



# Rangitikei District Council

## Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 13 September 2018 – 9:30 a.m.

---

### Contents

1	Welcome .....	3
2	Council Prayer .....	3
3	Public Forum .....	3
4	Apologies/leave of Absence .....	3
5	Members' conflict of interest.....	3
6	Confirmation of order of business .....	3
7	Confirmation of minutes .....	3
8	Chair's Report.....	4
9	Progress with strategic issues .....	4
10	Update on Infrastructure Protection Matters – September 2018 .....	4
11	Options and costs of retaining the existing Mangaweka Bridge .....	5
12	Upgrading work required for Rātana gym .....	6
13	Extending the management contract for the swim centres for a further year.....	6
14	Feasibility and co of eco-burial area at Taihape Cemetery .....	7
15	Questions put at previous meeting for Council advice or action .....	7
16	Annual Residents Survey 2018 and activity improvement plans .....	7
17	Infrastructure Group Report .....	8
18	Community and Leisure Report .....	9
19	Late Items.....	9
20	Future Items for the agenda .....	9
21	Next meeting.....	10
22	Meeting closed.....	10

**Present:** Cr Dean McManaway (Chair)  
Cr Ruth Rainey  
Cr Richard Aslett  
Cr Nigel Belsham  
Cr Angus Gordon  
Cr Lynne Sheridan  
Cr David Wilson  
Cr Cath Ash  
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

**Also Present** Cr Graeme Platt

**In attendance:** Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager  
Mr Blair Jamieson, Strategy and Community Planning Manager  
Mr Andrew van Bussel, Operations Manager  
Mr Wiremu Greening, Utilities Projects Team Leader  
Mr Chris Pepper, Senior Projects Manager  
Mr John Jones, Asset Manager – Roding  
Mr Robert Rose, Assets and Compliance Team Leader  
Mr Reuben Pokiha, Roding Advisor  
Mr Graeme Pointon, Strategic Property Advisor  
Mr Arno Benadie – Principal Advisor Infrastructure  
Ms Selena Anderson, Governance Administrator  
Ms Nardia Gower, Governance Administrator

**Tabled Documents**

<b>Item 8</b>	Chair's Report
<b>Item 11</b>	Options and costs of retaining the existing Mangaweka Bridge

## 1 Welcome

The meeting started at 9.32am. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2 Council Prayer

Mr Lequan Meihana, Council's Strategic Advisor for Iwi/Hapu, read the Council Prayer

## 3 Public Forum

Nil

## 4 Apologies/leave of Absence

That the apology for the absence of Ms Coral Raukawa-Manuel, Ms Jane Dunn, and the late arrival of Cr Sheridan be received.

Cr Gordon / Cr Belsham. Carried

## 5 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.

The Chair, Cr McManaway, declared a conflict of interest in relation to future discussions and negotiations with the Duncan family of Rātana for the wastewater treatment plant land acquisition, having recently developed a friendship.

## 6 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,

There was no scheduled change to the order of business.

## 7 Confirmation of minutes

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/AIN/072**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CT-13-2**

That the Minutes of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 9 August 2018 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Aslett / Cr Belsham. Carried

## 8 Chair's Report

The Chair took his tabled report as read.

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/AIN/073**                      **File Ref**                      **3-CT-13-4**

That the Chair's Report to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 13 September 2018 be received.

Cr McManaway / Cr Wilson. Carried

## 9 Progress with strategic issues

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda. It was noted that Papa Cliffs Café owners and the Chief Executive have signed the license to occupy documents for public toilets to be located on the café's property. The toilets have been ordered and are expected to arrive prior to Christmas 2018.

## 10 Update on Infrastructure Protection Matters – September 2018

Mr Pointon took the report as read. Main points discussed were:

- No easement was put in place of the Hunterville Wastewater Treatment Plant at the time of construction. Legal advice is to obtain a written agreement or an easement with preference for the later.
- Concern was raised with the location of the electrical cables to the Taihape wastewater plant and the potential of power loss during storm events. Staff will investigate options with Power Co.
- A report regarding securing the land to the water reservoirs at Trickers site in Bulls is before the Chief Executive.

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/AIN/074**                      **File Ref**                      **6-CF-4**

That the 'Update on Infrastructure Protection Matters – September 2018' to the 13 September 2018 Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Rainey. Carried

## 11 Options and costs of retaining the existing Mangaweka Bridge

Mr Jones spoke to the tabled document noting the cost implication of the maintenance in retaining the bridge has been estimated at \$3.8 million spread over 50 years, with an initial investment of \$700k.

The main points raised were:

- A decision on the future of the existing Mangaweka Bridge would not need to be formalised until post public consultation. However, elected members discussed the benefits of consulting on a preferred option.
- If the existing bridge was to be demolished the cost would become part of the contractual base with a cost split between the Rangitikei and Manawatū District Councils along with a Financial Assistance Rate contribution from the New Zealand Transport Agency.
- Ongoing maintenance costs of retaining the bridge would be negotiated between the two district councils and subject to either council's desire for retention or demolition.
- Manawatu District Council, Rangitikei District Council, and Heritage New Zealand do not have Mangaweka Bridge listed as a historic site.
- Any gifting or selling of the existing bridge would transfer liability to the new owners.
- The new bridge is a single lane design with a 50 max weight limit.

### **Undertaking                      Subject**

To provide the full report on the Mangaweka Bridge Replacement project to elected members.

**Resolved minute number                      18/AIN/075                      File Ref                      6-RT-1**

That the report on the Mangaweka Bridge Replacement Detailed Business Case be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried

**Resolved minute number                      18/AIN/076                      File Ref                      6-RT-1**

That Rangitikei and Manawatū District Councils proceed with the Pre-Implementation Phase for the construction of a new 132m long steel plate girder bridge, 30m downstream of the existing bridge.

Cr McManaway / Cr Aslett. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/AIN/077**                      **File Ref**                      **6-RT-1**

That Rangitikei and Manawatū District Councils make the final decision on the future of the existing Mangaweka bridge after receiving feedback from affected parties during the pre-implementation phase

Cr Aslett / Cr Gordon. Carried

Cr Sheridan arrived at 9:54am

## **12 Upgrading work required for Rātana gym**

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda and discussed the requirement of Council to maintain Council owned property, confirming that the Rātana Gym is a council owned building.

**Undertaking**                      **Subject**

Staff to complete a report on the reroofing of the Rātana Gym / Fire station for Council meeting 27 September 2018

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/AIN/078**                      **File Ref**

That Assets/Infrastructure Committee recommend to Council that the Rātana Gym / Fire station is reroofed following a report from staff.

His Worship the Mayor / Cr Rainey. Carried

## **13 Extending the management contract for the swim centres for a further year**

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

The Committee had mixed views and debated the merit of inviting members of the public to address elected members within a council workshop forum.

**Undertaking**                      **Subject**

That relevant reports on the management contract for the swim centres are provided to elected members for the 20 September 2018 Workshop.

Cr Ash left at 10.14-10.16am

## 14 Feasibility and co of eco-burial area at Taihape Cemetery

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda questioning the wider community support and staff time investment for one person's long term plan submission.

## 15 Questions put at previous meeting for Council advice or action

None

## 16 Annual Residents Survey 2018 and activity improvement plans

Mr Jamieson spoke to the report making special thanks to the survey respondents, Stuart Hylton and council manager contributions which include proposals for actions against concerns. Mr Jamieson further noted staff commitment to produce a six month update on progress.

Main points of discussion were:

- It was noted that the survey questions regarding roading could have benefited from more detail but agreed that balance was needed with too many questions resulting in lower survey completion.
- With a number of survey respondents highlighting concerns with road patch quality to State Highways, the responsibility of New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) not the Rangitikei District Council, a public awareness campaign was suggested. It was noted that NZTA have inadequate avenues to report a request for service. As Council has the ability sits to address these concerns with the Regional Transport Committee.

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/AIN/079**                      **File Ref**                      **5-FR-1-2**

That the report '2018 Annual Residents Survey – Improvement Plan' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee on 13 September 2018 be received.

Cr Belsham / Cr Gordon. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/AIN/080**                      **File Ref**

That Ross l'Anson is invited to an Assets/Infrastructure committee meeting to address the roading concerns of State Highways in the District.

Cr McManaway / Cr Sheridan. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **18/AIN/081**                      **File Ref**                      **5-FR-1-2**

That a report on progress with the activity improvement actions in response to the Annual Residents' Survey 2018 be provided to the March 2019 meeting of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee.

Cr Belsham / Cr Rainey. Carried

Cr Ash left at 10.40-10.42am

## 17 Infrastructure Group Report

Mr Van Bussel, Mr Jones, Mr Pokiha, Mr Greening, ~~Mr Smith~~, Mr Rose and Mr Pepper were available to answer the committee's questions.

Key points to the item were:

- Otara Bridge is currently undergoing strengthening following a delay due to the contractor having a substantial quantity of equipment stolen,
- Kakariki Bridge is on this year's works programme with detailed inspection scheduled for September to December 2018
- Lower Swan St slip (Taihape)– staff have been in discussion with NZTA and a multi criteria analysis on a preferred option resulted in an emergency works approval on 13 September 2018. Concern by residents regarding slips on private property is a civil issue.
- The Rātana Water Treatment Plant has experienced a fault with one item in the filter failing. The supplier is working to remedy the issue and the manufacturer is standing by the product. Staff anticipate the plant to be restored within four weeks.
- His Worship the Mayor thanked Mr Greening and Mr Van Bussel for their role in the process of completing the Rātana Treatment Plant.
- Staff spoke through the actions undertaken in Hunterville to secure potable water during the flooding event earlier in the month. The increase in recent times of the turbidity of the Rangitīkei River effects the infiltration systems of the Hunterville Water Treatment Plant. This will be mitigated should the exploratory bore be successful. The tender closed the day following the meeting. Turbidity of the Rangitīkei River has also affected the water treatment in Mangaweka however it was noted that the large reservoir has a capacity for three days of water reserve.
- Elected members discussed the issue of slips entering the river raising sediment levels.
- .

It was noted that Horizon Regional Council's SLUI programme was established to mitigate such issues.

- New Zealand Defence Forces' signalled desire for Council to consider accepting wastewater from Ohakea will need to be formalised and cost contributions and logistics negotiated. The issue will be discussed with the steering group and come before Council. Consideration will include potential of contaminated waste.



**Undertaking                      Subject**

That staff produce a report on the priority of stormwater hotspots for the October 2018 Assets/Infrastructure Committee.

**Resolved minute number                      18/AIN/082                      File Ref                      5-EX-3-2**

That the 'Infrastructure Group Report' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting 13 September 2018 be received.

Cr Aslett / Cr Rainey. Carried

## **18 Community and Leisure Report**

Mr Hodder took the report as read, noting that the application for public toilets at Santoft Domain through the Tourism Infrastructure Fund was not successful, due in part to the lack of statistical information of user numbers. Elected members discussed the potential for the Santoft Domain Management Committee to work with residents on gathering such statistical information.

**Resolved minute number                      18/AIN/083                      File Ref                      5-EX-3-2**

That the 'Community and Leisure report' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting 13 September 2018 be received.

**Resolved minute number                      18/AIN/084                      File Ref                      5-EX-3-2**

That Assets/Infrastructure recommend to Council that Council proceed with installing a 24/7 public toilet in Follett Street, as suggested by Marton Community Committee.

Cr Belsham / Cr Sheridan. Carried

## **19 Late Items**

## **20 Future Items for the agenda**

Report from staff on cost implication issues of sediment ingress in to Council water systems.

**21 Next meeting**

Thursday 11 October 2018, 9.30 am

**22 Meeting closed**

11:45am

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

Date: