



Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 5 September 2018 – 4:05 pm

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Present: Mr J Gilbert (Chairperson)

Mr P Batley Mr J Bird Mr G Duncan Mr G Melville

In Attendance: Cr A Gordon

Mr A van Bussel, Operations Manager Mr A Dahl, Financial Services Team Leader

Mr D Smith, Taihape Plumbing Mrs S Srhoj, Administration

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 18/ERWS/62 File Ref

That the apology from Mr B Thomas for absence be received.

Mr P Batley/Mr J Bird. 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

Resolved minute number 18/ERWS/63 File Ref

That the Minutes of the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee meeting held on 9 May 2018 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr P Batley/Mr J Bird. Carried.

6 Matters Arising

Mr van Bussel reported that to date he had received no feedback from Mr Steedman. Mr Duncan was keen for the Committee to be part of this process. It was agreed that the Chair contact Council's Chief Executive to open up further discussions.

There was a brief discussion on water testing. Mr van Bussel reported that this was not undertaken by Council as the water was non potable. He was unsure whether or not Horizons tested it.

Mr Bird wished to acknowledge the recent passing of Mr George McIrvine. The Committee welcomed Mr Dahl who was in attendance to discuss the financial reports.

7 Erewhon Rural Water Supply – Financial Report

Mr Dahl spoke to the tabled Financial Statements. These included the Commentary Update for the 12 months ending 30 June 2018 along with the Budget for 2018-2019.

He undertook to answer member's queries in regards why there were no reserve funds. Any surplus funds had gone into building up equity.

Mr Dahl was happy to provide the Committee with a single page financial summary to give members a better understanding the budgets etc.

All in all the scheme was doing well due to it being well maintained and there was no necessity to increase the rates.

Resolved minute number 18/ERWS/64 File Ref

That the 'Erewhon Rural Water Supply – Financial report' dated June 2018 be received.

Mr G Duncan/Mr G Melville. Carried.

8 Erewhon Rural Water Supply – Operations Report

Mr van Bussel spoke to his report.

He advised that the Big Hill Tee pressure and flow transmitter had been installed however it had a faulty sim card which was presently being remediated.

Pricing for Mangaohane Face

There was a brief discussion on the work required to replace the Mangaohane line. This would involve 12mtr pipe lengths to be carted in along with welding work. Mr van Bussel advised that he had received a quote from Taihape Plumbing; however, due to the significant costs involved, he was keen to discuss this further with Councils Chief Executive and other senior staff.

It was thought that if the work was done over two years it would be more costly.

Mr van Bussel was very happy with the methodology to which Mr Smith had supplied in order to undertake this job. It was thought that the scheme would only be down twice over two days.

Once the quote was evaluated, Mr van Bussel to contact the Committee by email or call a special meeting for further discussions.

Resolved minute number 18/ERWS/65 File Ref

That the 'Operations report – August 2018' be received.

Mr P Batley/Mr G Duncan. Carried.

9 Members questions/reports

Remuneration for Mr D Smith (Taihape Plumbing)

Mr Smith left the meeting.

Mr van Bussel advised that he was currently in discussions with Mr Smith on measures to cut down the amount of scheme checks needed. In the past due to a number of leaks and unmaintained pressures there had been a need for regular checks. However, as the scheme was now being properly managed, some members felt that yearly checks would be sufficient.

Going forward the Committee were keen to engage the farmer/and or fencer if any fencing work etc. was required.

Mr van Bussel had sought hourly rates from other plumbing contractors and reported that Mr Smith's rates were \$10 less. He was in the process of finalising a formal contract with Taihape Plumbing.

He had arranged for Matthew Richardson who is Council's Reticulation Service person to learn a bit about the scheme. He would be going out with Mr Smith to undertake some of the checks. This would provide back up for when Mr Smith was unavailable with no charge to the committee.

There was a brief discussion on the Alone Worker Policy which Council was introducing. This would apply to all Council contractors.

Resolved minute number 18/ERWS/66 File Ref

That Mr Smith's hourly rate be increased to \$59.00 and that a contract with Taihape Plumbing be formalised and that this include a policy for maintenance checks.

Mr P Batley/Mr J Bird. Carried

Mr Gilbert to arrange for Taihape Council staff to update the ERWS phone tree. It was agreed that a recruitment drive be undertaken in order to get other scheme members along to the meetings.

10 Meeting Closed

The meeting closed	at 5.45pm.
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Confirmed/Chair:				

Date: