



Rangitikei District Council

Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Agenda – Thursday 12 September 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 8 August 2019 are attached.

File ref: 3-CT-13-2

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the 'Assets/Infrastructure Committee' meeting held on 8 August 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 12 September 2019 Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting 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. *However, setting and monitoring of drinking-water standards will be the responsibility of a national water regulator is to be established.* 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. *Since then several specific development agreements have been signed for subdivisions in Marton.*

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. *This includes consideration of an alternative supply for Marton to the current supply from Marton B and C Dams. An unexpected issue was the discovery of structural weaknesses in the Marton C Dam face. This has been the subject of specialist investigation.*

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. *At its meeting on 29 August 2019, Council approved the text for that and a provisional timetable.* 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 of Business, Innovation and Employment 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. *At its meeting on 29 August 2019, Council approved the location and unbudgeted expenditure for a Permaloo toilet block at Centennial Park,*

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.

One issue not anticipated in the strategic setting for the triennium is closed landfills outside those formally monitored. This issue got profile with the erosion of the disused Putorino landfill by a change in course of the Rangitikei River. While priority is being given to determining the best course of action to ensure rubbish does not enter the river, work has started in identifying other old landfill sites in the District.

10 Infrastructure Protection Update to 31 August 2019

A memorandum is attached.

File: 6-CF-4

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Infrastructure Protection Update to 31 August 2019' to the 12 September 2019 Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting be received.

11 Marton C Dam spillway repairs update

A memorandum is attached.

File: 6-WS-3-6

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Marton C Dam spillway repairs update' to the 12 September 2019 Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting be received.

12 Putorino Landfill update

A memorandum is attached.

File: 6-SO-1-8

Recommendation:

That the memorandum 'Putorino Landfill update' to the 12 September 2019 Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting be received.

13 Public access to Marton B & C Dams

A memorandum is attached.

File: 1-CP-4-17

Recommendations:

- 1 That the memorandum 'Public access to Marton B & C Dams' to the 12 September 2019 Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting be received.
- 2 That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee recommend, that Council endorse the development staging outlined in the Boffa Miskell 'Tutaenui Reservoir 20-year Management Plan' as the basis for providing public access to the area, noting that in the period 2019-22, access will be limited to authorised groups and individuals assisting in the development.

14 Improvement plans from the 2019 residents' survey

A report will be tabled at the meeting.

Recommendation:

That the report 'Improvement plans from the 2019 residents' survey' to the 12 September 2019 Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting be received.

15 Parks Upgrade Partnership application

An application from the Onepuhi & Porewa Community Group for a grant of \$5,800 is attached. This was foreshadowed in the Group's submission to the 2019/20 Annual Plan. They have secured external donations valued at \$19,200. The grant would be applied to hiring a wood chipper, purchasing plants and stakes, planting grass, purchasing and installing rubbish and dg waste bins and a final landscaped design. The Fund provides for Council to contribute up to one third of the cost of a parks enhancement project.

File: 6-RF-1-20

Recommendations

- 1 That the application from the Onepuhi & Porewa Community Group to the Parks Upgrade Partnership Fund be received.
- 2 That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee approves a grant of \$..... from the Parks Upgrade Partnership Fund to the Onepuhi & Porewa Community Group.

16 Infrastructure Group Report August 2019

A report is attached.

File: 5-EX-3-4

- Roading and footpaths (including roading 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 August 2019' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 12 September 2019 be received.

17 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 12 September 2019 be received.

18 Questions put at previous meeting for Council advice or action

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

This is the subject of a separate memo earlier in the agenda.

Sprays currently used in open drain management

Currently our Roading contractor outsource the control of weeds to a specialised service provider.

They use the following products in different combinations depending on the application:

WeedMaster – active ingredient Glyphosphate

Associate – active ingredient Metsulfuron Methyl

Conquest - Active ingredients Bromoxynil and Diflufenican

All associated MSDS sheets note that all the herbicides used will not be harmful to animals or humans under normal conditions and at normal application rates.

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

This investigation will be undertaken in the context of a broader study of managing asset projects in a timely and efficient way. A progress report will be provided to Council in November 2019.

19 Late items

As agreed in Item 6.

20 Future items for agenda

21 Next meeting

This is the Committee's last meeting for the 2016-19 triennium.

The inaugural meetings of the three standing committees is tentatively scheduled for 19 December 2019, starting 9.00am.

22 Meeting closed