

Rangitīkei District Council



Huntermville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee Meeting

Minutes – Monday 7 September 2020 – 4:00 pm

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Present: Mr Sam Weston
Mr Mark Dawson
Mr Bernie Hughes
Mr John McManaway
Cr Richard Lambert
His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson

In attendance: Mr Andrew van Bussel, Operations Manager
Mr Arno Benadie, Principal Advisor – Infrastructure
Mr Ivan O’Reilly, Reticulation Serviceperson
Ms Bonnie Clayton, Governance Administrator

1 Welcome

Councillor Lambert opened the meeting at 4.05pm.

2 Election of new Chair

No voting system was required as there was only one accepted nomination.

Mr Hughes nominated Mr Weston as Chair.

Resolved minute number **20/HRWS/012** **File Ref**

That Mr Sam Weston be appointed Chair of the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee.

Mr Hughes/Mr Dawson. Carried

Councillor Lambert vacated the chair.

3 Public Forum

Nil.

4 Apologies

That the apology for absence of Mr Bob Crawford, Mr Dave Flintoff and the apology for lateness of Mr John McManaway be received.

Mr Hughes/Mr Dawson. Carried

5 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.

6 Confirmation of order of business

Item 7 moved to follow Item 8.

8 Chair's Report

There were no updates to provide.

Mr McManaway arrived 4.10pm.

7 Confirmation of Minutes

Mr McManaway expressed frustration around the timeliness of receiving the minutes, he also queried whether there was an update on the privacy query and what that means for the Committee.

Mr Benadie advised there was no update on the privacy query to provide currently; however, that there would be one for the next Committee meeting.

Mr Weston expressed that in terms of managing the scheme, it is easier to have all details of scheme users.

Resolved minute number **20/HRWS/013** **File Ref**

That the Hunterville Rural Water Scheme Sub-Committee receive the draft form minutes within two weeks of the meeting.

Mr McManaway/Mr Dawson. Carried

Resolved minute number **20/HRWS/014** **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee meeting held on 6 July 2020 without amendment be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr Hughes/Cr Lambert. Carried

9 Council decisions on recommendations from the Committee

There were no recommendations from the Committee.

10 Questions put at previous meeting for Council advice or action

Staff to seek clarity of what determines privacy, and what information can be released to the Committee.

His Worship the Mayor sought clarification from Ms Devine, noting:

Anyone can ask the value of a property and who owns it. However, legal advice is that Council cannot publish names, therefore Council cannot give this information to the Committee.

A further update will be provided at the November meeting.

11 Hunterville Rural Water Supply – Operations Report

Mr van Bussel highlighted the following from his report:

- New intake pump has gone in and working well.
- The river is very low, which is unlikely at this time of year, it generally gets low as early as November.
- No current update on township water supply.
- There has been movements with KiwiRail, and anticipate an update at the next meeting.
- Auxiliary pump will be used over summer.
- All pumps are numbered and can be easily identified for efficiency purposes.
- The new pump is currently run as the main pump - Mr O'Reilly has been checking if there are any changes, and then both pumps will be on auto.

In response to a query about whether the new pump has a warranty, Mr van Bussel was unsure, however expects the stainless steel pump which is more efficient with new technology to provide approximately 2000-3000 hours.

Mr O'Reilly noted the older pumps are not in use, as they use much more power, though are there for backup.

Resolved minute number **20/HRWS/015** **File Ref** **6-WS-3-4**

That the 'Hunterville Rural Water Supply – Operations Report' to the 7 September 2020 Hunterville Rural Water Supply Sub-committee be received.

Mr McManaway/Mr Dawson. Carried

12 Hunterville Bore – Update

Mr Benadie updated the committee on

- Undertaking modelling desktop exercise to compare costs on building a new plant, compared to treating current bore water – this will be complete December 2020 / early 2021.
- The bore water has iron and manganese, however is treatable.
- A new plant would cost \$2.2 million.
- If Council agree to build a new plant, it will take approximately 12 months to build (Summer 2021/2022) as the design and tendering takes time.

Resolved minute number **20/HRWS/016** **File Ref**

That the verbal update on the Hunterville Bore to the 7 September 2020 Hunterville Rural Water Scheme Sub-committee meeting be received.

Mr Hughes/Mr Dawson. Carried

13 Hunterville Rural Water Supply – Financial Report

The Committee noted the commentary in the agenda, however expressed that a basic draft financial report should have been provided for review.

14 Late Items

Mr Dawson queried whether the Committee needs to plan forward for the upcoming summer period, noting the previous dry summer.

Mr van Bussel advised that the pump was built 4 years ago, and that the auxiliary pump is there if required.

Mr O'Reilly checks the pumps regularly and has it ready at the intake, he will continue to monitor water levels.

Undertaking Subject Checking water tanks

Staff to notify Rates Officer that a letter needs to accompany the next round of rates letters. Staff will supply a letter, addressed to farmers on the Hunterville Water Scheme, to advise them to check their water tanks for leaks, with the impending dry summer. Staff are to also request that If there are any identified scheme pipeline leaks, to please make contact with Council. Staff to reaffirm Council's contact details in the letter – not to provide Mr O'Reilly's contact details.

15 Next Meeting

Monday 2 November 2020, 4.00pm

16 Meeting Closed

4.53pm.

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____