



Rangitikei District Council

Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 9 February 2017 – 9:30 am

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Present: Cr Dean McManaway (Chair)
Cr Ruth Rainey
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Richard Aslett
Cr Jane Dunn
Cr Angus Gordon
Cr Soraya Peke-Mason
Cr Lynne Sheridan
Cr Dave Wilson
Ms Tracey Hiroa (Te Roopu Ahi Kaa Komiti Representative)
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

Also present: Cr Graeme Platt

In attendance: Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mr Glenn Young, Utility Projects Manager
Mr Reuben Pokiha, Operations Manager - Roding
Mr Brent Holmes, Roding Asset Engineer
Mr Andrew van Bussel, Operations Manager - Utilities
Ms Gaylene Prince, Community & Leisure Assets Team Leader
Ms Philippa Nidd, Compliance Officer
Ms Samantha Kett, Governance Administrator

Tabled documents: **Item 6** **Chair's Report** – Chair's Report
Item 8 **Activity Management** – Activity Management Templates
December 2016 and January 2017 & Project Review Report
(Wanganui Road Reconstruction)

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the presence of Ms Tracey Hiroa, as this is her first meeting as the representative for Te Roopu Ahi Kaa.

2 Council Prayer

Cr McManaway read the Council Prayer.

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

Nil

4 Confirmation of order of business

The Chair informed the Committee that the order of business would be as is in the agenda.

5 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting from 15 September 2016 were briefly discussed. The minutes were attached for information and did not need to be received.

The Committee asked for an update on the proposed works for Broadway in Marton and the meeting that was to be held with local residents regarding the Mangaweka Bridge. An update on the proposed works for Broadway in Marton would be discussed during the item on Activity Management templates.

6 Chair's Report

The Chair spoke briefly to his report.

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That the Chair's Report to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 9 February 2017 be received.

Cr McManaway / Cr Aslett. Carried

7 Strategic Intentions for the 2016-19 Triennium

The Committee briefly discussed the two issues that had been identified for this specific Committee. The following suggested amendments were made to Issue One:

- Uncomfortable with the use of 'declining population'. Would prefer to see changing population or something that brings more positivity. 'Reassess and monitor the Infrastructure needs of smaller communities and the viable options.'

- Changes in population need to be monitored.

The following suggested amendments were made to Issue Three:

- Assess the need for Rural Halls.

8 Activity Management

The Activity Management templates were each discussed individually:

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

The Committee discussed the following points:

Roothing

- Several options have been trialled in Taihape to try and improve the slip-hazard on paving stones. Grooving the pavers has brought some improvement, as has water-blasting away the sealant that was placed over them. Investigations will be made into the best way to remove the sealant from all of the pavers in Taihape.
- The recent truck accident on Taihape-Napier Road was not reported in the templates. This was left out in error. The area will be investigated and possible actions to mitigate hazards will be assessed.
- Resurfacing of the footpaths in Turakina will occur this month.

Cr Gordon left the meeting 10.15am and returned at 10.16am

- The unsealed top end of the Turakina Valley Road is getting quite rough and needs to be investigated.
- The curb and channel work that is to be carried out in Broadway, Marton, needs to be worked in with projects from the Utilities team. The rooding portion of this project is programmed to be completed in 2017/18. The Committee asked for a timeline for the project so they could fully answer any questions that were directed their way. They also suggested that a regular update be provided to those affected retailers in town so that they are kept up to date with progress on the project.
- The Committee asked that the dump of chip seal at the Pukeokahu Hall be removed before their event in late March 2017.

Utilities

- It has been identified that no formal easement was ever created for the new water-bore in Ratana. Mr Young is working to ratify the situation.
- The installation of the new effluent field at Koitiata has seen Horizons Regional Council give the plant a 'compliant' status.

Cr Wilson left the meeting 10.37am.

- It was suggested that the lines to the properties adjacent to the new water line on Dixon Way/Mangaone Valley Road are too old and cannot handle the pressure and flow of the new line. It was suggested that staff speak to the adjacent land owners about the issue.
- The Committee queried the decision process around reallocating a budget provision for the replacement of line from Calico Line bore to renew the existing 100mm AC water main down Calico Line towards Nga Tawa School. It was suggested that this decision needs to be made at a Governance level.
- The Bulls mushroom is no longer required for the water supply to the town, but could be kept for historical purposes.
- Optimising works needs to be carried out at the Taihape Wastewater Treatment Plant to allow the clarifier to continue to work during times of low-flow.
- The upgrade of the Ratana Wastewater Treatment Plant would be to the current level of service and additional work may need to be carried out to accommodate the proposed 60-lot subdivision.
- The Committee asked for an update on progress by Horizons Regional Council around the flood mapping for the District.
- Work will continue on Stormwater mitigation in Koitiata.

Community & leisure assets

- Ms Prince gave a progress update on the look-out project for Mt Stewart, Taihape.
- The Committee asked for a timeline on the future of the Taihape Conference Hall. The Taihape Drama Group have expressed an interest in taking over the maintenance of the Hall.

Rubbish & Recycling

- The Committee asked for a report on the costs associated with collecting and disposing of green-waste at the Taihape and Marton Waste Transfer Stations, and whether or not there were any other options that could be considered.

Resolved minute number

17/AIN/002

File Ref

That the activity management templates for December 2016 and January 2017 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 Belsham / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

9 Renewal of Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant – Update

A formal update was not provided to the meeting.

10 Procurement for Upgrade of Taihape Pool – Exemption from open advertising

The Committee did not feel comfortable proceeding with this exemption as they wanted to know why there was only one viable contractor in the country that could complete the works. Further clarification of action would be provided to Council.

11 Review of Fees and Charges for 2017/18

Mr Hodder spoke briefly to the item.

The following amendments were suggested by the Committee:

- Remove the 'Rural Fire Permit' charges (as these are no longer applicable by the District Council).
- Cr Peke-Mason agreed to speak with Mr Hodder around the working of the charges for the Ratana Cemetery.

Resolved minute number **17/AIN/003** **File Ref** **1-AP-2-1**

That the memorandum 'Review of Fees and Charges for 2017/18' be received.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Gordon. Carried

12 Resource Consent Compliance – January 2017

Ms Nidd and Mr Young spoke briefly to the report, highlighting to the Committee that the variation to the consent at the Hunterville Wastewater Treatment Plant is progressing with Horizons Regional Council.

Resolved minute number **17/AIN/004** **File Ref** **5-EX-3-2**

That the reports 'Consent compliance – December 2016' and 'Consent Compliance – January 2017' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 9 February 2017 be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Belsham. Carried

13 Late Items

Nil

14 Future Items for the Agenda

Mangaweka Bridge – update and progress

15 Next Meeting

Thursday 9 March 2017, 9.30am

16 Meeting Closed – 11.34am

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____