



# Rangitikei District Council

## Assets/Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 11 August 2016 – 9:30 a.m.

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

**In attendance:** Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive  
Mr Hamish Waugh, General Manager - Infrastructure  
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager  
Mr George McIrvine, Finance & Business Support Group Manager  
Ms Joanna Saywell, Asset Manager - Utilities  
Mr John Jones, Asset Manager - Roading  
Mr Glenn Young, Utility Projects Manager  
Mr Reuben Pokiha, Operations Manager - Roading  
Mr Andrew van Bussel, Operations Manager - Utilities  
Ms Samantha Kett, Governance Administrator

## 1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

## 2 Council Prayer

Cr Jones read the Council Prayer.

## 3 Apologies/Leave of absence

That the apologies for absence from Cr McManaway and Cr Rainey and the apologies for lateness from Cr Gordon, Cr Harris, and Cr Sheridan be received.

Cr Ash / Cr Belsham. Carried

## 4 Confirmation of order of business

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/AIN/088**                      **File Ref**

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, Pre-Feasibility Study for a Tutaenui Rural Water Scheme Update be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

## 5 Confirmation of minutes

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/AIN/089**                      **File Ref**

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.

Cr Belsham / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

## 6 Chair's Report

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/AIN/090**                      **File Ref**                      3-CT-13-1

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

Cr Jones / Cr Sheridan. Carried

## **7 Queries raised at previous meetings**

The Committee considered the responses in the memorandum.

Further information was requested:

- the hourly rate for works identified within the current contract for the management of Council's Waste Transfer Stations;
- the cost/benefit analysis for bringing Waste Transfer Station services in-house.
- the cost of dumping the sludge from the Hunterville and Bulls Wastewater Treatment Plants in Feilding vs Bonny Glen Landfill.

A meeting has been arranged to discuss alternations to the entrance of SH-3 to Whangaehu Village, which will include staff, His Worship the Mayor, Cr Peke-Mason, Mr David Bebarfald (the author of the petition) and staff from the New Zealand Transport Agency.

## **8 Activity management**

Mr Jones and Mr Pokiha spoke briefly to the activity management templates for the Roding and Footpaths Group of activities. They highlighted that the works along Wanganui Road, Marton, will be completed once the weather improves and that the footpath programme for 201/17 has not been completely finalised. The Committee asked that updates on progress with the emergency works resulting from the June 2015 flood event be brought to the Committee periodically until all sites are complete. The Committee also identified that the agreed sealing of the final piece of the Turakina Valley Road needed to be added as a project to be reported on each month.

Ms Saywell and Mr Young spoke briefly to the activity management templates for the Water Supply, Sewerage and the treatment and disposal of Sewage, and Stormwater Groups of activities. July was mostly focussed on administration and planning for the projects for the new financial year. A newsletter will go out to Ratana residents with an update on progress with the upgrade of the water treatment plant. No further information has been received from Riverlands after their expression of interest to discharge to the Bulls Wastewater Treatment Plant. A consent renewal application has been submitted to Horizons Regional Council and it is unclear how adding the discharge from the Riverlands plant would affect this application. The Committee requested further information on stormwater at: Harris Street, Marton and asked for a full presentation on the slip-lining process currently being used in the District. Cr Gordon suggested that once works are completed in Paradise Terrace, Taihape, a news article should be published to publicise that.

Mr Waugh, Mr Hodder and Mr McNeil spoke to the activity management template for the Community and Leisure Assets Group of activities. A peer review of the proposed upgrades to the Taihape Pool is underway; this has identified a need to upgrade the electrical systems within the facility. The current budgets for works at the pool will not cover this work so Council will need to approve an additional budget and potentially the level of service provided by the facility. The Committee asked that the painting of the Marton Library be included in future templates for update.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/AIN/091**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-4**

That the activity management templates for July 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 Jones / Cr Gordon. Carried

Cr Gordon arrived 9.48am;  
Cr Harris arrived at 10.15am;  
Cr Harris 10.57am / 10.57am;  
Cr Peke-Mason 11.01am / 11.05am

## **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.

Mr Waugh and His Worship the Mayor spoke briefly to the item.

The consensus was not to make further comment on the Rule change.

## **10 Bridge Maintenance Professional Services Contract**

Mr Jones spoke briefly to the report.

The Committee queried whether or not there was capacity to do this design work in-house. Mr Jones considered the work was highly technical and it would not be feasible to employ someone to do this work; an external contractor was Council's best option.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/AIN/092**                      **File Ref**                      **6-RT-1-69**

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

Cr Gordon / Cr Harris. Carried

Cr Ash 11.16am / 11.19am

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

His Worship the Mayor spoke briefly to the item, informing the Committee that the business 'Mokai Gravity Canyon' is currently out for tender, along with the 'Taupo Bungy' business, and there was considerable interest in re-opening the business.

## 12 Koitiata Campground and adjacent reserve – upgrading facilities

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the report.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/AIN/093**                      **File Ref**                      **6-CF-4-16**

That the report 'Koitiata Campground and adjacent Reserve – upgrading facilities' be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Gordon. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/AIN/094**                      **File Ref**                      **6-CF-4-16**

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

Hs Worship the Mayor / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

## 13 Initial Seismic Assessment (ISA) of Water Assets

Ms Saywell spoke briefly to the report, providing the Committee with an explanation around why this work was undertaken.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/AIN/095**                      **File Ref**                      **6-WS-1-4**

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

Cr Jones / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

## 14 Consent compliance – July 2016 update

Ms Saywell spoke briefly to the report, providing details on the impact of the current compliance levels on the renewal of various consents within the District.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/AIN/096**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-3-2**

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

Cr Belsham / Cr Harris. Carried

Cr Harris 11.40am / 11.42am

## 15 Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant as at 4 August 2016

Ms Saywell spoke briefly to the report.

She gave the Committee an update on the recent meeting with Midwest Disposals Ltd regarding their pre-treatment of leachate from the Bonny Glen Landfill. The outcome of the discussions is that the process seems to be going well. Tanks have also been installed at the Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant to allow for a constant flow of the pre-treated leachate to be accepted into the Plant.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>16/AIN/097</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>6-WW-1-4</b>
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That the report 'Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant as at 4 August 2016' be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Harris. Carried

## 16 Update on Bulls effluent disposal site

Mr Waugh spoke briefly to the item, highlighting the fact that the project is effectively on-hold pending placement at the Bulls Multi-purpose Community Centre.

## 17 Late items

### Tutaenui Rural Water Scheme

Mr McNeil gave a brief update on progress with the pre-feasibility study for a Tutaenui Rural Water Scheme.

Both he and Mr Miller met recently with representatives from the Ministry for Primary Industries who cautioned that inviting expressions of interest from external contractors to complete the study might signal this to be a feasibility study rather than pre-feasibility study. They suggested a more direct approach instead.

An item will be included in the Administrative Matters report to Council at the end of the month on potential costs and consultants for this work.

## 18 Future items for the agenda

Nil

## 19 Next meeting

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

## 20 Meeting closed – 12.03pm

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

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