

Rangitīkei District Council

Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 12 April 2018 – 9:30 AM



RANGITIKEI
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Present:

Cr Ruth Rainey
Cr Richard Aslett
Cr Cath Ash
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Jane Dunn
Cr Angus Gordon

Cr Lynne Sheridan
Cr David Wilson
Ms Tracey Hiroa (Te Roopu Ahi Kaa representative)
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

Also Present Cr Graeme Platt

In attendance: Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Mr John Jones, Asset Manager – Roding
Mr Andrew van Bussel, Operations Manager
Mr Tunmbi Tokode, Project Engineer
Mr Rob Smith, Project Engineer
Mr Wiremu Greening, Utilities Projects Team Leader
Mr Reuben Pokiha, Roding Advisor
Mr Graeme Pointon, Strategic Property Advisor
Mr Michael Shaw, Project Engineer - Utilities
Mr George McIrvine, Finance & Business Support Group Manager
Ms Nardia Gower, Governance Administrator

Tabled Documents **Item 7** Chair's Report
Item 15 Letter from the Taihape and Districts A&P Society (forwarded by the Taihape Community Board)

1 Welcome

The Deputy Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Council Prayer

Cr Platt read the Council Prayer.

3 Apologies/leave of Absence

That the apology for absence from Cr McManaway and for lateness from His Worship the Mayor, Cr Gordon, and the late arrival of Ms Tracey Hiroa be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Sheridan. 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.

There were no declared conflicts of interest.

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,

Consideration of invoice from the Taihape and Districts A&P Society as recommended by the Taihape Community Board.

be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

There was no scheduled change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number	18/AIN/021	File Ref	3-CT-13-2
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That the Minutes of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 15 March 2018 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Wilson / Cr Dunn. Carried

7 Chair's Report

There was no report tabled at the meeting.

8 Progress with strategic issues

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

Cr Gordon arrived at 9.38 am

9 Legal access to Council's strategic sites - Progress update - April

Mr Pointon provided the following verbal update:

Erewhon rural supply: the missing easement issue has been registered in the Maori Land Court.

Taihape railway land at the southern end of town, containing 3 waters infrastructure, is being offered for sale. Purchase may be cheaper than arranging easements for these assets. These are currently protected by a deed of grant from KiwiRail.

Huntermville town water supply has no infrastructure protection. The property in question contains tanks, water in, water out, electricity in and through-run main feed to rural supply.

Rātana new bore: Pre-existing legal documents with the prior owner have been located, the conditions of which come forward to the new owner.

Koitiata Domain (part of the former domain): The land was acquired by the Rangitikei County Council in the early 1980s for housing purposes. Work continues on the nature of the land and its disposability. Horizons has noted the area is not at risk of sea level rise.

Undertaking	Subject
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That a schedule, updated six monthly, be provided to Elected Members.	
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10 Marton Wastewater Treatment Plant - update on acceptance of treated leachate from Bonny Glen landfill

This item was dealt with in the previous Council meeting.

11 3 Water Compliance Update

Mr van Bussel spoke to the report. Points raised were:

Water supply – Discussion with Horizons on the construction material of the sludge ponds is being undertaken as part of the consent renewal process for Marton's water supply. Council's preference would be for a clay lined pond in order for the settled sludge to be dug out by machinery which would damage a membrane lined pond.

A variation to the consent of Taihape's wastewater has been requested, due to the current conditions unable to be met.

Aluminium detected downstream in Huntermville's waste water is being investigated with potential alum residue contamination from the plant. To date this issue has not incurred a fine.

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That the report '3 Waters Compliance – March 2018' be received.

Gr Gordon/ Cr Belsham. Carried

Undertaking	PFAS
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That the Operations Manager liaise with the Ministry of Health on the potential availability of PFAS analysis by TOP (Total Oxidation Precursor) Assay testing in New Zealand.

12 Questions put at previous meeting for Council's advice or action.

The responses in the agenda were noted.

13 Draft Government Policy Statement on Land Transport 2018/19-2027/28

Mr Jones stated that the Council's roading activity management plan is in line with the new emphasis on safety and resilience in the Government Policy Statement

Members discussed the merit of a business case for regional public transport, as a platform for funding applications. Mr Jones advised that the regional transport plan was finalised prior to the public release of the Government Policy Statement. However, Council could submit on this topic to the Horizons Long Term Plan as well as to the Government Policy Statement.

Other topics suggested for including in the Council's submission were:

- Declaring the Taihape-Napier Road a state highway would be a contribution to a more resilient network;
- Uncertain where the One Network Road Classification fits into the new safety emphasis;
- Opposes a generic lower speed limit on rural roads;
- Supports new emphasis on rail;
- A more complete picture of connectedness is needed – a too narrow emphasis on tourism;
- A stronger focus on regional opportunities to relieve congestion is needed – Ohakea for civilian freight would reduce need for road transport from central North Island to Tauranga or Auckland;
- The importance of retaining the Capital Connection rail service;
- Safety should include testing for drugs not just alcohol.

Ms Hiroa arrived 10.37 am

His Worship the Mayor left 10.55 am.

Resolved minute number

18/AIN/023

File Ref

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee recommends to Council that Council's submission to the draft Government Policy Statement on land transport 2018/19-2027/28 encourages expenditure on public transport in smaller districts.

Cr Ash / Cr Gordon. Carried

14 Activity management

Roading and footpaths

Mr Pokiha spoke to the report. Points raised in discussion were:

- Police have indicated that the road was not a factor in the death on Turakina Valley Rd.
- Otara Bridge – the report is complete and is being peer reviewed as part of process, prior to going out for tender. Work includes strengthening the bridge to full capacity with a cost estimate of \$300,000, 50/50 share Manawatū District Council and with 63% subsidised.
- The seal extension carry over for the Taihape – Napier road, is due to legalisation issues. Staff are working on the matter.

Water

Mr Greening spoke to the report. Key projects discussed were:

- Rātana bore hydro-cyclone is scheduled for installation. A meeting on site with Rātana Trust has taken place, with security fencing being part of discussions. Further work to be completed includes landscaping and safety improvements.
- Taihape PRV chamber – Agreements have been lodged with LINZ. Proceeding with design and going out for tender later this year.
- Takahe Street, Taihape – completed. Staff will be moving down to Broadway, Marton to speed the project along.
- Mangaweka – completed. The renewal has resulted in water savings with night time flow dropping by a third. The transfer station is now fed by the main line allowing for firefighting ability.
- Hunterville bore – tender closes 13 April 2018 with a number of tenders already received.

Sewage and the treatment and disposal of sewerage

Mr Greening spoke to the report. Points raised in discussion were:

- Veranda posts in Broadway Marton were a project cost factored into the budget.
- NZTA is working on SH1 Bulls, that contains Council assets including the main line to the Trickers site. The current Trickers site falls 20 meters short of an optimal gravity feed reservoir. Alternative sites are being explored. Obtaining the right pressure would negate the need for a pump at the new Bulls Community Centre.
- The Bulls Mushroom reservoir is no longer required for water supply or pipe back-wash. If left in its current form with no water it does not require earthquake strengthening.

Stormwater drainage

Mr Tokobe gave a presentation to the meeting which was tabled.

Residents have given their consent and the project is due to be completed by winter. The project includes planting and construction of retaining walls where necessary. Council is meeting all the costs.

Undersized culverts will be upgraded.

Resolved minute number

18/AIN/024

File Ref

That the activity management templates for March 2018 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 Aslett. Carried

15 Late Items

Invoice from Taihape and Districts A&P Society

Cr Rainey spoke to the late item. Points raised in discussion were:

- The land is Council owned.
- The electrical upgrade was completed as necessary for an imminent event. Electricians had refused to work with the prior equipment due to health and safety reasons.
- A request for funding for the work was not requested from Council or Council staff prior to the work being completed.

Resolved minute number

18/PPL/025

File Ref

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee recommends to Council that it pays invoice 5404 from P J Electrical (\$1,467.42 incl. GST) for work on the three-phase power system at Taihape Memorial Park.

Cr Rainey / Cr Aslett. Carried
Against: Cr Sheridan, Cr Gordon, Cr Wilson

Te Roopu Ahi Kaa representation

Ms Hiroa noted that this was her last meeting; from May 2018 she would be Te Roopu Ahi Kaa's representative on the Policy/Planning Committee. She had found being a member of the Committee an interesting space.

16 Future Items for the agenda

None

17 Next meeting

10 May 2018, 9.30 am

18 Meeting closed

11.36 am

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: