

# MINUTES

## EREWHON RURAL WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, 2 December 2025

**Time:** 4.00pm

**Venue:** Kokako Street Pavilion  
2 Kokako Street  
Taihape

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**Present**

- Mr Jock Stratton
- Mr Geoff Duncan
- Mr Barry Thomas
- Mr Simon Plimmer
- Mr Paul McLaren
- Mr Benjamin Mallalieu
- Cr Jeff Wong
- Cr Diana Baird
- HWTM Andy Watson

**In attendance**

- Mr Opae Steedman (Aorangi Awarua Trust Representative)
- Mr Andrew Van Bussel, Water Supply Specialist (zoom)
- Ms Leanne MacDonald, Group manager Corporate Services (zoom)
- Mr Warren Pedley, Manager Finance and Partnerships (zoom)
- Ms D Hesketh, Administration
- Mr Rob Collier

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## 1 Welcome

## 2 Apologies

Apologies received from Mr Peter Batley.

## 3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

### **Resolved minute number 25/ERWS/017**

That the minutes of Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting held on 2 September 2025 **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 Actions

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

The report was taken as read.

### **Resolved minute number 25/ERWS/018**

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

Mr B Thomas/Mr B Mallalieu. Carried

## **8 Chair's Report**

### **8.1 Chair's Report - December 2025**

There was no Chair's Report.

#### **Recommendation**

That the Chair's Report – December 2025 be received.

## **9 Reports for Information**

### **9.1 Erewhon RWS - Financial Summary - Year to Date 31 October 2025**

Mr Pedley spoke to his report. Mr McLaren asked if the administration error for account fees had been sorted yet and asked if this could be shown as a cash surplus.

Mr Pedley stated a significant amount had been spent on 4x4 hire and insurance.

Mr Stratton stated some capital expenditure is expected in the Autumn.

Ms McDonald asked that the catering invoice be resent as the caterer needed to be set up as a debtor so this account could be paid.

Mr Plimmer asked to present the spreadsheet he had made as a draft, in regards to obtaining a loan to cover major capital costs of \$3.2 million over 20years. Mr Stratton agreed and thought it would be a good option. Mr McLaren thinks this may be unnecessary without further information. Mr Duncan agreed with Mr McLaren saying major expenses can be put off for a period. Mr Mallalieu asked if an overdraft had been arranged with RDC.

#### **Resolved minute number 25/ERWS/019**

That the report 'ERWS Financial Summary – October 2025' be received and approved.

Mr B Mallalieu/Mr S Plimmer. Carried

### **9.2 Operations Report - December**

Mr van Bussel spoke to his report and stated there had been a few more leaks and he needed to discuss these with Mr Smith. Some vegetation needs to be removed from walking planks, to allow them to dry out. Mr van Bussel would investigate Health and Safety requirements before painting of the bridge would take place.

Mr Stratton said he had received positive feedback from the meeting with the Awarua Trust and they were well aware of the importance of the Erewhon Rural Water Scheme. He also met with Suzie Hepe, and discussed the scheme and how it works. He would potentially like to meet with one more iwi.

Mr McLaren said he was disappointed the Consultant had not turned up to the meeting.

Mr McLaren also said he was quite embarrassed by the mess of materials about the sites.

Mr van Bussel said he would get back on this and organise a clean-up.

Mr van Bussel spoke of the need to get tender documents out for the Mangaohane and Kelly Land Company projects.

**Resolved minute number 25/ERWS/020**

That the Operations Report – December be received.

Mr J Stratton/Mr B Thomas. Carried

Mr Opae Steedman (Aorangi Awarua Trust Representative) introduced himself and spoke of his interest in the Erewhon Rural Water Scheme

**The meeting closed at 5.30pm**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee held on 3 March 2026.**

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**Chairperson**