



Rangitikei District Council

Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 9 March 2017 – 9:33 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 David Wilson
- Ms Tracey Hiroa (Te Roopu Ahi Kaa representative)
- His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance:

- Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive
- Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
- Mr Glenn Young, Senior Projects Engineer – Utilities
- Mr John Jones, Asset Manager – Roothing
- Mr Reuben Pokiha, Operations Manager - Roothing
- Mr Jim Mestyanek, Senior Projects Engineer – Roothing
- Ms Gaylene Prince, Community & Leisure Assets Team Leader
- Ms Samantha Kett, Governance Administrator

Tabled documents:

- Item 6** **Chair's Report** – Chair's Report
- Item 8** **Activity Management** – RFS Reporting for Roothing & Footpaths, Water Supply, Sewerage and the Treatment and Disposal of Sewage, and Community & Leisure Assets
- Item 16** **PowerCo Presentation** – PowerCo Investment Protocol

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Council Prayer

Cr Wilson read the Council Prayer

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apologies for lateness from Cr Ash and Cr Gordon be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

4 Confirmation of order of business

The Chair informed the Committee that representatives from PowerCo would present to the meeting at 11.30am.

5 Confirmation of minutes

Amendment to minutes: **Item 8 Activity Management**

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.

Revised minutes would be presented to the next meeting of the Committee to be confirmed.

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That the Minutes of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 9 February 2017 be received. .

Cr Dunn / Cr Belsham. Carried

6 Chair's Report

The Chair spoke briefly to his report. It was noted that the report needed to be amended from 'Murray Robertson' to 'Murray Robinson'.

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

Cr McManaway / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

7 Adopted Strategic Intentions for the 2016-19 Triennium – work plan implications

The Committee agreed that some of the projects identified in the Strategic Intentions for the 2016-19 triennium would need to be considered under a Long Term Plan process. Staff undertook to bring the list of the projects to the next meeting which would clarify that distinction.

8 Activity Management

The Activity Management templates were each discussed individually:

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

The Committee discussed the following points:

Roothing

- Mr Pokiha informed the Committee that 85% of the programmed LED installation in the District has been completed; good progress has been made on the repair work to Majuba Bluff. Jeffersons Line, Marton has been identified for an area-wide treatment programme in 2017/18.
- Work will begin shortly on removing the fallen tree from the stream under the new Te Hou Hou Road Bridge to insure it cannot damage the bridge in a future weather event. This work will cost approximately \$8,000 and will be borne by Council (even though the work will be done on private property, as the owner has refused to complete the work and it is required to protect the bridge).
- Resurfacing of the footpaths in Turakina will occur this month.

Cr Ash arrived 10am

- Design work is continuing on the potential footpath replacement along Robin Street, Taihape. There are concerns that this area is frequently used by heavy vehicles which could cause ongoing damage to the new footpath.
- The Committee requested that further work be done to progress the need for a footpath along SH1 to Dixon Way in Taihape. This is a safety issue and needs to be further highlighted to the New Zealand Transport Agency.

Utilities

- The Committee asked for a detailed report on the proposed upgrade work to the water main along Calico Line, towards Nga Tawa School.
- Engineers are still working on what kind of strengthening work needs to be undertaken on the Bulls Mushroom depending on whether it continues to be used for water storage. (Could it be used as an observation platform?)
- The security fence around the Ratana Water Treatment Plant will be installed once the upgrade works to the access way are complete. There will be buffer planting.

- The Committee would like to see the easement for the new Ratana water bore once it is complete. They asked for advice (at next meeting) whether the Ratana wastewater treatment plant had ever overflowed into Lake Waipu during the Ratana birthday celebrations.
- The issue with the foundation pad for the lamella clarifier at the Taihape Water Treatment Plant is still being discussed with the designers and responsibility identified.
- Work needs to be done on stormwater infiltration issues in Taihape.
- Discussion was held around how much detail needed to be discussed at an operational level in the meeting. Staff undertook to produce some protocols around requesting information before the meeting.
- The Committee asked for the exact location of the proposed stormwater works in Harris Street, Marton, and a list of locations for flood mitigation and culvert upgrades in Bulls.

Cr Peke-Mason left the meeting 10.40am / 10.42am

Community & leisure assets

- Ms Prince gave a progress update on the potential for the Taihape Drama Group to use the Taihape Conference centre. They have until the end of the month to make a firm decision on whether or not they will use the facility.
- She also informed the Committee that work on the Mangaweka Camp Ground ablution block was on hold pending the end of the busy summer season, at the owner's request.
- The Chief Executive will arrange for the latest MoU with the joint venture partners on the Bulls Criterion site to be provided to Elected Members

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. They also asked about the timing of the proposed recycling shop at the waste transfer stations.
- There is an issue with disposing of excess dirt left over after digging graves at the Ratana Cemetery.

Resolved minute number

17/AIN/007

File Ref

That a letter be sent to the New Zealand Transport Agency requesting that urgent consideration be taken to the installation of a footpath along SH1 to Dixon Way in Taihape as a safety issue, and that His Worship the Mayor take this issue to the next Regional Transport Committee for consideration.

Cr Gordon / Cr Rainey. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/AIN/008** **File Ref**

That the activity management templates for February 2017 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 Aslett / Cr Rainey. Carried

9 Forestry Harvest Impact on Rangitikei District Roads

Mr Jones narrated a presentation on the potential impact of forestry harvesting on the District's roading network.

Resolved minute number **17/AIN/009** **File Ref** 6-RT-5-23;
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That the report 'Forestry Harvest Impact on Rangitikei District Roads' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 9 March 2017 be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Rainey. Carried

Cr McManaway left the meeting 11.05am / 11.08am; Cr Rainey took Chair 11.05am / 11.08am
Cr Peke-Mason left the meeting 11.09am / 11.14am

10 Mangaweka Bridge Update – March 2017

Mr Mestynek narrated a presentation on the process to identify the best option for resolving the maintenance issues with the Mangaweka Bridge. Members of the Committee expressed concern at the length of time the process will take and wondered whether there was a possibility of fast-tracking it.

A facilitated public meeting is being held at Awastone on 30 March 2017 as part of the development of the indicative business case (to be completed by the end of June). This would be followed by smaller groups on 7 April and 5 May.

Resolved minute number **17/AIN/010** **File Ref** 6-RT-1-69

That the report 'Mangaweka Bridge Update – March 2017' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 9 March 2017 be received.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Aslett. Carried

Cr Dunn left the meeting 11.39am / 11.45am
Ms Hiroa left the meeting 11.39am / 11.45am

11 Renewal of Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant – Update

Mr Young informed the Committee that staff are currently awaiting further direction from the Steering Group, who are currently dealing with several changes in membership.

12 Water Safety Plan Statuses – February 2017

Resolved minute number **17/AIN/011** **File Ref** **6-WS-3-11**

That the memorandum 'Water Safety Plan Statuses – February 2017' be received.

Cr Belsham / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

13 Including a health and safety dimension within the Council's procurement policy

Resolved minute number **17/AIN/012** **File Ref** **3-PY-1-7**

1 That the memorandum 'Including a health and safety dimension within the Council's procurement policy' be received

2 That the proposed amendments without further amendment to the Council's procurement policy to include a health and safety dimension be adopted.

Cr Wilson / Cr Aslett. Carried

14 Update on Progress with Resolving Outstanding Issues with the Water Related Services Bylaw (Parts 2 and 3 public and private drains)

Mr McNeil spoke to the report. The Committee requested that the proposed timeline for resolving the outstanding issues with ownership of private drains be conveyed to those residents that have queried the ownership of a private drain.

Resolved minute number **17/AIN/013** **File Ref** **1-DB-1-11**

That the memorandum 'Update on Progress with Resolving Outstanding Issues with the Water Related Services Bylaw (Parts 2 and 3 public and private drains)' be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried

15 Resource Consent Compliance – February 2017

Resolved minute number **17/AIN/014** **File Ref** **5-EX-3-2**

That the memorandum 'Consent Compliance – February 2017' be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried

16 PowerCo Presentation – 11.30am

Representatives from PowerCo made a presentation to the Committee on their proposed investment on the Rangitikei District and provided members with a copy of their 2018-2023 Investment Protocol. If accepted by the Commerce Commission, there would be a price increase.

The Commerce Commission will go through its own consultation process on the PowerCo proposal.

Cr Peke-Mason left the meeting 12.22pm

17 Late Items

Nil

18 Future Items for the Agenda

Proposed upgrade of water line in Calico Line, Marton

19 Next Meeting

Thursday 13 April 2017, 9.30am

20 Meeting Closed – 12.24pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____