



# Rangitikei District Council

## Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday 11 February 2015 – 4:00pm

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**Present:** Mr J Gilbert, Chairperson  
Mr P Batley  
Mr J Bird  
Mrs M Mako  
Mr B Thomas

**In attendance:** Mr D Miller, Asset Engineer  
Mrs J Saywell, Asset Manager  
Mr A van Bussel, Operations Manager  
Mr D Smith, Taihape Plumbing  
Mrs Sheryl Srhoj, Administration

## 1 Apologies

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/ERWS/001**                      **File Ref**

That the apologies from Cr Gordon, Mr Duncan and Mr Melville for absence be received.

Mr B Thomas/Mr P Batley. Carried

## 2 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/ERWS/002**                      **File Ref**

That the minutes of the Erewhon Rural Water Scheme Sub-Committee meeting held on 12 November 2014 be taken as amended and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr P Batley/Mr B Thomas. Carried

## 3 Matters Arising

Mrs Srhoj confirmed that a card had been sent to Mr Speedy on behalf of the ERWS committee.

Mr Bird asked that the ERWS Agenda/Minutes be sent out at least a week before the meeting. He had only just received his copy a day or so before the meeting and said that Mr Ponsonby required more notification in order for him to be able to attend the ERWS meetings.

Mr van Bussel apologised, saying that the delay this month was probably due to the long weekend.

## 4 Engineer's Report

Mr Miller spoke to his report. He said that there was a need to verify the flow meter for consent compliance.

Mr Smith reported that it had taken him a while to identify where the leak on the Stratton farm was. He said that the Durrants' concern about them not receiving their quota was due to the very dry conditions which resulted in the stock drinking a lot.

Mr Smith advised that there would need to be renewal work done on the Durrant and Stratton property. This would involve putting in approximately 150 metres of galvanised pipework up through the bush and to the boundary. He wished to undertake this work next summer as a lot of the work would be in dense bush and he didn't want to do it in wet weather. In the meantime he would need to quote for the job and arrange for a digger and other equipment.

Mr van Bussel advised the Committee that Mr Smith had undertaken lot more work than what was required. He had managed to get a lot of the problem areas sorted.

The Committee discussed future maintenance work. Mr van Bussel said that there was still money left over in the budget if the Committee wished to earmark a bit more work. Mr Miller said that funds not used would just go into reserve.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/ERWS/003**                      **File Ref**

That the Engineer's Report to the Erewhon Rural Supply Management Sub-Committee meeting on 11 February 2015 be received.

Mr B Thomas/Mr P Batley. Carried

## **5 Financial Report**

Mr Miller explained that Council Finance staff were unable to be in attendance due to them being very busy with Councils Long Term Plan. He wished to note that the Financial Reports were now in a new format which hopefully would make them a bit easier to understand.

Mr Bird queried the resource consents costs. Mr Miller replied that these were Horizons ongoing costs for monitoring and also for taking water.

**Resolved minute number**                      **15/ERWS/004**                      **File Ref**

That the Statement of Operations: for period ending 31 December 2014, be received.

Mr B Thomas/Mr P Batley. Carried

## **6 Members' Questions/Reports**

Mr Gilbert said that he had invited the Manager of Mangaohane Station to attend the ERWS meetings.

Mr Bird asked if the GPS had been done. Mr van Bussel replied that this had not been successful but they would hopefully try again before it gets too wet.

Mr Smith said the scheme had been going really well this summer and, even though it had been very dry, there was still plenty of water which was still spilling over the top. He said that the issue with the 3<sup>rd</sup> screen had been resolved.

## **7 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting to be held on 13 May 2015.

## **8 Meeting Closed**

The meeting closed at 4.30pm.

