



Rangitikei District Council

Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday 14 November 2018 – 4:00 pm

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Present: Mr J Gilbert, Chairperson

Mr P Batley

Mr J Bird

Mr B Thomas

In attendance: Mr A Benadie, Principal Advisor - Infrastructure

Mr A van Bussel, Operations Manager

Mr A Dahl, Team Leader – Financial Services

Mr D Smith, Taihape Plumbing

Ms A Gilchrist, Aorangi-Awarua Trust

Mr D Coronel, Administration

1 Apologies

That the apologies of Mr G Melville, Cr R Rainey and Cr A Gordon for absence be received.

Resolved minute number **18/ERWS/67** **File Ref**

Mr J Gilbert/Mr J Bird. Carried.

2 Confirmation of Minutes

Mr van Bussel advised that he was still pursuing his intention to have Mr Matthew Richardson, Reticulation Serviceperson, accompany Mr Smith on scheme inspections.

Mr Gilbert provided an updated ERWS contact list to Administration.

Resolved minute number **18/ERWS/68** **File Ref 3-CT-1-3**

That the Minutes of the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee meeting held on 5 September 2018 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr J Bird/Mr J Gilbert. Carried.

3 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

There were no recommendations made to the Council at the previous meeting.

4 Erewhon Rural Water Supply – Financial Report

In relation to the 'Expenditure Transaction Summary', Mr Dahl explained the new entry 'Depreciation – Infrastructure', and undertook to remove the items 'Huntermville bath and tea towels' and investigate the coding of the item 'Humes pipeline Erewhon [sic.] fittings'.

Mr Batley requested that the pie chart presentations of Erewhon expenditure be continued. Mr Batley suggested that if depreciation was to be charted, capital improvements should also be included.

Resolved minute number **18/ERWS/69** **File Ref 3-CT-1-1**

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

Mr B Thomas/Mr J Bird. Carried.

5 Proposed rates for 2019/20

Committee members were of the view that setting the new rate should be delayed until the proposed works programme is clarified.

Resolved minute number **18/ERWS/70** **File Ref**

That a decision on the rate for 2019/20 be deferred to the ERWS Sub-Committee meeting of 13 February 2019.

Mr J Gilbert/Mr B Thomas. Carried.

6 Erewhon Rural Water Supply – Operations Report

Taihape Plumbing Contract (Operations Report, 1.3 refers)

Pricing for Mangaohane Face (Operations Report, 1.4 refers)

Mr van Bussel advised that a formal maintenance contract was required, and in accordance with Council's procurement policy, this in turn required the contract to be publically tendered.

Committee members expressed their concern regarding the possible tendering of pipeline maintenance, particularly in relation to novice tenderers' knowledge of the scheme, and how this may affect continuity of water supply.

Mr Benadie explained the need to work within Rangitikei District Council procurement policy and believed that broadening the pipeline skills base while also assuring the scheme's integrity was a desirable outcome for both Council and scheme users.

While the Committee broadly accepted Council's procurement policy position, it expressed its desire to be actively involved in any tendering and procurement process, and that this process neither delay main pipeline maintenance nor compromise line security.

Mr van Bussel estimated the price for Mangaohane Face pipeline replacement at \$160,000. However, Council was unable to finance this in the current year. The Committee preferred that the works not be delayed due to the budget shortfall of \$40,000, and after conferring with Mr Dahl regarding the Mangaohane budget allocation for 2019/20, and with Mr Smith regarding the programming of the pipeline replacement works, requested that the contract and tender process be expedited with urgency with a view to a December/January start. Mr Benadie advised that this could be achieved.

Committee members and Council attendees recognised and agreed on the need to improve, collate and organise ERWS information and mapping so as to better effect risk management and future-proofing of the scheme.

It was agreed that further discussion around the issues raised be held at the next meeting. In relation to Mangaohane Face, it was agreed that a special meeting of the ERWS Sub-Committee may be called in relation to that contract and tendering process.

Resolved minute number **18/ERWS/71** **File Ref 6-WS-3-2**

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

Mr B Thomas/Mr P Batley. Carried.

7 Next Meeting

13 February 2019, 4.00pm

8 Meeting Closed

5.45pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: