

Rangitikei District Council

Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday 14 February 2018 – 4:00 p.m.



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Present: Mr J Gilbert (Chairperson)

Mr P Batley

Mr J Bird

Mr B Thomas

Mr G Melville

In Attendance: Mr A Watson

Mr A van Bussel, Operations Manager

Mr D Smith, Taihape Plumbing

Mr D Coronel, Administration

1 Apologies

Resolved minute number **18/ERWS/001** **File Ref**

That the apologies from Mr G Duncan for absence be received.

Mr J Bird/Mr B Thomas. Carried

2 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **18/ERWS/002** **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Erewhon Water Supply Sub-Committee meeting held on 8 November 2017 be amended to reflect the presence of Mr B Thomas at that meeting.

Mr B Thomas/Mr P Batley. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/ERWS/003** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee meeting held on 8 November 2017 be taken as read and verified as an accurate record of the meeting, excepting resolution 18/ERWS/53.

Mr B Thomas/Mr P Batley. Carried

3 Matters Arising

The advice tendered by Mr Steedman regarding issues surrounding the Horizons consent and the deed of settlement between the Rangitikei District Council and representatives of the Aorangi Awarua Trust, was noted as a matter for further discussion.

Mr Bird asked if Mr Miller, Asset Engineer, Roading and Utilities, had investigated insurance cover in relation to a blow-out on the river crossing. Mr van Bussel advised that no action had been taken. He thought that the cost may be too high and undertook to further investigate.

4 Operations Report

Mr Gilbert sought clarification from Mr van Bussel regarding work completed on 15 October 2017 'Load up for possible blow-out on Mangaohane Face'. This referred to logistics planning in the event of a blow-out.

Mr van Bussel advised that he is considering a survey of the Mangaohane Track with a view to the logistical needs of a pipeline installation.

Mr Watson asked if the pipeline proposal had been costed. Mr van Bussel advised that costs would be assessed once the survey had shed light on how to proceed with the pipeline and the materials that would best suit the landscape and water quality.

Mr van Bussel advised Mr Smith that he could supply an inverter for the latter's work at Kaiangaroa.

Resolved minute number **18/ERWS/004** **File Ref**

That the Operations Report – January 2018 be received.

Mr J Bird/Mr G Melville. Carried

5 Financial Report

Referring to Mr Sargent's Erewhon Rural Water Supply Financial Statements for the six months to 31 December 2017, Mr Gilbert queried the reporting of revenue, specifically why there is a distinction between 'Actual YTD' and 'Budget YTD' when the rates revenue is a known quantity.

Mr Thomas queried the accounting procedure in relation to the easement price over land and what the ERWS was paying for the weir.

Mr van Bussel queried the appropriateness of trailer charges to ERWS, reported in the 'Expenditure Transaction Summary'.

Mr van Bussel undertook to investigate the Committee's concerns regarding these aspects of financial reporting.

Resolved minute number **18/ERWS/56** **File Ref**

That the Financial Statements for the six months ending 31 December 2017 be confirmed at the Committee's next meeting.

Mr J Gilbert/Mr G Melville. Carried

6 Members'/Questions Report

Mr van Bussel advised Mr Smith's application to increase the latter's remuneration fee. A proposal to that effect is to be tabled by Mr van Bussel at the Committee's next meeting.

Mr Steedman's proposal to review the Aorangi Awarua Trust-Rangitikei District Council deed of settlement was noted as an agenda item for the Committee's next meeting.

7 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 9 May 2018

8 Meeting closed

5.15 pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: