



Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee held in the Council Chamber, 156 High Street, Dannevirke on Wednesday 20 August 2025 commencing at 1:00 pm.

1. Welcome and Meeting Opening

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, , M F Long, and S A Wallace

In Attendance

Mr P Wimsett	- Interim Chief Executive
Mrs K Tani	- Group Manager – Strategy and Information
Ms T McDonald	- Chief Financial Officer
Mr R Earp	- Strategic Advisor
Mr M Dunn	- Manager – Programmes and Projects
Mr D Erard	- Tararua Alliance Manager
Ms J Neilson	- Solid Waste Manager
Mrs S Anthony	- Democracy Support Officer

The meeting adjourned at 1:00pm and reconvened at 2:02pm.

2. Apologies

That the apologies from Councillor Sharon Wards and Councillor Peter Johns be accepted, and leave of absence granted from the meeting.

Gilmore/Collis

Carried

3. Public Forum

3.1 Presentation – National Emergency Management Agency

This item was not taken at this time.

4. Notification of Items Not on the Agenda

Nil

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

Nil

6. Confirmation of Minutes

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

Peeti-Webber/Chase

Carried

7. Reports

7.1 Infrastructure Management Report

The Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee considered the report of the Group Manager – Infrastructure dated 06 August 2025 that provided an update on key activities and items of interest over the period 9 July to 9 August 2025.

In response to questions raised it was advised that:

- With high interest in the Gorge detour routes hand back, a plan is in place to notify the public following finalisation of the Memorandum of Understanding. The Group Manager – Infrastructure is liaising with NZTA, and the Legal Counsel and Procurement Manager is reviewing the first draft and providing recommendations; it was advised that \$4 million in funding had been granted over a 24 month period as part of the hand back.
- Given that no response has yet been received from KiwiRail to utilise their land for the Lindauer trail, it was noted that an alternative option would limit the trail to being a cycleway only, due to having to utilise the over bridge; there is insufficient funding to add a clip on bridge for the walkway.
- Beach Hill in Akitiō has ongoing movement/slippage and this is being investigated, funding has been confirmed to build resilience for the area and an update will be provided to Council in due course.
- Evidence of movement and disturbance found in the Dannevirke Impounded Supply is noted and additional analysis and advice is being sought from Dam experts.
- It was acknowledged with thanks to the Three Waters Manager for

demonstrating the underwater technology to the Rangatahi at Tararua College as part of their Robotics education.

- The impounded supply submersible pump used to extract water is limited to 6-9 metres with the current operation; further investigation is required to see if this system can go deeper. Further information will be sought, including the number of extra days of water that will be available in a dry summer.
- The intake line leak detection survey was conducted and is awaiting the final report which will be provided to Council. Only the areas shown in photos in this Infrastructure Management report were being tracked; the request to extend outside of those areas shown from Armstrong Road to the Infiltration Gallery was noted.
- Akitio now has additional water tanks onsite and are scheduled to be connected to the network. The community is working well with Council, with a member of the community engaging to see if all members of the community have water tanks installed.
- The building of the new concrete shed for the relocation of chemicals from Pahiatua's Water Treatment Plant is progressing well, and will improve health and safety associated with chemical storage. No further reviews are scheduled for other sites in the district, however, the Three Waters Manager advised he would look into carrying out further audits.
- It was noted to ensure Eketāhuna Community Board is included in communications and event invitations in the Eketāhuna area.
- Norsewood water usage shows a noticeable increase in usage. Further investigation is required to assess this. Water metering will assist in measuring; initial readings may have been inaccurate. The treatment plant has been upgraded and no further complaints have been received; the cleaner water may lead to higher use.
- The Solid Waste process for contaminated recycling bins was reiterated to the Solid Waste team following a resident complaint where a bin was removed on first offence. It was advised that this not the normal process; on first and second offence education and literature is issued. A bin will be rejected if significantly contaminated; bins are only removed as a last resort.

That the report from the Group Manager - Infrastructure dated 06 August 2025 concerning the Infrastructure Management Report be received.

Long/Gilmore

Carried

7.2 Portfolio Programme Project Report

The Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee considered the report of the Senior Project Manager dated 05 August 2025 that provided an update on the key portfolios, programmes and project statuses.

The request to add Dannevirke Community Board to key stakeholders in the

Dannevirke Impound - Treated Reservoir Report was noted.

The Telemetry and SCADA Report showed budgets approved and completed 77% under budget, figures are thought to be shown as actuals; the Three Waters Manager will investigate this further.

No resolution was made in regard to this report.

8. Items not on the Agenda

8.1 Nil

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 2:47pm.

Chairperson