



Minutes of a meeting of the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee held in the Council Chamber, 136 Main Street, Pahiatua on Wednesday 19 March 2025 commencing at 2:00 pm.

1. Present

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

In Attendance

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| Mr B Nicholson | - Chief Executive |
| Mr H Featonby | - Group Manager - Infrastructure |
| Mr M Dunn | - Manager – Programmes and Projects |
| Mr A Desmond | - Network Manager – Tararua Alliance |
| Mrs S Walshe | - Finance Manager (via Teams) |
| Mrs A Dunn | - Manager – Democracy Services |
| Mrs S Anthony | - Democracy Support Officer |

2. Welcome and Meeting Opening

The Chairperson opened the meeting.

3. Apologies

That the apologies from Councillor SM Gilmore and E L Peeti-Webber (Deputy Mayor) be accepted, and leave of absence granted from the meeting

Chase/Long

Carried

4. Public Forum

4.1 Public Forum - Tararua Aquatic Community Trust

John Robertson, John Phillips (Engineer), Marian Holdaway, Tatum Kingon, and Stephanie Duff, of the Tararua Aquatic Community Trust, spoke about their proposal for acquisition of land at 33 York Street, Dannevirke and enhancement of safety at Wai Splash Community Pools and inclusion in the Tararua District

Council Plan. They thanked Mayor Tracey Collis, CEO Bryan Nicholson, and Cr Kerry Sutherland for the opportunity and the support in bringing their proposal to Council. It was noted that the land at 33 York Street, Dannevirke has now come up for sale, offering a rare opportunity for purchase. Letters of support from local Iwi have been received by the Trust for the proposal.

They spoke about the current ongoing safety concerns at the premises. It was noted that large buses used by the schools to bring students to the pool, park in an area that creates traffic congestion and limits visibility for vehicles and pedestrians. It was noted that safety measures had been put in place however near misses are still occurring. The Trust spoke about the adjoining buildings to the pool which were built in the pre-1960's, are uninsulated and unsafe structures. John Phillips presented drawings of proposed changes to buildings included in the Trust's 10 year plan.

Cr Peter Johns arrived 2:17pm

The Trust members spoke about the reputational risk for both the Trust and the Council posed by the health and safety risks that need to be addressed, and how the acquisition of the property would allow for additional parking and improved visibility once developed.

A concern was raised by the committee about the cost of purchasing the property as this had not been indicated. It was reported that the cost had been discussed with the Council Management team who would be able to better inform. It was advised that the vendors are motivated to sell. It was noted that the property purchase would potentially increase rates and would require consensus from ratepayers, the addition of this proposal to the Tararua District Council Long Term Plan would require a workshop and consultation process.

The Trust members spoke about the high need to upgrade the premises overall and the need to include the potential for natural growth in the district and opportunities to offer new activities to the complex to encourage increased usage of the facility. Market research has shown the need for more fun activities and the Trust introduced inflatable toys from funding received in response, and the activity has been well received and utilised.

Cr Sharon Wards left the meeting at 2:53pm

That the presentation from the Tararua Aquatic Community Trust dated 11 March 2025 concerning the Proposal for Acquisition of Land at 33 York Street, Dannevirke to Enhance Safety at Wai Splash Community Pools to be included in the Annual Plan be received and referred to the Tararua District Council Annual Plan Workshop for further discussion.

Johns/Long

Carried

5. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

Nil

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 11 December 2024 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Chase/Collis

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 07 March 2025 providing an update on key activities and items of interest over the period 11 February 2025 to 7 March 2025.

A request was made for NZTA Technical Audit report to submitted to the Road Safety Committee.

Councillor Naioma Chase left the meeting at 2:59pm

A concern was raised about high speed areas which lead into tight turns that currently do not have impact signage. It was advised that work is managed in zones as opposed to roads on a case by case basis due to costs and manageability, and is an area that is being worked through to establish a firm plan for zoning.

Councillor Naioma Chase returned to the meeting at 3:01pm

Further clarification was sought regarding the Aerodrome Road work currently underway. It was advised that the road had been flagged for renewal due to the depressed centre of the lane causing water pooling and damage to the surface. Improved drainage has been added and road widening was undertaken to meet the road design standards for the volume of traffic using the road.

A concern was raised about the frequency of reporting of 3 Waters being monthly and with the current consultation taking place it would be beneficial to have more updates to offer the public and for Councillors to be better informed and offer the

community reassurance. It was advised that monitoring takes place weekly.

It was queried if a past decision to purchase a pre-treatment clarifier for the impounded supply was being actioned. It was advised that this was an option considered, however the focus is now on building resilience and maintaining current supply. It was also noted that the primary focus is on water quality and treatment at the catch point and not analysis of reasons for debris further upstream.

Councillor Mike Long left the meeting at 3:33pm

A concern was raised regarding whether the whale in the Woodville waste water treatment pond had increased. It was advised that this is currently unknown however has been identified in the Tararua District Council Long Term Plan with inspections to be conducted and process to follow.

Councillor Mike Long returned to the meeting at 3:35pm

Further clarification was sought regarding composting as an option for sludge management. It was advised that this option is being brought to the Advisory Group for consideration and further discussions with a consultant will be carried out to determine feasibility; more information is required. Current waste water standards are being reviewed.

The Solid Waste Manager provided an update to the Committee on the Waste-Ed programme to be held in the Tararua District in April. A series of free workshops will be held and three evening workshops with an entry fee of \$5 including a gift pack. Schools in the District have been invited and is a great opportunity to educate to reduce offensive waste in recycling bins.

That the report from the Group Manager - Infrastructure dated 07 March 2025 concerning the Infrastructure Management Report be received.

Franklin/Wallace

Carried

8.2 Portfolio Programme and Project Report

The Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee considered the report of the Three Waters Manager dated 03 March 2025 providing an update on the key portfolios, programmes and project statuses.

The Three Waters Manager provided a brief overview of the report. It was advised that a funding application for the Lindauer Walkway is underway.

Discussion was raised regarding the Tararua – Land of Ranges signs. It was advised that it is costly to alter and install the signs. Installation would be required to be in line with NZTA specifications, limiting the options for placement in urban low speed areas for maximum effect. It was noted that further discussion is

required to determine placement of the signs.

It was requested that Elected Members be added to the Key Stakeholders section of the dashboard reports for projects.

It was noted that the work start date for the pipeline to the wetland outlined in the Eketahuna Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade report had moved from the 11 March 2025 to 19 March 2025.

That the report from the Three Waters Manager dated 03 March 2025 concerning the Portfolio Programme and Project Report be received.

Johns/Wallace

Carried

9. Items not on the Agenda

Nil

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 4:10pm.

Chairperson