



ASSETS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes from 13 July 2022

Member's Present: Councillors Brian Jephson (Chair), Garrick Emms (via Zoom), Pip Maynard (via Zoom), Alistair Plimmer (via Zoom) and Mayor Alex Beijen (until 2:10pm).

Also in Attendance: Councillors Pam Colenso, Colin Olds and Brenda West. Narida Hooper (Māori Standing Committee) and Mel Maynard (Martinborough Community Board).

Staff In Attendance: Harry Wilson (Chief Executive Officer), Stefan Corbett (Group Manager Partnership and Operations), Tim Langley (Roading Manager), and Amy Andersen (Committee Advisor).
Colin Crampton, Gary Cullen, Linda Fairbrother and Adam Mattsen (Wellington Water Limited). Charles Horrell (Boffa Miskell).

Conduct of Business: This meeting was held in the Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, 62 Texas Street, Martinborough and via audio-visual conference. All members participating via audio-visual conference were counted for the purpose of the meeting quorum in accordance with clause 25B of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Act 2002. This meeting was live-streamed and is available to view on our [YouTube channel](#).
The meeting was held in public under the above provisions from 12:31pm to 3:52pm except where expressly noted.

Public Forum: Don McCreary and Aidan Ellims

Open Section

A1. Apologies

*ASSETS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE RESOLVED (A&S2022/28) to accept apologies from Cr Fox and Mayor Beijen (leaving meeting early).
(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Maynard)*

Carried

A2. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

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A3. Public Participation

Mr Ellims, also spoke in support of Item B1 – The Hinekura Landslide Report, and highlighted the importance of resident wellbeing, access to education and activities and economic costs to farms and businesses. Mr Ellims noted that these residents were district ratepayers and offered support for Don McCreary’s proposal to provide an alternative farm track.

Mr Ellims responded to members’ questions about the farm track and timing of meetings.

A4. Actions from Public Participation

Actions from public participation were discussed under Item B1.

A5. Extraordinary Business

There was no extraordinary business.

A6. Minutes for Confirmation

ASSETS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE RESOLVED (A&S2022/29) that the minutes of the Assets and Services Committee meeting held on 1 June 2022 are a true and correct record.

(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Cr Emms)

Carried

B2. Combined District Plan Provision for Water Race Maintenance (Item Moved)

Mr Wilson spoke to matters outlined in the report.

Members discussed access, cleaning and the ongoing maintenance of water races.

Members highlighted the challenges relating to water races and discussed potential solutions in urban areas where water races are not being cleared.

ASSETS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE RESOLVED (A&S2022/30) to:

1. Receive the Combined District Plan Provision for Water Race Maintenance Report.

(Moved Cr Colenso/Seconded Cr Olds)

Carried

[Read together]

2. Provide feedback on the proposed approach for the draft Combined District Plan.

3. Note that any feedback will be reported back to the Combined District Plan Joint Committee.

(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Emms)

Carried

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C. Information and Verbal Reports from Chief Executive and Staff

C2. Partnership and Operations - Water Report (Item Moved)

Mr Corbett introduced the Wellington Water (WWL) team and acknowledged the work completed over the past 12 months.

Mr Corbett and Mr Wilson, with support from WWL, responded to members questions relating to: budgets; funding and expenditure relating to projects; progress on reaction time to issues and delivery of services; wastewater area and compliance risks; the programme of work ahead in 2022/23; improvements made over the past 12 months; adverse weather events; consultation and engagement with the community in relation to the Tauherenikau pipeline; and the approach to the prioritisation of work.

Members deferred a decision to recommend options to Council on the Tauherenikau Pipeline until they received further information.

ASSETS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE RESOLVED (A&S2022/31) to:

1. Receive the Partnership and Operations - Water Report.
(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Jephson) Carried
[Read together]
2. Note WWL advice on FY 22/23 and 23/24 budgets including risks attached to as yet unfunded capital projects.
3. Note the reset of the Featherston Wastewater Treatment plan has been completed and a new Project Plan issued for the Assets and Services Committee's consideration.
(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Plimmer) Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28pm

The meeting was reconvened at 2:35pm

B Decision Reports from Chief Executive and Staff

B1. Hinekura Road Landslide Report

Mr Corbett spoke to matters included in the report, including Mr McCreary's proposal to build a farm track to support the Hinekura community.

Members sought clarification relating to funding sources and the potential impact on budgets to support recommendations to Council.

Mr McCreary was in attendance for the reading of this report and responded to members queries about his proposal, including building works, access and setup, timeframes and costs.

Cr Emms left the meeting at 3:03pm

Cr Emms returned to the meeting at 3:08pm

ASSETS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE RESOLVED (A&S2022/32) to:

1. Receive the Hinekura Road Landslide Report.
(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Cr Jephson) Carried

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2. Recommend to Council that it approves the use of up to \$500,000 unbudgeted capital expenditure to allow Management to continue work on new roading alignment and design.
(Moved Cr Maynard/Seconded Cr Plimmer)
3. Recommend to Council that it approve the use of up to \$200,000 capped for capital works from the Rural Road Reserve to continue the maintenance and improvement of the alternative route to Hinekura via Admiral Hill. And agreed a further 100k to support the creation of a temporary farm track built by private landowners to reconnect the Hinekura community to the road on the Martinborough side.
(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Emms)
4. Recommend to Council that it approve fully or partially funding the maintenance costs (approximate figure TBC) of a temporary farm track built by private landowners to reconnect the Hinekura community to the road on the Martinborough side.
(Moved Cr Emms/Seconded Cr Plimmer)
[Read together]
5. Note that \$20,000 emergency unbudgeted expense from Council operating expenditure has been approved by the Chief Executive to establish the Hinekura Road Relief Fund.
6. Note the rebuild of the Hinekura Road will be a capital project that is anticipated to be loan funded over a 30-year term (the average life of a rural road).
(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Jephson) Carried

ASSETS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE RESOLVED (A&S2022/33) to suspend Standing Orders at 3:45pm.

(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Plimmer) Carried

B3. Recommendations from Featherston Community Board

ASSETS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE RESOLVED (A&S2022/34) to:

1. Receive the Recommendations from Featherston Community Board Report.
(Moved Cr Plimmer/Seconded Cr Emms) Carried
2. Recommend to Council to approve the Nuku-Pewapewa Pou Project, subject to agreement from relevant mana whenua and the Māori Standing Committee.
(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Emms) Carried

C Information and Verbal Reports from Chief Executive and Staff

C1. Partnership and Operations Roothing and Amenities

Mr Corbett acknowledged the work of SWDC Roothing Team.

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ASSETS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE RESOLVED (A&S2022/35) to receive the Partnership and Operations Amenities and Roading Officers' Report.

(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Emms)

Carried

C3. Action Items Report

Officers responded to members requests for updates on Actions 254.

ASSETS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE RESOLVED (A&S2022/36) to receive the Action Items Report.

(Moved Cr Jephson/Seconded Cr Emms)

Carried

D Public Excluded

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

Report/General Subject Matter	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this Resolution
Public excluded minutes of the Assets and Services Committee meeting held on 1 June 2022.	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7(2)(b)(ii)	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution (A&S2022/37) is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this Resolution
The withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.	Section 7(2)(b)(ii)

(Moved Cr Plimmer/ Seconded Cr Jephson)

Carried

The meeting closed at 3:52pm

Confirmed as a true and correct record

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.....(Chair)

.....(Date)

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