



# Rangitikei District Council

## Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 12 September 2019 – 9:30 a.m.

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**Present:** Cr Dave Wilson (Chair)  
Cr Cath Ash  
Cr Nigel Belsham  
Cr Jane Dunn  
Cr Angus Gordon  
Cr Dean McManaway  
Cr Lynne Sheridan  
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

**In attendance:** Mr Arno Benadie, Principal Advisor - Infrastructure  
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager  
Mr Graeme Pointon, Strategic Property Advisor  
Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator

**Tabled Documents:** **Item 8** – Chair’s Report

## 1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at 9.38am.

## 2 Council Prayer

Cr Wilson read the Council Prayer.

## 3 Public Forum

Nil

## 4 Apologies/leave of Absence

That the apology of Cr Rainey be received and the apology for lateness of Cr Sheridan be received.

Cr Aslett and Ms Raukawa-Manuel were noted as absent.

Cr Wilson/Cr Ash. 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.

There were no conflicts declared.

## 6 Confirmation of order of business

The order of business was confirmed, apart from noting that Item 14 was not available and item 8 followed item 6.

## 8 Chair's Report

The tabled report was taken as read. Cr Wilson highlighted his suggestion about an on-site meeting on the location of the new toilets at Centennial Park before construction starts.

Cr Sheridan arrived at 9.42 am.

**Resolved minute number**

**19/AIN/050**

**File Ref**

**3-CT-13-4**

That the 'Chair's Report' to the 12 September 2019 Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting be received.

Cr Wilson/Cr Belsham. Carried

## 7 Confirmation of minutes

**Resolved minute number**            **19/AIN/051**            **File Ref**            **3-CT-13-2**

That the Minutes of the 'Assets/Infrastructure Committee' meeting held on 8 August 2019 (without amendment) be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Gordon. Carried

## 9 Progress with Strategic Issues

The Commentary was noted in the agenda.

The Mayor noted he would be meeting with McCarthy's Transport on key logging routes.

Stormwater disposal to the Tutaenui Stream from the proposal Hereford Heights subdivision required a consent from Horizons. A detention pond over two of the proposed sections had been proposed to allow a slower and more consistent rate of discharge. The road design at the Bredins Line entrance had been completed. The Committee asked that this be provide to Council, with costings.

## 10 Infrastructure Protection Update to 31 August 2019

The memorandum was taken as read.

Cr Wilson and Cr Dunn expressed the importance of regular communication with our asset landowners, then to report back to Council any concerns or feedback.

His Worship the Mayor raised a query about the new Ratana Bore, questioning the Ratana rates increase. Mr Pointon advised he will follow this up.

**Resolved minute number**            **19/AIN/052**            **File Ref**            **6-CF-4**

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

Cr McManaway/Cr Belsham. Carried

**Undertaking**                            **Subject**

Mr Pointon to seek clarification on how Ratana rates will be compensated.

## 11 Marton C Dam spillway repairs update

Mr Benadie took the memorandum as read and highlighted the Committee on the following:

- There are two valves on the tower (one internal and one external). A diver had taken photos and work has since been undertaken on the old valves.
- There is a national guideline for dams; working is being done on meeting these.
- Plan A is to have the temporary repairs done, Plan B is to look into the bore. Work is being done on both the spillway repair and the bore.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/AIN/053**                      **File Ref**                      **6-WS-3-6**

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

Cr Belsham/Cr Ash. Carried

## 12 Putorino Landfill update

The memorandum was taken as read.

Mr Benadie updated the Committee on the following:

- Test have been undertaken for depth and contents. The fill consists of steel, building rubble and domestic rubbish. This does not extend to normal river level, it is 2m above river level. The papa base will not move.
- A temporary clean up is the focus to get through winter.
- The four solutions identified in the WSP Opus report have been put out for tender.

The Committee requested rough costings be provided to Council.

Cr Ash requested details on the contaminants and leachate.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/AIN/054**                      **File Ref**                      **6-SO-1-8**

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

Cr McManaway/Cr Ash. Carried

**Undertaking**                      **Subject**

Mr Benadie to provide Cr Ash information on the contaminants and the levels in the Putorino Landfill.

## 13 Public access to Marton B & C Dams

Mr Hodder took the memorandum as read.

The Committee expressed a desire to accelerate the timing of public access to the Dams. The community has been part of the plantings, and it would be good to have them a part of the whole process – watch the trees grow.

Elected Members stressed that community engagement is needed about public access with clear guidelines – not just via social media, but also in the newspapers. This should state more fluid timelines as public access appears closer than it is stated in the report.

Elected Members asked about the cost to Council for pest control. Mr Benadie did not have the information on hand but would follow that up

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/AIN/055**                      **File Ref**                      **1-CP-4-17**

That the memorandum 'Public access to Marton B & C Dams' to the 12 September 2019 Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting be received.

Cr Gordon/Cr Sheridan. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/AIN/056**                      **File Ref**                      **1-CP-4-17**

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee recommend that Council look to fast-track 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 meantime, access will be limited to authorised groups and individuals assisting in the development.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Ash. Carried

**Undertaking**                      **Subject**

Mr Benadie is to provide costings of pest control and information on how successful hunting has been at the Dams.

## **14 Improvement plans from the 2019 residents' survey**

This item was not available.

## **15 Parks Upgrade Partnership application**

The application was taken as read.

Council would provide a letter of endorsement to an application to Horizons in 2020 by the Onepuhi and Porewa Community Group for support with riparian planting and the Horizons Community Grant.

The Committee commended the application as a great idea and that is fantastic to see a community group do this. His Worship the Mayor made mention of the change in the river, however that Horizons monitor this.

Cr Dunn left 11.08am-11.11am.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/AIN/057**                      **File Ref**                      **6-RF-1-20**

That the application from the Onepuhi & Porewa Community Group to the Parks Upgrade Partnership Fund be received.

Cr Ash/Cr Sheridan. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/AIN/058**                      **File Ref**                      **6-RF-1-20**

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee approves a grant of \$5,800 from the Parks Upgrade Partnership Fund to the Onepuhi & Porewa Community Group.

Cr Ash/Cr Sheridan. Carried

## 16 Infrastructure Group Report August 2019

Mr Benadie took the report as read, he advised that the current reporting is outdated, and that a discussion/workshop is to be held with incoming Council and new Chief Executive for suggestions on how they would like reporting to look.

His Worship the Mayor updated the Committee that there is a workshop planned with the New Zealand Transport Agency for the Taihape-Napier Road.

His Worship the Mayor sought clarification about his previous question in regards to sealing of Cobber Kain Avenue: it should be sealed as it is considered a road; it is next to Council's community housing and the Memorial Hall. Mr Benadie clarified that this road is currently not on the schedule for sealing projects. His Worship the Mayor requested that Cobber Kain Avenue be put on the schedule for sealing.

Cr Sheridan stated that the sealing of this road has been bought up several times.

### Point of Order

Cr McManaway raised a point of order (misrepresentation or request the recording of words) against Cr Sheridan, that the question of sealing Cobber Kain Avenue has never been raised in the Assets/Infrastructure Committee while he chaired the Committee.

Cr Sheridan stated it has been in the annual plan for 6 years.

The Chair noted the different views were not contradictory.

Cr McManaway left 11.46am-11.47am.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/AIN/059**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-3-4**

That the 'Infrastructure Group Report August 2019' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 12 September 2019 be received.

Cr Belsham/Cr Dunn. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/AIN/060**                      **File Ref**

That sealing of Cobber Kain Avenue be added to the roading programme.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Ash. Carried

## **17 Community and Leisure Services project and activity report**

The report was taken as read. Ms Prince updated the Committee on the following:

- Follett Street Permaloo – The consent should be through by the end of the week.
- Funding – We sought funding from the MBIE Tourism fund, which was approved and we were awarded \$37,000.

Cr Gordon queried whether Council holds an active list for funding rounds and ideas. Ms Prince advised that the most recent application was operational. Staff keep an eye out, though each have a different criteria. Council has a list of projects and if they fit the criteria for a specific grant then an application for funding is submitted.

His Worship the Mayor updated the Committee that the Walton Street house has been repainted again and a new garage door has gone in. There will be a thank you night for contractors and those who have worked on the house on 23 October 2019 at the Rathole.

**Resolved minute number**                      **19/AIN/061**                      **File Ref**                      **5-EX-3-4**

That the 'Community and Leisure Services project and activity report' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 12 September 2019 be received.

Cr Ash/Cr Dunn. Carried

## **18 Questions put at previous meeting for Council advice or action**

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

## **19 Late items**

As agreed in Item 6.



## **20 Future items for agenda**

## **21 Next meeting**

This was 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**

11.54 am

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

**Confirmed/Chief Executive:** \_\_\_\_\_

Date: