

MINUTES

ASSETS/INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, 14 October 2021

Time: 9.30 am

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Richard Lambert (*via Zoom*)
Cr Cath Ash (*via Zoom*)
Cr Nigel Belsham
Cr Brian Carter (*via Zoom*)
Cr Fi Dalgety (*via Zoom*)
Cr Angus Gordon
Cr Waru Panapa
Ms Coral Raukawa – TRAK representative (*via Zoom*)
HWTM Andy Watson

In attendance

Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer
Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager – Democracy and Planning
Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager – Corporate Services
Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager – Community Services (*via Zoom*)
Mr John Jones, Roding Manager
Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

The meeting opened at 9.30 am. Cr Panapa read the Council prayer.

2 Apologies

Cr Angus Gordon will be arriving late.

Resolved minute number 21/AIN/020

That the apology for Cr Gill Duncan be received.

Cr N Belsham/Cr D Wilson. Carried

3 Public Forum

No Public Forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 21/AIN/021

That the minutes of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 12 August 2021, without amendment, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Cr D Wilson/Cr N Belsham. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Assets/Infrastructure Meetings

The Mayor asked if photos of the various stages of construction for Te Matapihi had been captured and saved in a file. Staff advised that the photos are online, but that they will also follow up with the building consent officers to investigate creating an online depository. Mr Benadie noted that this could also assist with any future defect claims.

The Committee noted that item 1 (gradient of the Calico Line-Broadway intersection) and item 4 (Edwards Street in Bulls) were not yet finalised and should be re-opened.

Resolved minute number 21/AIN/022

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Assets/Infrastructure meetings' be received.

HWTM A Watson/Cr B Carter. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - October 2021

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 21/AIN/023

That the Chair's Report – October 2021 be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr W Panapa. Carried

Cr Angus Gordon joined the meeting at 9.43 am.

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Infrastructure Group Report - September 2021

Roading

Cr Wilson requested that a summarised list of our planned roading works be included on the Council website.

The Mayor asked if the comments around "walls failing" (page 19) present an imminent health and safety risk. Mr Jones advised that this did not present an immediate risk, and if required staff will close off affected areas for repairs.

The Mayor enquired about the extra funding that had been released by central government to Waka Kotahi and whether this had increased the funding to Council. Mr Benadie confirmed that the

original amount from Waka Kotahi was \$30 million, and that the extra funding from central government had increased this to \$33 million.

Mr Jones advised that Waka Kotahi had removed some funding for walking and cycling projects. The Committee were unhappy with this outcome from Waka Kotahi and noted several projects that had been removed that had health and safety implications, including the Hereford Street pedestrian access and Nga Tawa road (SH1 bypass) walking way. These will be discussed at the next full Council meeting.

Mr Benadie noted that the unsubsidised roading work still needed to go to Council for approval.

Cr Gordon asked staff to ensure that farmers were being communicated with regarding the installation of extra culverts on Pohonui Road (pg 22).

In response to a query, Mr Benadie advised that the railway bridge north of Taihape that had been damaged had been repaired by KiwiRail.

Utilities Budgets

Cr Wilson asked what the purpose of the budget was for the Bulls reservoir. Mr Benadie advised that the budget was for the building of the reservoir and there was a \$300,000 carry-over from the last financial year for the pump station. Mr Benadie will include more figures on this for the next Committee meeting.

Water Supply – Consent Compliance

The Mayor asked how we can avoid non-compliance. Mr Benadie advised that staff are going to install smart devices that will provide real-time notification of status updates – this will allow pumps to be manually turned off as soon as they become non-compliant. However, Mr Benadie noted that this can raise issues of storage, as pumps can only be turned off for a limited period of time. He will update the Committee on the implementation of this software at the next meeting.

Wastewater Treatment Compliance

Mr Benadie advised that a new consent application for both Taihape and Hunterville will address the non-compliance issue of wastewater volume.

The Mayor and Cr Gordon both noted that the Hautapu river had been very low over recent months.

In response to a query about further possible non-compliance, Mr Benadie advised that staff are looking at this across Taihape, Bulls and Marton – specifically for further storage options, but this is a three-year solution.

Resolved minute number 21/AIN/024

That the Infrastructure Group Report – September 2021 be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr A Gordon. Carried

9.2 Marton Water Consumption

In response to a query, Mr Benadie advised that flushings of the network and fire hydrant testing do not significantly affect the water usage rates, as the regular usage of water is much higher.

In response to a query about “real water loss”, Mr Benadie advised that these are leaks and represent the water that is being lost out of the system. The amount is calculated theoretically and is open to interpretation.

Mr Benadie noted that some high users of water (such as pools or orchards) had meters to measure their water use, but he did not believe that increasing the amount of meters would provide much more useful information, as this reporting is intended to show an overall usage within the system and the loss from it.

In response to a query about measuring the level of loss prior to water entering the Marton urban network, Mr Benadie advised that staff are currently investigating this and looking at a programme that will flag big areas of loss across the whole network. He will update the Committee on this at a future meeting, once information becomes available.

Resolved minute number 21/AIN/025

That the report ‘Marton Water Consumption’ be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr C Ash. Carried

9.3 Hunterville Sport & Recreation Trust Report: For the 2020/2021 Swim Season

Cr Dalgety updated the Committee on this and advised that the Trust received \$50,000 from the Four Regions Trust which enabled concreting work to be completed.

Resolved minute number 21/AIN/026

That the report ‘Hunterville Sport & Recreation Trust Report: For the 2020/2021 Swim Season’ be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

10 Discussion Items

10.1 Bulls Water Tower

The Committee noted that there was community interest in the Bulls Water Tower and how it could be beautified and made more aesthetically appealing. The Committee asked staff to investigate this further.

11 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 10.43 am.

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number **21/AIN/027**

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

1. Confirmation of Assets/Infrastructure Minutes (Public Excluded)

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987* for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
1.1 – Confirmation of Assets/Infrastructure Minutes (Public Excluded)	s7(2)(a) - Privacy s7(2)(h) – Commercial activities	s48(1)(a)(i)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding or the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as specified above.

HWTM A Watson/Cr W Panapa. Carried

12 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 10.47 am.

The meeting closed at 10.47 am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Assets/Infrastructure Committee held on 9 December 2021.

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Chairperson