

MINUTES

ASSETS/INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, 9 December 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
Cr Fi Dalgety
Cr Gill Duncan (*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
Mrs Jess Mcilroy, Operations Manager
Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

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

2 Apologies

Nil.

3 Public Forum

No public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Nil.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

No changes.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

In response to a query, Mrs Mcilroy advised that staff are seeking a ten-year consent for the Taihape wastewater treatment plant in 2022. Staff are waiting on technical reports for the Hunterville wastewater treatment plant and will provide an update by March 2022.

Resolved minute number 21/AIN/028

That the minutes of the Assets/Infrastructure Committee meeting held on 14 October 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.

HWTM A Watson/Cr N Belsham. Carried

Cr Ash joined the meeting at 9.34 am.

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Assets/Infrastructure Meetings

The Committee discussed the need for Council and staff to keep the Bulls Community Committee up to date, particularly with regards to capital projects.

Resolved minute number 21/AIN/029

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - December 2021

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 21/AIN/030

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Plan for Bulls Water Tower and Reservoir Artistic Improvements

Taken as read.

Resolved minute number 21/AIN/031

That the report 'Plan for Bulls Water Tower and Reservoir Artistic Improvements' be **received**.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/AIN/032

That the plan for artistic improvements to the Bulls Water Tower, outlined in this report, be **approved**.

Cr B Carter/Cr A Gordon. Carried

Resolved minute number 21/AIN/033

That staff are approved to make artistic improvements to the Bulls Water Tower, subject to Council selection and appropriate funding, if required, being secured.

Ms C Raukawa/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Infrastructure Group Report - November 2021

Cr Ash requested that staff investigate trade waste water quality in Taihape.

HWTM requested that staff analyse consenting works on three waters assets and to what degree it is debt funded and over what period of time. Staff to respond to the Finance/Performance Committee.

Cr Ash requested that staff investigate why diversion is down (with Smart Environmental).

Roading

In response to a query, Mr Benadie advised that the Ruatangata Road is a reserve project and will be completed if there is capital expenditure remaining. However, if there are not sufficient funds then it will be added to the list of works for next year. The Mayor noted that this does not match with the 2021-31 Long Term Plan and it may be worth allowing for more flexibility with roading schedules for future Long Term plans.

In response to a query about environmental maintenance under roading budgets, Mr Benadie advised that this mostly refers to stormwater management in roading corridors.

Utilities Budgets

In response to a query, Mrs Mcilroy advised that the rising main for the Bulls reservoir is not included as the project is being managed in-house and the report is based on the shared services agreement with the Manawatu District Council. The Bulls pump station and rising main have been designed. The rising main is funded by the Department of Internal Affairs, as part of the Three Waters Reform funding and construction is planned to begin in March 2022. The pump station will be funded by Council.

Water Supply Consents

Mrs Mcilroy advised that WSP have proposed two valves along the pipeline for the Taihape water intake, which is being reviewed by both Council staff and Horizons Regional Council. It will be unbudgeted expenditure, although there is a potential to substitute other work for it.

Wastewater Treatment Plants (WWTP) Consenting Compliance

In response to a query, Mrs Mcilroy advised that the next meeting for the Taihape WWTP will likely be in January 2022. Mr Benadie noted that the presence of copper and zinc is not unusual and is being highlighted in the report as the consent has stringent requirements on the levels of these elements.

The Committee discussed the implications of funding this programme via operating expenditure or capital expenditure. Mr Beggs noted that it was not yet clear whether work on consents for water assets would be compensated for by central government as part of the Three Waters reform. Staff

will investigate to what degree consenting works on three waters assets are debt funded and over what period of time.

Solid Waste

In response to a query, Mr Benadie advised that over recent years there has been a growth in the amount of tonnage. He will clarify with Smart Environmental as to why the diversion is down.

Mr Benadie advised that the cap on tonnage to the Bonny Glenn landfill is 8,000 tonnes.

In response to a query, Mr Benadie advised that staff have employed consultants who have developed a road map for future special waste management. This road map will come back to Council at a future date.

Resolved minute number 21/AIN/034

That the Infrastructure Group Report – November 2021 be **received**.

Cr D Wilson/Cr W Panapa. Carried

10.2 Annual Residents Survey Improvement Plan

In response to a query, Mrs Gordon advised that this report does not include data from the RFS system.

Mr Forster advised that the only mandatory measures required are for three waters and roading from the Department of Internal Affairs.

In response to a query, Mrs Gordon advised that Audit NZ have not raised any concerns about the new approach that staff have taken.

Resolved minute number 21/AIN/035

That the report 'Annual Residents Survey Improvement Plan' be received.

Cr A Gordon/Cr B Carter. Carried

The meeting closed at 11.10 am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Assets/Infrastructure Committee held on 10 February 2022.

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Chairperson