



Rangitikei District Council

Huntermville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee Meeting

Minutes – Monday 1 October 2018 – 4:00 pm

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Present:

- Mr Brett Journeaux
- Mr Bob Crawford
- Mr Mark Dawson
- Mr Bernie Hughes
- Mr John McManaway
- Cr Dean Mcmanaway
- Mr Paul Peterson
- Mr Sam Weston
- His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance:

- Mr Andrew van Bussel, Operations Manager
- Mr Ivan O’Reilly, Reticulation Serviceperson
- Mr Ashley Dahl, Financial Services Team Leader
- Mr Arno Benadie, Principle Advisor Infrastructure
- Ms Christin Ritchie, Governance Administrator

1 Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

There were no apologies.

3 Members' conflict of interest

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any conflicts of interest they might have in respect of items on this agenda. No conflicts were declared.

4 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, the letter from Cooper Rapley Lawyers be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

5 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **18/HWRS/023** **File Ref** 3-CT-3-2

That the Minutes of the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee meeting held on 6 August 2018 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr B Hughes / Mr B Journeaux. Carried

6 Chair's Report

The Chair advised that he has been receiving a number of calls on his personal cell phone from scheme members with general enquiries. Mr Bob Crawford (previous chair) advised he has had the same issue. They have asked that their phone numbers not be provided to scheme members.

Mr van Bussel suggested that all general enquiry calls be forwarded through to himself in future, as he is better placed to be able to answer any scheme queries.

Undertaking **Subject** **HWRS scheme queries**

Customer service staff to transfer all Hunterville Rural Water Scheme rates queries through to Sheryl Bright, and for any other general enquires through to Andrew van Bussel in future.

7 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

There were no recommendations made to Council at the previous meeting.

8 Questions put at previous meeting for Council advice or action

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda.

9 Hunterville Rural Water Supply – Operations Report

Mr van Bussel spoke to the report.

Recent dirty water issues:

There have been a large number of dirty water issues as of late, mainly due to the water rising over the bank, causing it to become silted up. The Hunterville treatment plant can handle turbidity of 50 and below. During the recent flooding, turbidity levels were between 200-800. Water had to be brought in from Marton. Horizons is aware of the issue, and is currently investigating.

(John McManaway arrived 4.29pm)

Pump Station:

The pump station line was ploughed up from the intake to the middle pump station. The pipes have been rerouted to a better location, and are all working well now. This issue is unlikely to occur again.

Pickford line replacement:

Mr Pickford was mole draining to a depth of 80cm, when he struck the pipes, affecting approximately 200m of line. The pipes should be at a depth of at least 1m, which they may have been when they were laid. Mr Pickford has enquired as to who is responsible for the cost of repairing the line.

Resolved minute number **18/HWRS/024** **File Ref**

The Hunterville Rural Water Supply Committee has agreed that Mr Geoff Pickford is to cover the costs of the digger hire and the backfilling. The Hunterville Rural Water Supply Scheme will pay for the new pipe, and for the man hours to join it.

Mr B Journeaux / Mr m Dawson. Carried

Undertaking **Subject** **Scheme group text**

Mr van Bussel is to send a text to all scheme members, asking them to be aware of the pipes when cultivating. Members are to contact the council if they are unsure of anything.

Resolved minute number **18/HWRS/025** **File Ref** **6-WS-3-4**

That the 'Hunterville Rural Water Supply – Operations reports' dated September 2018 be received.

Mr B Crawford / Mr B Hughes. Carried

10 Hunterville Rural Water Supply – Financial Report

Mr Dahl spoke to the report, highlighting the end of year figures for 2017/2018:

- \$8,841 shortfall on revenue
- \$49,928 shortfall on total expenditure
- \$80,643 net deficit for 2017/18

The Committee raised concerns regarding a number of potential issues within the report provided:

- Rates billed were less than what was budgeted for
- Electricity has not been adjusted in the 2018/19 financial year
- Figures don't match from one report to another
- A deficit was recorded, but should have shown as a surplus

Undertaking Subject Financial report clarification

Mr Dahl is to confirm the budget figures versus the actual metered supply charges from the financial report supplied on 1 October 2018.

Another concern raised was the rates increased that had been approved by council had not been included in the LTP, and applied to scheme members rates for this financial year. This will result in approx \$40,000 in lost revenue.

His Worship the Mayor, noted that an increase may not be able to be applied now, as it was not included in the Long Term Plan, therefore not giving the members an opportunity to contest the increase.

Undertaking Subject Rates increase not applied

Council is to investigate why the approved rates increase (18/RDC/140) was not included in the Long Term Plan, and applied to scheme members.

Undertaking Subject Mismatched figures

Mr Dahl is to investigate why the electricity figures don't match on the two reports provided at the meeting.

Resolved minute number **18/HWRS/026** **File Ref** 3-CT-3-1

That the 'Hunterville Rural Water Supply – Financial report' dated September 2018' be received.

11 Tutaenui Community Irrigation/Stock water scheme – update on progressing the completed pre-feasibility study

There were no updates to report at this stage.

12 Late Items

As accepted in item 4.

A letter (tabled) has been received from Cooper Rapley Lawyers, on behalf of their clients, TD & JM Willis/Woodendean Trust. Mr and Mrs Willis have subdivided their property, and are requesting that their 5 water units be split. 4 units to Mt Tui Holdings Ltd, and 1 unit to the Guernesey Trust.

The Committee members discussed who would be responsible for the new tank and connecting pipes, as well as the 2 unit minimum agreement.

Resolved minute number **18/HWRS/027** **File Ref**

The Hunterville Rural Water Supply Committee requests that the TD & JM Willis/Woodendean Trust provide a plan for the installation of new tanks and pipes to council for approval. The trust is also to cover all associated costs, including fees for the legal documents needed to transfer the unit holdings.

13 Next Meeting

3 December 2018, 4.00pm

Meeting Closed

Meeting closed 5.45pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: