

MINUTES

ASSETS/INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, 11 August 2022

Time: 9.30 am

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

- Cr Dave Wilson
- Cr Richard Lambert
- Cr Cath Ash [*via Zoom*]
- Cr Nigel Belsham
- Cr Brian Carter
- Cr Fi Dalgety
- Cr Gill Duncan
- Cr Angus Gordon
- 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 [*via Zoom*]
- Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager – Community Services
- Mr Hamish Waugh, General Manager – Infrastructure (MDC)
- Mr Phil Gifford, Project Engineer – Roading [*via Zoom*]
- Mr Allen Geerkens, Programme Delivery Manager
- Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

The meeting opened at 9.33 am. Cr Duncan read the Council prayer.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 22/AIN/021

That the apology for Cr Ash be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr N Belsham. Carried

3 Public Forum

No public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There were no changes to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 22/AIN/022

That the minutes of Assets/Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 9 June 2022, 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 G Duncan/Cr R Lambert. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Assets/Infrastructure Committee Meetings

In response to a query around the lowering of speed limits in Hunterville and Mangaweka (action items 4 and 5), Mr Waugh advised that Waka Kotahi's processes are outside of staff's control, although there is continuing communication between staff and Waka Kotahi on these sorts of issues.

In response to a query around water leaks (action item 11), Mr Benadie advised that when significant leaks are detected on the network staff write to the property owners to alert them.

In response to a query around the gradient of the Calico Line - Broadway intersection (action item 12), Mr Geerkens advised that the contractor has scheduled this to be done in summer.

Resolved minute number 22/AIN/023

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

Cr A Gordon/Cr R Lambert. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - August 2022

Cr Wilson encouraged elected members to submit queries around assets and projects prior to the meeting, to allow staff time to investigate the queries and provide a response. The Mayor agreed, noting that queries should go through the Chair of the relevant Committee and the Chief Executive.

Resolved minute number 22/AIN/024

That the Chair's Report – August 2022 be received.

HWTM A Watson/Cr G Duncan. Carried

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Assets and Infrastructure Report - July 2022

Roading

The Mayor asked about underspends under Renewals and Road Improvements and whether this money would still be available for future works (i.e., rolled over to future years). Mr Waugh advised that funding can be carried-forward within the three-year roading programme set by Waka Kotahi, and that the intent is to carry-forward excess work into the 2022/23 programme.

In response to a query, Mr Waugh confirmed that the MDC roading team are looking at employing different contractors to try and catch-up on the extra work, although he noted that the market is difficult at the moment and that staff are being more fluid during the procurement process (e.g., allowing contractors to have more discretion around the timing of works).

In response to a query about the blocked drains at Mangahoe, Mr Waugh advised that he would look into this further and provide an update to the Chief Executive.

In response to a query, Mr Geerkens advised that the surfacing work at the Main Street – Matai Street intersection is scheduled to be completed this summer.

Water Supply Consent Compliance

In response to a query about the future state of the Hunterville Rural Water Supply scheme, the Mayor advised that this scheme will likely be transferred to the new water entity in 2024, although there may be a mechanism in place to allow private water schemes to re-exit from the water entity. This mechanism is subject to future legislation however, so it is still unclear how this will actually work.

Mr Beggs advised the Committee that he has set up a meeting with Mr Clive Manley (Chief Executive of the Ruapehu District Council), as Mr Manley was on the technical working group for rural water schemes and he will present on the group's recommendations. Mr Beggs has invited members of Council's three rural water schemes to attend.

Wastewater

In response to a query around the non-compliance of the Taihape Wastewater Treatment Plant, Mr Benadie advised that there were inherent flaws in the consents for the plant (e.g., the volume measurements), and that these were being addressed as part of the Regional Treatment Plant Consenting Programme.

Solid Waste

In response to a query, Mr Waugh advised that material from the waste transfer stations goes to the Feilding centre for sorting (not straight to landfill). The Mayor and Mr Beggs both noted that information around this process should be made clearer to the public.

Resolved minute number 22/AIN/025

That the Assets and Infrastructure Report – July 2022 be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

9.2 2021/22 Annual Report Hunterville Swim Centre

Cr Dalgety advised that the main focus at this time was to improve user numbers. Aqua aerobics has been introduced in the evening, and they are going to look at installing signage on the highway.

Resolved minute number 22/AIN/026

That the report '2021/22 Annual Report Hunterville Swim Centre' be received.

Cr R Lambert/Cr B Carter. Carried

The meeting closed at 11.12 am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Assets/Infrastructure Committee held on 8 December 2022.

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Chairperson