



Rangitikei District Council

Assets/Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 14 April 2016 – 9:30 a.m.

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Present: Cr Dean McManaway (Chair)
Cr Dean McManaway
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Angus Gordon
Cr Tim Harris
Cr Ruth Rainey
Cr Lynne Sheridan
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

Also present: Cr Cath Ash

In attendance: Mr Hamish Waugh, Infrastructure Group Manager
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mr George McIrvine, Finance & Business Support Group Manager
Mr John Jones, Asset Manager - Roading
Ms Joanna Saywell, Asset Manager - Utilities
Mr Reuben Pokiha, Operations Manager - Roading
Mr Andrew van Bussel, Operations Manager - Utilities
Mr Jim Mestyanek, Senior Project Engineer - Roading
Ms Gaylene Prince, Community & Leisure Services Team Leader
Mr Glenn Young, Senior Projects Engineer - Utilities
Mr David McMillan, Solid Waste Officer
Ms Samantha Whitcombe, Governance Administrator

Tabled documents: **Item 5** Chair's report
Item 8 Roading contract performance
Item 12 Draft submission to 'Next steps for fresh water'

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Council Prayer

Cr Rainey read the Council Prayer.

3 Apologies/Leave of absence

That the apologies for absence from Cr Jones and Cr Peke-Mason be received.

Cr McManaway / Cr Rainey. Carried

Confirmation of order of business

The Chair informed the Committee that item 15 had been withdrawn and that Mr Mullinger, Mid-West Disposals Limited (the owners of the Bonny Glen Landfill) would address the Committee at 10.30am as part of item 14; there would be no other change to the order of business from that set out in the agenda.

4 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number **16/AIN/033** **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Assets/infrastructure Committee meeting held on 17 March 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

5 Chair's report

The Chair spoke to his tabled report.

Resolved minute number **16/AIN/034** **File Ref**

That the Chair's report to the meeting of Assets/Infrastructure Committee on 14 April 2016 be received.

Cr McManaway / Cr Belsham. Carried

6 Queries raised at previous meeting:

The Committee expressed concern about the issue of the electricity arrears in Taihape being rolled-over to the next financial year. Mr McIrvine informed the Committee that there was every intention of solving this issue before the end of the current financial year.

7 Activity management

Mr Jones and Mr Pokiha spoke briefly to the activity management templates for Roading and footpaths.

The Committee requested further information on the type and placement of a potential guard rail for Toe Toe Road and options for enhancing the signage around this area as well.

14 Renewal of Marton wastewater treatment plant – update

Mr Paul Mullinger, Mid-West Disposals Limited (the owners of the Bonny Glen Landfill), addressed the Committee regarding the acceptance of leachate from the Bonny Glen Landfill into the Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant.

He informed the Committee that MidWest had been actively working to try and alleviate the issues caused at the wastewater treatment plant by the acceptance of leachate from the landfill from the time they were alerted to them. MidWest is currently reviewing four options for pre-treatment of the leachate before it is accepted by the wastewater treatment plant. He estimated that there would be a 12-month lead-time on any one of these proposed options' MidWest is working as quickly as possible towards committing to one option.

MidWest had also investigated alternative disposal sites in neighbouring Districts, without success, and has looked into the possibility of working out the amount of leachate generated by the waste accepted from neighbouring Districts and apportioning it back to each District to be responsible for its disposal.

Mr Mullinger emphasised that MidWest was looking to set-up a long-term solution to this issue, as the landfill will be there long-term. He informed the Committee that MidWest had already started an on-site pre-treatment process to remove the colour of the leachate (which affects the UV processes within the wastewater treatment plant) and that there is storage capacity on-site to store the leachate over the summer months when the water levels within the Tutaenui Stream are very low. This was done over the recent summer months and helped to ensure that Council was compliant with its resource consent conditions.

Mr Mullinger informed the Committee that MidWest would not have a full pre-treatment process in place by the end of June 2016, and that they would propose the acceptance of a modified form of leachate into the wastewater treatment plant, until a full pre-treatment process is established. Leachate had to be removed from the landfill for it to remain operational.

He explicitly confirmed that sludge from Council's wastewater treatment plants would continue to be accepted into the Bonny Glen Landfill.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that Council would need to consider a proposal to accept the modified form of leachate into the plant. A further report on this would be presented to a future meeting.

Resolved minute number**16/AIN/035****File Ref****6-WW-14**

That the report 'Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant as at 1 April 2016' be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Harris. Carried

7 Activity management

Continued...

Mr McMillan informed the Committee on the proposed installation of two horizontal barriers (at heights of 1.0 and 1.8 metres) around the pits at Council's Waste Transfer Stations to comply with new Health and Safety regulations, circulating a photo showing the effect. There would still be the opportunity to access the pits directly, through gates at the end of the pits, supervised by the attendant. There had been no recorded falls into Rangitikei's waste transfer station pits. The Committee wondered whether just having people dump on the ground was a viable alternative.

Ms Saywell and Mr Young spoke briefly to the activity management templates for Water, Stormwater, and Sewerage and the Treatment and Disposal of Sewage:

- the request for tender for the King Street (Marton) water main renewal had been issued;
- access to the new reservoir at Ratana was being discussed with Roading;
- KiwiRail's permission was being sought to put the line to Dixon Way water line through the disused tunnels;
- the location and installation of a motor-home dump station in Bulls was on hold pending finalisation of the Bulls multi-purpose community centre;
- the sewer line to Eagle Street (Taihape) is working but a new alignment to eliminate the route through private property is being designed – potentially \$60,000;
- the desludging priority is Hunterville, with Bulls after that;
- slip-lining has proceeded quickly but there is still work to be done on laterals (for which slip-lining cannot be used);
- the replacement of the Wanganui Road (Marton) stormwater main will be included in the next project list;
- final year carryovers would be proposed later.

Ms Saywell also spoke briefly to the activity management template for Rubbish and Recycling. She confirmed that plastics were sorted off-site (in Feilding).

Ms Prince spoke briefly to the activity management templates for Community & Leisure Assets.

Resolved minute number**16/AIN/036****File Ref**

That the activity management templates for March 2016 for Roading (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 Rainey / Cr Sheridan. Carried

8 Roading contract performance

Mr Pokiha spoke briefly to the tabled report, noting that there has been a marked improvement in the performance of Council's roading contractor.

Resolved minute number**16/AIN/037****File Ref**

5-CM-1-4: C980

That the report on roading contract performance to the meeting of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee on 14 April 2016 be received.

Cr Rainey / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

9 C1014 – Okirae Road flood reinstatement works – direction and recommendation to Council

Mr Jones and Mr Mestyanek spoke briefly to the report.

There was discussion around the delegated authority to the Committee and the advice provided by the Chief Executive.

Resolved minute number**16/AIN/038****File Ref**

6-RT-5-18

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee gives a direction that Contract 1014 – Okirae Road flood reinstatement works – be awarded to Loaders Civil Construction for a total value of two hundred and ninety thousand, twenty eight dollars and fifty-five cents (\$290,028.55) plus GST on the basis that (a) work commences on 19 April 2016 and (b) Council ratifies the direction at its meeting on 28 April 2016, having regard for the Chief Executive's view that delaying a fortnight (until the next meeting of Council) carries a risk of postponement until next summer, with Council ratifying this direction at its next meeting.

Cr Rainey / Cr Sheridan. Carried

10 Majuba Bluff, Turakina Valley Road – proposed emergency work and improvements

Mr Jones and Mr Pokiha spoke briefly to the report.

Resolved minute number **16/AIN/039** **File Ref** 6-RT-5-18

That the report 'Turakina Valley Road (3) RP 9500 – 9720 (Majuba Bluff)' be received.

Cr McManaway / Cr Sheridan. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/AIN/040** **File Ref** 6-RT-5-18

That option (b) for repairing and upgrading the Majuba Bluff section on the Turakina Valley Road is adopted, included in the roading programme for construction during 2016/17, and funded \$108,000 from emergency works and \$300,000 from minor improvements, subject to confirmation when a recommendation is made over the award of the contract.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried

11 Additional roading proposals - prioritisation

Mr Jones and Mr Pokiha spoke briefly to the report.

Regarding the seal extension on Turakina Valley Road, Mr Pokiha noted that underlying drainage could be an additional cost. There were options to achieving this work, and different time frames attaching to those. The Committee requested that further investigation be done into the seal-extension of Turakina Valley Road and that a report be provided to a future meeting.

Resolved minute number **16/AIN/041** **File Ref** 6-RT-5-23

1. That the memorandum 'Priorities for additional roading projects for 2015/16' be received.
2. That the savings from the new road maintenance contract be applied to the proposed new footpaths in Bulls (136 to 160 High Street) and Ratana (Te Taitokerau Street) and the sealing investigation of 3 km along the Turakina Valley Road; that \$67,000 be carried forward to 2016/17 to fund the local share of this project, with a subsequent report back to this Committee; and that \$22,000 be transferred to the flood damage roading reserve.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr McManaway. Carried

12 'Next steps for fresh water' MfE consultation document - proposed submission

Ms Saywell spoke briefly to the tabled draft submission. During the brief discussion, Committee members expressed differing views on whether cattle should be fenced out of waterways adjoining hill country. The Committee agreed to provide feedback to Mr Hodder

on the contents of the submission by Wednesday 20 April 2016 so that it could be finalised for consideration by the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and the Chief Executive.

Resolved minute number**16/AIN/043****File Ref**

- 1 That the draft submission on 'Next steps for fresh water' be received.
- 2 That, taking account further comments from members of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive be asked to consider a final draft submission to be sent to the Ministry for the Environment's consultation document 'Next steps for fresh water', and (with any amendments) arrange for it to be sent to the Ministry.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Rainey. Carried

13 Resource consent compliance – update

Ms Saywell spoke briefly to the report. There would be a meeting with Horizons next week, which would include discussion on the Bonny Glen landfill. The Marton Wastewater Focus Group was meeting on 21 April 2016.

Resolved minute number**16/AIN/044****File Ref**

5-EX-3

- That the report 'Consent compliance – March 2016' be received.

Cr Harris / Cr Belsham. Carried

15 ~~Marton Water Treatment Plant upgrade – final upgrade costs~~

Withdrawn – to be reported on at the Committee's next meeting

16 Stormwater 'hot spots' update

Noted under item 7.

16 Stormwater – identification of public and private drains – project update

The Committee noted that a detailed report would be provided to the next meeting of the Committee as the next step in bringing the stormwater provisions of the Water-related Services Bylaw into effect.

17 Former Taihape College site – proposed licence to occupy

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the item. Plans for the buildings have been found and they are being run through with a contractor to assess the emergency systems. A report will be provided to a future Council meeting.

18 Late items

Nil

19 Future items for the agenda

Northern Broadway, Marton, works (Roading and Stormwater upgrades) – timeline and costs.

20 Next meeting

Monday 16 May 2016 – to follow oral hearings, if time permits. Otherwise, 16 June 2016

Council has scheduled Monday 16 May 2016 (replacing Thursday 12 May 2016) for oral hearings of submissions to the Consultation Document for the 2016/17 Annual Plan and other proposals being consulted on simultaneously.

21 Meeting closed – 12.21 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____