

MINUTES

ASSETS/INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 20 November 2024

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

Cr Dave Wilson
Cr Fi Dalgety
Cr Gill Duncan
Cr Greg Maughan
Cr Jeff Wong
Cr Richard Lambert
Cr Simon Loudon
Cr Brian Carter (Zoom)
HWTM Andy Watson

In attendance

Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer
Mr Darryn Black, Roading Transport Manager
Ms Katrina Gray, Manager Strategy and Development
Ms Gaylene Prince, Northern Area and Property Manager
Ms Sheryl Srhoj, Manager- Community Property
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

Cr Wilson opened the meeting at 12.59pm.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **24/AIN/022**

That the apologies be received from Cr Sharland.

Cr D Wilson/HWTM A Watson. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **24/AIN/023**

That the minutes of Assets/Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 11 July 2024 **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 Actions

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

Item 1- Alternative Water Source, Taihape

His Worship the Mayor will meet with Mr Thomas.

Item 2- Guarantee for Marton Water Strategy

Mr Benadie responded to concerns that the guarantee is not in place until the trial plant is running.

Item 5- Otara Bridge

His Worship the Mayor raised that when a project is completed that there should be an update to councillors on what happens with the surplus budget. Mr Benadie responded that this was emergency works and therefore came out of existing budgets. This project was completed just under the expected costs.

Item 6- Kaimatawi Road

Councillors requested this item stay in progress on the action items list as this item is not completed yet in its entirety.

Local Water Done Well

This item was raised about the state of council pipes. The Mayor noted that this is a national issue and there is an embargoed report regarding this.

Mr Benadie has been looking at water networks and this continues to progress, such as a network performance, and this can show the current issues and expected problems to come on the network. Mr Benadie explained the different considerations of pipes, such as some might be more critical, and this supports a 30-year programme of work and when council should invest money in the corresponding years.

Mr Benadie will send out the synopsis on the asset management plan to committee members.

Items 11-16- Taihape Community Board Requests

These are NZTA responsibilities, and the Taihape Community Board can follow up on these requests using the RSF number.

Resolved minute number 24/AIN/024

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

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - November 2024

There was no Chair's Report.

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Roothing Update

His Worship the Mayor left the meeting during this item at 1.36pm and returned at 1.37pm.

Seal Extensions

The Mayor commented that Council should be part of the decision for unsubsidised work, such as Mokai road and Mt Curl. Mr Benadie noted that this is included in the budgets and is the Long-Term Plan.

Kaimatawi Rd

Mr Benadie highlighted that there are only two properties on this road and the possible costs will be about \$1 million and therefore this is causing the difficulties with NZTA perspective to fund the repairs of this nature is not economical.

The Mayor highlighted there is a responsibility within Council to provide access to properties however there is a need to consider this across other conditions.

There will be further information to come to Council on this item, especially to clarify the responsibility for Horizons Regional Council and the contractor.

Mokai Valley Rd Subsidence

Mr Black highlighted that this item has an avenue to apply for further funding with this item.

Higgins Monthly Report

Mr Benadie noted that this report supports being transparent and provide as much information in this space.

The Mayor highlighted the Taihape-Napier road and that he has called for a meeting with stakeholder to be proactive on the heavy use of the road.

Resolved minute number 24/AIN/025

That the 'Roothing Update' report be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Duncan. Carried

Motion Lapsed

That the Assets/Infrastructure committee recommend to Council that the Calico Line footpath project be withdrawn from the works programme.

Cr Maughan.

9.2 Consent Compliance Report - October 2024

Water Supply

Mr Benadie highlighted that the continuous monitoring is not compliant, noting this is a challenge for the district due to being in rural spaces, it only takes one blackout to be non-compliant

Mr Benadie responded to questions that the PFAS rules changes in Australia, that we have not received any rule changes but the testing of PFAS will begin this month. These results will be shared to the committee.

Mr Benadie highlighted that now this in-house this is a focus area for Council to be compliant.

Resolved minute number 24/AIN/026

That the report "Consent compliance Report – October 2024" be received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr R Lambert. Carried

9.3 Project Updates Report - October 2024

Taihapa Wastewater Treatment Plant Membrane Upgrade

Mr Benadie noted that there will be a close off report to Council on this item, specifically relating to the final costs of the project and whether there are any funds that can be redirected.

Marton Water Strategy

Mr Benadie will provide detail to the committee on checking in that this project is meeting the original expectations of the project. There were comments that this is a high-profile project for the community and the importance of getting this project right.

Marton Swim Centre Structural Remediation

A report will come to December about the costings for the repair of the asset if this information is available by then. Mr Benadie responded to questions that the insurance claim is not looking positive, but the new CFO continues to work on this.

Resolved minute number 24/AIN/027

That the report 'Project Updates Report - October 2024' be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr D Wilson. Carried

9.4 Community Leisure Management (CLM) Report 2023-2024 Swim Season

Ms Rayner came to the table on behalf of CLM to speak to the report.

Ms Rayner responded to questions regarding the decrease in numbers, that this was a combination of losing Trevor a swim instructor, and schools no longer come through due to the financial costs.

Staff and CLM are looking at a solution for the season to provide pool options to the community.

Resolved minute number 24/AIN/028

That the Community Leisure Management (CLM) 2023-2024 Swim Season report be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

9.5 Hunterville Community Assets Trust Report 2023-2024 Swim Season

Cr Dalgety is the Chair of the Hunterville Community Assets Trust and spoke to the report.

The solar heating allows for the keeping the pool open for longer which is the main benefit for the trust. There has not been any cost analysis regarding this.

Cr Dalgety highlighted there was a request for summer coaches and there will be a further conversation with the trust and CLM.

Resolved minute number 24/AIN/029

That the Hunterville Community Assets Trust 2023-2024 End of Season Report be received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr G Maughan. Carried

The meeting closed at 2.52pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Assets/Infrastructure Committee held on 13 March 2025.

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Chairperson