

MINUTES

ASSETS/INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, 10 July 2025

Time: 9.30am

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

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

In attendance

Mr Arno Benadie, Deputy Chief Executive
Ms Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager – Corporate Services
Ms Katrina Gray, Group Manager – Strategy, Community and Democracy
Mr Darryn Black, Roding Transport Manager
Mr Eswar Ganapathi, Senior Project Manager
Mr Steve Carne, Contractor
Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

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1 Welcome / Prayer

The Chair opened the meeting at 9.29am and read the Council prayer.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **25/AIN/031**

That the apologies be received from Cr Sharland.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. 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

The Committee moved to item 9.3 Projects Updates Report – July 2025 for Mr Carne to provide updates on Council's wastewater projects.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Amendments: Further clarity about the water supply and e-coli to highlight the water is safe to drink.

Resolved minute number **25/AIN/032**

That the minutes of Assets/Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 22 May 2025 **as amended** 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 J Wong. Carried

7 Follow-up Actions

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

Item 7 – Alternative Water Source Taihape

The Mayor thanked the landowners for allowing elected members and officers to view the site.

Item 10 – Traffic Management Costs

Officers advised that there will be an ongoing requirement to report on the cost of traffic management. This will come to the Committee as a quarterly report and can now be closed off on the follow up actions.

Sun Shelter – Taihape

Councillors raised the project for the sun shelter in Taihape and supply of materials for this project. Officers included in the admin action list to have this information circulated to councillors.

Resolved minute number 25/AIN/033

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 - July 2025

The Mayor raised that Ruapehu District Council voted yesterday on Local Water Done Well and that their decision is to partner with Whanganui District Council. The Whanganui District Council decision will not be made until the following Tuesday.

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Roding Update

Mr Black highlighted that the new roading contract has started with Downer otherwise work continues as normal in the roading space.

Marton Roding Depot

There is ongoing work in getting the building at the King Street site set up within the next two months and officers continue working through the consent process.

Higgins Contract

Mr Black highlighted that there is a contract bond in place with Higgins for a period of one year. The bond is in place to cover any issues that may arise in the next twelve months relating to rework or quality of work.

A concern was raised about the gravel behind the Kokako Street Hall and that this is impacting the parking space and on residential homes from the noise of trucks parked on the street. Mr Black responded that the gravel was unable to be used on the road as part of last year's reseal programme. There is a loss if the gravel is moved and there are no alternative sites to move it to at this stage, it is anticipated that this will be moved in November as the reseal programme restarts.

Taihape Napier Road – Pavement Work

There will be a further conversation between officers and the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as to next steps for the work required on the Taihape Napier Road.

The Mayor responded to questions that there was a business case put forward from Council and Hastings District Council on making this road a State Highway but Central Government responded that they could not afford this.

Resolved minute number 25/AIN/034

That the report "Roading Update" be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

9.2 Consent Compliance Report - June 2025Wastewater

The Committee noted the discussion with Mr Carne earlier and the upgrades to the wastewater treatment and the non-compliance of some wastewater should be taken into consideration here.

Resolved minute number 25/AIN/035

That the report 'Consent compliance Report – June 2025' be received.

Cr G Duncan/Cr B Carter. Carried

9.3 Project Updates Report - July 2025

Mr Carne was in attendance to provide updates on Councils wastewater projects. A presentation was provided to councillors, and this item was moved to after the Chair's report.

Discharge to Waterways

Mr Carne spoke about small plant standards being less onerous and that there may be some small plants in the district.

Ratana Wastewater Treatment

Mr Carne noted that the levels of salinity in the wastewater are high for irrigation and there are now other options being investigated.

Mr Carne outlined two alternatives either to pump from the ponds to the prison connection in Kaitoke through the Whanganui District or considering the updates to the wastewater standards Council could consider discharge to a short outfall.

Marton to Bulls Wastewater

Mr Carne spoke to the six possible options, 1 and 2 are both full discharge to land, option 3 discharge to land and river, option 4 discharge full discharge to river, option 5 discharge to 100% to river with One Plan Standards and option 6 is 100% discharge to the river with I/I reduction.

Mr Carne noted that this presentation is an update to the Committee on some of the challenges for the wastewater network and that there are no decisions to be made at this stage.

The Committee moved to item 9.1 Roding Update and continued the agenda as described in the order paper.

Taihape Town Hall and Library Redevelopment

Mr Ganapathi updated that there has been conversation with the architects and Mr Cullis about the restrictions of the stage height as part of the design.

Scotts Ferry

The Committee noted that the finalising of the MOU has not included councillors, officers responded that this is due to finalising with those other parties involved. It was noted that officers provide further information on the status of the work and the challenges that have arisen.

Resolved minute number 25/AIN/036

That the report 'Project Updates Report – July 2025' be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr R Lambert. Carried

9.4 Dam Safety Regulations

Mr Benadie highlighted the new regulations and impacts that this will have on Council, including the increased cost such as monthly inspections and every five years a new engineer report. The B and C dams have been classified as high potential damage dams. Under this classification Horizons have a policy that sits with this regulation that the engineers are compelled to notify Horizons and Horizons will inform the property owners they could potentially be flooded.

The Mayor highlighted that there are five dams within the region with the high priority areas and all five are in the Rangitikei District.

There is further work to understand the impacts of these regulations and the costs associated.

Resolved minute number 25/AIN/037

That the report “Dam Safety Regulations” be received.

Cr S Loudon/Cr B Carter. Carried

10 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session at 11.11am

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved minute number 25/AIN/038

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

1 Assets/Infrastructure Committee Meeting - 22 May 2025

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
10.1 - Assets/Infrastructure Committee Meeting - 22 May 2025	To consider the minutes relating to matters that were the subject of discussion at the 22 May 2025 meeting	S48(1)(a)

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.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Carried

10 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session 11.13am

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

The meeting closed at 11.13am

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Assets/Infrastructure Committee held on 11 September 2025.

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Chairperson