

MINUTES

ASSETS/INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, 2 April 2026
Time: 9.30am
Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

- Cr Dave Wilson
- Cr Paul Sharland
- Cr Jeff Wong
- Cr Fi Dalgety
- Cr Alan Buckendahl
- Cr Sandra Field
- Cr Graeme O'Fee

In attendance

- Cr Diana Baird
- Mrs Carol Gordon, Chief Executive
- 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
- Ms Crystal Johnston, Executive Assistant – Group Managers
- Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor
- Mr Steve Carne, Contractor

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7 Chair's Report

7.1 Chair's Report - April 2026

The Chair's report had been circulated and taken as read.

Resolved minute number 26/AIN/003

That the Chair's Report – April 2026 be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr S Field. Carried

8 Reports for Information

8.1 Project Update Report - March 2026

Wastewater Projects

Mr Carne provided a presentation to elected members on the wastewater standards and Council's wastewater projects.

Marion to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation

Officers responded to questions that the land purchased for the project is not included in the budget spend in the report.

Councillors requested that officers identify and summarise expenditure already incurred through previous Long Term Plan periods and to establish the total cost of the project to date. It was noted that reviewing the overall asset value may provide a more accurate picture than considering costs solely within this project. There is also a need to understand the full life-of-project costs across multiple years to ensure the project remains within the approved budget parameters.

Marion Water Strategy

A report will be coming to Council on this item.

Resolved minute number 26/AIN/004

That the report 'Project Updates Report – March 2026' be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr F Dalgety. Carried

8.2 Consent Compliance Report - Feb/March 2026

It was noted that weather events result in exceedances of daily consent limits and associated compliance risks.

There was discussion regarding existing use rights and expired consents, particularly where there is non-compliance and the potential for infringements and financial penalties. It was confirmed that these matters would be reported to Council and are typically raised through Risk/Assurance Committee meeting, as well as through the Statement of Service Performance process.

Resolved minute number 26/AIN/005

That the report Consent compliance Report – Feb/March 2026 be received.

Cr P Hiroa/Cr P Sharland. Carried

8.3 Roothing Update

Maintenance Contract

Officers highlighted the commencement of the Downer contract and received an update on operational reporting, budget tracking, and roading performance measures.

16 February Storm Event

Officers highlighted the emergency works from the storm event and that NZTA is assessing the claim.

Fuel Costs

Officers noted that there are ongoing discussions regarding the increasing cost of fuel and the impacts that this will have the roading team and Downer.

Councillors raised a request from Hunterville regarding pedestrian safety improvements near the State Highway, it was requested that this come through the RFS system.

Resolved minute number 26/AIN/006

That the report Roothing Update be received.

Cr P Sharland/Cr S Field. Carried

The meeting closed at 11.35am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Assets/Infrastructure Committee held on 28 May 2026.

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Chairperson