



# Rangitikei District Council

## Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 14 September 2017 – 9:30 AM

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**Present:** Cr Dean McManaway (Chair)  
Cr Ruth Rainey  
Cr Richard Aslett  
Cr Nigel Belsham  
Cr Jane Dunn  
Cr Angus Gordon  
Cr Soraya Peke-Mason  
Cr Lynne Sheridan  
Cr David Wilson  
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

**Also Present** Cr Platt

**In attendance:** Mr Ross McNeil, Chief Executive  
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager  
Mr Glenn Young, Senior Projects Engineer – Utilities  
Mr Wiremu Greening, Utilities Projects Team Leader  
Mr George McIrvine, Finance & Business Support Group Manager  
Mr John Jones, Asset Manager – Roading  
Mr Reuben Pokiha, Operations Manager – Roading  
Mr Andrew van Bussel, Operations Manager  
Mr Chris Pepper, Special Projects Manager  
Ms Gaylene Prince, Community & Leisure Assets Team Leader  
Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Policy Analyst/Planner  
Ms Nardia Gower, Governance Administrator

**Tabled Documents** **Item 6:** Chair's Report  
**Item 10:** Annual Residents Survey – Improvement Plan

## 1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

## 2 Council Prayer

Cr Peke-Mason read te Enoi o te Kaunihera o Rangitikei

## 3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/AIN/022**                      **File Ref**

That the apology for the late arrival of Cr Sheridan and the absence of Cr Ash and Ms Hiroa be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Gordon. Carried

## 4 Members' conflict of interest

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

## 5 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, a recommendation to Council from the Assets/ Infrastructure Committee that they consider increasing the current level of service for urban stormwater ahead of confirming the 2018-28 Long Term Plan be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

## 6 Chair's Report

A report was tabled at the meeting, and taken as read. Staff informed elected members on the current status of the MidWest disposal issue at Bonny Glenn.

- The deadline for applying for a new consent for the Marton wastewater treatment plant is fast approaching.
- Interim treatment of effluent/leachate may be required to take place on site.
- Bonny Glen will be looking for alternative recipients of treated leachate of which Rangitikei wastewater is an option.
- Provisions for surplus effluent will be sought for certain times of year.
- Staff will provide a formal proposal to Council through the Assets/Infrastructure Committee for consideration
- A community group been setup as part of the Bonny Glen consent requirement; however the 'goodwill fund' also a consent requirement has yet to be established.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/AIN/023**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CT-13-4**

That the Chair's Report to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 14 September 2017 be received.

Cr McManaway / Cr Rainey. Carried

Cr Sheridan arrived at 9:45

## **7 Confirmation of Minutes**

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/AIN/024**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CT-13-2**

That the Minutes of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meetings held on 10 August 2017 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Aslett / His Worship the Mayor

## **8 Progress with strategic issues**

The Committee noted the update commentary in the agenda.

A suggestion made was that the Council Infometrics service may be of use to gauge the quantity/tonnage of produce coming out of the Rangitikei region; this background information might be useful in forming a big picture in regards to factors within the proposed Traffic and Parking bylaw.

## **9 Taihape Swim Centre**

The Chief Executive informed the committee that the tender process for the Taihape Swim Centre had been cancelled and the unopened price envelopes had been returned to the tenderers. He elaborated on the circumstances.

- The decision of the Taihape Community Development Trust not to renew its management contract to operate the Taihape Swim Centre triggered a procurement process and a request for tender was arranged. That tender was inclusive of aligning service levels with that in the Marton Swim Centre.
- During the tender process concern was raised over the cost and responsibility of maintenance to any new operator in the running of the upgraded plant due to be commissioned before the new swimming season began. This meant a review of scope of the contract agreement
- The Taihape Swim Centre 2017 opening date remains un-effected by this process.

## 10 2017 Annual Residents Survey – Improvement Plan

Ms Gray spoke to the report in the absence of Ms Webb-Moore. Ms Webb-Moore, in working with Council activity managers, identified potential actions that could be undertaken in response to the Annual Residents Survey feedback. It was noted that some feedback was outside the scope of Council and this report focuses on what is achievable.

Comments highlighted:

- Council has previously agreed as a policy to focus on fewer and better playgrounds.
- Increasing requests for fenced dog parks will need to be addressed. Taihape has discovered, in trying to establish such a park, that erecting a suitable fence to meet the current Health and Safety obligations has been cost prohibitive. In order to meet this community need an alternative option needs discussion through the LTP workshops.
- Discussion on alternative delivery methods of the Annual Residents Survey will take place prior to next year's survey.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/AIN/025**                      **File Ref**                      **5-FR-1-2**

That the report '2017 Annual Residents Survey – Improvement Plans' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee's 14 September 2017 meeting be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Wilson. Carried

## 11 Renewal of Marton wastewater treatment plant - update

Mr Young gave a verbal update, noting the business case has been completed and is currently being reviewed internally with a costing spreadsheet being developed. The various options within the business case have been reduced to five for Council to consider. These will be discussed in a workshop setting prior to being taken to the reference group. Expansion of the reference group to include appropriate Bulls residents along with more regular meetings was discussed.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/AIN/026**                      **File Ref**

That the update 'Renewal of Marton wastewater treatment plant – August 2017' be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Belsham. Carried

## 12 3 Waters compliance – update

Mr Young took the report as read. The Committee was pleased with the tabulated style in the report.

<b>Resolved minute number</b>	<b>17/AIN/027</b>	<b>File Ref</b>	<b>5-EX-3-2</b>
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That the report '3 Waters Compliance – August 2017' be received.

Cr Dunn / Cr Gordon. Carried

## 13 Questions put at previous meeting for Council advice or action:

### Santoft Domain

Council confirmed the recommendation 17/AIN/075 by the Assets/Infrastructure Committee for Council to facilitate a public meeting and arrange a letter drop to all affected parties regarding the future of Santoft.

- The Committee suggested the Rangitikei Golf Club as an appropriate location for the public meeting and that the Mayor and Cr Dunn be informed of the area receiving the letter drop.

### Prioritising essential work on Toe Toe Road

A consultant has carried out a Route Strategy Study and recommended the upgrading of delineation, especially edging post markers. This is as a result of heavy vehicles not able to use the Mangaweka Bridge. This work is currently being programmed.

- Mr Pokiha spoke to this topic highlighting that the report by GHD was extensive, responding to the request by Council. The works programme, as an outcome of that report, will be carried out in priority order as funding is available starting with \$20,000 on markers and signage.

### Ratana Cemetery Rd

There is some further information to be gathered and clarified regarding the outline of the road extension at Ratana cemetery before work can proceed.

The following are under action for a later meeting:

- Further details on the future costs of the maintenance of the existing Mangaweka Bridge.
- Implications of bringing the cleaning service in-house.
- Report by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party on the impact to land due to easement access to the Ratana bore.
- Council continues to be in negotiations with the Duncan family regarding access, water rights and potential land purchase.

## 14 Activity management

The Activity Management Templates for the following asset-based groups of activities are attached

- Roothing and footpaths (including rooding contractor performance)

Mr Pokiha spoke to the rooding report noting that a fact sheet regarding the upcoming road works in Broadway Marton is being circulated to business owners, landlords, media and the small number of affected residents. The Committee suggested using the corner Cobbler building windows as an avenue of communicating the upcoming Broadway road works with the general public.

The Committee queried the resealing programme: weather and terrain are the major consideration factors.

There are only three small projects left to complete the repairs outstanding from the June 2015 storm event.

- Water (including rural water supplies)
- Sewage and the treatment and disposal of sewerage
- Stormwater drainage (including stormwater 'hot spots' update)

Mr Greening spoke to the Utilities reports, noting that contingency funds are for unforeseen issues including unmovable rocks. Issues arising from the testing of work by external contractors is at their own expense.

Council is awaiting an answer regarding the need for seismic testing on the empty, decommissioned, mushroom shaped water tower in Bulls.

The prioritisation in the sewer relining project is defined by the results of investigations using CCTV cameras.

- Rubbish and recycling

Mr Young spoke to the Rubbish and recycling reports, noting community support of Council's service of recycling and rubbish through the Annual Residents Survey with continued requests for an increase in services, particularly from the rural sector.

- Community and leisure assets (including parks)

Ms Prince spoke to the Community and Leisure reports. The Committee discussed the delay in fulfilling an undertaking to replace the netting around the courts at Marton Centennial Park, commenting on the significant and positive community and user group engagement centred around the park.

Upon investigation it is likely that the Taihape Town Hall will need an electrical upgrade to manage with modern heating solutions.

The Rangatira cemetery roading is a two stage project, with the second stage due for completion financial year ending 2018

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/AIN/028**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-3-2**

That the activity management templates for September 2017 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 Gordon / Cr Sheridan. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/AIN/029**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-3-2**

That Council hold a meeting with affected Marton business parties in regards to the planned road works in Broadway.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Wilson. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/AIN/030**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-3-2**

That the netting on Centennial park courts gets replaced immediately

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Belsham. Carried

Cr Peke-Mason left 11:05 – 11:07

## 15 Late Item

The Committee noted that feedback from the Annual Residents Survey demonstrated concern regarding the maintenance of urban waterways and drains. The upcoming report will set out the level of service regarding this issue.

**Resolved minute number**                      **17/AIN/031**                      **File Ref**

That in light of Council's intention to review the level of service relating to urban Stormwater/drainage that the Assets Infrastructure Committee recommends to Council that they consider increasing the current level of service ahead of confirming the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

Cr Sheridan / Cr Peke-Mason. Carried



**16 Future Items for the Agenda**

**17 Next meeting**

Thursday 12 October 2017, 1.00 pm

**18 Meeting closed: 11:41**

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

Date: