



Rangitikei District Council

Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday 10 February 2016 – 4:00 p.m.

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Present: Mr J Gilbert, Chairperson
Cr A Gordon
Mr B Thomas
Mr P Batley
Mr O Dickson

Also Present: Mr A Watson, His Worship the Mayor

In attendance: Mr A van Bussel, Operations Manager
Mr George McIrvine, Finance & Business Support Group Manager
Mrs J Saywell, Asset Manager-Utilities
Mr D Smith, Taihape Plumbing
Mrs S Srhoj, Administration

1 Apologies

Resolved minute number **16/ERWS/018** **File Ref**

That the apologies from Mr J Bird, Mr G Melville and Mr S Ponsonby for absence be received.

Mr J Gilbert/Mr P Batley. Carried

2 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **16/ERWS/019** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the Erewhon Rural Water Scheme Sub-Committee meeting held on 11 November 2015, be taken as read and verified as an accurate record of the meeting.

Mr J Gilbert/Mr O Dickson. Carried

3 Matters Arising

Mr Gilbert reported that the site visit was enjoyed by those that had attended.

4 Engineer's Report

Mr van Bussel spoke to his report. He said that the scheme was running well and gave credit to the committee and Mr Smith for funding renewals and keeping the scheme going.

Mr Smith reported that renewal work at Kim Duncan's and Jock Stratton's boundary had been completed. Suggestions for future work included finishing from Durrant's to Hiwera as well as work to be undertaken at the Kelly Land Co. He would obtain costs for the pipe work and have this available for the next meeting.

Mr Smith advised that he would check to see if the river flow was low enough in order to undertake the outstanding gauging.

Mr Batley reported that he was only getting half of his allocated water supply on the Anstis and Whake line. Mr van Bussel to supply Mr Smith with a list of Marracks as there may be some discrepancy. Mr Smith said that there was also the possibility that the restrictor may have to be changed as they do wear out.

Resolved minute number **16/ERWS/020** **File Ref**

That the Engineers Report – January 2016, be received.

Mr P Batley/Mr B Thomas. Carried

5 Financial Report

Mr McIrvine tabled a worksheet showing projections in order for the committee to discuss future budgets. He said that the scheme is in a good position as it spends basically an amount equal to or generally more than its depreciation over the long term and that as long as this is maintained there is perhaps no need to fund depreciation.

Committee members were against building up any depreciation, saying that they were not keen to push up rates as they were unsure of what was to happen in the future.

There was further discussion on the large renewal budget shown for the 2018/19 year. While this work has been budgeted for, not all of it may need to be done and the other option is to spread it out over a few years. Mr Gilbert asked that in future the committee be kept up to date with renewal programmes and/or large expenditure requirements.

As there was still around \$88,000 in the reserve budget, Mr Smith suggested that he could look at pricing up another renewal job which could be done this summer.

Resolved minute number **16/ERWS/021** **File Ref**

That the Financial Statements to 31 December 2015 and the memorandum "December Month End and Options for future funding" along with attachments be received.

Mr P Batley/Mr O Dickson. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/ERWS/022** **File Ref**

That the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee recommends that the rate of \$114.10 be confirmed for the 2016/17 year.

Mr J Gilbert/Mr B Thomas. Carried

6 Members/Questions Report

There were no further discussions.

7 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting to be held Wednesday 11 May 2016.

8 Meeting closed

The meeting closed at 4.45pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: