



Rangitikei District Council

Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Agenda – Thursday 8 August 2019 – 9:30 a.m.

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The quorum for the Assets and Infrastructure Committee is 6.

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 3 November 2016) 10.2 provide: The quorum for Council committees and sub-committees is as for Council, i.e. half the number of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even or a majority if the number of members is odd.

1 Welcome

2 Council Prayer

3 Public Forum

4 Apologies/leave of Absence

5 Members' conflict of interest

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

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, be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

7 Confirmation of minutes

The minutes of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting from 11 July 2019 are attached.

File ref: 3-CT-13-2

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the 'Assets/Infrastructure Committee' meeting held on 11 July 2019 [as amended/without amendment] be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

8 Chair's Report

A report will be tabled at the meeting.

File ref: 3-CT-13-4

Recommendation:

That the 'Chair's Report' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 8 August 2019 be received.

9 Progress with Strategic Issues

Regarding key priority issue 1, it is not yet clear how the government review of delivery of the three waters will ensure continued reticulated water and wastewater in smaller communities.

The implications of the One Road Network Classification formed part of the LTP workshop session on 20 July 2017.

A preliminary presentation was done on a development contributions policy, with a follow-up discussion on 5 October 2017 to understand better the statutory requirements for developing a policy and the likely infrastructure needs to service larger-scale subdivisions. At the Finance/Performance Committee's meeting on 26 October 2017, the use of an alternative statutory mechanism – development agreements – was considered and a revised proposal considered at Council's meeting on 25 January 2018. Another approach to incentivising residential development was discussed at Council's workshop, a draft policy was considered at the Policy/Planning Committee's 13 September 2018 meeting and approved for consultation at Council's meeting on 27 September 2018. Following consideration of submissions, the policy was adopted (as an amendment to the Rates Remission Policy) on 31 January 2019.

The adopted transport and parking bylaw contains provisions which allow Council some control over logging vehicles and to secure financial compensation for damage to the roading network. A meeting with heavy vehicle stakeholders was held on 3 August 2017. Written submissions on the proposed Bylaw closed on 8 September 2017, with oral submissions heard on 28 September. Council deliberated on all submissions at its meeting on 26 October 2017 and approved the bylaw with the exception of section 16 on heavy vehicles which was reconsidered and amendments approved at Council's meeting on 30 November 2017. There have been discussions with Whanganui District Council and the China Forestry Corporation Group on harvesting which will entail using James Road and Turakina Valley Road (into Rangitikei) and Creek Road (into Whanganui). This harvesting was anticipated in the Moore & Associates study.

Development of strategies for the three waters has been noted in the 2019/20 Annual Plan.

Regarding key priority issue 3, the licence to occupy for the groups in the former Taihape College (Rauma Road) was signed and returned to the Ministry of Education. An extension for three years was subsequently offered and accepted. A project plan was agreed to for upgraded amenities on Taihape Memorial Park and an intensive study of use of the Park reported to Council's meeting on 14 December 2017 (with the recommendations incorporated into the Consultation Document for the 2018-28 Long Term Plan). A report on options was provided to the July 2018 meeting of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee, with further considerations at the August meeting. The proposed new amenities were put on hold to allow estimated costs to be provided for renovating the grandstand (including the facilities underneath) and to gain further clarification from Clubs Taihape on their intentions. A draft design brief was prepared which identified two alternative scenarios; a design was commissioned for a two-storey facility (as being the most cost-effective approach). At its meeting on 27 June 2019, Council expressed its preference for constructing and fitting out a two-storey facility but this is conditional on a MoU being negotiated with Clubs Taihape. *A discussion was held with Clubs Taihape on 22 July 2019.* There have been a series of discussions are proceeding with the Taihape Women's Club and other users of 22 Tui Street about accommodating them in the Taihape Bowling Club building which has passed into Council ownership with the winding up of the Club in November 2018.

A presentation was provided outlining three scenarios for Council if it were to retain ownership and management of community housing in the District; Council has agreed to a

capital renewal programme. At its meeting on 31 May 2018, Council agreed that market rental would be charged, on the basis of tenants becoming eligible for supplementary accommodation benefits and receiving with a Council-paid subsidy on electricity charges from Council's supplier for the first two years. These arrangements came into effect from 5 November 2018.

Council has reaffirmed in principle its approval to opening up access to Marton B & C Dams, encouraging community support for the replanting programme and periodic open days so progress at the site can be seen, deferring the decision on the precise nature of public facilities at the site for a later time. An extensive replanting of primarily native trees is in progress. The substantial upgrade of the skatepark at Marton's Centennial Park was completed in early May with a grand opening on 25 May. Council has approved extending the area of the playground beside Marton Memorial Hall to allow a destination facility to be developed there. In its deliberations on submissions to the 2019/20 Annual Plan, Council agreed to support the revival of the Onepuhi Domain through the Parks Upgrade Partnership Scheme and having the area maintained by the Council's Parks & Reserves team.

Toilets primarily funded by the Mid-sized Tourism Infrastructure Fund have been installed at Bruce Park and Papakai Park. The location of the new toilet in Mangaweka Village is on land owned by Papa Cliff Café, for which a licence to occupy has been negotiated. An application was made to the Tourism Infrastructure Fund for new toilets in response to projected increase in visitor numbers at the upgraded facilities on Centennial Park, Marton and the Marton Memorial Hall playground. Advice was received from the Ministry on 25 June that the application had been declined on the basis that the facilities 'are catering largely for the local community rather than in response to visitor growth to the area'. [A new round for the Tourism Infrastructure Fund opens on 1 August 2019.](#)

A public meeting was held on 11 December 2017 to discuss future possibilities for the Santoft Domain. This showed strong interest in seeing part of the Domain develop for public use. An on-site meeting was arranged for 7 April 2018, and a Domain Committee appointed for the rest of the triennium. An application was made in early June to the Tourism Infrastructure Fund to assist with the provision of an ablution block there; however, advice was received in September that this application had been declined (because it had not been feasible to show precise visitor numbers). A draft management plan was considered by the Committee at its meeting on 31 July 2018, and again on 2 October 2018. An initial planting scheme along part of the road boundary was approved at the Committee's meeting on 14 March 2019.

10 Legal access to Council's strategic sites – update

Progress continues over the Ratana water bore, stormwater at 449 Wellington Road, Marton, Hunterville water and wastewater and the electricity supply to the Taihape wastewater treatment plant.

Consultation with local iwi is needed as part of the designation for the extension of the Hunterville (Rangatira) cemetery.

11 Marton C Dam spillway repairs

A report is attached.

Recommendation:

That the report on the 'Marton C Dam spillway repairs' to the 8 August 2019 Assets/Infrastructure Committee be received.

12 Update on Marton Water Strategy

There are no updates this month.

13 Hunterville Sport and Recreation Trust

The Trust's report for 2018/19 is attached.

File: 6-RF-2-1

Recommendation:

That the 2018/19 report from the Hunterville Sport and Recreation Trust to the 8 August 2019 Asset/Infrastructure Committee be received.

14 Improvement plans from 2019 residents survey

A report will be tabled at the meeting.

15 Infrastructure Group Report July 2019

A report is attached.

File: 5-EX-3-4

- Roding and footpaths (including roding contractor performance)
- Water (including rural water supplies)
- Sewage and the treatment and disposal of sewerage
- Stormwater drainage (including hotspot prioritisation)
- Rubbish and recycling

Recommendation:

That the 'Infrastructure Group Report July 2019' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 8 August 2019 be received.

16 Community and Leisure Services project and activity report

A report is attached.

File: 5-EX-3-4

Recommendation:

That the 'Community and Leisure Services project and activity report' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 8 August 2019 be received.

17 Submission to the road safety strategy 'Road to Zero'

At its meeting on 25 July 2019, Council authorised the Assets/Infrastructure Committee to approve a submission to the Ministry of Transport on the road safety strategy 'Road to Zero', with the submission as sent being included in the Council Order Paper for 29 August 2019.

It is due by 14 August 2019.

A draft submission is attached.

File: 3-OR-3-5

Recommendations:

1. That the draft submission to the road safety strategy 'Road to Zero' be received.
2. That His Worship the Mayor be authorised to sign, on behalf of the Council, the submission [as amended/without amendment] to the Ministry of Transport on the road safety strategy 'Road to Zero'.

18 Questions put at previous meeting for Council advice or action

Marton B & C Dams – start to finish process (with timeframes) for opening up to the public

An update will be provided at the next Committee meeting in September.

Open drain on Marton Park – options

The possibility of piping the open drain through Marton Park was investigated during January this year. The indicative cost of piping this portion of the open drain is in the order of \$200,000. The alternative solution to the risk of having the open drain in Marton Park is to fence it off rather than piping and covering it. At the time of the investigations, the Parks and Recreation activity did not have the budget to progress the work.

Sprays currently used in open drain management

Mr Benadie has requested the MSDSs (Material Safety Data Sheet) for the weed control chemicals used for keeping roading storm water drainage channels clear and in working order. Once the information has been received, we will be in a position to assess the risk of using these products, and if it will be necessary to consider alternative products.

Review of consenting requirements for new toilets in Follet Street, Marton

An update will be provided to the meeting.

Investigation of internal capability (and equipment) to progress small assets projects

This was confirmed by Council at its meeting on 25 July 2019. Work is in progress.

19 Late items

As agreed in Item 6.

20 Future items for agenda

Marton B & C Dams – start to finish process (with timeframes) for opening up to the public

Investigation of internal capability (and equipment) to progress small assets projects

21 Next meeting

12 September 2019 at 9.30am

(This will be the Committee's last meeting for the 2016-19 triennium.)

22 Meeting closed