



Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Ordinary Meeting

Date 2 June 2015
Venue Council Chamber
515 Mackay Street
Thames

Present

PA Brljevich (Chairperson) LA Fox
PL French
JT Wells
S Goudie

In attendance

Bruce Hinson, Matt Busch, Ian Smith, Rodney Clark and Michelle Baker

Meeting commenced 9.02am

Adjournment	Start	Finish	Reason
Chairperson Brljevich	10:13	10:32	Morning Tea

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1 Meeting conduct

1.1 Apologies

No apologies were received.

1.2 Public forum

No speakers were received in public forum.

1.3 Items not on the agenda

Resolved

That:

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

Item	Description
13.1	Bluff Road

Reason not on the agenda

Missed the agenda as the Mercury Bay Meeting was too close to the Committee meeting

Reason cannot be delayed

Recommendation was required at the next Council meeting

Moved/seconded by: Brljevich/Fox

1.4 Conflict of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

1.5 Infrastructure Committee minutes for confirmation

Resolved

That the Infrastructure Committee confirms the minutes of the meeting held 22 April 2015 as a correct record of proceedings.

Moved/seconded by: Fox/French

2 Solid waste

2.1 Request for funding: Expansion of the Resource Recovery Centre

- Council's contribution would be towards the cost of sealing and reconfiguring the road, and fencing.
- Staff confirmed the expansion would allow for greater capacity of the centre, with more space for multiple users at once.
- Staff were not able to advise total cost as we would only be contributing to roading and fencing part of the project.
- The Committee suggested further information would be necessary in the future.

Resolved

That the Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receives the 'Request for funding: Expansion of the Resource Recovery Centre' report dated 8 May 2015.
2. Agrees in principal grant to the Seagull Centre Trust up to \$25,000 from the Waste Levy Disposal suspense account as a contribution to undertake fencing, road construction and signage;
 - a. subject to the Seagull Centre Trust providing evidence back to the Thames Community Board that demonstrates sufficient other alternative funding, such as an application to the Ministry for the Environment for the expansions viability,
 - b. and also showing the how centre will be run efficiently.
3. The Committee would like a report back following feedback from the Thames Community Board and with the further information provided, before final Committee endorsement.

Moved/seconded by: French/Goudie

3 Water services

3.1 Pauanui water quality

- Staff clarified we are aiming to bring water across the district up to the 2008 drinking water standards however based on feedback from the Minister it could be staged. Tairua-Pauanui Community Board had already indicated they were not happy with the 2021 timeframe suggested for Pauanui.
- Staff further explained that even if the standards are met we could fail compliance as one small error in the sampling or a turbidity issue would say it is non-compliant for the whole year.
- Council will be providing a water safety plan that would show what Council would be doing to make the water safe which the DHB could choose to endorse.
- Staff also clarified we had had no reports of the water making anyone sick.
- Staff had not appealed the report which made Council non-compliant and the timeframes had now lapsed for challenging the findings. Staff did however employ an expert do some work in this area and Council wrote a letter pushing back saying we did not agree with the report.

- Staff explained the information put on the website was raw data and might show a failure in one area at one point when then passes subsequently. Staff were assuming the next report would have similar issues
 - The Committee suggested that subsequent to the water plan being approved that a letter be sent to the DHB pointing out where the Council believes the standards are being misrepresented and asking the DHB to correct this and if this is not actioned it will be raised with the Minister.
 - To be added to the Infrastructure Action Schedule to Monitor
- Staff would continue to keep discussions open with Chair Renton to answer his questions.

Resolved

That the Infrastructure Committee received the 'Pauanui water quality' report dated 6 May 2015.

Moved/seconded by: Goudie/French

3.2 Extended Tairua water restrictions

- Staff explained that Council had applied 6 months prior to the end of our long term consents for short term consents which allows for Council to maintain the same capacity and conditions pending the long term consents. During the final month the short term consent steps down to a 3rd of the capacity volume. In future staff would not be accepting any further consent conditions like this. Staff had now applied for more capacity and currently going through the last part of those consents going relatively well but had taken far too long.
- Staff advised the additional capacity of the water treatment plant would not eliminate the water restrictions but would help reduce the length of time they were applied for.
- Staff were looking to see if there were any further leaks than what they had already found. Further explaining the main issue was we are not aware of a large portion of leaks that happen and are therefore unable to intervene.
- Staff were in the process of getting bulk meters installed to help identify leaks however with a high non-resident population it can be difficult to interpret the information.

Resolved

That the Infrastructure Committee received the 'Extended Tairua water restrictions' report dated 13 May 2015.

Moved/seconded by: Goudie/Brijevich

3.3 3-Waters Underground Investigations Project

- Staff advised work had been driven by previous knowledge of the networks rather than requests for service (RFS). The Committee suggested staff consider using information gathered from RFS's to inform the project.
- Veolia would provide someone to project manage this until Council had replaced the Water Engineer role.

Resolved

That the Infrastructure Committee received the '3-Waters Underground Investigations Project' report dated 11 May 2015.

Moved/seconded by: Goudie/Fox

3.4 Update report - Biosolids Composter

- Staff advised that the total costs for the composter thus far had been \$2.9 million in capital costs and \$200,000 in operation costs in the last 18 months since moved to Whitianga.
- Council had purchased it to reduce landfill costs. Whangamata and most of Pauanui's biosolids continued to go to landfill waste as it was still cheaper to send it to landfill than to transport it up to the composter. There was around 16km difference between two options. There might also be a consideration of the plant taking it in the future.
- Staff confirmed we were not just throwing money at it, this was at a lower cost than sending it to landfill at this stage but we would keep reconsidering this over the trial period.
- Following Morrison Low's report which did not see this was sustainable, staff had revisited this and updated a number of the assumptions which meant we can make it work. Staff had revisited this with Morrison Low and they agree with the new assumptions but will not put in writing a change of stance.
- Staff confirmed that during the trial period we were not getting the appropriate level of greenwaste to meet the consent, they had retained a budgeted amount to allow purchasing greenwaste if necessary however they are aiming not to use this. They have some ideas with how to encourage getting more greenwaste at RTS this was yet to be discussed fully.
- The Committee Chair congratulated staff on the work done on this reinforcing we now needed to prove this was achievable.

Resolved

That the Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receives the 'Update report - Biosolids Composter' report dated 11 May 2015.
2. Approves the recommendation to recommence operation of the plant as of the beginning of July 2015, for trial purposes.
3. Approves staff to provide quarterly update reports to the Infrastructure Committee during the period of recommenced operation.

Moved/seconded by: Fox/Brijevich

4 Reports

4.1 June 2015 - Infrastructure Group Manager monthly report

Resolved

That the Infrastructure Committee received the 'June 2015 - Infrastructure Group Manager monthly report' dated 28 April 2015.

Moved/seconded by: Goudie/Brljevich

4.2 Members' reports

- Councillor Brljevich raised concerns relating to Sanfords, the other Committee members, discussed that lawfully we had to maintain that capacity if they chose to open again.
 - Staff advised there was more work done in this space and would seek advice on this from Council legal advisor.
 - There had been an increased level of service since with the new scheme since they had closed down, and there was a risk going forward and we need to be able to plan.
 - It should be addressed urgently as there are subdivisions looking ready to be approved and capacity may be held for Sanfords.

Resolved

That the Infrastructure Committee received the Members report from Councillor Brljevich.

Moved/seconded by: Wells/French

4.3 Late item - Bluff Road

- Staff provided an update on what came out of the Mercury Bay Community Board meeting regarding Bluff Road.
 - The Community Board discussed that Bluff Road was a high priority over the Delmeny Corner project, due to the potential isolation this could course to the Rings Beach Community.
 - Mercury Bay Community Board's recommendation was that Bluff Road with Option 1 be put in year one with Delmeny Corner being pushed to year two.

Resolved

That the Infrastructure Committee recommends to Council, Mercury Bay Community Board's preferred treatment option for Bluff Road being:

- Option 1 - Blasting and mesh with an estimated cost of \$330,000 to be in year one;
- With the Delmeny Corner project being moved to year two.

Moved/seconded by: Fox/French

5 Public Excluded

Resolved

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting namely:

Item	Business
5.1	Public Excluded Minutes
5.2	Energy Supply Agreement

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
Public Excluded Infrastructure Committee minutes for confirmation	(7)(2)(i) - Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	(48)(1)(a) - That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.
Energy Supply Agreements	(7)(2)(b)(ii) - 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.	(48)(1)(a) - That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist.

Moved/seconded by: Brljevich/Goudie

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
5.1	Public Excluded Minutes
5.2	Energy Supply Agreement

Moved/Seconded By: Brljevich/Goudie

Meeting Closed at 12:00pm

The foregoing Minutes were certified as being a true and correct record of the meeting of the Infrastructure Committee held on 2 June 2015.

Chairperson _____ Date _____