



Minutes of a meeting of the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee held in the Council Chamber, 26 Gordon Street, Dannevirke on Wednesday 15 May 2024 commencing at 1:00pm.

1. Present

Cr K A Sutherland (Chairperson), Her Worship the Mayor - Mrs T H Collis, Crs E L Peeti-Webber (Deputy Mayor), N L Chase, A K Franklin, S M Gilmore, P A Johns, M F Long, S A Wallace and S M Wards

In Attendance

Mr C French	- Rationale Ltd
Mr R Suppiah	- Group Manager – Corporate and Regulatory
Mr H Featonby	- Group Manager - Infrastructure
Mr D Watson	- Manager – Special Projects
Mr M Dunn	- Manager – Programmes and Projects
Mrs S Walshe	- Finance Manager (via Teams)
Mr A Desmond	- Capital Projects Manager
Ms J Taylor	- Asset Manager
Mr M Clifford	- 3Waters Asset Engineer
Mrs A Dunn	- Manager – Democracy Services
Ms S Ellis	- Democracy Support Officer

2. Welcome and Meeting Opening

The Chairperson opened the meeting with prayer.

3. Apologies

There were no apologies.

4. Public Forum

There were no requests for Public Forum.

5. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

Cr K Sutherland, Her Worship the Mayor, and the Group Manager - Infrastructure – Road Controlling Authorities Forum meeting

Cr E Peeti-Webber – progress with wastewater pipe remediation on Allardice Street

6. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest in Relation to this Meeting's Items of Business

Nil

7. Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee meeting held on 17 April 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Wallace/Johns

Carried

8. Reports

8.1 Infrastructure Management Report

The Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee considered the report of the Group Manager - Infrastructure dated 8th May 2024 that provided an update on key activities and items of interest over the period 12 March to 11 April 2024.

The committee discussed concerns regarding the unsuitability of the detour put in place by Waka Kotahi, during the recent closure of SH2 to allow works to be done on the Tamaki River bridge. In response to a question on the level of prior engagement undertaken by Waka Kotahi with Council's transport team and the assessments undertaken of the detour route, it was noted that the detour route was established through an internal process at Waka Kotahi and the communication of the arrangement with Council beforehand needed improvement. It was noted that a faults inspection was undertaken prior to the opening of the detour, and following its closure.

Cr S Wards left the meeting at 2:03pm and returned to the meeting at 2:10pm.

That the report from the Group Manager - Infrastructure dated 8th May 2024 concerning the Infrastructure Management Report be received.

Wallace/Chase

Carried

8.2 Cyclone Gabrielle Roothing Recovery Update

The Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee considered the report of the Group Manager - Infrastructure dated 8th May 2024 that provided an update on the roading recovery, funding, and funding implications for the Cyclone Gabrielle roading recovery.

That the report from the Group Manager - Infrastructure dated 08 May 2024 concerning the Cyclone Gabrielle Roothing Recovery Update be received.

Wards/Gilmore

Carried

8.3 Capital Portfolio Report

The Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee considered the report of the Manager - Programmes & Projects dated 01 May 2024 that provided an update on the capital programme and key project statuses.

That the report from the Manager - Programmes & Projects dated 01 May 2024 concerning the Capital Portfolio Report be received.

Johns/Chase

Carried

10. Items not on the Agenda

10.1 **Progress with wastewater pipe remediation on Allardice Street:** an update was provided on the additional work required for the works, that has seen the works take a longer length of time than originally estimated.

10.2 **Attendance at Road Control and Authority Seminar:** an update was provided on the attendance by Her Worship the Mayor, Cr K Sutherland, and the Group Manager – Infrastructure at the Road Controlling Authorities Forum seminar held in Wellington. The Chairperson noted that Ministers Simeon Brown, Shane Jones and the Chief Executive of Waka Kotahi were among the attendees. The discussions included the funding of infrastructure projects, highlighting the need for reduction in costs. Her Worship the Mayor outlined the Panel discussion that took place, which included matters such as the need to fund road and rail from one system, noted that 90% of assets were owned by local government, the costs of traffic management, and the need to take a long term view, possibly through a bipartisan 50 year infrastructure strategy. The discussion also included finding a different approach to funding. The Group Manager – Infrastructure spoke about the message provided for Councils to find efficiencies, to spread the funding provided further, and to get through the planning stages faster to speed up delivery.

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 2:53pm.

Chairperson