



Rangitikei District Council

Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday, 12 November 2020 – 9:30 am

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Present:

- Cr Dave Wilson
- Cr Nigel Belsham
- Cr Cath Ash
- Cr Brian Carter
- Cr Fi Dalgety
- Cr Gill Duncan
- Cr Waru Panapa
- Cr Angus Gordon
- His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

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
- Mr George Forster, Policy Analyst

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting at 9:35am.

2 Council Prayer

Cr Duncan read the Council prayer.

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Apologies/Leave of Absence

That the apologies of Cr Lambert be received and from His Worship the Mayor for leaving the meeting early to attend a funeral.

Cr Gordon/Cr Belsham. 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.

Cr Dalgety declared a conflict of interest in regards to the Hunterville Sport and Recreation Trust.

His Worship the Mayor left the meeting at 9:42am

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 the future of the Bulls Water Tower be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

7 Confirmation of minutes

Resolved minute number	20/AIN/058	File Ref	3-CT-13-2
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That the Minutes of the 'Assets/Infrastructure Committee' meeting held on 13 October 2020, as amended, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

- Item 9, bullet point one also to include centennial toilets
- Item 9, bullet point two *Trust Deed between Council and Hunterville Sports and Recreation Trust should be conducted.* Should changed to would.

Cr Carter/Cr Duncan. Carried

8 Chair's Report

The Chair took questions of his report. Cr Belsham asked if a footpath/cycleway was on the work schedule for Nga Tawa Road and as it is a SH1 bypass would it receive NZTA funding. Mr Jones confirmed it was in the work plan for the 2021/22 and 2022/23 years with indicative funding of \$200,000, at the Council's current FAR of 63%. It is yet to be approved in the programme business case.

Resolved minute number **20/AIN/059** **File Ref**

That the tabled 'Chair's Report' to the 12 November 2020 Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting be received.

Cr Wilson/Cr Carter. Carried

9 Follow-up Items from Previous Meetings

Ms Gordon and Mr Benadie took questions on the report. Cr Dalgety asked how the Hunterville Sport and Recreation Trust ask for additional funding, Mr Beggs replied the Trust should write directly to him with their specific request.

Cr Belsham advised he was at a recent NZTA forum where it was stated that the Taihape/Napier Road had been requested by local councils to remain a local owned road. Mr Jones said this was not correct and there is a work being done with NZTA to take over this road as a State Highway, with an initial presentation to NZTA and Hastings District Council in Hastings on 30 November 2020.

Resolved minute number **20/AIN/060** **File Ref**

That the report - Follow-up Items from Previous Meetings be received.

Cr Belsham/Cr Carter. Carried

10 Infrastructure Group Report October 2020

Mr Benadie went through the report with Committee and provided additional information on the following:

- Makirikiri Road – Signage instalation is programmed for next year.
- Hereford Heights – construction is due to commence in February/March 2021. Mr Beggs confirmed there was a development agreement with the developers.
- Papakai pump station, responding to a request about whether there a system that sends out alerts when there is an issue, Mr Benadie confirmed there was a system on Hautapu where Council receives notification of any issues.
- Mr Benadie noted that in the Compliance section of his report, Taihape is being addressed and should be 'green' in the next report. Also with Bulls drinking water, there is an issue with the recording that sometimes triggers a non-compliance when in fact it is compliant.

- Mr Beggs provided the presentation he made to the Horizons Regional Council Environment Committee on 11 November 2020.

Resolved minute number **20/AIN/061**

That the 'Infrastructure Group Report October 2020' to the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting be received with the addition of Mr Beggs presentation.

Cr Wilson/Cr Carter. Carried

11 Closing Lower High Street Toilets

Ms Prince presented her report. In response to a question about whether Council has considered selling the land, Ms Prince advised this would be discussed with Speirs Foods. It was agreed that Council should work with Speirs Foods to get the best outcome for this site.

Resolved minute number **20/AIN/062** **File Ref**

That the Report – Closing Lower High Street Toilets be received.

Cr Belsham/Cr Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/AIN/063** **File Ref**

That the Council agree to the closure of the toilets in Lower High Street Marton, acknowledging there may be a request to relocate the bus stop to Follett Street, Marton.

Cr Belsham/Cr Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/ AIN/064** **File Ref**

That notices advising the closure of the Lower High Street toilets (and, if applicable, moving of the bus stop) will be put in place prior to closing the facility.

Cr Ash/Cr Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/ AIN/065** **File Ref**

That the Chief Executive be delegated to negotiate with Speirs Food for the best outcome for the use of the site in Follett Street, where the toilets are located.

Cr Ash/Cr Duncan. Carried

12 Unsubsidised Roding Improvement Programme 2020-21

Mr Jones advised this report has been provided following a request from His Worship the Mayor at the previous meeting.

Resolved minute number **20/ AIN/066** **File Ref**

That the Report – Unsubsidised Roding Improvement Programme 2020-21 be received.

Cr Wilson/Cr Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/ AIN/067** **File Ref**

That the Council approves the proposed the Unsubsidised Road Improvement Programme of \$462,200 for 2020-21.

Cr Duncan/Cr Dalgety. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/ AIN/068** **File Ref**

That the Committee resolve to suspend standing orders and continue the meeting past two hours.

Cr Belsham/Cr Dalgety. Carried

13 Maintenance Schedules for Wastewater Pumps

Mr Benadie spoke to his report. In response to a question about what would happen if one of the pumps failed Mr Benadie advised that mitigation measures were in place but noted there are no set schedule for inspections.

Resolved minute number **20/ AIN/069** **File Ref**

That the Report – Maintenance Schedules for Wastewater Pumps be received.

Cr Wilson/Cr Duncan. Carried

14 2019/20 Annual Residents Survey Improvement Plan

Mr Forster spoke to his report.

Resolved minute number **20/ AIN/070** **File Ref**

That the Report – 2019/20 Annual Residents Survey Improvement Plan be received.

Cr Ash/Cr Panapa. Carried

15 Late items

Bulls Water Tower

Cr Wilson advised the Committee that a decision on whether to demolish or retain the Bulls Water Tower needs be made urgently, so contractors can commence the project to build a new reservoir in Bulls. The recommendation from this committee will be taken to Council.

Mr Benadie advised that a contract has been approved to construct the new reservoir in Bulls. The 'mushroom' tower has a limited life, it can never be used to store water, and it will be more challenging to remove it in the future. Consultation was undertaken with the Bulls community on this.

Resolved minute number **20/ AIN/071** **File Ref**

That the report on the future of the Bulls water tower be received.

Cr Wilson/Cr Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/ AIN/072** **File Ref**

That the Council endorse proceeding with strengthening of the Bulls Water Tower now, for a quoted price of \$181,540 and notes that the removal of the tower will have to occur within 35 years, at a yet to be determined cost to Council.

Cr Carter/Cr Duncan. Carried

Votes - 4/4. Cr Wilson used his casting vote in favour of the recommendation, therefore the motion was carried.

16 Future items for agenda

Nil

17 Next meeting

10 December 2020.

18 Meeting closed

Cr Wilson closed the meeting at 12:15pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____