



Rangitikei District Council

Assets Committee Meeting

Minutes – Thursday 9 July 2009 – 1:00 p.m.

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1 Council Prayer

Cr Jones read the prayer.

2 Apologies

That the apologies from Crs Peke-Mason and Murphy be received.

Crs Jones/Cherry. Carried

3 Confirmation of Order of Business

A late item was accepted - Information on the waste transfer fees

The Chair welcomed the two representatives from the Bulls Community who were present.

4 Minutes of the Committee's meeting of 13 May 2009

There was some discussion regarding the policy on minutes from committees being passed by the individual committee and received by Council. Staff are to clarify the situation for the next meeting.

5 Chair's report

The Chair's report was tabled.

Resolved minute number: 09/AST/014

That the Chair's report to the Assets Committee meeting of 9 July 2009 be received.

Crs Collie/Watson. Carried

Cr Collie reported it was a pleasure to work with the Taihape Community Board and the Taihape Area School. He felt the way of the future was to allow the Community Boards to do local work.

6 Update on progress with the Marton Leisure Hub project

Resolved minute number: 09/AST/015

That the report on Update on progress with the Marton Leisure Hub project be received.

His Worship the Mayor/ Cr Jones. Carried

Discussion was held regarding the meeting with the sports groups as some Councillors were not aware of the meeting. The Chief Executive advised that it was not a public meeting but rather a meeting of stakeholders.

Further discussion was held on the communication of meeting times and the calendar that is presently emailed to Councillors.

Resolved minute number: 09/AST/016

That for the avoidance of doubt that the Calendar be sent out as hardcopy monthly.

Crs Strugnell/Brown. Carried

Mrs Claridge reported that the Marton sports groups do not wish to proceed with a Leisure Hub at this point in time but will continue to meet monthly as a networking group.

Resolved minute number: 09/AST/017

That Resolution 09/AST/005 lie on the table until such time as the Marton clubs form a steering group.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Watson. Carried

7 Reserve Management Plans

A report on reserve management plans was tabled – it had been circulated previously by email.

Resolved minute number: 09/AST/018

That the report Reserve Management Plans be received.

Crs Watson/Brown. Carried

There was some discussion on how work on this subject needs to progress.

Resolved minute number: 09/AST/019

That the Assets Committee approve in principle the concept of a single district wide Parks & Reserves Management Plan comprising a district-wide component as Part One, and park- or reserve-specific plans in Part 2.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Watson. Carried

Resolved minute number: 09/AST/020

That the Assets Committee recommends to Council that a working party comprised of His Worship the Mayor, Crs Cherry and Jones and staff appointed by the Chief Executive be established to further develop the Draft Parks & Reserves Management Plan prior to public consultation.

Cr Cherry/His Worship the Mayor. Carried

Resolved minute number: 09/AST/021

That the Assets Committee recommends to Council that the draft specific Wilson Park Management Plan (as amended) be adopted as the Part 2 component of the District- wide Recreational Parks & Reserves Management Plan.

His Worship the Mayor/Cr Watson. Carried

8 Enhanced Public Toilet Facilities at Bulls

Resolved minute number: 09/AST/022

That the report Enhanced Public Toilet Facilities at Bulls dated 3 Jul 2009 be received.

Crs Strugnell/Sheridan. Carried

Cr Collie was concerned that this matter has been ongoing since 2005 and there is still no resolution. The rates burden on Bulls if the project progresses was discussed in light of the increases that have already occurred.

Resolved minute number: 09/AST/023

In light of the current financial situation the Assets Committee recommend to Council that no capital expenditure on new public toilet facilities be considered at this time and that it consider further options for those at Bulls.

Cr Watson / His Worship the Mayor. Carried

9 Shopping Centre Signage for Marton

Resolved minute number: 09/AST/024

That the report on Shopping Centre Signage for Marton be received.

Crs Jones/Watson. Carried

Mr Giles showed photographs of the type of sign requested, and of the existing “Marton – the Best of Country Life!” signs, and advised that the NZTA will not allow the proposed signs on the State Highway as there are already signs clearly pointing to Marton. Options for retailers include relocating the Project Marton sign at Turakina to Pukepapa Road and asking Project Marton to alter the signs/put some extra wording on the signs on State Highway One.

Resolved minute number: 09/AST/025

That the Roding Manager be requested to communicate the outcome with all parties.

Crs Collie/Jones. Carried

Cr Cherry left the meeting at 2.23pm, returned 2.26pm

10 Vehicle Entrances and Road/Street Frontages

Resolved minute number: 09/AST/026

That the report on Vehicle Entrances and Road/Street Frontages be received.

Crs Collie/Brown. Carried

Mr Giles showed a series of photographs of the type of issues around the district. Discussion was held on liability issues and the costs of these repairs.

Resolved minute number: 09/AST/027

That the Assets Committee form a working party on vehicle entrances and road/street frontages comprising Crs Cherry, Brown and Sheridan (one of whom will chair) and members of the Roding team nominated by the Chief Executive.

Crs Sheridan/Collie. Carried

11 Broadband Friendly Council Protocols

This matter was deferred until the next meeting.

12 Expiry of Maintenance Contract 862 (Transfield Services Limited)

Resolved minute number: 09/AST/028

That the report Expiry of Maintenance Contract 862 (Transfield Services Limited) be received.

Crs Jones/Sheridan. Carried

There was some discussion on quality control and enabling local contractors to be given the opportunity to do local work.

Resolved minute number: 09/AST/029

That the Chief Executive be authorised to enter negotiations with Transfield Services Limited for extension of Contract 862 to 30 June 2010, subject to negotiations with the contractors for some variations to the scope of works in the present contract, particularly in Taihape and Hunterville, to allow the viability of such arrangements to be tested.

Crs Jones/Sheridan. Carried

13 Late Items

The late item was deferred for discussion at the Finance Committee meeting.

14 Next meeting

Thursday 10 September 2009.

15 Meeting closed – 3.11 pm

Confirmed/Chair: _____

Date: _____