



Rangitikei District Council

Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Order Paper – Thursday 11 August 2016 – 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.

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 14 July 2016 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:

Recommendation

That the Chair's Report to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 11 August 2016 be received.

7 Queries raised at previous meetings

- 'Queue-Jumping Policy' for seal extensions etc.
- Cost-benefit analysis of using slip-lining technology vs. trenching
- Feasibility of Parks & Reserves Team using mulched green-waste
- Update on the EnviroSchools Programme being run in the District
- Outcome of discussions with NZTA on a new entrance to Whangaehu (David Beberfald petition)
- Cost-sharing with Whanganui District Council for the reinstatement of heavy trailer parking near Wyleys Bridge
- Breakdown of hourly costs for trial extended hours at Marton Waste Transfer Station
- Potential to extend opening hours at Bulls Waste Transfer Station
- Clarifying permitted heating requirements in the Taihape Town Hall

8 Activity management

- Roothing and footpaths
- Water (including rural water supplies)

- Sewage and the treatment and disposal of sewerage
- Stormwater drainage
- Community and leisure assets (including parks)
- Rubbish and recycling

Recommendation

That the activity management templates for July 2016 for Roothing, 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.

9 VDAM Rule – formal proposal for change

The NZ Transport Agency is consulting, on behalf of the Minister of Transport, on Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2016 (the proposed Rule). The aim of the proposed Rule is to deliver productivity improvements, greater regulatory efficiency and reduced compliance costs without compromising the road transport system and road user safety outcomes. The review of the current legislation aims to deliver benefits that:

The public consultation (yellow) draft, which includes an explanatory overview, together with Questions and Answers, is available on the NZ Transport Agency's website at www.nzta.govt.nz/vdam-2016.

Council submitted on proposed changes in February, stressing that the current weight tolerances should remain:

“...The discussion document notes that the New Zealand Transport Agency weigh-in-motion sites yields an estimate that only 82% of truck-trailer combinations are compliant, which might suggest it is prudent to reduce the weighting tolerance from 1.5 tonnes to 0.5 tonne. However, this overlooks the practicalities of operators not having access to accurately weigh-in facilities when loading. There is already a substantial financial penalty for overloading and also the potential for loss of Transport Service Licence for repeat offending.”

Proposal 4 in the new Rule is to replace the existing weighing tolerances with a weighing tolerance of 500 kg (axles and gross mass) and 1,000 kg (axle sets and groups) for all heavy vehicles, and the following commentary is provided:

While the Rule sets axle and gross mass limits, tolerances above these limits are applied before enforcement action is taken. Tolerances reflect that some loads may gain weight in transit, for example due to the effects of rain, as well as the difficulty of accurately weighing some loads.

The maximum current weighing tolerances for axle and gross mass (excepting HPMV) are:

- 500kg – for weights up to 11,000kg
- 1,000kg – weights from 11,000kg - 33,000kg
- 1,500kg – weights heavier than 33,000kg
- 300kg – for front steer axles

It is proposed to set the weighing tolerances to those currently applying to vehicles on permit:

- 500kg for all individual axles, twin steer axles and gross mass limits.
- 1,000 kg for axle sets (e.g. a tri-axle set at the rear of a semi-trailer).

The new tolerance levels are much less complex, and the current difference between permit and non-permit tolerances is removed. They better reflect the accuracy of modern weighing techniques, and reinforce the need to load within the legal limits.

Tolerances are not intended to establish additional legal limits above those in the Rule. Instead they reflect that some loads may gain weight in transit and the technical limits of weighing devices.

The Committee is asked to consider whether this proposed Rule) and its intended application satisfies the concern raised in Council's submission last February.

10 Bridge Maintenance Professional Services Contract

A report is attached.

File ref: 6-RT-1-69

Recommendation

That the report 'Bridge Maintenance Professional Services Contract' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 11 August 2016 be received.

11 Outcome of liaison with NZTA on improvement to Mokai Road, Taihape

With the closing of Gravity Canyon and the expected drop off in traffic numbers, the requirement to initiate the work as a result of the inspection is less crucial; however, it will still be conducted. Investigation is planned to be completed by February 2017. A long term strategy to address the total length of Mokai Road will be incorporated into this report.

12 Koitiata Campground and adjacent reserve – upgrading facilities

A report is attached.

File ref: 6-CF-4-16

Recommendations

1. That the report 'Koitiata Campground and adjacent Reserve – upgrading facilities' be received.
2. That the water supply and electrical work at the Koitiata Campground be actioned, funded from the Operational Budget.
3. That the wood-fired BBQ at the adjacent Koitiata Reserve be replaced with a coin-operated gas BBQ, funded from the DISP Reserve account.

13 Initial Seismic Assessment (ISA) of Water Assets

A report is attached.

File ref: 6-WS-1-4

Recommendation

That the report 'Initial Seismic Assessment (ISA) of Water Assets' be received.

14 Consent compliance – July 2016 update

A report is attached.

File ref: 5-EX-3-2

Recommendation

That the report 'Consent compliance – July 2016 update' be received.

15 Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant as at 4 August 2016

A report is attached.

File ref: 6-WW-1-4

Recommendations

That the report 'Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant as at 4 August 2016' be received.

16 Update on Bulls effluent disposal site

This is still potentially a facility associated with the new Bulls Multi-Purpose Community Centre.

17 Late items

18 Future items for the agenda

19 Next meeting

Thursday 15 September 2016, 9.30 am (this will be the Committees last meeting for the triennium)

20 Meeting closed