



Minutes of a meeting of the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee held in the Council Chamber, 136 Main Street, Pahiatua on Wednesday 11 December 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, and S M Wards

In Attendance

Mr C French	- Rationale
Mr B Nicholson	- Chief Executive
Mr H Featonby	- Group Manager - Infrastructure
Mr P Wimsett	- Chief Advisor
Mrs A Howell	- External Communications and Intelligence Lead
Mr M Dunn	- Manager – Programmes and Projects
Mr D Erard	- Alliance Manager
Mr A Desmond	- Network Manager
Mrs A Dunn	- Manager – Democracy Services
Ms S Ellis	- Democracy Support Officer

2. Welcome and Meeting Opening

The Chairperson opened the meeting.

3. Apologies

That the apology from Councillor S A Wallace be accepted, and leave of absence granted from the meeting.

Chase/Collis

Carried

4. Public Forum

There were no requests for Public Forum.

5. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

There were no notifications of additional items of business.

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

Cr S M Wards – Ākitio ratepayer.

7. Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee meeting held on 16 October 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Gilmore/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 11 November 2024 which provided an update on key activities and items of interest over the period 12 November 2024 to 1 December 2024.

Concerns were raised regarding the reversion of speed limits imposed after 2020 as it pertains to the Saddle Road, notably given the high accident rate even with the decrease from 100 to 60km/h. It was noted that a temporary speed limit restriction could be added.

Concerns were given regarding the CRM notification system, with some individuals not receiving any updates on progress and others receiving a high level of notification.

It was underlined that a plan was required for the enforcement of a bylaw requiring water tanks for Ākitio, given the non-compliance to this point. It was asked how many properties were non-compliant regarding tanks, and determined that a plan was needed to both emphasise and enforce the requirement. It was underlined that the need for a plan regarding compliance had been raised as an issue last year.

It was also noted that not all buildings were suited towards large tanks and, given the high number of individuals in the area around summertime, the current system may be unable to keep up.

A suggestion was made to enact water restrictions every second day, with respect to typical summer rainfall and take levels. It was noted that the current storage

capacity was full.

It was noted that zero consumption change had been observed in response to water restrictions. This was observed as likely due to a trade-off between residents who reduced their overall consumption level, and residents filling pools or using extra water for stock. It was asked what this would look like on a town-by-town basis, and it was noted that Dannevirke and Pahiatua constituted the most prominent concern. It was requested that an analysis be done regarding supply trigger levels.

It was asked how much extra an increased impounded supply would provide, and what the risks of this may be.

That the report from the Group Manager - Infrastructure dated 11 November 2024 concerning the Infrastructure Management Report be received.

Long/Johns

Carried

8.2 Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Update

The Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee considered the report from the Chief Executive dated 04 December 2024 that provided a general update on the Cyclone Gabrielle recovery.

Discussion was raised regarding the use of Ministry of Social Development recovery funding to establish a food distribution hub within the Tararua District. Concerns were cited regarding the regulation and upkeep of a food bank, and the role of Council in the project. It was underlined that the hub would not be considered a food bank in itself, but an entity that would support in-district food banks with distribution, and would eliminate the need for assistance from Palmerston North in this space. It was also stated that access to recovery funding was highly restricted, with Council one of the few groups able to access it, and that once funded the hub would be handed over to the community and local iwi. It was recommended to let the project run.

That the report from the Chief Executive dated 04 December 2024 concerning the Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Update be received.

Long/Johns

Carried

8.3 Capital Portfolio Report

The Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee considered the report of the Manager - Programmes & Projects dated 08 November 2024 which provided an update on the capital programme and key project statuses.

Regarding the district town signs, it was noted that whilst initial distance issues had been resolved, the lettering on the signs was considered too small, which

could constitute a distraction for motorists. A request to approve the signs within 50km/h zones was still inconclusive. The time spent on approval of the signs was criticised, namely regarding the impact on staff resources and the resultant drawn out process. It was suggested that a representative from NZTA be invited to a future meeting to discuss this further.

It was noted that the Woodville headworks was running over budget. It was responded that the works would likely be combined with other water projects, thus enabling cost sharing.

That the report from the Manager - Programmes & Projects dated 08 November 2024 concerning the Capital Portfolio Report be received.

Chase/Gilmore

Carried

9. Correspondence

There was no correspondence received.

10. Items not on the Agenda

N/A

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 2:33pm.

Chairperson