

MINUTES

EREWHON RURAL WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 21 June 2022

Time: 4.00 pm

Venue: Kokako Street Pavilion
2 Kokako Street
Taihape

Present Mr Simon Plimmer
Mr Geoff Duncan
Mr Paul McLaren
Mr Benjamin Mallalieu
HWTM Andy Watson (ex officio)

In attendance Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer
Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager – Corporate Services
Mr Dave Flintoff, Reticulation Team Leader
Ms Rochelle Baird, Community Services Officer
Mr Dene Smith, Taihape Plumbing

Order of Business

1	Welcome	3
2	Apologies	3
3	Public Forum	3
4	Conflict of Interest Declarations	3
5	Confirmation of Order of Business	3
6	Confirmation of Minutes	3
7	Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings	4
7.1	Follow-up Action Items from previous Erewhon Rural Water Supply Meetings	4
8	Chair’s Report	4
8.1	Chair's Report - June 2022.....	4
9	Reports for Information	4
9.1	Operations Report - June 2022	4
9.2	Financial Summary - February 2022.....	5
10	General Discussion	6
10.1	General Discussion	6

Mr Plimmer said they met with the owners to let them know about the 100% rate increase and they agreed to get a third party review of the system. Mr Plimmer asked what kind of working capital could the council provide and is there any advantage to doing it all at once. Mr McLaren said they first need to do a review on what we are trying to do with the scheme. When Mr McLaren contacted third parties he was asked questions he couldn’t answer such as how long can the scheme carry on when it is down. Mr Benadie said it is good to get a review with modern technology out now compared to when the scheme was installed. Mr Duncan said he had found a report that was done in 1996 by Worleys he would like to have chat with him as he was involved in the beginning. Mr Benadie said any capital works should be looked at for the whole scheme, it would be a good investment Mr Benadie said a good engineer should cost approximately under 50k. Mr McLaren said he would like an overview on the whole scheme but focus on what needs to be done. 6

1 Welcome

The meeting opened at 4.05 pm. Mr Plimmer took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/012

That the apologies from Cr Hiroa, Mr Stratton, Mr van Bussel, Mr Thomas and Mr Batley for absence and Mr McLaren for lateness be accepted.

Mr G Duncan/Mr B Mallalieu. Carried

3 Public Forum

No public forum.

4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

There were no conflicts of interest.

5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There were no changes to the order of business.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/013

That the minutes of Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting held on 8 March 2022, 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.

Mr S Plimmer/Mr G Duncan. Carried

7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings

7.1 Follow-up Action Items from previous Erewhon Rural Water Supply Meetings

Debt framework, Mr Tombs said due to the committee increasing the rates there is no urgency and that he would follow up in the next couple of months.

Mr Smith spoke to the 3 monthly checks changing to 4 monthly and said that the issue of changing the checks is the running of sluices which should be done monthly and the issues that could arise could be expensive and costly. Mr Smith explained that the silt could be an issue down the line. Mr Benadie asked if the tanks get cleaned, Mr Smith said no. Mr Smith explained what he does on the monthly checks and the 3 monthly checks. Mr Mallalieu asked if Mr Smith just concentrated on the sluice valves how long would it take? Mr Smith said about 3 – 4 days.

Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/014

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from previous Erewhon Rural Water Supply Meetings' be received.

Mr G Duncan/Mr S Plimmer. Carried

8 Chair's Report

8.1 Chair's Report - June 2022

There was no Chairs Report.

Mr Plimmer said they had met with the landowners and everyone was in full support of the scheme going forward and were aware of the costs.

9 Reports for Information

9.1 Operations Report - June 2022

Mr Smith said Rob Collier is not getting enough water supply and would need an extra 2km that he could quote for.

Mr McLaren asked who covers the cost for a locate line and how much does it cost? Mr Smith said he had sent the account to the scheme as advised by Mr van Bussel. Mr Smith said the cost to locate a line is about \$1500. Mr McLaren asked who would pay if the line was broken and is there a policy regarding this. Mr Duncan said it could be in the constitution.

Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/015

That the 'Operations Report – June 2022' be received.

Mr G Duncan/Mr B Mallalieu. Carried

9.2 Financial Summary - February 2022

Mr Tombs noted prior to the meeting a correction to section 2.2.2:

"Finance Costs for years 2017/18 onwards ~~are yet to be~~ have been applied to be the opening Available Finance figures".

Mr Tombs spoke to his report and the amendments and asked if there was any plans for Capital expenditure for the next financial year. Mr Plimmer said they are still working through the capital works. Mr Tombs said the cash surplus should be over 200k and although the increase would not start until June 2023 they could spend beforehand. Mr McLaren asked what was the materials on the operating expenses, Mr Tombs would look into it. Mr Plimmer asked if the lease payments were up to date, Mr Tombs would report back to the committee.

Resolved minute number 22/ERWS/016

That the report 'Financial Summary – May 2022' be received.

Mr B Mallalieu/Mr G Duncan. Carried

10 General Discussion

10.1 General Discussion

Mr Plimmer said they met with the owners to let them know about the 100% rate increase and they agreed to get a third party review of the system. Mr Plimmer asked what kind of working capital could the council provide and is there any advantage to doing it all at once. Mr McLaren said they first need to do a review on what we are trying to do with the scheme. When Mr McLaren contacted third parties he was asked questions he couldn't answer such as how long can the scheme carry on when it is down. Mr Benadie said it is good to get a review with modern technology out now compared to when the scheme was installed. Mr Duncan said he had found a report that was done in 1996 by Worleys he would like to have chat with him as he was involved in the beginning. Mr Benadie said any capital works should be looked at for the whole scheme, it would be a good investment Mr Benadie said a good engineer should cost approximately under 50k. Mr McLaren said he would like an overview on the whole scheme but focus on what needs to be done.

Mr McLaren said WSP is expensive but they would do a good job, they are project managers but can help with policies.

Mr Plimmer asked could they write a scope and then send it out for tender. Mr Benadie said he may be able to help with the scope and has engineer contacts that Council use. Mr Plimmer said they are mindful of the cost. Mr McLaren said they need a scope first. Mr Benadie said they could prepare a scope and the members can change it but he could not commit to a timeframe at the moment, he would let Mr Plimmer know via email with the timeline.

Discussion on an alternative source of water – secondary scope need a plan B. Mr Smith said for the past 15 years the water had only been low once and that the weir had a better reserve now.

His Worship the Mayor said Clive Manly the CEO from Ruapehu District Council is on the working committee for 3 waters and he could bring him here to answer questions if members wanted.

The meeting closed at 5.23 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee held on 6 September 2022.

.....

Chairperson