

# ORDER PAPER

## EREWHON RURAL WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date:** Tuesday, 3 March 2026

**Time:** 4.00pm

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

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**Chair:** Mr Jock Stratton

**Membership:** Mr Peter Batley  
Mr Geoff Duncan  
Mr Barry Thomas  
Mr Simon Plimmer  
Mr Paul McLaren  
Mr Benjamin Mallalieu  
Mr Steven Stoney (Aorangi Awarua Trust Representative)  
Cr Jeff Wong  
Cr Diana Baird (Alternative)  
HWTM Andy Watson (Ex-Officio)

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**Notice is hereby given that a Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting of the Rangitīkei District Council will be held in the Kokako Street Pavilion, 2 Kokako Street, Taihape on Tuesday, 3 March 2026 at 4.00pm.**

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## **AGENDA**

### **1 Welcome**

### **2 Apologies**

### **3 Public Forum**

### **4 Conflict of Interest Declarations**

Members are reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda.

### **5 Confirmation of Order of Business**

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, [enter item number](#) be dealt as a late item at this meeting.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

### 6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

**Author:** Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor

#### 1. Reason for Report

- 1.1 The minutes from **Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting held on 2 December 2025** are attached.

#### Attachments

1. **Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting - 2 December 2025**

#### Recommendation

That the minutes of Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting held on 2 December 2025 **[as amended/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.

**ITEM 6.1**  
**MINUTES****ATTACHMENT 1****UNCONFIRMED: 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.

**ITEM 6.1**  
**ATTACHMENT 1**

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**

## **7 Chair's Report**

### **7.1 Chair's Report - March 2026**

**Author:** Jock Stratton, Chair

#### **1. Reason for Report**

- 1.1 The Chair may provide a verbal report at the meeting.

#### **Recommendation**

That the Chair's Report –March 2026 be received.

## 8 Reports for Information

### 8.1 Erewhon RWS - Financial Summary - Year to Date 31 January 2026

**Author:** Warren Pedley, Manager Finance and Partnerships

**Authoriser:** Leanne Macdonald, Group Manager - Corporate Services

#### 1. Reason for Report

1.1 This Report provides the Operating Statement for the period ended 31 January 2026.

#### 2. Commentary

2.1 This shows Operating Cash Surplus / (Deficit) year to date \$18k, noting:

2.1.1 The significant increase in cost of repairs showing against Contractors and Professional Services

2.1.2 There have been no invoices have been received from the Aorangi Awarua Trust for their quarterly lease charges, estimated to be arrears of approx. \$2,500 YTD.

2.1.3 Capital Expenditure year to date NIL

2.1.4 Notional Cash Reserves as at 31 January 2026 \$223k

#### 3. Discussion and Options Considered

3.1 Officers have presented the draft 2026/27 Annual Plan to Council which has been approved for inclusion in the consultation pack. This includes the ERWS water rates remaining as they are in 2025/26 for 2026/27 pending the committee agreeing to this or otherwise. As discussed in the previous meeting, this matter now needs to be closed.

3.2 The draft budget is presented in the attached report for discussion and approval, noting:

3.2.1 Capital expenditure for 2026/27 is still budgeted consistent with Year 3 of the current RDC LTP and there is no provision for external interest in the event of the Scheme borrowing money next year.

3.2.2 The significant increase in repairs YTD and whether or not the draft budget for 26/27 is likely to be insufficient?

#### 4. Financial Implications

4.1 Nil

#### 5. Impact on Strategic Risks

5.1 Nil, considered as part of the Long-term Planning.

#### 6. Strategic Alignment

6.1 Nil, considered as part of the Long-term Planning.

#### 7. Mana Whenua Implications

7.1 Considered as part of Rangitikei District Council's full 2024-34 Long Term Plan

**8. Climate Change Impacts and Consideration**

8.1 Considered as part of Rangitīkei District Council’s full 2024-34 Long Term Plan

**9. Statutory Implications**

9.1 Nil.

**10. Conclusion**

10.1 Monthly report attached for consideration

**Attachments:**

1. **ERWS Financial Summary - Jan 2026** [↓](#)

**Recommendation**

That the report ‘ERWS Financial Summary – Jan 2026 be received and approved.

ITEM 8.1

ATTACHMENT 1

Erewhon Rural Water Scheme  
Operating Statement  
YTD 31 January 2026

	Jan-26			2024/25	2026/27
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Full Year Budget	Actual	Draft Budget
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>					
Metered Charges	162,197	162,194	324,388	324,393	324,388
Interest	0	0	0	522	0
RDC Grant for Asset replacement	0	0	50,000	0	0
	<b>162,197</b>	<b>162,194</b>	<b>374,388</b>	<b>324,915</b>	<b>324,388</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>					
Contractors and Prof Services	134,663	57,302	98,271	89,616	106,964
Rates	0	5,285	9,064	8,310	9,644
Erewhon Waterboard Lease	0	4,445	7,623	11,907	4,244
Resource Consents	0	889	1,524	0	0
Telephone Costs	0	441	756	658	0
Materials	0	420	720	0	738
Insurance	9,266	12,068	20,696	18,517	16,301
Finance Costs	0	2,296	3,938	0	0
	<b>143,929</b>	<b>83,146</b>	<b>142,592</b>	<b>129,008</b>	<b>137,891</b>
Depreciation	103,226	102,088	175,079	160,837	175,083
Internal Charges	0	0	0	99,733	0
<b>Accounting Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(84,958)</b>	<b>(23,040)</b>	<b>56,717</b>	<b>(64,663)</b>	<b>11,414</b>
<b>Add back</b>					
Depreciation	103,226	102,088	175,079	160,837	175,083
Internal Charges	0	0	0	99,733	0
<b>Operating Cash Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>18,268</b>	<b>79,048</b>	<b>231,796</b>	<b>195,907</b>	<b>186,497</b>
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>231,154</b>	<b>396,267</b>	<b>5,412</b>	<b>406,525</b>
<b>Available Finance</b>					
<b>Funding Surplus / (Deficit) b/f</b>	204,427	204,427	204,427	13,932	39,956
<b>Operating Cash Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	18,268	79,048	231,796	195,907	186,497
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>	0	(231,154)	(396,267)	(5,412)	(406,525)
<b>Funding Surplus/(Deficit) c/f</b>	<b>222,695</b>	<b>52,321</b>	<b>39,956</b>	<b>204,427</b>	<b>(180,072)</b>
<b>Book Value of Fixed Assets</b>					
As at 1 July	5,404,261	5,404,261	5,404,261	4,520,241	5,625,449
Additions	0	231,154	396,267	5,412	406,525
Depreciation	(103,226)	(102,088)	(175,079)	(160,837)	(175,083)
Revaluations				1,039,445	-
<b>Current</b>	<b>5,301,035</b>	<b>5,533,327</b>	<b>5,625,449</b>	<b>5,404,261</b>	<b>5,856,891</b>

## 8.2 Operations Report - December

**Author:** Andrew van Bussel, Water Supply Specialist

### **Erewhon Rural Water Supply Operations Report**

**Maintenance carried out in the last Three months this is what has been invoiced (some invoices where not recorded when his was written)**

- Carried out monthly sluice runs
- Carried routine monthly checks
- Repaired leak in Hanna block
- Repair work carried out at Big Hill Tee
- Two Leak repairs on Mangohine face
- Assist with pipe bridge inspection this was from last quarter
- Leak repair on Pukerimu line
- Repaired leak in Kelly land close to stream crossing
- Renewed valve boxes at Mangohine tank A, Kara Wipaki, and at Durrants

#### **Erewhon Rural Water Supply Pipe renewals for this year**

The intention was to carry out two pipe renewal projects this financial year

Kelly Land where the pipe goes under stream below the rim rock area 550 m of 35 bar rating required. Mangohine from main track through to swamp area and up to the base of RIM rock 500m of 80mm diameter ID 25 bar rating required

#### **Kelly land**

There is a issues getting the 50mm ID, 35 bar pipe made, we have one supplier who can make this pipe but not until July as they are installing new PE pipe making machines that can make this 35 bar rated pipe, and they will put a warranty on pipe.

Also we are going to put in a ducting pipe under the stream while flows are low, Land owner is an agreement to this so in the future we do not have an issue with horizons.

Ducting has been ordered, scheme will purchase, Dene will hopefully be installing this in the next 2 weeks using a digger that is working at Kelly land at the present.

#### **Mangohine swamp**

This renewal consists of 80mmID 25 bar pipe 275m long. We can't buy this pipe so we will have to go to 125mm OD PN 25 (90.8mm ID)12m lengths, hydraulically this will be suitable.

This is in steep country with a few obstacles to dodge, ie large rocks and existing pipe that we need to keep operating until cut over time.

The pipe , welding, and fittings cost is approximately \$22000.00

Engineers estimate to install is around \$17000-\$20000

We had programmed both project's to be carried out at the same time to reduce costs which can't happen now.

The pipe suppliers are now not stocking any pipe above 1600kpa rated anything above this needs to be preordered. The pipe manufactures will only tag this pipe on to a bigger job so we will have to wait until that pipe is being made.

#### **Here are the options going forward**

- We defer both projects to next spring.
- We go out seeking prices for the Mangohine swamp renewal to selected contractors, which will now be weather dependent.
- The scheme purchase pipe now getting council buying powers and ask Dene for an estimate of costs to install this will also be weather dependent.
- We order pipe now and have it on hand if required and install next spring.

#### **Resource consent progress**

Update on where things are at with Erewhon:

Nathan Penny was due to carry out another gauging on February 18<sup>th</sup> and Laura Keenan from Traverse Environmental was also due to join him to carry out a site assessment required for her hydrological and ecological assessment. This didn't occur due to weather, so Laura will try to go up again mid-March with Nathan. Provided she can visit then and Nathan can provide the flow data, she is intended to have a technical memo to me by end of April.

In regard to iwi consultation, following from our last meeting, I have been in touch with Suz from Ngāti Whitikaupeka around clarification of their area of interest and other iwi contacts. She has put me in contact with Richard Steedman who sits on the Ngāi Te Ohuake rūnanga and will be able to advise on who the appropriate person is to engage with as this kaupapa progresses. I have sent Richard an email following the introduction last week and waiting to hear.

The current consent expires 1 July 2027. The RMA reforms have extended this expiry date until 31 December 2027. There are changes ahead to the consenting and planning frameworks, but what that looks like right now is unclear. Government is hoping to introduce a transitional framework by mid-2026 (date unknown yet) whereby consents lodged after this date would be processed through aspects of the transitional process and the RMA so something we need to think about is whether we want to apply before the transitional process comes in or not.

If you need any further info or have any questions, let me know.

Ngā mihi,

Juliet

#### **Contractor hourly rate discussion**

The chairman will supply information regarding contractor wanting an hourly rate change.

Thanks Andrew van Bussel

#### **Recommendation**

That the Operations Report – March be received.

**9 Meeting Closed.**