

MINUTES



P O Box 747, Gisborne, Ph 867 2049 Fax 867 8076
Email service@gdc.govt.nz Web www.gdc.govt.nz

MEMBERSHIP: Graeme Thomson (Chair), Larry Foster (Deputy Chair), Bill Burdett, Amber Dunn, Malcolm MacLean, Pat Seymour, Rehette Stoltz, Brian Wilson and His Worship the Mayor (ex officio).

MINUTES of the **ASSETS & INFRASTRUCTURE** Committee

Held in Te Ruma Kaunihera (Council Chambers), Awarua, Fitzherbert Street, Gisborne on Wednesday 20 March 2019 at 1pm.

PRESENT:

Councillors Graeme Thomson (Chair), Larry Foster, Bill Burdett, Amber Dunn, Rehette Stoltz and Brian Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Director Lifelines David Wilson, Director Liveable Communities Andrew White, Director Transformation & Relationships Keita Kohere, Journey Manager Helen Harris, 4 Waters Operations Manager Neil Daykin, 4 Waters Infrastructure Manager Neville West, 4 Waters Strategy Advisor Wolfgang Kanz, Solid Waste Engineer Dwayne Pomana, Democracy & Support Services Manager Heather Kohn and Committee Advisor Jill Simpson.

1. **Apologies**

MOVED by Cr Thomson, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the apologies from Cr MacLean and Cr Seymour be accepted.

CARRIED

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no interests declared.

3. **Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes**

3.1. **Confirmation of non-confidential Minutes 14 February 2019**

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Foster

That the Minutes of 14 February 2019 be accepted.

CARRIED

Following Councillors questions of clarification Director Lifelines David Wilson advised that a meeting has taken place with forestry companies regarding the failed Rangiwai Bridge and proposals discussed around interim access over the river.

3.2 Confirmation of Confidential Minutes 14 February 2019

MOVED by Cr Stoltz, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Confidential Minutes of 14 February 2019 be accepted.

CARRIED

3.3 Action Sheet

Noted.

3.4 Governance Work Plan Placeholder

4. Leave of Absence

There were no leaves of absence.

5. Acknowledgements and Tributes

A moments silence was observed for the tragedy that occurred in Christchurch on 15 March 2019 and for the passing of Cr MacLean's father in law.

6. Public Input and Petitions

There were no public input or petitions.

7. Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

8. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion.

9. Adjourned Business

There was no adjourned business.

10. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff for DECISION

10.1 19-66 Waipaoa Water Treatment Plant Capital Budget Prioritisation

MOVED by Cr Stoltz, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Assets & Infrastructure Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.
2. Approves the reallocation of funds from the Waipaoa Water Softening budget to complete the Waipaoa Ultraviolet Treatment project.
3. Approves the reallocation of the Water Meter Renewals budget from Years 1 & 2 to the Waipaoa Water Softening project in Year 2 of the current Long Term Plan.

CARRIED

11. Reports of the Chief Executive and Staff for INFORMATION

11.1 19-112 Registration of Interest for Aggregate Supplies

Director Lifelines David Wilson advised the meeting that the Aggregate Supply Panel was put together in response to issues regarding the ongoing supply of aggregate. Council has an increased work programme and it is important that we have assurance of supply. This is a big step forward as we are taking control over who is supplying Council which will create efficiencies not just in cartage and transport but also around having material which is no longer having to be trucked hundreds of kilometres.

Further discussion included:

- Working with the Environmental Science team to better understand what the material supply looks like now and into the future.
- Further potential quarries have been identified eg Tauwhareparae Farms.
- Some quarries have 100 years left at the rate they are producing now however some will close in the next few years. Some quarries are not cost effective unless large amounts are taken, eg Patutahi Quarry has a massive amount of overburden to be taken out before it gets back to where it should be, however given the volumes that we are taking it has actually become viable again.
- Some resources are river-run where the material is taken from the river bed eg Waiapu River.
- Working with Opus on blends of rock that work well together when creating a pavement surface.
- Ensuring that our roads are fit for purpose for our community and they will last is important, however some lessons that have been learnt through discussion with experienced contractors is how the sub-base is made up.

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Foster

That the Assets & Infrastructure Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

11.2 19-53 Assets & Infrastructure Quarterly Activity Report

David Wilson advised the Committee the financials are to January 2019 and do not include the large spends which have occurred in February and March 2019. The Water Sections provide the construction timeframes and very little is going past the 30 June 2019 deadline.

Lands Rivers & Coastal:

4 Waters Operations Manager Neil Daykin attended and discussions included:

- Onepoto Flumes Removal Project is being work through. Modelling work has been carried out with Hawkes Bay Regional Council on sizing the flume and having discussions with suppliers regarding the costing of U-shaped flumes to ascertain the number of flumes that can be done this financial year.
- Waipaoa Flood Bank progressing well and the contractor has engaged additional scrapers onto the site. The compaction requirements are being met and a site visit would be worthwhile for Councillors.

Solid Waste:

Solid Waste Engineer Dwayne Pomana attended and discussions included:

- The meeting with Wairoa District Council hinged on the meeting with Waiapu Advisory Group which has not occurred.
- Centennial Marine Drive and Waimata Valley are places where illegal dumping is occurring along with other areas in the district. The bollards along Centennial Marine Drive have stopped entry into the sand dunes however illegal dumping is occurring further down towards the river mouth.
- The Asset Replacement Programme includes landfill pumps, transfer stations, litter bins, pumps etc.
- Work is being carried out in Tairāwhiti around compostables which are creating a huge opportunity for Council in terms of reducing the waste to landfill. Work will be carried out through the Waste Minimisation Plan to reduce the organic waste being put out for kerbside collection and could reduce the waste going to landfill by between 20 - 30%. An organisation has applied to the Provincial Growth Fund regarding a feasibility study around waste energy plants and the Director Liveable Communities has provided a letter of support. Also discussions on the Biochar treatment of wood waste along with early discussions occurring on local management of plastics to turn into materials that could be used locally.
- Dealing with green waste will have a much bigger effect on our waste stream than finding solutions to the 6% of plastics going to landfill this year.

Cr Burdett acknowledged and thanked Dwayne Pomana on the work he has done around the Waiapu Landfill.

Tairāwhiti Roads:

Asset Planning Manager Susan Rebano-Edwards attended and discussions included:

- The design and engineering for the sites that have failed has been a concern. Many of the fails that require consents for engineering are large drop-outs. Contractors are working on other sites while waiting for the consents and designs to come through.
 - Funding coming from the New Zealand Transport Agency requires a Business Case to be prepared.
-

- The \$820k under the maintenance of bridges is additional funding on top of the funding from the Long Term Plan.
- There have been issues with the Rutene Road stormwater upgrade which has implications on timeframes to deliver on the Rutene Road Cycleway Project. \$1.5m has been allocated this financial year to continue the cycleway, however this is unable to happen so further options will need to be considered by Council.

Director Lifelines presented the upcoming work programme for Tairāwhiti Roads.

Urban Stormwater and Wastewater:

4 Waters Operations Manager Neil Daykin and 4 Waters Strategy Advisor Wolfgang Kanz attended and discussions included:

- The DrainWise Project is progressing well with multiple workstreams happening at once. A plant and enforcement policy is being worked on along with an education and awareness programme. Design work is progressing well on the public paths and private property. Negotiations with landowners is also underway.
 - The Public Paths and Private Property budget involves 15 separate projects and is on track to spend the full budget within the financial year.
 - Progress has been made on one of the key issues of the DrainWise Programme involving the inflow however it is unsure if this will result in a decrease of the frequency of overflows but it should make a difference to the volumes. The benefits of the DrainWise Programme will not become evident this year.
 - The Taruheru Block is complicated around the development aspect and the placement of infrastructure. The land has been zoned for residential properties and there are different parcels within that. Staff have worked with a number of developers and a number of different iterations on how they may wish to lay out the stormwater and roads. Part of the concept plan is understanding what the footprint will look like and the type of pump stations and piping upgrades that are required. The overall standard is the Engineering Code of Practice however recently there has been the implications around the Freshwater Plan to consider. Some of the blocks have been sold off so there is no longer a lead developer. Staff have been working with the District Regulator to ascertain what could be a feasible option for the layout.
 - The original White Paper was to do with public drains on private property and the public benefit portion of the stormwater issue was identified. We are now looking at the Enforcement Policy which will look at the funding issues around affordability. Because Council is dealing with issues on private property the private property owner will pay, however the question is at what rate. The Local Government Act provides for the ability for Council to do the work should the property owner be unable to afford it and recover the costs. A report is being prepared for the May Council meeting.
-

Water Supply:

David Wilson told the Committee that a report will be prepared for Council around the break in the water supply once the review has been completed.

MOVED by Cr Stoltz, seconded by Cr Foster

That the Assets & Infrastructure Committee:

1. Notes the contents of this report.

CARRIED

A video was shown on the building of the Waipaoa Flood Control Scheme.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.08pm.

Graeme Thomson
Chairperson
