



Rangitikei District Council

Assets and Infrastructure Committee Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday, 17 February 2021 – 9:30 am

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The quorum for the Assets and Infrastructure Committee is 6.

Council's Standing Orders (adopted 31 October 2019) 11.2 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.

Present: Cr Dave Wilson (Chair)
Cr Brian Carter
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Richard Lambert
Cr Fiona Dalgety
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Tracey Hiroa
Cr Waru Panapa
Ms Coral Raukawa
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson
Cr Cath Ash via Zoom
Cr Angus Gardner via Zoom

In attendance: Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager – Finance and Business Support
Ms Jess McIlroy, Senior Project Manager
Mr Andrew Van Bussell
Mr Phil Gifford
Mr Alan Geerkens
Mr Reuben Pokiha

1 Welcome

Cr Wilson welcomed everyone to the meeting which commenced at 9.33 am.

2 Council Prayer

Cr Panapa read the prayer in te reo.

3 Public Forum

Nil.

4 Apologies/Leave of Absence

Mr Beggs advised that Arno Benadie is not attending the meeting as he's doing priority work for the Chief Executive, Jess McIlroy is attending the meeting on his behalf.

5 Members' Conflict of Interest

Nil.

6 Confirmation of Order of Business

The order of business was confirmed.

7 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting from 10 December 2020 are

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That the Minutes of the 'Assets/Infrastructure Committee' meeting held on 10 December 2020 [as amended] be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

HWTM/Cr Carter Carried

8 Chair's Report

Cr Wilson took his report as read.

There was some concern that the Central North Island drinking water has had some non-compliance issues (the data is dated from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020).

- It is understood that one of the non-compliance notifications was due to expired consent.

- There was a new amendment in late December that needed to be considered, but the water safety plan has been sent through and we have received acknowledgement of receipt. It expired in December and should have been submitted in September.
- We are working to negate any issues so drinking water is safe and tested regularly, there are ongoing issues in Marton and it is acknowledged that everyone is working hard on this issue however it is going to get harder, not easier.
- The LTP has included proposed funds for the Marton water strategy.

Mr Van Bussell advised the following:

- The algae levels are lower than usual for this time of year;
- Sludge is being pumped into the lagoon;
- Bore water is high in hardness which is more expensive to treat, however ammonia is easy to treat;
- Currently the manganese is higher than Andrew has ever treated, the dam is changing its characteristics.

Mr Beggs advised Mr Van Bussell that the attendees of this meeting have a lot of appreciation for the work he and his team does.

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That the 'Chair's Report' to the 17 February 2021 Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting be received.

Cr Wilson/Cr Duncan Carried

9 Follow-up Items from Previous Meetings

The report was taken as read.

Cr Dalgety suggested due to climate change we should be looking at the household waste and perhaps have a look at what the Ruapehu District Council is doing.

Food waste is a source that can be used, look at composting rather than feeding it into a refinery. The Council has previously spoken about food waste education, so we need to look at supporting the community to embrace any changes rather than throwing waste out.

Cr Dalgety queried, on behalf of a ratepayer living in West Road, what was going to be done to mitigate the dust that the logging trucks will cause once the harvesting starts (there are 5 dwellings adjacent to the unsealed road).

During a long dry spell watering occasionally will help mitigate the dust, the simple solution would be to seal the road but the cost is prohibitive. However, there is a dust suppression product on the market that requires redoing every year or two.

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That the report 'Follow-up Items from Previous Meetings' to the 17 February 2021 Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting be received.

Cr Belsham/Cr Dalgety Carried

10 Infrastructure Group Report - February 2021

The report was taken as read.

Drysdale Slip, Turakina:

This project just received resource consent in January and the Contractors have been working on a construction management plan. Alan understands the machinery will be on ground next week (w/c 22 February 2021).

Pukepapa Road:

There have been complaints from truck drivers about the "judder bars" feel where the new seal has been laid, this was not a problem that Alan had been advised of.

Hereford Heights Intersection:

Mr Beggs has, this morning, signed off the contract for the Hereford Heights intersection construction. Ms McIlroy spoke to the contractor who advised that they were starting mid-week once the supplies are confirmed.

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That the report 'Infrastructure Group Report - February 2021' to the 17 February 2021 Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting be received.

Cr Wilson/Cr Lambert Carried

11 Kuripapango Boundary Bridge Strengthening, Hastings District Council Project, Taihape - Napier Road

Mr Gifford took his report as read.

Ms McIlroy advised the Project Team have been finding projects and pulling all the information together and understanding the responsibilities, however this won't be the last one that comes out of left field.

Mr Gifford advised in answer to questions:

- Kuripapango Boundary Bridge does not need replacing;
- The Moawhango bridge is programmed for investigation as it needs strengthening work done. There is no indication that the deck needs to be replaced but it was a bit too early to say there won't be road closures.

There was a meeting with affected property owners, no notice had been given in advance advising the timelines and work to be done. The reduced weight limits suggested were not viable, to take an empty truck and trailer over is not worth it. There are 22 tonnes of scaffolding underneath the bridge which is why there's a weight restriction.

This project was dropped on us by Hastings District Council, there was no input from RDC on timing of the work or evaluation of the tender and we are picking up half the cost of it.

It was also noted that the contract is between Hasting District Council and Concrete Structures.

A full report will be provided for the Council meeting next week with more specific information on the funding, this project starts on 1st March, 2021 and must to be approved by Council.

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That the report 'Kuripapango Boundary Bridge Strengthening, Hastings District Council Project, Taihape - Napier Road' to the 17 February 2021 Asset and Infrastructure Committee Meeting be received.

Cr Belsham/Cr Duncan Carried

12 Late Items

As agreed in Item 6.

13 Future Items for Agenda

Nil.

14 Next Meeting

Wednesday, 8 April 2021 - 9:30 am

15 Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 12.03 pm.