

MINUTES

EREWHON RURAL WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 7 March 2023

Time: 4.00pm

Venue: Kokako Street Pavilion
2 Kokako Street
Taihape

Present

Mr Jock Stratton
Mr Peter Batley
Mr Geoff Duncan
Mr Barry Thomas
Mr Paul McLaren
Mr Benjamin Mallalieu
HWTM Andy Watson (departed 4:52pm)
Cr Greg Maughan
Cr Jeff Wong (arrived 4:11pm)

In attendance

Mr Andrew van Bussel, Operations Manager
Mr Dave Tombs, GM – Corporate Services (via Zoom) (departed 4:44pm)
Mr Dene Smith, Taihape Plumbing (departed 5:30pm)

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1 Welcome / Prayer

Mr Stratton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 23/ERWS/01

That the apologies from Mr Plimmer, Mr Batley and Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer be received.

Mr McLaren/Mr Duncan. Carried.

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Mr McLaren questioned the motion moved at the last meeting with regards to the scheme being mixed use and whether the advice they were given was the best. His Worship the Mayor said the advice given was the best that they knew of at that time and said Rangitikei District Council is opposed to Three Waters they want change but don't like the process that has followed. He said there are two reasons that the scheme is mixed use one being that houses are connected and the other is that if it is council owned technically it is classified as mixed use and that there are changes coming and His Worship the Mayor thinks that stormwater the rural water schemes may be dropped. He also said that there is no legal easement on the schemes.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Letter from Taihape plumbing.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 23/ERWS/001

That the minutes of Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting held on 29 November 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 Mallalieu. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

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

There were no follow up actions.

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - March 2023

Mr Stratton tabled and read his report.

Resolved minute number 23/ERWS/003

That the Chair's Report – March 2023 be received.

Mr J Stratton/Mr B Mallalieu. Carried

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Financial Summary - January 2023

Mr Tombs spoke to his report and said the committee would be debt free at the end of June providing there is nothing spent on Capital Expenditure. Mr van Bussel said there is work to be done but it would be up to the committee.

Mr Tombs said now is the time to start thinking about the rate increase and suggested an increase of at least 10%. Mr Stratton asked when did they need to set the rate. Mr Tombs said the decision would need to be made by April and offered to meet with the members and discuss. Mr McLaren said they would need to see the Asset Management Plan first then set the rate. Mr Mallalieu said there was no resistance at the meeting last year when the rate was doubled and Mr Stratton said it was discussed that there would be further increases. Mr Stratton said they would wait to see the review. Mr van Bussel said Mr Pepper had advised that the review would be done by 6th April. Mr McLaren said it would be good to set the rate for the next 5 – 10 years but Mr Tombs said they could only be set year by year. His Worship the Mayor explained that if 3 waters did go ahead the committee would need to get approval from the DIA if their capital works is 10% above what it was in the long term plan of 2021.

Resolved minute number 23/ERWS/004

That the report 'Financial Summary – January 2023' be received.

Mr P McLaren/Mr B Mallalieu. Carried

9.2 Operations Report-March 2023

Mr van Bussel spoke to his report and said that the flow meter had been calibrated and would be all good for the next 5 years.

Mr McLaren spoke about the meeting with Mr Pepper and said that it will only be a preliminary report. Mr Peppers initial idea is to make pipes bigger and pressure reduction valves using plastic pipes that have a 80 year life time span and also send some pipe off to be tested for asbestos to see if the reading is high or low. Mr McLaren said the horizon consent expires 2027, Mr van Bussel said he could contact Robert Rose as this is his expertise. Mr Mallalieu asked if any reports had been done on filters? Mr van Bussel said they had used them before but have discarded them.

Mr Smith spoke about the Rob Collier line and explained where it would be renewed. Mr van Bussel recommended the line be replaced and thought the previous quote was about \$27000.00. Mr Smith would present a new quote with adjustment of inflation and include the sluice boxes and Mr Stratton would circulate the quote via email. Mr McLaren said he would like Mr Pepper to give his opinion on the silt and if running a bigger pipe is the solution.

Mr van Bussel said the Gilbert line had 4 – 5 repairs in the last 5 months and the pipe needed to be bigger. There would be about 1000 meters needed to be replaced. Mr van Bussel said this would need to go out for tender.

Resolved minute number 23/ERWS/005

That the Operations Report – 1 March 2023 Erewhon Rural Water Supply Committee be received.
Mr B Mallalieu/Mr G Duncan. Carried

9.3 Three Waters Submission

Cr Maughan said their submission asked for the mixed use to be out of the scope and it was submitted at the end of February and His Worship the Mayor would speak to the select committee.

Resolved minute number 23/ERWS/006

That Three Waters Submission update be received.

Mr B Mallalieu/Mr G Duncan. Carried

Letter from Taihape Plumbing

Mr Stratton had circulated a letter via email from Taihape Plumbing asking for a wage increase of 6% for Mr Smith and 4% for his employee.

Resolved minute number 23/ERWS/007

That the Erewhon Rural Water Scheme Sub Committee accepts the proposed wage increase requested from Taihape Plumbing.

Mr B Mallalieu/Mr G Duncan. Carried

The meeting closed at 5.40pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee held on 6 June 2023.

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Chairperson