



Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Ordinary Meeting

Date 19 February 2014
Venue Council Chamber
515 Mackay Street
Thames

Present

PA Brijevich (Chairperson) PL French
LA Fox
RN Renton
PL French
JT Wells
GF Leach JP (Mayor)

In Attendance

Name	Item(s)
Bruce Hinson (Group Manager Infrastructure)	All Items
Wendy Johnson (Personal Assistant)	All Items
Matt Busch (Roading Manager)	3.1
Steve de Laborde (Water Services Engineer)	1.1-1.5, 5.1-5.3 & Late Item
Craig Goodwin (Solid Waste & Asset Database Manager)	Part of 6.1
David Hammond (Chief Executive)	Part of 3.1– 5.3
Ben Day (Deputy Chief Executive)	Part of 5.2 - Part of 5.3

Meeting Commenced 09:00 am

Adjournments and Absences

Adjournment	Start	Finish	Reason
	10.52	11.10	Morning Tea

Absences	Start	Finish	Item
GF Leach JP (Mayor)	10:28	11.53	

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1 Meeting Conduct

1.1 Apologies

Apologies were presented for Councillor SA Goudie. Councillor PL French also informed the Committee that he will be absent in July 2014.

Resolved

That the Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receives the apology for Councillor SA Goudie.
2. Receives the leave of absence for Councillor PL French for July 2014.

Moved/Seconded By: Fox/Brijevich

1.2 Public Forum

Sue Edens, Ratepayer, joined the meeting at 9:43 am (during part of Item 3.1) to join the discussion on the Late Item - Proposed Opito Bay Wastewater Scheme and Stormwater System Update.

1.3 Items not on the Agenda

Resolved

That:

1. The following matter(s) requiring urgent attention be added to the agenda.

Item	Description
Late Item	Proposed Opito Bay Wastewater Scheme and Stormwater System Update

Reason Not on the Agenda

Additional information that was requested became available prior to the meeting which the Committee wished to be informed of.

Reason Cannot be Delayed

A delay in the consideration of this item may cause a delay for the developer.

Resolved

That the Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receives the late item.

Moved/Seconded By: Fox/Brijevich

1.4 Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

1.5 11 December 2013 - Infrastructure Committee Minutes for Confirmation

As per Council's Standing Orders, the Infrastructure Committee must confirm the Minutes of its previous meeting.

Resolved

That the Infrastructure Committee:

1. Confirms the following Minutes:
Infrastructure Committee - 11 December 2013

Moved/Seconded By: Wells/Fox

2 Parks and Reserves

No items received.

3 Roothing

3.1 NZTA Funding Assistance Rates (FAR) Options Review

The Roothing Manager updated the Infrastructure Committee of the New Zealand Transport Agency's (NZTA) funding assistance rate (FAR) review and sought approval in principle of a Council submission to that review.

Key Discussion Points

- The review presents a change across the board, either a flat rate of 53% (national review) across NZ, and use bands of what the Local Authorities are going to receive. Or make it 50% with some targeted activities.
- The Regional Transport Committee met last Monday and concerns were raised at the first workshop, but there is more agreement now that a second workshop has been held.
- Staff are to review the discussion on Monday where agreement was reached with the notes being available for review next week.
- Transition of new FAR rates – from a Regional Council perspective, the new rates would transition them in.
- A report will come back to the Committee on the one network road classification.
- With the 3 years deferred, it would provide Council's time for their Long/Ten Year Plan.
- The transitional period could begin on 1 July 2015.
- The TCDC draft submission will be distributed on 6/7 March to the Infrastructure Committee.
- Councillor French congratulated the Roothing Manager and the Policy Team on this submission.

Resolved

That the Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receives the report.
2. Approves the draft submission to the New Zealand Transport Agency's FAR Review in principle, subject to consideration of the Waikato Regional Transport Committee submission.
3. Circulate the submission to the Infrastructure Committee (prior to the delegation to the Infrastructure Committee Chairperson and Deputy Mayor to approve on behalf of the Committee) the Council's final submission to the New Zealand Transport Agency's Funding Assistance Rate Review.

Moved/Seconded By: Wells/French

4 Solid Waste

No items received.

5 Water Services

5.1 Water Restrictions during the 2013/2014 Peak Period

The Group Manager Infrastructure updated the Committee on the water restrictions put in place around the district over the peak period.

Key Discussion Points

- Will water restrictions always be an issue in the future? With the district water strategy, water tanks and water conservation measures to be implemented, water restrictions will be reviewed.
- Water tanks in all new developments should be looked into.
- The Water Strategy will be completed by 30 June 2014.
- A submission to the District Plan is possible on water conservation (ie. water tanks).
- Community Board Chair, Bob Renton asked that we ensure a spell check is done before issuing media releases.

Resolved

That the Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receives the report.

Moved/Seconded By: French/Fox

5.2 28 and 29 December 2013 - Heavy Rain Event

The Group Manager Infrastructure informed the Committee of the effects of the heavy rainfall event on 28 and 29 December 2013 on the wastewater systems, particularly on the east coast of the peninsula.

Key Discussion Points

- The rising of the pumpstation along Manaia Road, Tairua, will be investigated.
- It is timely that we investigate any low gully traps.

Resolved

That the Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receives the report.

Moved/Seconded By: Brljevich/Fox

5.3 Update Report 2 - Sarah Avenue, Whitianga Flooding Investigations and Options

Steve de Laborde, the Water Services Engineer reported back to the Committee on what other stormwater issues there may be of similar magnitude to the Sarah Avenue issues in Whitianga.

Key Discussion Points

- The option of the opening timber drain on the berm, would be an extra level of service.
- Where is the funding proposed to come from for this work? As funding is not allocated and stormwater is not district funded, it would be funded from Mercury Bay.
- Staff have identified that Sarah Ave, Whitianga, is the last low lying area required to have further stormwater work.
- A pump was considered to resolve this issue, however with the size of the pump required, it would be unaffordable.
- Staff to discuss with Waikato Regional Council, the matter of the harbour perhaps, not being maintained.

Resolved

That the Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receives the report.
2. Approves staff to continue work on the Sarah Avenue, Whitianga catchment issues investigating the open timber drain system on the berm.
3. Requests staff to present this report to the next Mercury Bay Community Board meeting with it then being presented back to this Committee with a recommendation then to Council.

Moved/Seconded By: Fox/Brljevich

5.4 LATE ITEM: Proposed Opito Bay Wastewater Scheme and Stormwater System Update

Steve de Laborde, Water Services engineer presented this late report to report to the Committee on the rating impact of the proposed vesting of the wastewater and stormwater infrastructure and the long term strategic value of the piece of land in Opito Bay.

Key Discussion Points

- While discussing Council owned infrastructure, as an example, Council provides wastewater infrastructure in Cooks Beach but not water. The community is serviced by bores or tanks.
- Future Capacity is considered for the community of Opito Bay.
- The District Mayor asked the Committee to consider methodology, quality of the plant, the land around it that allows Council to go forward in the future to take in the rest of Opito Bay and to ensure we are satisfied with the Memorandum of Understanding.
- Paul Davies, Legal Counsel/Manager will be asked to review the Memorandum of Understanding prior to it being signed.

Resolved

That the Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receives the report.
2. Approve the vesting of the wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, in principle, to the Thames-Coromandel District Council subject to a satisfactory Memorandum of Understanding being agreed upon by the Chief Executive, District Mayor, Infrastructure Committee Chairperson and Group Manager Infrastructure.

Moved/Seconded By: Brljevich/French

6 Reports

6.1 February 2014 - Acting Group Manager Infrastructure Report

The Group Manager Infrastructure updated the Infrastructure Committee on progress of key group activities within the last month.

Key Discussion Points

Solid Waste

- A number of issues were raised with the solid waste collections in the Mercury Bay area. It was suggested that Smart Environmental Ltd are invited to attend a Ratepayers Meeting.
- Contractor Performance – did the 9am start time, affect them not completing their scheduled runs? A meeting with the contractor will be held tomorrow. We did have higher volumes of recyclables to be collected.
- There were six pages of issues on our Facebook page regarding the collections in Mercury Bay. Staff will attend some of the upcoming ratepayer group meetings.

- Although the service in the Mercury Bay area was lacking, the contractor performed really well in other areas.
- In the Pauanui area, where blue bags were not collected on the collection day, and therefore seagulls damaged the blue bags, is the contractor responsible for cleaning up that mess? The Solid Waste Manager responded that the contractor is responsible for the clean-up.

Following tomorrow's meeting, we will review the data, and then discuss with some of our communities (ie. Matarangi and Mercury Bay) our findings.

Resolved

That the Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receives the report.

Moved/Seconded By: Fox/French

6.2 January 2014 - Infrastructure Committee Action Schedule

To provide an update on the Infrastructure Action Schedule.

Resolved

That the Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receives the report.
2. Remove the 'Vesting Stormwater Infrastructure to Council - Resolution Rise, Cooks Beach' item.

Moved/Seconded By: Brljevich/French

6.3 Members' Reports

The Chairperson invited members to provide a brief verbal report on activities undertaken and meetings attended in the period since the last meeting.

Councillor Wells

The Coromandel Liaison Committee Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at Pauanui, which Councillor Wells may attend. The District Mayor will be attending.

Councillor French

Attended the inaugural Economic Development Committee meeting on Monday. Some good discussion held around the Coromandel Harbour matter.

Councillor Brljevich

Also attended the inaugural Economic Development Committee meeting on Monday. Councillor Brljevich was also invited to attend a meeting with staff in Matarangi regarding the wastewater treatment plant. The local iwi are currently reviewing the information.

Resolved

That the Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receives the Members' Reports.

Moved/Seconded By: Wells/French

7 Public Excluded

Resolution to Exclude the Public

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Resolved

That the public:

1. Be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

Item	Business
7.1	11 December 2013 - Public Excluded Infrastructure Committee Minutes

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:

General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this Resolution in Relation to Each Matter	Ground(s) Under Section 48(1) for the Passing of the Resolution
Confirmation of PUBLIC EXCLUDED Minutes	7(2)(a) – Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	Confirmation of PUBLIC EXCLUDED Minutes

Moved/Seconded By: Fox/Brijevich

7.1 11 December 2013 - Public Excluded Infrastructure Committee Minutes for Confirmation

The Infrastructure Committee considered an item which is to remain in the Public Excluded Minute Book.

Resolved

That the public be re-admitted to the meeting and resolutions taken with the public excluded be confirmed in the public session except for the following items which are to remain in the Public Excluded Minute Book:

Item	Description
7.1	Public Excluded Infrastructure Committee Minutes

Moved/Seconded By: Wells/French

Meeting Closed at 11.53

The foregoing Minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the meeting of the Infrastructure Committee held on 19 February 2014.

Chairperson _____ **Date** _____