

HURUNUI DISTRICT COUNCIL MINUTES



Meeting Infrastructure Committee
Time and Date 9.30am, 16 February 2017
Venue St John Hall, Carters Road, Amberley

Members Present Committee members: Councillor Vince Daly (Chairperson), Mayor Winton Dalley, Councillors Michael Ward and Fiona Harris.
Non Committee members: Councillors Marie Black, Dick Davison, Julia McLean and Geoff Shier.

In Attendance Hamish Dobbie (Chief Executive Officer), David Edge (Manager Infrastructure Services - Assets), Dan Harris (Manager Infrastructure Services – Delivery), Brett Beer (Team Leader, Three Waters - Assets), Stephanie Chin (Policy Planner) and Kait Murray (Committee Secretary).

Apologies Councillor Nicky Anderson.

Health and Safety briefing Those present were advised of the Exits and Assembly point to be used in the event of an evacuation.

Recording Device A recording device was used for the purpose of the accuracy of the minutes.

Absent Nil.

Conflict of Interest Declarations Nil.

Urgent Business Nil.

1. MINUTES THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 8 DECEMBER 2016 BE CONFIRMED WITH ONE AMENDMENT AS DETAILED BELOW:

Section 4.1 Asset Works Programme 3 Waters and Roading – The last paragraph at the bottom of page four should read ... as we approach the contractor’s Christmas break ...

Ward/Harris

CARRIED

Matters Arising:
Nil

The meeting dealt with the agenda items in order of importance, but the items are recorded in these minutes as they were numbered on the agenda.

2. DECISION ITEMS

2.1 Process for Local Water Advisory Groups and Water Liaison Committee

The report from the Manager Infrastructure Services - Assets gave an overview of the report.

Some of the main points from the discussion were:

- The Ashley Rural Water Committee does not have a volunteer group to provide a representative to the Amberley/Ashley Water Advisory Group.
- The joint Amberley/Ashley Water Committee were never formally formed prior to the global water change.
- Waimakariri District Council will have a representative (Cr Paul Williams) on the Water Liaison committee.
- A draft charter is available, as is the support of council officers, to assist and provide structure for the water advisory groups.
- The Water Advisory Groups (WAG) are not committees of council and are independent of council, including for the Balmoral WAG.
- Clarification regarding communication with the Water Advisory Groups and how that would flow was provided by the Chief Executive Officer, who said council officers will attend the Water Advisory Group and Water Liaison Committee meetings as required and if necessary put papers to them.
- All the groups that were established in the past should have the opportunity to do so again as WAGs, thus retaining access to broader local knowledge in specific areas of water in the district.
- Invitations, together with a copy of the draft charter, are to be issued to the former Water Chair's and their committee members. A representative of each WAG is to attend the Water Liaison Committee (WLC) meeting scheduled for 2 March 2017.

Manager Infrastructure Services - Assets gave an overview of the delegations to the Balmoral Water Advisory Group.

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

1. NOTES THE PROPOSED PROCESS FOR COUNCIL ENGAGEMENT WITH WATER ADVISORY GROUPS IN THE DISTRICT.
2. NOTES THE PROCESS AND MEETING DATE OF THE WATER LIAISON COMMITTEE.

Ward/Harris

CARRIED

The Committee requested that before point three of the recommendation is put to the committee; that the Chief Executive Officer reports back to the committee on the status of the Balmoral Water Advisory Group.

After the meeting reconvened from morning tea, the Chief Executive Officer reported confirmation of the status of the Balmoral Water Advisory Group as not being a Committee of Council.

THAT THE COMMITTEE:

3. APPROVES THE PROPOSED DELEGATIONS TO THE BALMORAL WATER ADVISORY GROUP, AS ATTACHED TO THE REPORT.

Ward/Harris

CARRIED

Adjournment

The Committee adjourned the meeting for morning tea at 10:30am and reconvened at 10:42am

**2.2 Amuri Intake
- New Bore**

The Team Leader, Three Waters - Assets gave an overview of the report. He updated the committee that the costs to date are now \$34,707 and that the cost of option two has now increased to \$54k.

Some of the points noted from the overview were:

- The main reason for the deeper drilling is because the Meridian bore log at the monitoring bore showed water at this depth. From tests undertaken to date, there is an indication of limited water at the shallower depths.
- A meeting involving Council Officers, Smiths Drilling and Bowden Environmental was had in early February to discuss what options are available going forward.
- Under Option 2, if water is not struck at 85 meters then there is Option 4 involving the installation of a slotted screen to depth between 20m and 85m.

The Manager Infrastructure Services - Assets offered additional information saying there is always risk around not finding water at an additional depth (down to 85 meters). There is an opportunity to try a shallower bore closer to the river (Option 3), however, there are extractor's who are in between the bore and the river who may be impacting the results experienced to date. He reiterated that it is more about quantity of water rather than quality.

Concern was raised over the possibility of contamination. However, the Manager Infrastructure Services - Assets said if the bore is put in closer to the river and the quality issues are more around turbidity rather than possible faecal contamination from surface farm runoff.

The Manager Infrastructure Services - Assets confirmed that in his view the bore and river are hydraulically linked so turbidity would always be an issue to some degree during increased river flow events.

Schedule 12 DWSNZ Point of Entry (POE) individual treatment costs are a possible consideration that still requires further investigation to achieve quality water supply. Any POE equipment selected would need to meet the requirements of the Water Drinking Standards and be in consultation with CDHB (MoH) before any installation could go ahead.

The discussion then went on to the amount of water supplied for household use versus stock consumption and the possibility of varying the calculations for individual communities. The Manager Infrastructure Services - Assets confirmed there is scope for variations to the calculations, but these would need to be submitted to the CDHB for consideration before implementation.

The point was made that the current supply system more than meets demands of water through the winter months. It was noted that during April/May through to October there is no water flowing through the Amuri irrigation scheme as a considered community supply option.

In response to a question, the Manager Infrastructure Services - Assets confirmed the location of the new bore was based on the report from Bowden Environmental together with information there is water at the

Meridian bore. The Manager Infrastructure Services - Assets also confirmed that a “traditional water divining process” was not used to ascertain the existence of water before the well drilling of the bore site was established.

A suggestion was made to canvas existing users on the scheme to see how they currently use the scheme and their intended use for it in the future (demand changes).

The Manager Infrastructure Services - Delivery confirmed he is charged with making sure people get the water they are paying for. He said last year the screens were blown clear in an effort to ensure the water was kept flowing.

The discussion then moved to other water sources found in the area and the potential for obtaining seismic results for those locations in the area.

In response to an enquiry regarding if any drawdown and recharge rate tests had been carried out, the Manager Infrastructure Services - Assets said there hadn't and testing could be done together with a survey of the residents for current use and future demand.

The Manager Infrastructure Services - Assets agreed that carrying out a drawdown and recharge rate test on the Meridian bore, together with the future demand survey would be useful and said they would be carried out, with results being brought back to the committee for discussion at a later meeting, with the option of holding an extra ordinary meeting to review any change in water availability should it occur.

THAT THE INFORMATION BE RECEIVED.

Harris/Ward

CARRIED

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS - there were no discussion items for this meeting.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Submission on Fluoridation Bill

The Policy Planner provided an overview of the Submission on Fluoridation Bill.

Some of the main points from the discussion were:

- The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer will be present at the submission.
- Councillors felt communication during the process, from council officers was very good.
- The Mayor reiterated that at the Mayoral Forum submission is of the mayors of Canterbury.

THAT THE INFORMATION BE RECEIVED.

Harris/Ward

CARRIED

4.2 Asset Works Programme 3 Waters and Roading

Manager Infrastructure Services - Assets gave an overview of the programme.

Where there was discussion about individual items the main points are listed below:

Water

Item 51 Code of practice development – In response to an enquiry on the purpose of this item, the Manager Infrastructure Services - Assets confirmed it is about service delivery consistency across the department from what is

expected of developers. He explained, at present the code of practice being used was sourced from the Waimakariri District Council.

Item 45 Waiau township – The Team Leader Three Waters – Assets confirmed that the final MOH payment is reliant on the discharge of the waste water process from the plant. Originally a consent was not required, but this has now been changed to a requirement for a discharge consent, which has been applied for and is currently being processed by ECan. He also said a Geotech report is being generated for the stability of the land platform, which may result in a land swap in this area, subject to negotiations with the land owner.

Item 12 Harwarden WWTP Desludging - The Team Leader Three Waters – Assets confirmed the final survey will take place next week for assessed outcome of desludge operations to date (the same applies to Waikari WWTP).

Roading

Item 3 Speed review 2016 - Waipara was highlighted by Cr Harris as needing attention in the review due to the substantial development changes in that area with increased traffic and the increase in numbers of residential entrances. The Manager Infrastructure Services - Assets confirmed that the speed reviews are currently being done and now is the time to submit any proposed changes.

The discussion then moved to which parties may be included in the Infrastructure Working Group which resulted in the Manager Infrastructure Services - Assets saying he is happy to receive suggested stakeholders from the committee members.

Item 19 Kaikoura Response, Opening and maintaining Route 70 between Culverden and Kaikoura – In response to an enquiry on progress, the Manager Infrastructure Services - Assets gave a brief overview of the meeting held with NZTA on Wednesday, 15 February 2017.

THAT THE INFORMATION BE RECEIVED.

Harris/Ward

CARRIED

4.3 Infrastructure Service Delivery Monthly Report

The Manager Infrastructure Services - Delivery gave an overview of the summarised Dashboard format of the report. Some of the points highlighted were:

- That 30% of the work are repairing water leaks.
The Manager Infrastructure Services - Delivery provided clarification regarding the “Fix” category referred to in the dashboard report. Saying it refers to instances where the Watermen have had to fix an item for example, a restrictor.
 - There has been far higher demand on water in Cheviot and Waiau since the earthquakes.
 - Recent flights by a Council Officer, during his leisure time, have located several large leaks that were previously unable to be easily located. This has been a great help and enabled targeted repairs to take place.
 - The Manager Infrastructure Services – Assets noted that bridging repairs are likely to be programmed and spread over the next 3 years,
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with the balance of this year being assessments and design work for a contract next financial year.

THAT THE INFORMATION BE RECEIVED.

Harris/Ward

CARRIED

5. PUBLIC EXCLUDED

PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

THAT THE COMMITTEE MOVE INTO PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION UNDER SECTION 48(1) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT, AS DETAILED BELOW.

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Grounds under section 48 (1) for the passing of this resolution
Item 5.1 Minutes of the PE Session of the 8 December 2016 meeting.	The report may contain information which if released would affect the privacy of natural persons.	Section 48(1)(a)(i) & Section 7(2)(a) & 7(2)(i)
Item 5.2 Upper Highfield Booster Shed and Reticulation	The report contains information withheld to enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations.	Section 48(1)(a)(i) & Section 7(2)(a) & 7(2)(i)

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48 (1) (a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 7 of that Act, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public.

Daly/Harris

CARRIED

THAT THE MEETING RESUME IN OPEN SESSION AND THAT THE MATTERS DISCUSSED IN PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL, EXCEPT FOR THOSE MATTERS APPROVED FOR RELEASE.

Daly/Ward

CARRIED

6. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

Meeting Ended

The meeting ended at 12.52pm.

The next meeting will be at 1:00pm on Thursday, 16 March 2017.