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RANGITĪKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL
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ASSETS/INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, 28 May 2026

Time: 10.00am

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitīkei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present	Cr Dave Wilson Cr Alan Buckendahl Cr Fi Dalgety Cr Sandra Field Cr John Hainsworth Cr Graeme O'Fee Cr Paul Sharland Cr Jeff Wong HWTM Andy Watson
In attendance	Ms 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, Roading Transport Manager Mr Eswar Ganapathi, Senior Project Manager Ms Crystal Johnston, Executive Assistant – Group Managers

Order of Business

1 Welcome / Prayer

The meeting was opened by Cr Wilson at 10:00am and the Council prayer was read.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 26/AIN/007

That the apology received from Cr Hiroa be accepted and leave of absence granted.

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 26/AIN/008

That the minutes of Assets/Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 2 April 2026 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 O'Fee/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

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

<u>Marton to Bulls Wastewater Centralisation</u>

Officers confirmed that work is progressing.

Discussion took place regarding HWTM's query relating to the recognition of revenue within the Finance/Performance reporting. Officers advised that this matter would be confirmed at the next Finance/Performance Committee meeting.

<u>Marton Water Strategy – Guarantees</u>

The Committee discussed whether this item should remain as a follow up action. Members discussed that the specific action was in relation to a project that was no longer active, but considered it important that effective reporting occur on the Marton Water Strategy project.

It was agreed that Action 2 be removed and replaced with a new action requesting that the whole Marton Water Strategy project be included in the Projects Report.

Resolved minute number 26/AIN/009

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

Cr A Buckendahl/Cr P Sharland. Carried

Resolved minute number 26/AIN/010

That item 2 is removed from the follow up actions as completed.

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Wong. Carried

2 Chair’s Report

8.1 Chair's Report - May 2026

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 26/AIN/011

That the Chair’s Report – May 2026 be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr J Hainsworth. Carried

3 Reports for Information

9.1 Roading Update - May 2026

Officers advised that following the February wind event, Council's local share of funding required an additional $105,000. This matter will be reported through a future Chief Executive's Report.

An update was provided on transport projects, and that the resealing programme had been impacted by weather, with some works deferred until the following construction season, and heavy vehicle issues for Bruce Street, Hunterville.

Members were advised that replacement of the Stantialls Road Bridge has been deferred due to design delays.

Resolved minute number 26/AIN/012

That the report 'Roading Update - May 2026' be received.

Cr P Sharland/Cr J Hainsworth. Carried

9.2 Project Update Report - April 2026

Wastewater Projects

Officers advised that the project status reporting now includes an updated status column to better reflect changes from the previous reporting period.

An update was provided on discussions with ANZCO, with officers advising that the company has expressed strong interest in becoming a trade waste customer. Work is continuing to progress this opportunity, including consideration of how the arrangement would transfer to the future Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO).

A member sought an update on land acquisition associated with the wastewater project. Officers advised that a report outlining the available options, including land acquisition, will be presented to Council, subject to programme timing, towards the end of August.

Discussion also occurred regarding the Rātana wastewater project. Officers confirmed that options would be presented to Council before any consultation is undertaken.

HWTM requested that discharge to land be specifically identified within the list of project alternatives and suggested that all options remain visible within future reporting to ensure they are not inadvertently removed as the project progresses. Officers advised that discussions have also taken place with Whanganui District Council regarding the potential for Rangitīkei to become a trade waste customer. The Kaitoke proposal remains a viable option and will be included alongside all other alternatives in future reports.

The Chair noted that the reported project budget appeared to have increased. Officers advised that the approved budget was $7.65 million and that rounding may have resulted in inconsistencies. Officers undertook to ensure future reports accurately reflect approved budget figures.

Taihape Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements

The Chair questioned whether the identified risk relating to the transfer of the programme to the future CCO should also apply to other major projects. Officers agreed and undertook to review the risk registers for consistency. It was also noted that Local Government reform should be reflected as a project risk across all water and wastewater projects.

Marton Water Strategy

Members confirmed that future project reporting should reinstate the full scope of the Marton Water Strategy, including longer-term strategic considerations.

Community Facilities

Officers advised that work on the Marton Office project is continuing. The Chief Executive reminded members that Council had resolved through the Annual Plan deliberations for options to be presented to Council by the end of June, noting that Local Government reform may also influence future decisions.

Emergency Operations Centre (EOC)

Officers advised that the project continues to progress. Information expected during the first week of June is anticipated to enable construction to commence.

Taihape Grandstand

The Chair advised that Council has provided the community group with the final draft agreement. A further minor amendment has been requested by the group, although it does not alter Council's previous resolution. Officers advised that the amendment can be addressed administratively.

Taihape Town Hall

A member asked when detailed designs would be presented to Council. Officers clarified that the concept design previously approved by Council remains unchanged and that detailed design is a separate stage of the project.

Marton Pool

Officers advised that the contractor commenced work on site on 10 June.

Small Capital Expenditure Projects

Officers advised that this section has been added to provide elected members with additional visibility of smaller capital projects.

Resolved minute number 26/AIN/013

That the report ‘Project Updates Report – April 2026’ be received.

Cr C Raukawa/Cr A Buckendahl. Carried

9.3 Consent Compliance Report - April/May 2026

Water Take

The Chair sought clarification regarding the flowmeter installed on the Erewhon Rural Water Scheme, noting that Horizons Regional Council's monitoring equipment has been in place for some time and asking whether Council should already know if the scheme is compliant. Officers advised that Horizons Regional Council would notify Council should any compliance issues arise.

A member noted that the water take consents for Taihape and Bulls had expired. Officers confirmed that renewal applications are currently being progressed.

<u>Wastewater Compliance</u>

HWTM sought an update on the status of the Taihape Wastewater Treatment Plant resource consent. Officers advised that the current consent expires in 2027 and that Council is already progressing the renewal application, which must be lodged at least six months prior to expiry.

Resolved minute number 26/AIN/014

That the report 'Consent Compliance Report – April/May 2026' be received.

Cr F Dalgety/Cr P Sharland. Carried

The meeting closed at 11:21am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Assets/Infrastructure Committee held on 27 August 2026.

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Chairperson