

MINUTES

ASSETS/INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, 15 February 2024

Time: 9.30am

Venue: Council Chamber
Rangitikei District Council
46 High Street
Marton

Present

- Cr Dave Wilson
- Cr Richard Lambert
- Cr Brian Carter
- Cr Fi Dalgety
- Cr Gill Duncan
- Cr Greg Maughan
- Cr Jeff Wong
- Cr Simon Loudon
- HWTM Andy Watson

In attendance

- Mr Kevin Ross, Chief Executive
- Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager- Democracy and Planning
- Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer
- Mrs Adina Foley, Group Manager- Capital Projects
- Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager- Corporate Services
- Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager- Community
- Ms Kezia Spence, Governance Advisor
- Mr Blair Jamieson, Tāmata Hauhā
- Mr Lequan Meihan, Tāmata Hauhā

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1 Welcome / Prayer

Cr Wilson opened the meeting at 9.30am and read the Council prayer.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 24/AIN/001

Apologies received from Lequan Meihana, Te Roopuu Ahi Kaa representative.

Cr D Wilson/HWTM A Watson. Carried

3 Public Forum

There was no public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 24/AIN/002

That the minutes of Assets/Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 12 October 2023 **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.

Cr B Carter/Cr R Lambert. Carried

7 Follow-up Actions

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Assets/Infrastructure Committee Meetings

Mr Benadie tabled an updated action list.

In relation to item 6 (signage at Marae) - further clarity is required from the Taihape Community Board on this item as there is confusion if signage is required for the marae or speed.

Resolved minute number 24/AIN/003

That the tabled 'Follow-up Action Items from Assets/Infrastructure Committee Meetings' be replaced in the order paper.

HWTM A Watson/Cr D Wilson. Carried

Resolved minute number 24/AIN/004

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Assets/Infrastructure Committee Meetings' be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr J F Wong. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - February 2024

The Chair acknowledged the work that has been completed by staff and the approach that Council has taken with Three Waters infrastructure.

Resolved minute number 24/AIN/005

That the Chair's Report – February 2024 be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Tāmata Hauhā - Carbon Forestry

Mr Jaimeson and Mr Meihana gave a presentation to the Committee on the potential for a commercial partnership between their company and Council in relation to land at Rātana.

In response to a question Mr Jaimeson advised their operation is unique as it offers non-pine options.

Resolved minute number 24/AIN/006

That the presentation from Tāmata Hauhā - Carbon Forestry be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Maughan. Carried

9.2 Assets & Infrastructure Report - Period Ending December 2023

Roading Report

His Worship the Mayor requested information on the total number and location of slips that are awaiting work and when these under slips occurred. Mr Benadie will need to follow up on whether this information is being captured and whether the information can be sought easily through our Request for Service system. Mr Benadie explained that Council does review the roading network but not necessarily a focus on slips.

Councillors expressed frustration on the communication of the Otara Bridge and the uncertainty of when the bridge is opened or closed. Staff, noting this is a Manawatu District Council lead project, will follow up on the status of the bridge and provide further updates when they are received.

In response to a question about the amount of funding spent to date on roading, Mr Benadie said there has been a significant increase in work done heading during the warmer months, this will result in a higher level of completed work on our roading network.

Water Supply

Mr Benadie confirmed Council is in communication with Horizons regarding compliance. In the future, staff will recognise reasonable constraints that continue to occur in our consenting applications, such as aluminium in the Taihape and Hunterville water supply.

Resolved minute number 24/AIN/007

That the "Assets & Infrastructure Report - Period Ending December 2023" be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr G Duncan. Carried

9.3 Project Management Office Report - February 2024

Ratana Wastewater discharge to land

In relation to the earlier presentation, committee members requested further information and asked staff to look at other possible joint ventures.

Papakai Pump Station

Mrs Foley advised the Committee that there is currently a delay to get electricity to the pump but overall, this has been a positive project. There are still payments to be made which will align closer with the budget set.

Taihape Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Committee asked for more regular updates on this project. A report will come back to Council with further information on this project.

Marton Water Strategy

The timeline has turned red in the table due to the uncertainty of meeting the December 2024 timeframe. Currently staff are still working on appointing a design engineer to complete the upgrade. Mrs Foley responded to concerns that the tender process has been challenging but this is nearly complete.

Mr Benadie responded to questions from members about low water levels at Marton dam. He advised the dam walls are certified in a way that they come with certain requirements, on both dam walls, the spill ways are too small which are a risk and therefore Council manages the level lower so that the dams act as storage when it rains. In the summer months the district typically sees dry weather with big rain events, and this decreases the chance of spill over from the dam wall.

Resolved minute number 24/AIN/008

That the report 'Project Management Office Report - February 2024' be received.

Cr D Wilson/Cr B Carter. Carried

9.4 Tui Street, Taihape Toilets

The report was taken as read.

Resolved minute number 24/AIN/009

That the report 'Tui Street, Taihape Toilets' be received.

Cr B Carter/Cr S Loudon. Carried

The meeting closed at 11.53am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Assets/Infrastructure Committee held on 9 May 2024.

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Chairperson