayor wondered whether surplus buildings at Taihape Hospital might be suitable for community housing in Taihape. Clarification was given to Committee members that the recommendations were for investigations: any proposed financial commitments would be come through a report to the Committee.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/AIN/047**                      **File Ref**                      **6-CF-1-14**

That the report 'Giving effect to decisions in the adopted 2015/25 Long Term Plan for community housing' is received.

Cr Harris / Cr Belsham. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/AIN/048**                      **File Ref**                      **6-CF-1-14**

That the initial focus for maintenance, refurbishment and upgrades for Council's community housing is on the Huia Street (Taihape) and Wellington Road (Marton) complexes.

Cr Gordon / Cr Rainey. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/AIN/049**                      **File Ref**                      **6-CF-1-14**

That expressions of interest are sought for the ownership/management of Council's community housing, allowing for both a whole-of-District approach as well as individual towns.

Cr Rainey / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/AIN/050**                      **File Ref**                      **6-CF-1-14**

That Council officers engage with the Whanganui District Health Board to see if there is any opportunity to discuss using the Board's surplus facilities for community housing.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Harris. Carried

An undertaking was given to inform all residents in Council's community housing about these decisions.

### **13 Parks Upgrades Partnership Fund**

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the report. His Worship the Mayor noted that this form of funding did not preclude direct funding by Council.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/AIN/051**                      **File Ref**                      **1-AS-1-1**

That the report on "Scheme for community-led park upgrades" be received.

HWTM / Cr Harris. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/AIN/052**                      **File Ref**                      **1-AS-1-1**

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee approves the process for allocating funding for small-scale, community-led capital projects as outlined in the report "Scheme for community-led park upgrades".

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried

<b>Undertaking</b>	<b>Subject</b>	Allocating funding for small-scale, community-led capital projects
--------------------	----------------	--

An undertaking was given to contact those individuals/groups who had made submissions to "What's the Plan Rangitikei...?" so that they knew about the process, and also to advise the Community Committees and Community Boards at their next scheduled meetings.

### **14 Frae-Ona Park – stormwater discharge**

Committee members were uncertain that the issue had been completely understood – i.e. that the pond waters were refreshed during the drier months rather than having storm water being discharged directly into the Tutaenui Stream

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/AIN/053**                      **File Ref**                      **6-RF-1-7**

That the report on "Scheme for community-led park upgrades" be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Harris. Carried

Mr van Bussel undertook to investigate the matter with a view to finding a low-cost solution.

## **15 Water Mains Options Investigation for Dixon Way/Mangaone Valley Road, Taihape**

Ms Saywell spoke to the report.

The Committee sought clarification why Council was considering upsizing the reticulation in Otaihape Road, Dixon Way and Mangaone Valley Road, how the affected sections were zoned in the District Plan, and legal requirements over fire-fighting capacity. Mr Waugh noted that the current feeder pipe was near the end of its useful life and there was the opportunity to bring these areas within the Taihape urban reticulation scheme. The budget for this had been included within the projections summarised in the Long Term Plan.

Since a decision to design and construct an upsized reticulation would require a Council resolution, deferring the matter to that meeting would enable further information to be obtained.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/AIN/054**                      **File Ref**                      **6-WS-3-6**

That the report on Water Mains Options Investigation for Dixon Way/Mangaone Valley Road, Taihape be received.

Cr Jones / Cr Rainey. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/AIN/055**                      **File Ref**                      **6-WS-3-6**

That the following recommendations be deferred to the next scheduled Council meeting:

- (i) That the Council approves the project to design and construction to upsize the reticulation in Otaihape Valley Road, Dixon Way and Mangaone Valley Road to address low pressure and flow issues, with an allowance for fire flows, for an estimated overall sum of \$315,650 + GST.
- (ii) That \$100,000 be brought forward from Year 2 of the 2015-25 Long Term Plan into Year 1 and that the water renewals budget in Year 1 of the Long Term Plan (2015/16) be increased by \$120,000 to allow the works to be completed in the 2015/16 financial year.

Cr Jones / Cr Gordon. Carried



**16 Late items**

Nil

**17 Future items for the agenda**

Nil

**18 Next meeting**

Thursday 13 August 2015, 9.30 am

**19 Meeting closed -12.06pm**

**Confirmed/Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date: