

Rangitikei District Council

Omatane Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee Meeting

Minutes – Wednesday 10 May 2017 – 3:00 p.m.



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Present:

Mr A McKay, Chairperson
Mr N Gregory
Mr L Kelly
Mr M Thomas

In Attendance:

Mr D Miller, Asset Engineer – Roading and Utilities
Mr G McIrvine, Finance & Business Support Group Manager (arrived at 3:15pm)
Mr A Sargent, Management and Project Accountant (arrived at 3:15pm)
Cr R Rainey
Ms R Baird, Administration

Tabled documents: Item 3 Matters Arising – Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Rangitikei County Council (11 December 1980)

1 Apologies

Resolved minute number **17/ORWS/021** **File Ref**

That the apologies from His Worship the Mayor and Mr A Ramsay for absence be received.

Mr L Kelly/Mr N Gregory. Carried.

2 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number **17/ORWS/022** **File Ref**

That the minutes of the Omatane Rural Water Supply Sub-Committee meeting held on 23 November 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate record of the meeting.

Mr L Kelly/Mr N Gregory. Carried.

3 Matters Arising

Mr Miller tabled a copy of the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Rangitikei County Council of 11 December 1980. In regards to the ownership of tanks, the minutes noted that any asset past the point of supply is privately owned and not owned by the scheme.

Mr McKay said he had supplied his and Mr Ramsays maps but Mr Kelly was still to provide his. Mr Miller asked that they be dropped off to the Taihape office and once scanned he would return them. Mr Thomas said he has copies of Mr Tweedales and the main line, but they are very big maps, Mr Miller advised that these could be scanned to an A3 size and then joined together.

4 Water Managers Report

Mr Miller gave a verbal report. He said that the issue of getting Horizons data for consent compliance has now been resolved and that feedback from Horizons should be available at the next meeting.

Resolved minute number **17/ORWS/23** **File Ref**

That the Water Managers Report, be received.

Mr L Kelly/Mr N Gregory. Carried

5 Scheme Overseers Report

There was no report as Mr Bird was not present. Mr McKay said there was a break on the line that was fixed and generally the scheme is working well but was worried that maintenance was very thin.

6 Financial Report

Mr McIrvine introduced Mr Sargent who is Councils Management and Project Accountant.

Mr Thomas queried the figure of \$3905. Mr McIrvine suggested that it could have been coded to the wrong general ledger code. Mr Thomas said it looks as though it could be the invoice for the flow meter that was fixed to comply with the resource consent. Mr Sargent to obtain the original invoice to determine what it is for and then advise members by email.

Cr Rainey asked if the latest water leak would come out of the renewals budget. Mr Gregory replied that there had been a number of breaks in this area which are more often repairs and maintenance. Mr Miller said there is a renewals budget available if needed.

Resolved minute number **17/ORWS/24** **File Ref**

That the Statement of Operations: Period ending 31 March 2017 be received.

Mr L Kelly/Mr N Gregory. Carried

7 Updating the Rural Water Supply Policy

Mr Miller said that the following changes to the policy had been requested by the Hunterville Water Scheme Sub-Committee. He asked what this committees thoughts were on these changes.

Mr Miller referred to 5.2 *“Each Property owner shall provide on their property the equivalent of 48 hours storage of water at peak demand for that property. This shall be at their own expense”*.

Cr Rainey asked if any of the members had 48 hour capacity. Mr Gregory replied that they would have 24 hour capacity. Mr Miller said the Omatane scheme is not dependent on power like the Hunterville scheme, and suggested that the amount of storage required could be set by each committee.

6.1 *“A person who is supplied with reticulated water by, or on behalf of, a Rural Water Supply must not waste the water or allow it to be wasted”*

Mr Gregory said there is two old valves that need to be replaced as they waste a lot of water, and that there are two tanks that have free flow into a dam which could be made more efficient to save the water. Mr Gregory asked if Council had the maps to see where the orpheus valves are. Mr Miller to look into it.

4.1 *“Rural Water Supplies are non-potable. Water provided is not intended for human consumption. If a property owner wishes the water to be used for human consumption, they must install appropriate treatment within the property at their own cost”*

Mr Miller said that in regards to the Omatane Hall, they would need to get a filter or a UV system. Mr Gregory said the Hall Committee is currently looking into this matter. Cr Rainey suggested they apply for funding.

Mr Thomas asked if there was capacity to add consumers to this scheme. Mr Miller said he didn't think so but could look into it if the need arose.

Cr Rainey asked that as John Platts and Dean Hammond were no longer on the scheme would there not be excess water. Mr Gregory replied that there would be but Dean Hammond did have access to two troughs and that when the scheme was originally set up there was an allowance of an extra 30%.

Mr Miller said if a new member was to come onto the scheme the committee could charge capital contribution. The committee agreed that they would deal with this when and if the need arose.

Resolved minute number **17/ORWS/25** **File Ref**

That the amendments to the updated Rural Water Supply Policy be accepted and Section 5.2 be further amended to read as follows: “Each property owner shall provide on their property storage of water. This shall be at their own expense. The amount of storage required shall be set by the relevant Committee”.

Mr L Kelly/Mr N Gregory. Carried.

8 Members/Questions

Mr Gregory said he was hoping to sell his property in 6 – 8 weeks time, but on undertaking a title search he found that his current property was not on the scheme. He would look into this matter.

Resolved minute number **17/ORWS/26** **File Ref**

That Mr Gregory's 5.6 hectare property be included into the Omatane Rural Water Scheme.
Mr A McKay/Mr L Kelly. Carried

9 Next meeting

The next meeting to be held 8 November 2017

10 Meeting Closed

The meeting closed at 4:00pm