



# Rangitikei District Council

## Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 15 September 2016 – 9:35 am

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**Present:** Cr Dean McManaway  
Cr Cath Ash  
Cr Nigel Belsham  
Cr Angus Gordon  
Cr Soraya Peke-Mason  
Cr Ruth Rainey  
Cr Lynne Sheridan  
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

**In attendance:** Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services 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 Gaylene Prince, Community & Leisure Assets Team Leader  
Mr Athol Sanson, Parks and Reserves Team Leader  
Ms Samantha Kett, Governance Administrator

**Tabled documents:** **Item 6** **Chair's Report** – Chair's Report  
**Item 12** **Mangaweka Bridge Major Maintenance Strategy** –  
Mangaweka Bridge Major Maintenance Strategy  
**Item 19** **Late Items** – Emergency Works Update, June 2016 – Roading  
Structures

## 1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2 Council Prayer

Cr Peke-Mason read the Council Prayer.

## 3 Apologies/Leave of absence

That the apologies for absence from Cr Harris and Cr Jones be received.

Cr Belsham / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

## 4 Confirmation of order of business

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>16/AIN/098</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>6-RT-5-18</b>
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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, **Emergency Works Update, June 2016 – Roading Structures** be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

Cr McManaway / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

## 5 Confirmation of minutes

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>16/AIN/099</b>	<b>File Ref</b>
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That the Minutes of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting as amended held on 11 August 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

The Chair spoke to his tabled report. His Worship the Mayor congratulated the Chair and the Committee on a successful triennium.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>16/AIN/100</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>3-CT-13-4</b>
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That the Chair's Report to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 15 September 2016 be received.

Cr McManaway / Cr Rainey. Carried

## **7 Options in considering a third-party provider**

This envisaged presentation from Dwell Housing Trust did not take place as Dwell had decided not to proceed further with its Expression of Interest to manage the Council's community housing.

Ms Prince narrated a short presentation on the options available in considering a third-party provider. These will be included in the evaluative report for Council's consideration at its meeting on 29 September 2016. She noted that the current occupancy was 90%.

The Committee discussed the potential for Council to establish a Trust to manage Council's stock of Community Housing and the current occupancy of Council's community housing.

## **8 Queries raised at previous meetings**

### **Broadway, Marton – kerb and channelling**

Mr Pokiha spoke briefly to the item. There are issues with the design of the kerb and channelling for this project because of the supports for much of the veranda within the footpath (and the need to provide temporary veranda support during the project. This would mean a substantial increase to the cost for this project and it will be postponed until 2017/18.

He informed the Committee that Utilities portion of this project was still envisaged to be completed this financial year. That would cause minimal disruption to foot and vehicular traffic.

### **Cost-benefit analysis of slip-lining technology**

Mr Young informed the Committee that he had been trying to coordinate with the providers of this technology to attend the meeting and present on the positive results that have been achieved using this technology, but had not been able to achieve this. It is envisaged that this will be discussed at a future workshop meeting for Council.

### **Potential to extend operating hours at Bulls Waste Transfer Station**

No further work has been done on a potential trial of extended operating hours at the Bulls Waste Transfer Station.

## **9 Activity management**

The Activity Management templates were each discussed individually:

- Roding and footpaths – Mr Pokiha
- Water (including rural water supplies) – Ms Saywell and Mr Young
- Sewage & the treatment and disposal of sewerage – Ms Saywell and Mr Young
- Stormwater drainage – Ms Saywell and Mr Young
- Community and leisure assets (including parks) – Ms Prince
- Rubbish and recycling - Ms Saywell

The Committee discussed the following points:

**Roading**

- The Wanganui Road, Marton, project will be completed soon (weather dependent). A report on this project will then be provided to Council.

Cr Peke-Mason left the meeting 10.17 am returned 10.19 am.

- Kaka Road, Taihape has become a larger project than originally thought and there may be a need to defer the Robin Street, Taihape project until the 2017/18 financial year. The Committee then discussed the specifics of the Robin Street project. It was noted that the heavy-vehicle movements over this section of footpath (to park trucks in the vacant gravel pit) had damaged the footpath and that the replacement footpath would be narrower and thicker to better cope with these movements. It was suggested that this project be put to the Taihape Community Board for comment on the necessity of this footpath.

**Utilities**

- The high turbidity levels found at the Bulls Water Treatment Plant was only found within the plant itself and not in the supply. It is unclear if this is a true result or the cause of faulty data.
- The issues with protozoa non-compliance at the water treatment plants is due to a lack of ability to demonstrate the establishment of correct UV treatment (currently an automated response so there is no way of showing the steps taken to address issues of high protozoa levels). This process is being reworked to address this issue.
- The Committee asked for confirmation that all of its water supplies are chlorinated and that a notice be posted to Ratana residents around ensuring that the water they receive from rain-water tanks is of an acceptable quality.

Cr Ash left the meeting 10.37 am, returned 10.41 am.

- The contractor for the shed for the new Ratana Water Supply Treatment Plant has been placed on a seven-day notice to begin construction or they will be in breach of the contract. This could lead to a formal dispute. The security fence at the site is currently being erected.
- A new Trade-Waste Officer has been appointed under the shared-services agreement with Manawatu District Council; she has started reviewing all of Council's trade-waste agreements.
- There was no definitive answer from Riverlands whether they wished to be included in the Bulls wastewater treatment. The Committee noted that Council would need to make the decision to include Riverlands; doing so would mean withdrawing the current consent application. Riverlands was a significant business in the District.
- The Committee asked for an explanation as to the number of renewal works that need to be done in Paradise Terrace, Taihape. This is relatively new infrastructure.
- The Committee asked that all affected parties be included in discussions around the Harris Street, Marton Stormwater project.

**Community & leisure assets**

- There was no progress to report on the investigation into the potential to sell Council-owned properties (apart from those in Bulls which were currently being reviewed).
- Julie Oliver had been contacted about the mural for the Marton Library, but had not yet replied.

- The Committee asked that consideration for a cohesive colour scheme for Council-owned buildings be undertaken when painting Council-owned buildings.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/AIN/101**                      **File Ref**

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.

Cr Rainey / Cr Gordon. Carried

## 10 Wrap up of Wanganui Road Project

This project is not yet complete. A report will be prepared for a later meeting of Council.

## 11 Bridge Management Professional Services

Mr Jones spoke briefly to the report and answered questions from the Committee around the scope of the contract.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/AIN/102**                      **File Ref**                      6-RT-1-0

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee recommends that Council approves the award of Contract C1035 Bridge Management Professional Services to MWH New Zealand Ltd for a value of *Two Hundred and Fifty-Two Thousand, Six Hundred and Ninety-Nine Dollars and Eighty Cents excluding GST. (\$252,699.80 excl GST).*

Cr Rainey / Cr Sheridan. Carried

## 12 Mangaweka Bridge Major Maintenance Strategy

Mr Jones spoke to the tabled report.

Repair works on the bridge will begin on 5 October 2016 and will undoubtedly uncover other faults with the bridge that will require repair. A letter has been circulated to all affected parties by the bridge closure outlining alternative routes that can be taken while it is closed.

The Committee suggested that once investigations into the overall condition of the bridge are complete a community meeting be held to convey the findings of the report and next steps. Mr Jones noted that a definitive outcome was some months away.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/AIN/103**                      **File Ref**                      6-RT-1-69

That the report 'Mangaweka Bridge Major Maintenance Strategy' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 15 September 2016 be received.

Cr Peke-Mason / Cr Belsham. Carried

### **13 Tutaenui Pre-feasibility study**

Mr Hodder informed the Committee that the Chief Executive is negotiating with potential consultants for this project and a formal report will be brought to Council.

### **19 Late items**

#### **Emergency Works Update, June 2016 – Roading Structures**

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/AIN/104**                      **File Ref**                      6-RT-5-18

That the value of C1022 (Bundle 8) for retaining walls on Turakina Valley Road, awarded to Higgins Contractors Limited, be increased to \$257,908.72.

Cr McManaway / Cr Belsham. Carried

### **14 Taihape Pool – upgrade to filtration and heating**

Ms Prince gave a brief verbal update to the Committee, noting that a formal report (including scoping for the works, costs etc.) would be provided to Council.

Taihape Community Development Trust have committed \$100,000 in reserve funds to the project; this leaves a \$200,000 shortfall to complete the projects. The Trust has agreed to apply for funding from external funders but can see potential issues with the works being seen as operational in a Council-owned facility.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/AIN/105**                      **File Ref**                      6-RF-2-3

That the update on the proposed upgrade to filtration and heating at the Taihape Pool be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

### **15 Glyphosate use on Council parks and reserves**

Mr Sanson spoke briefly to the report.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/AIN/106**                      **File Ref**                      6-RF-1-1

That the memorandum 'Glyphosate use on Council parks and reserves' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 15 September 2016 be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

### **16 Parks Upgrade Partnership Application - Mt Stewart Reserve**

Mr Prince and Mr Sanson spoke briefly to the report. A model of the proposed structure has been built by a member of the Friends of Mt Stewart group and was presented to the

meeting. The Committee discussed the need for a roof on the structure and whether this was significantly increasing the cost of the project. The Committee were informed that if the funding was not secured to cover the cost of the roof then it wouldn't be completed.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/AIN/107**                      **File Ref**                      **6-RF-1-1**

- 1        That the 'Parks Upgrade Partnership Application – Mt Stewart Reserve' be received.
- 2        That funding of \$14,226.00 from the Parks Upgrade Partnership Fund be allocated to the provision of a new Lookout Platform at Mt Stewart Reserve, Taihape, as outlined in the Expression of Interest received from the Friends of Mt Stewart and subject to successfully securing an additional \$28,453.40 from the community or other non-Council sources.

Cr Gordon / Cr Sheridan. Carried

## **17    Consent compliance – August 2016**

Ms Saywell spoke briefly to the report.

A meeting has been held with Horizons Regional Council staff and a pathway to compliance with all of Council's consents has been agreed.

Staff will lodge a variation to consent conditions for the Taihape Water Treatment Plant to mitigate issues with non-compliance with extraction limits.

Staff are still awaiting a confirmed decision from Riverlands in Bulls regarding the acceptance of their discharge into the Bulls Wastewater Treatment Plant. Horizons prefers this.

It was discussed that the Ratana Community needed to be engaged to consider the needs of the community when renewing the consent for the Ratana Wastewater Treatment Plant.

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/AIN/108**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-3-2**

That the report 'Consent compliance – August 2016' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 15 September 2016 be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried

## **18    Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant as at 8 September 2016**

Ms Saywell spoke briefly to the report. The Committee identified the need to include in the agreed leachate management plan with Mid-West Disposals Ltd that they are responsible for the leachate while it is stored in the tanks at the Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant until it is accepted into the Plant itself.

The possible ramifications of a leak from the tanks onsite was discussed. Ms Saywell assured the Committee that the tanks had been located on the site so that if this was to occur any leachate would end up in the anaerobic ponds at the plant.



**Resolved minute number**                      **16/AIN/109**                      **File Ref**                      **6-WW-1-4**

That the report 'Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant as at 8 September 2016' be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Belsham. Carried

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

Nil

## **21 Next meeting**

This is the Committee's last meeting for the triennium.

## **22 Meeting closed – 11.45am**

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

**Confirmed/Chief Executive:** \_\_\_\_\_

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