

MINUTES

EREWHON RURAL WATER SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 11 June 2024

Time: 4.00pm

Venue: Kokako Street Pavilion
2 Kokako Street
Taihape

Present

- Mr Jock Stratton
- Mr Peter Batley
- Mr Geoff Duncan
- Mr Barry Thomas
- Mr Simon Plimmer
- Mr Paul McLaren (arrived at 4:05pm)
- Mr Benjamin Mallalieu
- HWTM Andy Watson
- Cr Jeff Wong

In attendance

- Mr Arno Benadie, Chief Operating Officer
- Mr Andrew van Bussel, Operations Manager
- Mr Dene Smith, Taihape Plumbing
- Mr Dave Tombs, GM-Corporate Services (via zoom)
- Mr Warren Pedley, Management and Systems Accountant (via zoom)
- Ms Rochelle Baird, Administration

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1 Welcome

Mr Stratton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

Resolved minute number 24/ERWS/008

That the apologies received from Mr Peter Batley and Mr Steven Stoney be accepted.

Mr B Mallalieu/Mr G Duncan. 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

Mr Stratton had 5 late items for discussion.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Matters arising: Mr McLaren noted that the “Glossary of terms for the financial reports” were no longer in the minutes. Mr Tombs said he is still doing them and is also looking into the insurance premiums.

Resolved minute number 24/ERWS/009

That the minutes of Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee Meeting held on 5 March 2024 **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 G Duncan/Mr P McLaren. Carried

7 Chair's Report

7.1 Chair's Report - June 2024

There was no Chair's report.

8 Reports for Information

8.1 ERWS Financial Summary - 2023/24

Mr Tombs spoke to his report and said that the cash surplus should break even come the end of June and they would be starting the year in a positive position and be able to invest in infrastructure. Mr Duncan asked when did the amount from the rates go through. Mr Tombs said not until June or July. Mr Tombs discussed the rates actual and budget. Mr Plimmer questioned the depreciation and why there was an adjustment. Mr Tombs said it is an accrual. Mr Plimmer asked how much deficit could their working capital go into. Mr Tombs said there is still uncertainty with the 3 waters. Mr Tombs would meet with Mr Plimmer to have a discussion to see what predicted amount they could come up with.

Mr Tombs said he is leaving in September. Mr Stratton asked if the financial process would stay the same. Mr Tombs said Mr Pedley would take over and carry the same format through. Mr Stratton thanked Mr Tombs for all his efforts with the financial summary.

Resolved minute number 24/ERWS/010

That the report 'ERWS Financial Summary – 2023/24' be received.

Mr P McLaren/Mr S Plimmer. Carried

8.2 Operations Report-June 2024

Mr van Bussel spoke to his report and stated the Pukerimu pipeline cost and the new work that was justified. The job went well and the pressure was good. Mr Duncan asked if the old pipes were looked at. Mr van Bussel said they had left the old pipes in there and didn't think there was a need for a report when they know the pipes were at the end of their life.

A new flow meter had been purchased and Mr Smith would install this week. Horizons were aware of the flow meter being replaced.

Mr van Bussel said this could be his last meeting. He would have the Condition Rating Report to the committee by the end of the month, he had received part of the report but was not happy with it.

Mr McLaren asked if the report would cover the pressure change from morning to night and the ball cocks stopping and starting. Mr Smith said there is high pressure to the Big Hill T because of the

new line and potentially the ballcocks could be replaced with marac valves. Mr Stratton asked if that would create more sediment.

Mr van Bussel said the bridge assessment is the high rate area. Mr Plimmer asked about the health and safety issues around the assessment. Mr Benadie said that drones can be used.

Mr Smith would do a pressure check on his next visit to the scheme.

Resolved minute number 24/ERWS/011

That the Operations Report –June 2024 Erewhon Rural Water Supply Committee be received.

Mr B Thomas/Mr S Plimmer. Carried

9 Late Items

9.1 Pipe Assessment Programme

The committee discussed the pipe assessment and how to align with the 15 year plan and maybe the hydraulic line. Mr van Bussel said Mr Smith has a good understanding of the line. Mr Smith said at the end of Mangaohane there is about 200 meters of AC. Mr Plimmer said they need to prioritise the 15 year plan.

9.2 Shared Services

His Worship the Mayor advised the committee that the shared services between Manawatu District Council and Rangitikei District Council had come to an end by mutual decision and that staff transition should be seamless. His Worship the Mayor spoke about 3 Waters and the uncertainty. Mr Plimmer would like to meet with Mr van Bussel before he leaves. Mr van Bussel said he would still be available to take phone calls and happy to help. Mr van Bussel said the AC pipes in the high pressure areas need to be replaced and married up with the long term plan.

9.3 Consenting Process

Mr Stratton said that after the last meeting Mr Ross, Chief Executive had offered to help with planners for the consent renewal due in 2027. Mr Benadie said he had spoken with Mr Ross and that it should be straight forward and take about 3 months. Mr Duncan asked if they could have a name of a planner by the next meeting. Mr McLaren said they need an outline of the process to follow for the consent. Mr McLaren said he is concerned over the change of the low flow. Mr Stratton asked did the committee see anything wrong with applying early. Mr Thomas asked if they could start the process now but not submit it. Mr Benadie said the committee needed a consultant. Mr Stratton asked could they possibly have someone attend the next meeting. Mr Plimmer said he has a planner that does similar work for him that he could approach and ask.

9.4 Sediment Testing

Mr Van Bussel would send the sample away. Mr Smith would have a look upstream from the weir the next time he goes out.

9.5 Council Grant

Mr McLaren asked if they could use their \$50,000.00 grant from Council to pay for the report from Mr Pepper. Mr van Bussel suggested the grant be used for the bridge assessment. His Worship the Mayor said he would need to look into what the grant can be used for.

Mr Stratton thanked Mr van Bussel.

The meeting closed at 5.20pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Erewhon Rural Water Supply Management Sub-Committee held on 3 September 2024.

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Chairperson