



Infrastructure and Projects Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Infrastructure and Projects Committee held in the Council Chamber, 156 High Street, Dannevirke on Wednesday 15 April 2026 commencing at 9:30am.

1. Welcome and Meeting Opening

Cr S A Wallace (Chairperson), Mayor S M Gilmore, Crs C L Corlett (Deputy Chairperson), A J Amboy, P A Johns and E L Peeti-Webber.

In Attendance

Mr C Haines	- Chief Executive
Mrs K Tani	- Group Manager – Strategy and Information
Mr H Featonby	- Group Manager - Operations
Ms T McDonald	- Chief Financial Officer
Mr M Dunn	- Operations Delivery Manager
Mr E Priest	- Project Management Office Team Leader
Ms J Neilson	- Solid Waste Manager
Mr D Erard	- Tararua Alliance Manager
Mr V Lim	- Water and Wastewater Operations Manager
Mr D Watson	- Manager – Special Projects
Mrs A Dunn	- Manager – Democracy Services

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Public Forum

There were no requests for public forum.

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

- 6.1 *That the minutes of the Infrastructure and Projects Committee meeting held on 11 February 2026 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

Johns/Corlett

Carried

7. Reports

7.1 Infrastructure Management Report

The Infrastructure and Projects Committee considered the report of the Group Manager – Operations dated 25 March 2026 that provided an update on key activities and items of interest over the period 28 January 2026 to 25 March 2026.

The Alliance Manager spoke to the report, providing an update on the Alliance Management overview regarding international fuel prices. He noted that areas of concern were the increase in cost and what that means long term. He noted that suppliers and contractors were notifying of increases, however as they were near the end of the construction season, the impacts would likely be felt in the next financial year. They will keep monitoring and react as need be. With regard to fuel supply, the Tararua District currently had a steady supply. There was also high demand and if there was a restriction in supply they would need to consider cutting back on their planned activity.

He also spoke about achievement of ISO accreditation for the Tararua Alliance. He noted they were awaiting the report back from the Auditors and would be reporting any findings to the Risk and Assurance Committee as well as to the Infrastructure and Projects Committee.

It was noted that the Land Stabilisation Project had been entered into two national awards – the Āpōpō Asset Management Excellence Awards and the Taituara Local Government Awards.

He then spoke about their approach to footpath renewals and vehicle entranceways and their deterioration. Previous response had been that these had been the responsibility of property owners. However Council had a duty of care to pedestrians so intended to undertake “make safe” repairs. Property owners would be advised that if the entranceway became unsafe again they would be required to replace the vehicle entranceway.

In response to a question about whether there was any risk to the Council’s area of responsibility for footpaths if funding was diverted towards vehicle

entranceway repairs, it was noted that page 9 of the report provided information on the number of footpath faults compared to vehicle crossing faults which highlighted the scale of the issue and the ongoing safety and accessibility risks presented.

In response to a question about whether the Council could be doing some education on the responsibility of property owners for vehicle entranceways to ensure there was awareness, it was noted that there was potential to have discussions on this topic through the Long Term Plan engagement.

In response to a question about whether this was more a Dannevirke issue or whether it was also an issue for other towns in the district, it was advised that it was a problem across the district. It was further noted that there were standards to meet for installing new or renewing existing vehicle entranceways, and also that rural entranceways were required to be sealed from the road a certain distance to prevent gravel spreading on to the road, and also to prevent damage to road edges.

It was asked that committee members be provided with a copy of the estimated cost of the bridge for the Lindauer walkway.

In consideration of the Three Waters section of the report, it was noted that the Water Shortages Management Committee that reviews water supply status, preparedness and communication strategies across the district would be closed as there were no significant concerns or issues requiring formal tracking. If urgent issues arose, the committee would be reconvened.

It was noted that significant work had been undertaken for the new Drinking Water Quality and Testing webpage on Council's website. It was advised that the next step would be to show sampling results through the website, allowing for transparency to the public of water monitoring results.

With regard to the Dannevirke Impound Supply, officers had been working through the dam safety review programme, and shared that background. They acknowledged there had been dam safety deficiency but through monitoring had not seen any major increase in outflow. They noted that the last drone review showed no change to the liner layers so they were satisfied with mitigations. Engineers had made some recommendations about automating some of the monitoring sites. They noted that once the dam safety management system had been sent through soon they would share with members.

Officers then spoke about the progress with the upstream source and pretreatment plant, noting that storage assessment options were also done. It was noted that the Pre Treatment Plant and Second Treated Reservoir Projects would be completed within the next twelve to eighteen months. It was noted that at times we were restricted in the amount of water that can be taken from the water source, which is why the decision was made to increase the treated water storage. The pretreatment plant would also enable treatment direct from river flow. These projects would allow for the dam to be taken off line at some

point.

In response to a question about what the acceptable level of risk we were currently carrying for the dam, it was advised that it had been classified as medium classification under dam regulations.

Clarification was provided that the replacement of laterals for the Norsewood Water Supply was scheduled to take place prior to handing the water assets over to the CCO and should be complete within the next year. It was noted that Council was working within the Water Services Delivery Plan that had been agreed, and that the CCO and transition team have had overview of the planned activity.

It was clarified that lines would be flushed to remove any residual particles.

In response to a question about responsibility for the water supply in the event that the customer mixes the Council-supplied water with their tank water, it was clarified that Council's responsibility was for the potable water supplied and responsibility ends once it enters the supply point. It was further noted that there had been a backflow prevention project in place and that there were specific requirements for commercial premises.

With regard to the Dannevirke infiltration gallery area, it was noted that Horizons Regional Council had completed their river works on the banks of the Tamaki River to improve hydraulic flow within the river. This would give a higher water table and help with intake gallery yield. Works were scheduled for the Mangapapa river in Woodville in June and an update would be provided to Council on completion. The CCTV works at the at infiltration gallery had been completed which identified breaks which were repaired. The overall condition of pipes were good.

Officers highlighted that the Dannevirke flow meter project, which was one of the key projects, had been completed. During testing and commissioning Horizons Regional Council had been on site to go through blue tick certification. This was also the final part of the abatement notice that we had been served.

With regards to the Pongaroa Rural Water Supply, officers advised that they met with the Pongaroa Rural Water Supply Society, and refreshed the agreement with the society. A meeting with the resident group in Akitio was scheduled for Thursday.

Officers provided an update on the Akitio water supply, noting that the pipes and valves had been renewed around the tanks and there were no reported leaks from them. Reservoir tanks were full. It was noted that the survey of residents regarding water storage tanks would be discussed at the coming residents meeting.

Updates were also provided on the solar farm arrays being installed at the Dannevirke Wastewater Treatment Plant, and the trial of the AdvanTex system

being trialled at the Norsewood Wastewater Treatment Plant, and the five main projects for the three waters network programme.

The Mayor left the meeting at 10:30am.

Officers advised that there had been another failure on the Pahiatua wastewater main recently, and designs were being finalised for a solution. In response to a question it was clarified that the cause of faults has been the way the pipes were originally laid rather than the pipe material.

The Mayor returned to the meet at 10:32am.

The meeting then considered the Stormwater section of the report. In response to a question seeking an update on the Inflow and Infiltration investigation in Eketahuna, it was noted that a report was being prepared to provide an update on this project and similar works would be undertaken in Woodville and Pahiatua.

With regard to the abatement notices outlined in the report it was noted that the planned work to address the matters in the notices had been completed.

Officers also provided an update on water permit applications that were underway, and noted that options were being investigated for piping wastewater discharge to a new discharge point in line with new standards.

The meeting then considered the Solid Waste section of the report. Concerns were expressed about the break ins at the Pahiatua and Woodville Transfer Stations.

That the report from the Group Manager - Operations dated 25 March 2026 concerning the Infrastructure Management Report be received.

Gilmore/Corlett

Carried

8.2 Portfolio Programme Project Report

The Infrastructure and Projects Committee considered the report of the Senior Project Manager dated 25 March 2026 that provided an update on key portfolios, programmes and project statuses.

The meeting noted the progress with the Pahiatua Wastewater Wetland development and DAF upgrade, with the wetland 80% complete and the DAF complete. Noted that the project was on track for commissioning in July / August.

It was noted that vendors had been selected for the pretreatment and reservoirs project, and that the PMO office was recruiting for a replacement team member to bring them up to full capacity.

In response to a question about the integration of services in Woodville project it was noted that the preliminary design had been received and was being discussed with stakeholders. The design would then be used for quoting purposes. The

expected delivery time for completion was this calendar year.

Clarification was provided that the Eketahuna cliff walk project was not a project that sat with the PMO, however the project had previously been with the Eketahuna Community Board

Officers undertook to check the Impound Supply pretreatment figures in the project sheet and update members on these.

In response to a question about the purchase of land for the water storage for the Impound Supply, it was noted that the land was subject to a covenant and a process was underway with regards to that.

That the report from the Senior Project Manager dated 25 March 2026 concerning the Portfolio Programme Project Report be received.

Corlett/Amboy

Carried

9. Items not on the Agenda

9.1 Nil

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 11:23am.