



Rangitikei District Council

Omatane Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday 10 August 2016 – 3:00 p.m.

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Present:

- Mr A McKay, Chairperson
- Mr N Gregory
- Mr L Bird
- Mr L Kelly
- Mr A Ramsay
- Mr M Thomas
- Mr C White
- Mr D Tweeddale

In Attendance:

- Mr D Miller, Asset Engineer-Road
- Mr A van Bussel, Operations Manager
- Cr R Rainey
- His Worship the Mayor, Mr A Watson
- Mrs S Srhoj, Administration

1 Welcome

Mr McKay welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Mr Don Tweeddale who has purchased Taylors property.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number **16/ORWS/010** **File Ref**

That the apologies from Mr G McIrvine and Cr Gordon for absence be received.

Mr McKay/Mr Kelly. Carried

3 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **16/ORWS/011** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the Omatane Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee meeting held on Wednesday 12 August 2015, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr Kelly/Mr Gregory. Carried

4 Matters Arising

Mr van Bussel advised that he had arranged to meet onsite with a staff member from Alf Downes in order to fix the issue with the flow meter.

Mr Miller to confirm what budget this work would come out of.

5 Water Manager's Report

The Water Managers' Report was tabled and discussed.

Mr Miller reported that Council had received a draft consent compliance report from Horizons Regional Council which indicated that the scheme was fully compliant.

A copy of the final report to be forwarded to the Committee once received.

Resolved minute number **16/ORWS/012** **File Ref**

That the Water Manager's Report, be received.

Mr McKay/Mr Kelly. Carried

6 Scheme Overseer's Report

Mr Bird gave a verbal report, noting there had been very few issues with the scheme. He had fixed a pipe on the main line so in total his hours had amounted to nine.

Mr White was unsure of his hours, but suspected that they would be a few more than Mr Birds. He had cleaned the intake once and had attended to a break on the line above Worsfalds which he reported was often a trouble spot.

Resolved minute number **16/ORWS/013** **File Ref**

That the Scheme Overseer's Report, as presented be received.

Mr McKay/Mr Gregory. Carried

7 Financial Report

Mr Miller advised that the final Annual Report was still to be finalised so the attached statements were to 31 May 2016 only.

Mr Kelly gave a brief outline of how the water rates had been set in the past. He said that in recent years Council had included a capital expenditure which the committee had been against; however following recent discussions with the Financial & Support Business Group Manager he had agreed to remove it. Mr Kelly now felt that this was the wrong decision and it would be better for it to remain in order to create a reserve.

His Worship the Mayor advised that, as the rate had already been set, he suggested that the Committee consider having two meetings a year meetings or hold their annual one around April/May. This would enable the Committee to put forward a recommendation to Council.

His Worship the Mayor to ask Council's Chief Executive and the Finance & Business Support Group Manager for their recommendations.

The Committee were happy with the present water rate.

Resolved minute number **16/ORWS/014** **File Ref**

That the Statement of Operations for period ending 31 May 2016, be received.

Mr McKay/Mr Gregory. Carried

8 Members/Questions

A letter from Dean Hammond confirming his withdrawal from the Omatane Rural Water Supply Scheme was tabled.

Given Mr Hammond's knowledge and contribution to the scheme over the past years, the Committee were all in favour of the four troughs on his property to continue to be serviced from the branch line.

Council staff to source and email copies of farm maps to Mr Bird and Mr Tweeddale.

Mr Tweeddale was keen to continue with the Omatane Rural Water Supply Scheme. He said that, although his land was currently being leased out for three years, it was important to have a water source in the event that there was a fire as there was a lot of Manuka on the property. He said that there were currently three houses on the property that needed to be serviced.

Mr White advised that while he was working on the Taylors property he often undertook work on the main line and these hours were put down to "farm time". Now that the property was being grazed by Mr Alabaster he queried who was responsible.

Mr Kelly advised that any work done on the main line as well as cleaning the intake needed to be charged back to the scheme.

Mr Tweeddale asked that the Committee notify him if there was any maintenance that needed to be done on the pipes given that it was the land owner's responsibility.

Once the weather had improved, Mr Gregory to show Mr Tweeddale where the pipe lines were located.

There was a brief discussion on offering someone else to link into the scheme since Mr Hammond and Mr Taylor had withdrawn; however the Committee felt that they may run into big costs.

Resolved minute number **16/ORWS/015** **File Ref**

That the Omatane Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee accept Dean Hammond's withdrawal from the Omatane Rural Water Supply Scheme.

Mr McKay/Mr Gregory. Carried

Resolved minute number **16/ORWS/016** **File Ref**

That the Omatane Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee agree that Dean Hammond is not to be rated for the four troughs that remain on his property following his withdrawal from the water scheme.

Mr Gregory/Mr Bird. Carried

9 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting to be deferred.

10 Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 3.45 pm.