

MINUTES

EREWHON RURAL WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 29 September 2021

Time: 4.00 pm

Venue: Taihape Supper Rooms
Taihape Town Hall
90 Hautapu Street
Taihape

Present

- Mr Jock Stratton
- Mr John Bird
- Mr Peter Batley
- Mr Geoff Duncan
- Mr Barry Thomas
- Mr Simon Plimmer
- Mr Benjamin Mallalieu
- Mr Steven Stoney (Aorangi Awarua Trust Representative)
- Cr Tracey Hiroa
- HWTM Andy Watson

In attendance

- Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
- Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager – Corporate Services
- Mr Michael Hodder, Advisor to the Chief Executive (*via phone*)
- Mrs Jess Mcilroy, Operations Manager (Project Management Office)
- Mr Andrew van Bussel, Operations Manager (Operations and Utilities)
- Ms Dawn Hesketh, Library and Information Officer

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1 Welcome

2 Apologies

There were no apologies.

3 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4 Confirmation of Order of Business

Late Item (Item 9.1) – Confirmation of Sub-Committee member.

5 Elections

5.1 Election of New Chair for the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee

Resolved minute number **21/ERWS/006**

That Mr Jock Stratton be appointed Chair of the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee.

Mr P Batley/Mr B Thomas. Carried

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Confirmation of Erewhon Rural Water Supply Minutes

Resolved minute number **21/ERWS/007**

That the minutes of the Erewhon Rural Water Supply meeting minutes held on 08 March 2021, without amendment, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting, and that the electronic signature of the Chair of this committee be added to the official minutes document as a formal record.

Cr T Hiroa/Mr P Batley. Carried

7 Chair's Report

7.1 Chair's Report - September 2021

Mr Stratton presented the Chair's report.

Resolved minute number **21/ERWS/008**

That the Chair's Report – September 2021 be received.

Mr J Bird/Mr B Thomas. Carried

8 Reports for Information

8.1 Operations Report - September 2021

Mr van Bussel presented his report and said he is still to check flow meter calibration but had spoken to Horizons who had agreed it would be alright to be a bit late with this due to covid lockdown.

Mr Smith had given a quote for pipe replacement, the committee would discuss finance and make a decision regarding this.

Mr van Bussel suggested the possibility of buying the pipe before the prices go up.

Mr Duncan suggested buying the pipes and discussing the cost/payment later.

Cr Hiroa questioned supply and frequency from the last meeting. Mr van Bussel said they are checking leaks and ensuring everyone is getting the correct amount of water.

Resolved minute number **21/ERWS/009**

That that 'Operations Report – September 2021' be received.

Mr J Stratton/Mr B Thomas. Carried

8.2 Erewhon RWS: Financial Summary

Mr Tombs presented the financial report and explained depreciation.

Mr Stratton questioned why the expenditure fluctuates. Mr Tombs explained in detail. Mr Plimmer questioned the report regarding capital expenditure to finance loan – meter revenue wasn't increased because the loan was paid off.

Mrs Mcilroy, Mr van Bussel and Mr Smith would discuss and come back with an action finance plan for the Capital Works programme.

Mr Stratton would like to have a working group to discuss the 10 Year financial plan.

Mr Plimmer asked when the asset management plan was put together can they get funding from elsewhere.

His Worship the Mayor – suggested Government, DIA, Annual plan for next year and long term plan.

Mr Duncan questioned difference in past years financial reports, Mr Tombs said all finances have been presented to the committee at meetings and had been accepted at the time, but he would look into this. Mr Stratton would like the working group to meet with Mr Tombs to discuss this.

Mr Tombs recommended increasing next year's user rates.

Resolved minute number **21/ERWS/010**

That the report 'Erewhon RWS: Financial Summary' be received.

Mr P Batley/Mr G Duncan. Carried

8.3 Historical Context - Erewhon Scheme

Mr Michael Hodder spoke (via phone) to his report on Historical Context.

Mr Plimmer spoke regarding the options of the scheme being owned by council or members. Mr Hodder spoke of the process as to how members could become the owners.

Mr Bird questioned why things could not remain as they were as he thought it had worked well in the past. Mr Hodder said it could if this is what members wanted.

Mr Plimmer asked about easements and would they need new permissions if the scheme was privately owned. Mr Hodder said it would be dependent on the Waitangi Tribunal and the Aorangi Trust, if they thought there should be financial reimbursement. Mr Bird read from a document dated 2007 – the agreement between the Aorangi Trust and the ERWS scheme.

His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson and Mr Peter Beggs Chief Executive spoke of the 3 waters proposal and any effect it may have on rural water schemes.

Resolved minute number **21/ERWS/011**

That the report 'Historical Context – Erewhon Scheme' be received.

Mr B Thomas/Mr S Plimmer. Carried

9 Late Items

9.1 Confirmation of Sub-Committee Members

There is no formal record of Mr Paul McLaren becoming a member of the Sub-Committee.

Resolved minute number **21/ERWS/012**

That Mr Paul McLaren be confirmed (retrospectively) as a member of the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee, with effect from 12 February 2020.

Mr B Thomas/Mr P Batley. Carried

9.2 Increase in Sub-Committee Membership

Resolved minute number **21/ERWS/013**

To increase the Sub-Committee membership number from six to seven.

Mr B Thomas/Mr J Bird. Carried

The above recommendation does not account for the elected member. There will now be seven community members and the elected member (currently Cr Tracey Hiroa) will be the 'eighth' member.

9.3 Confirmation of Sub-Committee Member

Mr Bird resigned and nominated Mr Benjamin Mallalieu as his replacement. Mr Stratton thanked Mr Bird for 22 years of service on the committee.

Resolved minute number **21/ERWS/014**

That Mr Benjamin Mallalieu be confirmed as a member of the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee.

Cr T Hiroa/Mr P Batley. Carried

9.4 Quorum

Resolved minute number **21/ERWS/015**

That the Quorum required for the Erewhon Rural Supply Management Sub-Committee meeting to remain at three.

Mr B Thomas/Mr G Duncan. Carried

Note: Recommendation 21/ERWS/015 is unable to stand due to the requirements laid out in Council's Standing Orders and the legislation contained in the Local Government Act 2002, which both state that a quorum must be half of the membership count if this is an even number, or a

majority if the membership count is odd. As there are eight full members (not including the Aorangi Awarua Trust Representative) the quorum must remain at four.

The meeting closed at 5.40 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee held on 6 December 2021.

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Chairperson