

MINUTES

EREWHON RURAL WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 29 November 2022

Time: 4.00 pm

Venue: Kokako Street Pavilion
2 Kokako Street
Taihape

Present

- Mr Jock Stratton
- Mr Peter Batley
- Mr Geoff Duncan
- Mr Barry Thomas
- Mr Simon Plimmer *(via Zoom)*
- Mr Paul McLaren
- Cr Greg Maughan

In attendance

- Mr Andrew van Bussel, Operations Manager *(left at 5:25pm)*
- Mr Chris Pepper, Civil Engineer Manawatu District Council *(left at 5:25pm)*
- Mr Michael Hodder, Advisor to CEO *(via Zoom) (left at 4:46pm)*
- Mr Dave Tombs, GM-Corporate Service *(via Zoom) (left at 5:46pm)*
- Cr Jeff Wong
- Mr Dene Smith, Taihape Plumbing *(left at 5:31pm)*

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1 Welcome / Prayer

Mr Stratton welcomed everyone to the meeting and Cr Greg Maughan introduced himself as the new council representative.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/024

That the apologies for Mr B Mallalieu, Mr S Stoney and His Worship the Mayor be received.

Mr P Batley/Mr B Thomas. Carried

3 Public Forum

No public forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There were no changes to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/025

That the minutes of Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting held on 6 September 2022 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.

Mr P McLaren/Mr B Thomas. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from previous Erewhon Rural Water Supply Meetings

Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/026

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from previous Erewhon Rural Water Supply Meetings' be received.

Mr G Duncan/Mr P Batley. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - November 2022

There was no Chair's Report.

9 Reports for Decision

9.1 Rural water supplies-options under the Government's three waters reform programme

Mr Hodder spoke to his report and stated that the committee need to decide if the scheme??? is used purely for stock water or is it mixed use, if its mixed use then an exception needs to take place and council would step away but is unsure if Council could still rate. It needs to be clear to Internal Affairs what the scheme is used for. Mr Stratton said he had always been told the usage was for stock water only. Mr Hodder said there would need to be evidence and that a statement wouldn't suffice. Mr Plimmer asked how is this funded? Mr Hodder said this is only the first bill and that if the scheme is part of the entity council don't rate. Mr Tombs said council could still be rating for the next 2 – 3years and could be about 4 – 5 years for rural water schemes. Mr Hodder said they could standardise the rate. Mr Stratton said he would like to retain a role in the scheme. Mr Hodder suggested meeting with all users and recommended Option C. Mr McLaren said if they are mixed use are council allowed to be involved and Mr Hodder said no. Mr Plimmer asked if there was a timeline. Mr Hodder advised that it is better to deal with it now. Mr McLaren didn't think they should be making a recommendation just yet. Mr Stratton said it is just starting the process.

Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/027

That the memo (and attached briefing paper) 'Rural water supplies – options under the Governments three water reform programme be received.

Mr P Batley/Mr B Thomas. Carried.

Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/028

That the Erewhon Rural water Supply Management Subcommittee considers that supply to farmers on the Erewhon scheme is 'mixed use' and recommends to Council that it (a) decides (in consultation with scheme members) whether the Erewhon scheme is to be put forward as an exception to automatic transfer to the Western Central Services Entity and that (b) convenes a meeting in early 2023 with all users of the scheme.

Mr G Duncan/Mr B Thomas. Carried.

10 Reports for Information

10.1 Financial Summary - October 2022

Mr Tombs spoke to his report.

Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/029

That the report 'Financial Summary – October 2022' be received.

Mr P Batley/Mr P McLaren. Carried

10.2 Operations Report- November 2022

Mr van Bussel spoke to his report and said the flow meter is still not calibrated and it has been relocated but needs to be blue ticked. Mr van Bussel tabled a quote from Taihape Plumbing for Rob Colliers line for consideration as he is not getting his allocated water.

Mr McLaren tabled his scope report. Mr Pepper spoke about the scope report and explained how they could approach it and that it would take him about 400 hours and estimated the cost to be between \$15 – \$20,000. Mr Pepper said he would like to survey the drain work. Mr Stratton asked if all that information should be held by council. Mr Pepper said he would need relative heights and that he could have a draft report by the next meeting. Mr van Bussel said this is just an option and the committee could still put it out for tender or ask for expressions of interest and Mr Pepper could still help with the report.

Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/030

That the Operations Report – 1 December 2022 Erewhon Rural Water Supply Committee be received.

Mr B Thomas/Mr G Duncan. Carried

11 Discussion Items

11.1 Quote for Rob Colliers Line

Mr Smith said he had done a couple of repairs at Pukerimu and talked about the repairs to Rob Colliers line as per the tabled quote. Mr Duncan asked about installing air relief valves. Mr Smith said he had already done that. Mr Tombs said the rate that was set is to clear the debt if there is no new capex and that the committee would need to start thinking about the rate for next year which should be set at the February meeting and a capex budget. Mr McLaren said he is unsure if just replacing 1/3 of the pipe would fix the problem. Mr Stratton would ask Mr Smith for the flow rates for the past 18 months for the Collier line and if there would be any merit in digging up the middle of the line and investigating. Mr Stratton would come back to the members with Mr Smiths response and a decision would be made then.

11.2 Scope Report

Mr McLaren said if the committee chose to go with Mr Pepper it is a cheaper option and he could be used to do the groundwork and still outsource people if needed, but he would like a member of the committee to have regular updates which the committee agreed should be Mr McLaren. Mr McLaren would like to meet with Mr Pepper to go over the scope report with the questions that needed to be answered. He said he would like the report to see if it is feasible to remove the weir off the trust land.

Mr McLaren would like a reminder to go out to all scheme members reminding them that if their property sells the new owner is still liable for the scheme.

Resolved Minute Number 22/ERWS/031

The committee agrees to engage with Chris Pepper, to carry out the scheme review as per the scope report.

Mr P McLaren/Mr B Thomas. Carried.

The meeting closed at 6:15pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee held on 07 March 2023.

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Chairperson