



Rangitikei District Council

Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 13 October 2020 – 9:30 am

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Present:

- Cr Dave Wilson
- Cr Nigel Belsham
- Cr Cath Ash
- Cr Brian Carter
- Cr Fiona Dalgety
- Cr Gill Duncan
- Cr Jane Dunn
- Cr Angus Gordon
- Cr Richard Lambert
- His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
- Ms Coral Raukawa-Manuel – Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa representative

In attendance:

- Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
- Mr Arno Benadie, Group Manager – Assets and Infrastructure
- Mr John Jones, Asset Manager - Roading
- Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager – Corporate Services
- Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager – Democracy and Planning
- Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager – Community Services
- Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator

1 Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting at 9.35am.

2 Council Prayer

Cr Wilson read the Council Prayer.

3 Public Forum

Nil.

4 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apology for lateness of Councillor Gordon and Ms Raukawa-Manuel be received.

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.

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 (1) Footbridge at Marton B and C Dams – Tutaenui Reservoir and (2) Spraying at Santoft Domain be dealt with as late items at this meeting.

7 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number	20/AIN/049	File Ref	3-CT-13-2
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That the Minutes of the 'Assets/Infrastructure Committee' meeting held on 10 September 2020, without amendment, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Carter/Cr Belsham. Carried

8 Chair's Report

Cr Wilson took his report as read.

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That the tabled 'Chair's Report' to the 13 October 2020 Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting be received.

Cr Wilson/Cr Dalgety. Carried

9 Follow-up Items from Previous Meetings

Cr Gordon and Ms Raukawa-Manuel arrived at the meeting at 9.40am.

Mrs Gordon updated the Committee on the new reporting format, which will be in all Council and Committee order papers moving forward. The table will highlight actions from previous

meetings, and whether the actions will be presented as a report, when action is expected or a simple update at the meeting.

The Committee expressed that it would be helpful to have a note within the table to show when the action has been closed, rather than just falling off the list with no explanation.

Mrs Gordon advised she is happy for further feedback and any improvements that can be made in the table.

The following points were highlighted from Committee members:

- Centennial Park and Follett Street Toilets – Vinyl Wrap - Cr Belsham noted the new toilets look fantastic as they are and said he had received feedback from several people that “wrapping” the Follett Street toilets could raise ongoing issues. It was agreed to paint them with anti-graffiti paint.
- Hunterville Sports and Recreation Trust – Cr Dalgety questioned whether Council has considered paying the power account. The Committee were advised that the Hunterville Sports and Recreation Trust receive an annual grant and is for them to use as they see fit. Over the 2019/20 year, the costs increased by \$10,000. If Council were to fund the power costs, it would cost approximately \$11,000 as an unbudgeted expense.

Mr Beggs said a review of the Trust Deed between Council and Hunterville Sports and Recreation Trust would be conducted.

- Papakai Pump Station – Cr Duncan advised that the Taihape Community take to Facebook with their grievances. She said that rural Taihape residents do not receive a newspaper, therefore updates and communication are generally too late. She requested that in future that the local Councillors are updated as soon as possible to ensure if the community have any questions that they can respond accurately.

Cr Gordon questioned Councils maintenance schedule - how often pumps are replaced, whether it is after so many hours of use etc., not just at the Papakai Pump Station. Mr Beggs advised this will be followed up on and an update will come back to a subsequent meeting.

- Wilson Park drainage – Cr Belsham advised the Committee that he had accompanied a contractor to do a visual overview at Wilson Park. The outcome was:
 - Playground subsoil drainage difficult – tree roots would block any drains installed.
 - Main issue is from field north of the playground, allowing water to fall to the lower lying park.
 - Contractor has suggested the most appropriate option would be to investigate the current drainage of the northern field and check its condition and operation of it. It would appear that the trees along the drain (running through the middle of Wilson Park) could potentially be blocking the current drainage.
 - Request staff to check current records (maps) of drainage for the field, then this could be provided to contractor to formulate a more detailed plan / response.

Resolved minute number **20/AIN/051** **File Ref**

That the report 'Follow-up Items from Previous Meetings' to the 13 October 2020 Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting be received.

Cr Gordon/Cr Ash. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/AIN/052** **File Ref**

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee recommends to Council that they do not proceed with a vinyl wrap on the Follett Street Toilets and that the toilets be coated with clear anti-graffiti paint.

Cr Belsham/His Worship the Mayor. Carried

10 RDC Road Maintenance Contract – Escalations

Mr Jones noted that the report has come to the Committee as the initial costings for the RDC Road Maintenance Contract were approved in the previous LTP budget are short of the contract price and outside the Chief Executive's delegation. He explained that costs have increase and additional funding is required for the contract. Mr Jones confirmed that NZTA funds 63% and 37% is covered by Council.

Resolved minute number **20/AIN/053** **File Ref** **RDC 980**

That the report 'RDC Road Maintenance Contract – Escalations' to the 13 October 2020 Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting be received.

Cr Wilson/Cr Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/AIN/054** **File Ref**

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee approves the contract value for RDC 980 of \$10,665,590.24 plus GST for the 2020 – 2021 Financial Year.

Cr Belsham/Cr Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/AIN/055** **File Ref**

That the Assets/Infrastructure Committee notes that further escalations for the RDC Road Maintenance Contact may occur during the 2020-21 financial year and that these will be quantified and brought to Council for approval as and when required.

Cr Belsham/Cr Carter. Carried

11 Infrastructure Group Report September 2020

Mr Jones provided the following updates:

- Mangaweka Bridge - Have settled on steel for the bridge, this will be coming from Japan to Tauranga, then Napier Port to be fabricated into beams. There are no New Zealand manufacturers able to produce this type of weathering steel (rusty look) that does not require upkeep of painting etc. A lizard survey will be undertaken at the site. The bat survey came back positive for bats in the area. Mr Jones has been in contact with the Mangaweka Camp ground and have advised them to contact him if they have any questions.

NZTA have provided an old MoU from a similar bridge up north, this will be used as a basis to draft the MoU for the Mangaweka Heritage Group for the old bridge, once they have provided comment, and it will then come to Council and Manawatu District Council for approval.

- Taihape-Napier Road – this has been delayed due to Covid, however the Hastings District Council are keen to get this moving forward. Mr Jones suggested inviting NZTA to Council to present on a long-term strategy for this.

His Worship the Mayor queried whether the unsubsidised construction work on Mokai Road is another section that requires work or is it a new section and has it been approved by Council. The Committee requested that in future that the report identifies that approval has been sought for unsubsidised work.

Mr Benadie presented a tabled Projects Summary, noting he has liaised with Councils accountant on how to report on the budget spent. The report dated up to 30 September 2020 reflects the budget for the current annual plan / financial year and does not reflect previous year's expenditure on the project.

Mr Beggs said the report may look different moving forward as the project manager starts the soon.

Resolved minute number **20/AIN/056** **File Ref**

That the 'Infrastructure Group Report September 2020' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting on 13 October 2020 be received.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Wilson. Carried

12 Late items

Footbridge at Marton B and C Dams – Tutaenui Reservoir

His Worship the Mayor told the Committee he attended the opening of the Marton B and C Dams at Tutaenui Reservoir on Saturday 10 October 2020. He noted the current footbridge across the spillway does not allow people to cross safely, especially for push chairs.

The Committee discussed options of having a bridge that would service walkers, push chairs, mountain bikes and horses. It was agreed that a warning sign will need to be put up in the meantime to advise of potential risks crossing the current bridge.

Mr Benadie told the Committee that a new bridge is currently being designed and a report with designs and costings will come back to Council to approve, which will include a horse friendly option.

Resolved minute number **20/AIN/057** **File Ref**

That staff design and come back to Council to approve costings and construction of a suitable foot bridge to be able to accommodate mountain bikes, horses, push chairs between Marton B and C Dams.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Belsham. Carried

Spraying at Santoft Domain

His Worship the Mayor said he visited Santoft Domain while volunteers were doing their routine spray. He noted that the broom was growing out of control and that it would be a large job to remove. The Santoft Domain Management Committee asked if they could use a local spray contractor as his rates were cheaper than the pre-qualified contractor.

The Committee agreed that contractors must be pre-qualified, due to health and safety regulations. They also noted that a review of volunteers be needed, to ensure Health and Safety standards are being met.

Cr Belsham suggested Elected Members have an understanding of the process of becoming a pre-approved Council contractor, to allow them to assist with contractors wishing to become pre-approved.

The Committee were advised that all relevant information is on the Council website, however the website could be improved by adding a link on the home page for ease of access.

13 Future items for agenda

Council's maintenance schedule

Review of Trust Deed for Hunterville Sport and Recreation Trust

Process of becoming a pre-approved contractor for Council

14 Next meeting

Thursday 12 November 2020, 9.30am

15 Meeting closed

12.05pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____