



ASSETS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes from 4 November 2020

- Present:** Councillors Brian Jephson (Chair), Garrick Emms, Alistair Plimmer, Ross Vickery and Mayor Alex Beijen (from 9:20am).
Via audio-visual link: Cr Rebecca Fox (from 9:38am).
- In Attendance:** Euan Stitt (Group Manager Partnerships and Operations), Harry Wilson (Chief Executive), Karen Yates (Policy and Governance Manager), Amy Wharram (Communications Manager), Jorja Bramley (Communications Advisor), Russell O’Leary (Planning and Environment Group Manager) and Suzanne Clark (Committee Advisor).
Wellington Water: Colin Crampton, Ian McSherry, Jeremy McKibbin, Stephen Wright and Linda Fairbrother.
- Conduct of Business:** The meeting was held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, Texas Street, Martinborough and was conducted in public between 9:00am and 11:20am except where expressly noted.
- Also in Attendance:** Perry Cameron (public participation).
Cr Brenda West and via audio-visual link: Cr Pam Colenso and Cr Leigh Hay.
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Open Section

A1. Apologies

ASSETS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE RESOLVED (A&S2020/57) to receive apologies from Cr Pip Maynard and lateness apologies from Cr Rebecca Fox.

(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Vickery)

Carried

A2. Conflicts of Interest

Cr Emms noted that he may have a conflict of interest with agenda item ‘B3 Featherston Wastewater Treatment Plant Consent Update’.

A3. Public Participation

Mr Cameron’s family trust owned land in Lake Ferry and had worked with previous council officers to get a wastewater system in place suitable for 200 residents. The South Wairarapa Biodiversity Group had undertaken plantings in the area. Mr Cameron had concerns about the performance of the wastewater system and would like to be kept informed of any developments.

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A4. Actions from Public Participation

Members deferred discussion of Mr Cameron's submission until agenda item B2 Lake Ferry Wastewater Incident Report.

A5. Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

A6. Minutes for Confirmation

ASSETS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE RESOLVED (A&S2020/58) that the minutes of the Assets and Services Committee meeting held on 23 September 2020 are a true and correct record.

(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Vickery)

Carried

B Information and Verbal Reports from Chief Executive and Staff

B1. Partnerships and Operations Report

Mr Stitt answered questions regarding Wellington Water staff qualifications, water race management arrangements, the coastal erosion report, Featherston War Memorial lighting, extension of library services to include Masterton and roading reseals.

Mayor Beijen joined the meeting at 9:20am.

Wellington Water staff presented a cost estimating model and discussed estimating difficulties and budget credibility concerns, wastewater project capacities, staffing capacity and capability, accessibility to and communications with elected members, and correct scoping and costing of the Pinot Grove and Papawai projects with councillors.

Mr Wilson advised that there were no national standards for wastewater, but that standards were lifting as Council's projects were developing.

Cr Fox joined the meeting at 9:38am.

ASSETS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE RESOLVED (A&S2020/59):

1. To receive the Partnerships and Operations Report.

(Moved Cr Emms/Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

2. Action 591: Review whether additional lighting can be placed on or around the Featherston War Memorial; E Stitt

B3. Featherston Wastewater Treatment Plant Consent Update

Wellington Water outlined the status of the Featherston Wastewater Treatment Plant including work undertaken to look at objectives and drivers, community engagement, and assembling of 16 ideas/options. Community feedback will be used to produce a short list for development and range estimate costing.

Wellington Water addressed members concerns relating to why the project was starting at square one, choice of wording, and a review of community engagement material.

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Mr Crampton advised that Greater Wellington Regional Council weren't prepared to withdraw the Featherston Wastewater consent without a plan for a new consent being in place. The current work programme would address this requirement.

ASSETS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE RESOLVED (A&S2020/60):

1. To receive the Featherston Wastewater Treatment Plant Update Report.

(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Vickery)

Carried

B2. Lake Ferry Wastewater Incident Report

The meeting adjourned at 10:33am.

The meeting reconvened at 10:45am.

Wellington Water outlined the issues with the Lake Ferry wastewater system noting that the consent conditions were not being breached but it was unclear whether conditions permitted longer term use of UV treatment while repairs were being made. A final solution and cost would be available by the next meeting.

The Committee agreed that further discussions with the tree felling contractor regarding steps taken to protect the asset prior to works should be undertaken.

ASSETS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE RESOLVED (A&S2020/61):

1. To receive the Lake Ferry Wastewater Incident Report.

(Moved Mayor Beijen/Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

B4. Drinking Water and Wastewater Improvement Programme Update

ASSETS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE RESOLVED (A&S2020/62) to receive the Drinking Water and Wastewater Improvement Programme Update Report.

(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Vickery)

Carried

B5. Papawai Road and Pinot Grove Wastewater Cost Uplift Report

Members provided direction to Wellington Water on the production of fact sheets on the projects and deferred consideration of this report.

ASSETS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE RESOLVED (A&S2020/63):

1. To receive the Papawai Road and Pinot Grove Wastewater Cost Uplift Report.

(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Plimmer)

Carried

2. Action 596: Deliver fact sheets covering why the Papawai Road and Pinot Grove wastewater projects were undertaken, current and future capacity projections, how the budget was set and a conclusion on how Council will be assured of best value for money; E Stitt

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B6. Consent Application for Ecoreef Trial Project Report

Members discussed project start timeframes and whether halting natural erosion could be achieved in the long term.

ASSETS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE RESOLVED (A&S2020/64) to receive the Consent Application for Ecoreef Trial Project Report.

(Moved Cr Emms/Seconded Cr Vickery)

Carried

B7. Action Items Report

ASSETS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE RESOLVED (A&S2020/65) to receive the Action Items Report.

(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Emms)

Carried

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