



Rangitikei District Council

Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 6 August 2020 – 10:30 am

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Present: Cr Richard Lambert (Chair)
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Brian Carter
Cr Fiona Dalgety
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Jane Dunn
Cr Angus Gordon
Cr Waru Panapa
Ms Coral Raukawa-Manuel (Te Roopu Ahi Kaa representative)
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance: Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
Mr Arno Benadie, Principal Advisor – Infrastructure
Mr Michael Hodder, Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager
Ms Christin Ritchie, Governance Administrator

1 Welcome

The deputy chair Cr Lambert opened the meeting at 10.30am.

2 Council Prayer

Cr Belsham read the Council Prayer.

Cr Lambert requested the Committee accept the late distribution of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee Order Paper for its meeting on 6 August 2020, the Paper being distributed on 4 August 2020, did not comply with Standing Orders 9.10 which requires distribution two clear working days before the day of the meeting, the reason being delay in preparing one of the key reports for the meeting.

The Committee agreed to accept this.

3 Public Forum

Nil

4 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for absence for Councillor Wilson be received.

Cr Belsham/Cr Lambert. 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 of interest declared.

6 Confirmation of order of business

Resolved minute number

20/AIN/031

File Ref

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, Taihape Squash Club Deed of Lease be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

Cr Lambert/Cr Duncan. Carried

7 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number **20/AIN/032** **File Ref** **3-CT-13-2**

That Agenda Item 9 – Infrastructure Group Report June 2020, fourth bullet point be amended to read: Ministry for the Environment understands the resistance to the sale of land at Rātana and is considering a long-term lease; Horizons holds the funds so they also need to be satisfied that the arrangement is long-term.

Cr Duncan/His Worship the Mayor. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/AIN/033** **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the 'Assets/Infrastructure Committee's meeting held on 9 July 2020 as amended be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Lambert/Cr Duncan. Carried

8 Chair's Report

No update was provided at the meeting.

9 Hunterville Sport & Recreation Trust - Hunterville Swim Centre Report

Cr Dalgety spoke to the report as the Chair of the Hunterville Sport & Recreation Trust. She declared a conflict of interest at this point.

- The Hunterville Pool is an iconic part of Hunterville, and is truly valued by the district.
- The pool is now Poolsafe accredited for the 2020/21 season.
- An urgent need to upgrade the toilets, changing room and office area was identified last year. The Trust is very grateful to the Duddings Trust for donating \$106,000 to help cover the costs. The remaining \$32,000 will be covered by the operation grant provided by the Council last year.
- The Trust applied for and received an additional \$50,000 from the Four Regions Trust to replace inefficient pipework, and reconcreting the surrounding areas of the pool.
- The exploratory bore in Hunterville which was drilled adjacent to the pool in December 2018 created a sand and water runoff, blocking the novo-flow drainage. The solidified runoff is difficult to clean.
- The Trust wanted particularly to thank Simon Hughes, and acknowledge his contributions.
- The Trust has an issue with breaking even on our operating costs, running a deficit of about \$10-15,000 year

Undertaking Subject Hunterville Pool service request drainage

Council to raise a request for service to ensure the novo-drain near the Hunterville Pools is cleared before the next rainfall.

Undertaking Subject Hunterville Pool service request follow up

Council to follow up on the initial request for service called in by Fi Dalgety, and subsequently raised at a meeting of the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management subcommittee.

Undertaking Subject Investigate lower power costs for the Hunterville Pool

Council to investigate the option of paying for the power to the Hunterville Pool to enable the discounted rate to be passed on to the Hunterville Sport & Recreation Trust.

Mr Hodder noted that if there were any cost overruns due to unforeseen issues while renovating, that the Trust could apply for an emergency grant from Council to assist with the costs.

Undertaking Subject Hunterville Trust scope of work report

Council to provide a report to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee outlining the scope of work the Hunterville Sport & Recreation Trust undertakes for Council.

Resolved minute number 20/AIN/034 File Ref

A letter be sent to the Chair of the Hunterville Sport & Recreation Trust on behalf of Council, to credit them for the operation of the Hunterville Pool.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 20/AIN/035 File Ref

That the 'Hunterville Sport & Recreation Trust – Hunterville Swim Centre Report' to the 6 August 2020 Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting be received.

Cr Lambert/Cr Dalgety. Carried

10 Infrastructure Group Report July 2020

Mr Benadie spoke to his report, making note that the roading work programme related to works up to the end of the 2019/20 financial year. The work programme for this financial year

will be included in his next report. The reporting will also enable Council to report more accurately the costs associated with each project in future. Other points covered were:

- Turakina – 3 South of Drysdale is still awaiting resource consent.
- The intersection at the Hereford Subdivision will be included in the next report. Staff are currently working with the developer to ensure temporary safe access to the site, until a permanent solution can be made. This is also to ensure construction is not delayed.
- The projects summary shows that planning & design, tendering and construction are all currently on track for the year.
- Water supply – Drinking water standards compliance – shows Bulls did not achieve Protoza/UTV standards, however this is a reporting problem. There is no actual issue with these levels.
- There are some consenting issues regarding the wastewater at Rātana. There is a 5 year project to remove the effluent from Lake Waipu.
- A planning session was held with Manawatu District Council regarding the centralisation of Marton and Bulls wastewater treatment plants. An application has now been made to Horizons outlining the milestones. This will be followed by a formal application for a consent.
- Taihape Wastewater continues to show non-compliance. The current consent did not take sufficient account of the discharge volumes, which are unachievable. Council will be applying for a new consent. This is likely to take two years.
- Hunterville Wastewater had a variation of consent applied for in May 2019. We are still waiting for a response to this.
- Ratana wastewater. There is a five-year project to move the discharge away from Lake Waipu to land but it is difficult to find suitable sites. Two are under consideration. A meeting with the Ministry for the Environment is scheduled for 17 August 2020.
- Council is working with WSP Opus to progress remediation as soon as possible in regard to the Putorino Landfill.

Undertaking Subject Taihape Wastewater aluminium

Council to confirm if the aluminium recorded at the Taihape Wastewater treatment plant was upstream.

His Worship the Mayor noted the potential issue for many councils in the Government's three waters programme was identifying the specific debt associated with the three waters.

Undertaking Subject Finance report for assets & infrastructure

A financial report is to be provided to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee identifying all debt associated with Three Waters work. The report will also need to include the long term loan positions.

Resolved minute number 20/AIN/036 File Ref

That the 'Infrastructure Group Report July 2020' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 6 August 2020 be received.

Cr Carter/Cr Panapa. Carried

11 Community and Leisure Assets Project updates, July 2020

The report was taken as read.

His Worship the Mayor, drew the Committee's attention to section 6. Libraries, section 1. The Committee considered whether the credit should be used as savings rather than invested in a digital literacy initiative at the libraries.

Resolved minute number 20/AIN/037 File Ref

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee discard the option of spending The National Library of New Zealand's, APNK, EPIC and Te Puna Services two year fee waivers, totalling \$38,438.21 and instead put these funds into savings.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Dunn. Carried

Resolved minute number 20/AIN/038 File Ref 5-EX-3-4

That the report 'Community and Leisure Assets Project updates, July 2020' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 6 August 2020 be received.

Cr Raukawa-Manuel/Cr Duncan. Carried

12 Late items

As agreed in Item 6.

Resolved minute number **20/AIN/040** **File Ref**

That the 'Taihape Squash Club Dead of Lease' be classed as a tabled item instead of a late item.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/AIN/041** **File Ref**

That the 'Taihape Squash Club Dead of Lease' provided to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 6 August 2020 be received.

Cr Gordon/Cr Dalgety. Carried

The Committee was in support of the proposed extension to the Taihape Squash courts, however they did not feel as though enough information was provided in order to make an informed decision.

Meeting adjourned 12.09pm

Cr Raukawa-Manuel left the meeting 12.14pm

Meeting reconvened 12.15pm

Resolved minute number **20/AIN/042** **File Ref**

That a report be provided to Council's meeting on 27 August 2020 outlining the proposal to extend the Taihape Squash Courts, and the implications of this.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Duncan. Carried

13 Future items for agenda

Nil.

14 Next meeting

Thursday 10 September 2020, 9.30am

15 Meeting closed

The meeting closed at 12.23pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: