



RANGITIKEI
DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

Assets/Infrastructure Committee Meeting
Thursday, 8 April 2021

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That the 'Report – Section at 22 Tui Street, Taihape' be received.

Cr Wilson/Cr Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/AIN/006

That the Assets and Infrastructure committee recommend that staff investigate the potential for community housing units to be built at 22 Tui Street, Taihape, by Council and/or another provider.

Cr Belsham/Cr Duncan. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/AIN/007

That the Assets and Infrastructure committee recommend that staff investigate the potential for selling the section at 22 Tui Street, Taihape, with surplus proceeds to be utilised in accordance with the trust deed.

Cr Gordon/Cr Duncan. Carried

9.2 Deferral of Bulls Town Square and Bus Lane Works

Mrs Mcilroy explained that it may be preferable to defer work on the Bulls Town Square and the Bus Lane due to the weather, with road works generally being harder to complete in winter months, there had also been issues with obtaining the archaeological authority. Council could also use the time to look at progressing other work in the Town Square.

The Committee requested Council communicates with the Bulls community, letting them know why the Council wants to take its time on these works.

During discussion it was noted that some retailers in Bulls had concerns about the bus lane being a hazard for people wanting to use the toilets, as they need to cross the main road. A suggestion was made to look at re-opening the old toilets in the bus station, staff will now look into this.

The committee discussed alternative options that had previously been explored for mitigating the hazards of the main road in Bulls. Mr Benadie advised that the SH1/SH3 intersection in Bulls was on Waka Kotahi's regional land transport strategy.

Resolved minute number 21/AIN/008

That the 'Deferral of Bulls Town Square and Bus Lane Works' report be received.

.Cr Wilson/Ms Raukawa. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/AIN/009

That the recommendation to defer the Bulls Town Square and Bus Lane works until October 2021 be approved.

Cr Carter/Ms Raukawa. Carried

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Infrastructure Group Report - March 2021

Mount Curl Road

Cr Lambert advised that he is receiving feedback from the public about the state of the Mount Curl Road – the gravel section is becoming beyond drivable. He advised them to submit a service request.

Taihape Waste Water Network

Cr Wilson and Cr Gordon raised issues with the waste water network in Taihape. The Chair indicated that Cr Gordon should have an offline conversation with staff regarding this issue.

Ratana Land Funding

Mr Benadie advised that Council had spent about a year trying to change the funding for this with the Ministry of Environment. The whole piece of land is now classified as a protected habitat, which means that Council can no longer use it. We may lose the funding.

Resolved minute number

21/AIN/010

That the 'Infrastructure Group Report – March 2021' report be received.

.Cr Wilson/Cr Gordon. Carried

10.2 Taihape-Napier Road - Corridor Management Plan

Mr Matt Evis (WSP Consultant) presented the Taihape-Napier Road – Corridor Management Plan.

The Chair advised that there is a lot of land locked in this area that may become available in future – this could increase traffic volume significantly over the next 20 years.

Cr Belsham advised that all of the solutions in the report constitute a very high cost for Council. Some of the more immediate solutions (e.g. increased signage, speed management, cell phone coverage) could be submitted to the National Land Transport Plan.

Cr Gordon queried if the report had identified any critically weak points in the road. The road could fail in the event of a natural disaster (e.g. earthquake). Sarah Dunsdan (Regional Manager – Waka Kotahi) advised that a proactive maintenance plan could mitigate this risk, and although it costs more in the short term, it could reduce costs in the long term.

Cr Duncan asked if there would be any implications in the event that this route became a heritage route. Sarah Dunsdan did not know, but would investigate.

The Chair re-iterated the Mayor's comments from earlier about Council wanting to make this road a State Highway in previous years, and asked Sarah Dunsdan about the likelihood of getting this change. Sarah Dunsdan advised that it was relatively unlikely, as it was low on Waka Kotahi's priority order and they are in a constrained funding environment. Daily vehicle numbers would have to increase significantly in order to change this. She suggested that a proactive strategy by local government authorities is to plan projects to the fullest extent (e.g. consenting and design), as this makes projects more attractive to central

Resolved minute number 21/AIN/011

That the 'Taihape-Napier Road – Corridor Management Plan' report be received.

.Cr Wilson/Cr Gordon. Carried

Cr Lambert left the meeting 11.29 am.

10.3 2019/20 Rangitikei District Council RCA Report

Mr Geerkens advised that Council is operating at either a level on par with other Councils, or above this.

Resolved minute number 21/AIN/012

That the '2019/2020 Rangitikei District Council RCA' report be received.

Cr Wilson/Cr Belsham. Carried

11 Late Items

Tutaenui rural water scheme

Cr Lambert and Cr Dalgety have both been in communication with local farmers with regards to a Tutaenui water scheme. The Chair advised that Council is not going to do it and it is up to local farmers whether they want this. Arno Benadie offered staff assistance to Cr Lambert and Cr Dalgety.

12 Next Meeting

The next Assets/Infrastructure meeting will be held in June – date to be confirmed.

13 Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 12.11 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Assets/Infrastructure Committee held on...

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Chairperson