

MINUTES

EREWHON RURAL WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 6 June 2023

Time: 4.00pm

Venue: Kokako Street Pavilion
2 Kokako Street
Taihape

Present

- Mr Peter Batley
- Mr Geoff Duncan
- Mr Barry Thomas
- Mr Simon Plimmer
- Mr Paul McLaren
- Mr Steven Stoney (Aorangi Awarua Trust Representative)
- HWTM Andy Watson
- Cr Greg Maughan
- Cr Jeff Wong

In attendance

- Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive
- Mr Andrew Van Bussell, Operations Manager
- Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor
- Mr Dave Tombs, Corporate Services- Group Manager (Zoom)
- Mr Chris Pepper, Special Projects Manager
- Mr Dene Smith, Taihape Plumbing

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1 Welcome

Mr McLaren opened the meeting at 4.00pm.

2 Apologies

Apologies received from Mr Jock Stratton and Benjamin Mallalieu. His Worship the Mayor will be late.

3 Public Forum

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

Tabled reports received from Mr Van Bussell.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 23/ERWS/008

That the minutes of Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting held on 7 March 2023 **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 B Thomas/Mr P McLaren. Carried

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

Report taken as read.

7 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - June 2023

There was no report.

8 Reports for Information

9.1 Financial Summary - Mid-May 2023

Mr Tombs took the committee through the report.

It is expected the committee will operate with a cash surplus in the next financial year.

The committee spoke of the financial impact from the Three Waters Reform and Mr Tombs responded that Three Waters has made it a different situation. Council can enable an overdraft for the scheme, if necessary, but Council can't control anything once three waters transition occurs.

The committee spoke of last year doubling the schemes rates and that as the committee do not have a budget for the coming year, the committee would prefer to keep it stable.

The committee also spoke of needing an asset management plan in place before an increase in rates,

Mr Beggs suggested extending the recommendation noting that any capital could be funded by borrowing against council.

Resolved minute number 23/ERWS/009

That the report 'Financial Summary – Mid-May 2023' be received.

Mr P McLaren/Mr P Batley. Carried

Resolved minute number 23/ERWS/010

Members of the Erewhon Rural Water Scheme nominate a preferred rate increase for the Erewhon Rural targeted rate for 2023/24 of 0%, noting that any capital expenditure excess of the years available income, could be funded by borrowing against Council.

Mr P Batley/Mr S Plimmer. Carried

9.2 Operations Report-June 2023

His Worship the Mayor arrived during this item at 4.45pm.

Mr Andrew Van Bussell took the committee through the report.

Mr Van Bussell spoke of there being slightly less water available and this has caused the pressure to drop in some areas, specifically the Pukerimu. Further information on this will come to committee members at the next meeting.

Chris Pepper took the committee through his report that was tabled at the meeting.

Mr Pepper stated that it is a concise overview of the scheme, and the scheme is in good condition and is well maintained.

The committee discussed the formal safety plan and whether the committee need to do this urgently. This is not the case however Mr Pepper will provide further information on this.

Mr Pepper and Mr Van Bussell will work together on the renewal process and pricing.

Mr Pepper responded to questions regarding the reason the model has a factor of 140, this is the industry standard. Mr Pepper will send the table to Mr Stratton and provide further clarity on this.

Resolved minute number 23/ERWS/011

That the Operations Report- 06 June 2023 Erewhon Rural Water Supply Committee be received.
Mr P Batley/Mr S Plimmer. Carried

Possible recommendations

To be discussed with Operations Manager/Scheme committee

- Complete renewals programme as recommended by Operations Manager
- Update model to show how extra demand be delivered
- Develop a long-term capital programme including renewals, potential capacity upgrades and consent renewal costs
- Develop a detail risk management plan including contingency plans.

The meeting closed at 4.58pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee held on 5 September 2023.

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Chairperson