



Rangitikei District Council

Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday 9 August 2017 – 4:00 p.m.

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Present: Mr J Gilbert (Chairperson)
 Mr P Batley
 Mr J Bird
 Mr O Dickson
 His Worship the Mayor

In Attendance: Mr D Miller, Asset Engineer, Roading and Utilities
 Mr A van Bussel, Operations Manager
 Mr D Smith, Taihape Plumbing
 Ms R Baird, Administration

1 Apologies

Resolved minute number **17/ERWS/041** **File Ref**

That the apologies from Mr G Duncan, Mr B Thomas and Mr G Melville for absence be received.

Mr P Batley/Mr O Dickson. Carried

2 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **17/ERWS/042** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee meeting held on 8 February 2017 be taken as read and verified as an accurate record of the meeting.

Mr J Bird/Mr J Gilbert. Carried

3 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4 Operations Report

Mr van Bussel spoke to the report. He said that the scheme is going really well.

Mr van Bussel had driven around the proposed line route for the quotations on the properties of Jock Strattons, Kaiangaroa and the Mangaohane Face. He recommended that the quotes be accepted; however, permission from Mangaohane would need to be obtained first.

Mr Smith to show Mr Dickson what they were proposing. Mr van Bussel said they would build the track first then survey it to gauge what angle the pipe needed to be laid. The line would be re-routed but it would be at a better alignment. At this stage they were looking at a steel wrapped pipe due to it costing less. As the soil is slightly acidic there was a need for the pipe to be wrapped. This would also ensure that the life expectancy be twice as long - approximately 80 years. Mr Gilbert queried why they would use a digger when a bull dozer is faster and more cost effective. Mr Smith replied that it was due to some of the places being very difficult to access. Mr Dickson asked what length did the pipe come in. Mr van Bussel said it could be around 10 meters and that he currently had someone running tests on the stainless steel pipe.

Resolved minute number **17/ERWS/043** **File Ref**

That the Engineers Report, be received.

Mr P Batley/Mr J Bird. Carried

Resolved minute number **17/ERWS/044** **File Ref**

That the quotes from Taihape Plumbing for renewals on Jack Strattons, Kaiangaroa and Stage one Mangaohane Face (subject to approval from Mangaohane Station), be received.

Mr J Gilbert/Mr O Dickson. Carried

5 Financial Report

Mr Gilbert noted that two debtor's accounts were in arrears. Mr van Bussel advised that there is a process and that a reminder letter would be sent out. Mr Miller said that the report ended on 30 July and the account may now be paid. Mr van Bussel said no water would be turned off without prior notice to members. Mr Bird questioned the daily usage data and why it was present in the report. His Worship the Mayor explained that the process is dictated by Local Government and when auditors came in they wanted to see statistics. Mr van Bussel referred to the 17A review and said questions would be asked to make sure they are getting value for money and the process is right. Mr Batley asked how do we know if it's a renewal or just a repair job. Mr van Bussel said that every repair is GPS'd and an assets report is done. The renewals are normally taken from multiple repair jobs being done in the same area. Mr van Bussel said Mr Smith undertakes 3, 6 & 12 monthly checks on the scheme.

Resolved minute number **17/ERWS/045** **File Ref**

That the Statement of Operations not be accepted until a representative from the Finance department is present to explain the report.

Mr J Gilbert/Mr J Bird. Carried

6 Revised Rural Water Supply Policy

Mr Miller spoke to the report. He explained that the Hunterville Rural Water Scheme were keen to highlight that their water was not for human consumption and that properties should have 48 hours of storage whereas Omatane did not require 48 hours. Mr Batley said that when the scheme was first designed they had to have 24 hours storage. Mr Miller said it was up to the committee to decide the length of time. Mr Bird noted that the wastage of water is not relevant as their scheme is free flowing.

Mr Gilbert said with reference to 7.3, in regards to the amount of water that members are allocated, that it should be up to them what they do with it. Mr Miller said the committee should give prior approval.

His Worship the Mayor noted that in regards to 4.1, this would be monitored closely given what had recently happened to the water at Havelock North.

Mr van Bussel advised that a notice would be sent out with the accounts reminding members that the water is not for human consumption.

Resolved minute number **17/ERWS/046** **File Ref**

That the Revised Rural Water Supply Policy be accepted and amended as follows:

5.2 *“Each property owner shall provide on their property storage of water. The amount of storage required, and responsibility for the cost, shall be set by the relevant Committee”.*

Mr J Bird/Mr O Dickson. Carried

7 Late Item

“Options for management of the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Scheme”

The report was tabled.

Members agreed to discuss this at their next meeting.

8 Next meeting

8 November 2017, 4.00 pm.

9 Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 5:10pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: