



# Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 13 February 2019 – 4:10 pm

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Present: Mr J Gilbert, Chairperson

Mr P Batley Mr J Bird Cr A Gordon

In Attendance: Mr A Benadie, Principal Advisor – Infrastructure

Mr D Smith, Taihape Plumbing

Mr D Steedman, Aorangi Awarua Trust Mr S Stoney, Aorangi Awarua Trust

Mrs S Srhoj, Administration

#### 1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

## 2 Apologies

#### Resolved minute number 19/ERWS/001 File Ref

That the apologies from Mr B Thomas, Mr A van Bussel and Mr A Dahl for absence be received.

Mr J Gilbert/Cr A Gordon. 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

There was a brief discussion on the Mangaohane pipeline replacement. Due to the timing involved with the tender process, Council staff suggested that it would make more sense to carry the funds over and revisit this job later in the year.

Mr Gilbert commented that it was fortunate that there had been no major blowouts in this vicinity. Mr Smith replied that there had been a number of AC blowouts and was keen to see the job completed.

### Resolved minute number 19/ERWS/002 File Ref

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

Mr P Batley/Mr J Bird. Carried.

## 6 Council decisions on recommendations from the committee

It was noted that there had been no recommendations made to Council at the previous meeting.

## 7 Questions put at previous meeting for Council advice or action.

It was noted that there had been no questions for Council advice or action at the previous meeting.

## 8 Proposed rates for 2019/20

The Committee were all in agreement that the general rate for 2019/20 remain the same.

#### Resolved minute number 19/ERWS/003 File Ref

That the proposed rates for 2019/20 for the Erewhon Rural Water Supply scheme remain the same as for 2018/19.

Mr J Gilbert/Mr P Batley. Carried

## 9 Erewhon Rural Water Supply – Financial Report

Mr Benadie spoke to the financial reports as prepared by Council's Financial Services Team Leader and undertook to answer the Committee's questions. He noted that some of the "Billing Units" in the report had been double counted. There was some confusion over the list of Billing Units and it was suggested that the water users advise the Committee if they were incorrect.

Cr Gordon felt it may be useful to have some scheme maps showing the location of all boxes. Mr Smith agreed saying that although he does have a fair idea of where they are, this would still be worthwhile.

Mr Bird noted that there had been no financial worries for the past 10 years but was confused with Council's new accounting system.

Mr Gilbert queried the telephone costs of \$288.30 of which Mr Smith thought may be for the telemetry by Smyths hut. There was also some concern over insurance costs. Mr Benadie to ask that Council's Finance Team provide the Committee with clarification on these matters.

#### Resolved minute number 19/ERWS/004 File Ref

That the 'Erewhon Rural Water Supply – Financial report' dated February 2019 be received on the basis that this year's budget be carried forward to the 2019/2020 budget year.

Mr J Bird/Mr P Batley. Carried

# 10 Erewhon Rural Water Supply – Operations Report

Mr Smith spoke briefly to the Operations report noting that there had just been general maintenance issues. He said that during the period from December through to this month

there had been very little trouble on the scheme. He now had in stocks 150 and 100 galvanised for future work. The screens to be cleaned in the near future. It was currently too dry for this to be done at the moment.

Resolved minute number 19/ERWS/005 File Ref

That the 'Operations Report – February 2019' be received.

Mr P Batley/Mr J Bird. Carried.

# 11 Members questions/reports

Mr Steedman wished it to be noted that in the Operations Report – February 2019 under 22/11 *Pokepoke* should be spelt *Poko Poko*.

Mr Steedman was keen to see the line replacement work at Mangaohane done. He asked if the Manager had attended any meetings and whether or not he was aware of what was proposed. Although Mr Thurston-Parris had not made it to any meetings, Mr Smith replied that he keeps the Manager up to date and he is more than happy for the work to go ahead.

Mr Steedman was keen to accompany Mr Smith when he next undertakes the 3 monthly checks.

There was a brief discussion about recruiting new Committee members. Mr Gilbert said Jock Stratton and Nick Peacock who manages Kaiangaroa were keen to join.

# 12 Next Meeting

The next meeting to be held 8 May 2019 at 4.00pm

# 13 Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 4.55pm.

Confirmed/Chair:				
Nate:				