



# Rangitikei District Council

## Assets/Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 11 February 2016 – 9:36 a.m.

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**Present:** Cr Dean McManaway (Chair)  
Cr Mike Jones  
Cr Cath Ash  
Cr Richard Aslett  
Cr Nigel Belsham  
Cr Angus Gordon  
Cr Tim Harris  
Cr Soraya Peke-Mason  
Cr Ruth Rainey  
Cr Lynne Sheridan  
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

**Also present:** Cr Richard Aslett

**In attendance:** Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive  
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager  
Mr George McIrvine, Finance & Business Support Group Manager  
Mr Glenn Young, Project Engineer – Utilities  
Ms Joanna Saywell, Asset Manager – Utilities  
Mr John Jones, Asset Manager - Roading  
Mr Reuben Pokiha, Operations Manager - Roading  
Mr Andrew van Bussel, Operations Manager - Utilities  
Ms Samantha Whitcombe, Governance Administrator

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| <b>Tabled Documents:</b> | <b>Item 6</b>  | <b>Chair's Report</b> – Chair's Report   |
|                          | <b>Item 8</b>  | <b>Activity Management Templates</b> – Additional Roading Information  |
|                          | <b>Item 10</b> | <b>Review of the Vehicle Dimensions &amp; Mass (VDAM) Rule</b> - Draft submission to the Associate Minister of Transport |
|                          | <b>Item 17</b> | <b>Late Items</b> – Proposed new amenity block on Taihape Memorial Park  |

## 1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced John Jones, the new Roding Asset Manager for both Rangitikei and Manawatu District Councils, to the Committee.

## 2 Council Prayer

Cr Harris read the Council prayer.

## 3 Apologies/leave of absence

That the apologies for lateness from Cr Gordon and Cr Peke-Mason and the apologies for having to leave early from His Worship the Mayor and Cr Jones, be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Rainey. Carried

## 4 Confirmation of order of business

| Resolved minute number | 16/AIN/001 | File Ref |
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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, the Proposed new amenity block on Taihape Memorial Park be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Rainey. Carried

Cr Gordon arrived 9.39am

## 5 Confirmation of minutes

The Committee agreed that in Item 10 of the previous meeting's minutes the sentence should read: "Mr Waugh stressed that, if the leachate was not treated to a level where it could be received as wastewater, **additional** trade waste fees would apply – but only if the leachate did not compromise the plant and compliance with its discharge consent."

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That the Minutes of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 12 November 2015, as amended, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Gordon. Carried

## 6 Chair's Report

The Chair's report was tabled at the meeting.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/AIN/003**                      **File Ref**

That the Chair's report to the 11 February 2016 meeting of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee be received.

Cr McManaway / Cr Jones. Carried

## 7 Queries raised at previous meeting

The Committee noted that there were no queries raised at the previous meeting.

## 8 Activity Management

Mr Young introduced John Jones, the new Roding Asset Manager for both Rangitikei and Manawatu District Councils. Mr Jones provided a brief employment background and its relevance to his new position.

Mr Pokiha spoke briefly to the non-financial reporting templates for November 2015 to January 2016 for Roding and footpaths. The Committee asked that the additional spread sheet provided as a tabled document be provided to future meetings.

Cr Peke-Mason arrived 9.43am

The Committee questioned the current contractor's use of machinery that appears to be damaging the seal on some roads. Mr Pokiha informed the Committee that the contractor had been informed of this damage, that the machinery was no longer being used, and that any repairs needed would be made at the contractor's expense.

The Committee also asked for an update to the next meeting on the repair works from the June 2015 flood event.

The Chair suggested that the other sections of the Activity Management Plans be considered after considering item 9.

Cr Harris left the meeting 10.10am / 10.13am

## 9 Performance to date of Higgins Contractor

Mr Pokiha spoke to his report. The Committee expressed their disappointment at the contractor's performance regarding the mowing of rural berms in the District. Mr Pokiha informed the Committee that several management-level meetings had taken place between Council and Higgins, and both parties were actively engaged in a process to remedy the contractor's under-performance.

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| <b>Resolved minute number</b> | <b>16/AIN/004</b> | <b>File Ref</b> | <b>5-CM-1-C980</b> |
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That the report 'Performance to date of Higgins Contractor' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting of 11 February 2016 be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Jones. Carried

## 8 Activity Management

Continued...

Ms Saywell spoke briefly to the non-financial reporting templates for November 2015 to January 2016 for Water (including rural water supplies), highlighting the substantial increase in water take in Mangaweka. The cause of this increase was a substantial leak on a property in the area. Ms Saywell informed the Committee that staff were in discussion with the landowner to remedy the situation, which could potentially come at Council's cost as it is not yet known if it is Council's infrastructure that is the cause of the leak.

Ms Saywell spoke briefly to the non-financial reporting templates for November 2015 to January 2016 for Sewerage and the treatment, disposal of sewerage and Stormwater drainage and Rubbish and recycling, suggesting that there was nothing major to highlight to the Committee. Cr Belsham asked Ms Saywell to look into the trial period for altering the opening hours of the Marton Waste Transfer Station on the weekends, which had been agreed to last year. It appears as though this trial period has not yet begun.

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the non-financial reporting templates for November 2015 to January 2016 for Community and leisure assets (including parks). Cr Sheridan asked that staff investigate the whereabouts of the volleyball net for Wilson Park, it was returned to Ms Prince as it was not installed properly and has yet to be reinstalled.

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| <b>Resolved minute number</b> | <b>16/AIN/005</b> | <b>File Ref</b> | <b>5-EX-4</b> |
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That the activity management templates for November 2015-January 2016 for Roding, Water (including rural water supplies), Sewerage (and the treatment and disposal of sewage), Stormwater drainage, Community and leisure assets, and Rubbish and recycling be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

Cr Peke-Mason left the meeting 10.37am / 10.38am

Cr Sheridan left the meeting 10.37am / 10.39am

Cr Harris left the meeting 10.45am / 10.48am

## **12 Consent compliance - July 2015 to January 2016**

Ms Saywell spoke briefly to the report.

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| <b>Resolved minute number</b> | <b>16/AIN/006</b> | <b>File Ref</b> | <b>5-EX-3</b> |
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That the report 'Consent compliance – July 2015 to January 2016' be received.

Cr Jones / Cr Gordon. Carried

## **13 Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant as at 1 February 2016**

Ms Saywell spoke briefly to the report informing the Committee that the advisory group had met late last year and are due to meet again this month.

Alternative disposal sites for the sludge from the Bulls wastewater treatment plant were being investigated. The critical issue was its high zinc content, potentially able to be dealt with through bulking up with green waste or straw. Allowing the sludge to dry on the hard surface of the Bulls landfill meant a reduction to 20% of its initial weight. His Worship the Mayor expressed his desire to see this issue resolved within the current financial year and not carried-forward to the next.

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| <b>Resolved minute number</b> | <b>16/AIN/007</b> | <b>File Ref</b> | <b>6-WW-1-4</b> |
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That the report 'Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant as at 1 February 2016' be received.

Cr Jones / Cr Belsham. Carried

## **14 Outcome of Public Consultation on Water Mains Options for Dixon Way, Taihape**

Ms Saywell spoke briefly to the report. The Committee expressed a desire for staff to investigate the potential for other service providers to use the same trench at the same time as Council when renewing the reticulation in Dixon Way.

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| <b>Resolved minute number</b> | <b>16/AIN/008</b> | <b>File Ref</b> | <b>6-WS-3-10</b> |
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That the report 'Outcome of Public Consultation on Water Mains Options for Dixon Way, Taihape' be received.

Cr Gordon / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/AIN/009**                      **File Ref**

That Council give approval to proceed with the design and construction to renew the reticulation in Otaihape Valley Road, Dixon Way and Mangaone Valley Road to address low pressure and flow issues, without allowance for fire flows, for an estimated overall sum of \$219,175, with construction to be programmed in 2015/16 and 2016/17 using budgets already set in the Long Term Plan.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Sheridan. Carried

## **15 Proposed carry-forwards to 2016/17**

Mr Young spoke briefly to the report. Cr Peke-Mason expressed concern from the Ratana Community Board that vehicles were damaging the new berms in the urupa.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/AIN/010**                      **File Ref**                      **1-AP-2**

That the Schedule of proposed carry-forwards to 2016/17 be received.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Sheridan. Carried

## **10 Review of the Vehicle Dimensions & Mass (VDAM) Rule**

A draft submission was tabled at the meeting. Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the item. The Committee expressed a desire to see the pinch-points within the District pointed out in the submission, as well as highlighting the fact that there is an allowed tolerance at 44T but not at 50T and whether or not these potential amendments will bring about any issues with the width of bridges within the District.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/AIN/011**                      **File Ref**

That the draft submission on the Review of the Vehicles Dimensions & Mass (VDAM) Rule be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Rainey. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/AIN/012**                      **File Ref**

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee recommends that, following consideration by His Worship the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and the Chief Executive, the Mayor be authorised to sign, on behalf of the Council, the submission [as amended/without amendment] to the Associate Minister of Transport on the Review of the Vehicles Dimensions & Mass (VDAM) Rule, and that the Chief Executive provides that signed submission to the next meeting of Council for formal confirmation by resolution.

Cr McManaway / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

Cr Peke-Mason 11.13am / 11.21am

## 11 Park Upgrade Partnership Applications

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the item. The Committee asked that the criteria and eligibility guidelines for the fund be reviewed and better clarified.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/AIN/013**                      **File Ref**

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee approves the application from Taihape Showjumping Group to upgrade the toilets at Memorial Park in Taihape to the value of \$2354.63.

Cr Rainey / Cr Gordon. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/AIN/014**                      **File Ref**

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee approves the application from Taihape Showjumping Group to upgrade the horse yards at Memorial Park in Taihape to the value of \$3530.00.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Rainey. Carried

Cr Aslett arrived 11.30am

## 16 Moving sand dune at Koitiata

Mr Sanson, Team Leader, Parks & Reserves, gave a verbal report on the progression of sand dunes towards the children's playground within Koitiata. He informed the Committee that he had been in discussion with Horizons Regional Council about a potential remedy and whether or not it would require a resource consent. This will be a long-term project and an additional meeting with staff from Horizons Regional Council has been arranged for next week to further discuss options for mitigation.

The local Residents Committee have offered to complete the initial work to mitigate the situation once consent has been granted.

His Worship the Mayor left the meeting 11.50am / 11.51am

## 17 Late items

### **Proposed new amenity block on Taihape Memorial Park**

A report was tabled at the meeting. Mr Hodder spoke briefly to it. The Committee expressed a desire for a discussion to take place with Clubs Taihape prior to any work being completed and a plan to be created on what is to happen with the existing infrastructure.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/AIN/015**                      **File Ref**                      6-RF-1-12

That the report 'Proposed new amenity block on Taihape Memorial Park' be received.

Cr Gordon/ Cr Rainey. Carried



**Resolved minute number**                      **16/AIN/016**                      **File Ref**                      6-RF-1-12

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee supports the inclusion of the proposed new amenity block on Taihape Memorial Park in the 2016/17 Annual Plan.

Cr Rainey / Cr Gordon. Carried

His Worship the Mayor left the meeting 12pm / 12.16pm

## **18 Public Excluded – 12.03pm**

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/AIN/017**                      **File Ref**

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

Item 1: Council-owned property

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to this 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:

| <b>General subject of the matter to be considered</b> | <b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter</b>   | <b>Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing of this resolution</b> |
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| Item 1<br>Council-owned property                      | Briefing contains information which if released would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it or who is the subject of the information and to enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations) – <i>sections 7(2)(c) and (i)</i> . | Section 48(1)(a)(i)   |

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding or the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as specified above.

Cr Gordon / Cr Rainey. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/AIN/018**

## **19 Open meeting – 12.43pm**

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/AIN/019**                      **File Ref**

I move that the meeting return to open meeting.

Cr Gordon / Cr Rainey. Carried

## **20 Future items for the agenda**

## **21 Next meeting**

Thursday 17 March 2016, 9:30 am

## **22 Meeting closed – 12.43 pm**

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

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_