

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

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That the apologies from Cr Gordon and Mayor Watson for absence be received.

Mr J Bird/Mr P Batley. Carried

3 Members' conflict of interest

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

4 Confirmation of order of business

There were no late items.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

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That the Minutes of the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee meeting held on 14 February 2018 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr P Batley/Mr J Bird. Carried

6 Deed of settlement between the Rangitikei District Council and representatives of the Aorangi-Awarua Trust

Mr Steedman referred to the meeting held November 8 2017 and explained that the Environmental Working Party had also signed on behalf of the trust, and at the meeting he had said that, along with closely monitoring the weir, they also did water testing. Mr Steedman spoke of how the review came about and that the location and description on the consent was wrong.

After the meeting on November 8 2017 at the following trust meeting Mr Steedman was given full backing to do research prior to the 2006 signing, and advised the trust a working party should be set up.

Mr Steedman said he targeted members for the working party who were very knowledgeable. They are working on a strategic plan for the review and the effects that taking of the water is having on the land. At the Aorangi Awarua Trusts AGM he had given a full report to the owners. Mr Steedman said they as trustees are obligated to listen to the owners and their decisions. Mr Steedman said they would work direct with Horizons and the Rangitikei District Council. Cr Rainey said it would be good to have a representative from the committee when a meeting is held. Mr Steedman also advised they have taken over the Hinemanu Block.

Mr Lewis Haines (Winiata), introduced himself to the committee and advised that he is the Chairman of Aorangi Awarua Trust and the easement agreement was for 10 years ending in 2016. Cr Rainey said even though the agreement was taken out for 10 years it doesn't expire unless the Rangitikei District Council terminates the agreement.

Mr Steedman said the Trust were previously asked to apply to the Waitangi Tribunal hearings and that most of their issues were against the crown. Mr Steedman said the current agreement does not reflect the landowners (mana whenua, tino rangatiratanga). Mr Bird said they are respectful of the land and would like to see a good relationship maintained. Mr Steedman said on compiling his research he was saddened at what happened in the past and would like to see a reflection of the ownership on the agreement and looked forward to building and continuing a relationship with the committee.

7 Erewhon Rural Water Supply – Financial Report

Mr Mclrvine said they are 3 months away from a full year and to date looks as though they will go over the budget and the committee may want to consider increasing their unit price. Mr Batley asked why the operational budget had gone over budget. Cr Rainey asked if the work done in the operational costs is standard. Mr Smith said he hadn't done anything different from last season. Mr Mclrvine said attached in the report Mr Sargent had supplied figures for a 5 or 10% increase. Mr Mclrvine stated that there were charges in the report for the rhino that the Council should be paying for. Mr Batley said the scheme does have capital. Mr Bird and Mr Duncan asked where is the schemes surplus from previous years; Mr Mclrvine would look into it. Mr Mclrvine said that this increase could be a one off but it could also be a permanent change and that is why they have suggested increasing the rate. Mr Batley suggested reducing their capital instead of increasing their rate, and asked for an analysis on the operational costs.

Mr Bird queried the leak at the Hennah Tank and asked if the tank had been fenced yet. Mr Smith said no. Mr Bird said the leak could have been caused by cattle due to the tank not being fenced and it is a cost that could be avoided if all tank sites were fenced.

Mr Duncan asked if there were any more major renewals. Mr Smith said the Mangaohane face, but this could be left for next season and could also be done in stages. Mr Smith and Mr van Bussel are yet to price it.

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That the current metered supply rate of \$121.05 including GST remain for the next financial year.

Mr Gilbert/Mr Batley. Carried

Resolved minute number **18/ERWS/60** **File Ref**

That the 'Erewhon Rural Water Supply – Financial reports' dated February and March 2018 be received.

Mr J Bird/Mr P Batley. Carried

8 Erewhon Rural Water Supply – Operations Report

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That the 'Erewhon Rural Water Supply – Operations report' dated May 2018 be received.

Mr J Bird/Mr P Batley Carried

9 Members questions/reports

Mr Steedman questioned the accuracy of the scheme maps obtained from Council. Mr McIrvine said if they are GPS'd they should be fairly accurate. Mr Steedman queried the positioning of the flow meter on the map; Mr Smith explained where the flow meter is located.

Mr Gilbert asked if there had been anything out of the ordinary on the scheme. Mr Smith said only the Kaingaroa renewal and that he had also made a few trips as the telemetry was not working properly. Mr Steedman asked how accurate is the readings if there is problems. Mr Smith noted this is a different system and it shows and tracks the leaks. Mr McIrvine said Mike Lamb who used to work for Council and lives in Taihape could be an option to fix the telemetry.

Mr Smith departed 5:27pm.

The committee decided to leave the discussion of Mr Smith's remuneration fee for the next meeting when Mr van Bussel is present and the operational costs have been looked into.

Mr Bird said it was disappointing that Mr van Bussel did not attend the meeting.

Mr Steedman asked for it to be recorded that, at the meeting November 8 2017, Mr Thomas asked the question "where did the overflow from the Mangaohane Tanks go?" and Mr Steedman said on the ground.

10 Meeting Closed

5:35

Confirmed/Chair: _____

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