



## **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 10 June 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**

Cr S M Wards

Mr C Haines	- Chief Executive
Mr H Featonby	- Group Manager - Operations
Mr P Wimsett	- Chief Strategic Advisor
Ms J Smith	- General Counsel
Ms J Neilson	- Solid Waste Manager
Mr D Erard	- Tararua Alliance Manager
Mr A Desmond	- Network Manager, Tararua Alliance
Mr V Lim	- Acting Three Waters Manager
Mrs J Neilson	- Solid Waste Manager
Mr E Priest	- Acting Delivery Manager
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 15 April 2026 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

*Johns/Gilmore*

*Carried*

**7. Reports**

**7.1 Infrastructure Management Report**

The Infrastructure and Projects Committee considered the report of the Group Manager - Operations dated 21 May 2026 that provided an update on key activities and items of interest over the period 26 March 2026 to 21 May 2026.

**Solid Waste**

The Solid Waste Manager spoke to the report, highlighting issues with break-ins at the Woodville and Pahiatua Transfer Stations. These incidents have been reported to Police.

It was noted that there have been no issues at the Eketāhuna Transfer Station.

Members asked whether changes to improve security were being considered, such as upgraded gates or additional security measures. Officers advised that increased security comes with significant costs, noting that security cameras installed at one site had previously been stolen.

In relation to recycling, officers advised they would like to invite elected members to tour the materials recovery facility to better understand what happens to recycling after collection.

**Tararua Alliance**

The Tararua Alliance Manager reported that the team attended the Apopo Awards and received a silver award in the Community – Land Support category. They are also finalists in another award category for the Route 52 project.

Challenges during the renewal season due to weather were highlighted, with planning now underway for next year's programme.

Current focus areas include:

- Winter maintenance works
- Drainage
- Maintenance of unsealed roads

Work is also underway to improve communication with the public through the CRM system, including reviewing how service requests are managed.

Cyclone Gabrielle response works are nearing completion, with only a small number of projects remaining.

In response to a question regarding NZTA funding for the three extreme weather events:

- Funding for two events was received late last month, and work is now commencing
- An application for the April weather event was submitted recently

Discussion took place regarding grading works and clearing of water tables, with clarification provided on current processes.

Alfredton Bridge:

- Good progress is being made, with recent core sample test results received
- A community meeting provided valuable insights into how the bridge is used
- Improvement works are being carried out on the detour route in response to community feedback
- The impact of the closure on Alfredton and Eketāhuna communities, particularly increased travel times, was noted

Infrastructure risks:

- A gap exists in historic bridge engineering data, including load capacity calculations
- There is a risk from heavy motor vehicles using roads not suited to their load capacity
- Upcoming discussions with Council are expected as part of the National Land Transport Programme regarding roading policy and

bridges

### **Three Waters**

The Three Waters Manager provided an overview of the current status, noting that water supply impoundments across the district are at maximum levels and river levels are increasing.

In response to questions about resilience in the event of a very dry period he advised:

- Standard Operating Procedures would be implemented if required
- Improvements to the Dannevirke infiltration gallery have been completed
- Recent surveys of weirs at Eketāhuna and Pahiatua confirm they are in good condition
- Upcoming projects will strengthen the district's resilience

Woodville intake pipeline - planned works to address identified vulnerabilities were outlined.

Dannevirke Water Supply - Major projects are underway, including additional treated water storage. Monitoring of stormwater flows from the Dannevirke impound over the past year indicates the dam remains in a stable condition

Rural water supplies (Pongaroa and Akitio) - works are underway to improve resilience and ensure compliance with the Water Services Act and Taumata Arowai requirements. It was asked that an update on the number of connections to the Akitio water supply be included in the next report.

Firefighting water supply (FENZ) – it was advised that the new tank at Akitio includes a standpipe developed in consultation with FENZ. At Pongaroa, fire engines must currently pump water directly from supply. A standpipe will be included in the planned raw water storage tank project at Pongaroa.

A meeting is scheduled with Akitio residents to walk the pipeline alignment, identify valve locations and provide training on how to respond to and repair leaks to minimise water loss.

Inflow and infiltration (I&I) - significant work has been undertaken to reduce I&I and identify solutions. A report will be presented to Council to support implementation.

Woodville stormwater - investigations are underway to identify a new overland flow path. This includes assessing expansion of a natural flow path through land purchased for a wetland. Wetland design will incorporate findings from these

investigations. Further information was requested for the next report regarding flooding impacts on properties in Bowen and Grey Streets and flood level data for Woodville.

Water take consents – it was advised that Council is generally seeking to maintain or slightly reduce existing take limits based on updated calculations. The Norsewood consent is a new application, as historical use and growth now exceed the previous threshold (which did not require consent for takes under 50 cubic metres per day).

***That the report from the Group Manager - Operations dated 21 May 2026 concerning the Infrastructure Management Report be received.***

***Johns/Amboy***

***Carried***

*The meeting adjourned at 11:08am and resumed at 11:19am.*

## **7.2 Portfolio Programme Project Report**

The Infrastructure and Projects Committee considered the report of the Senior Project Manager dated 21 May 2026 that provided an update on the key portfolios, programmes and project statuses.

### **PMO Update and Project Progress**

The Acting Delivery Manager noted that the PMO is working diligently to progress all significant, high-value projects while ensuring that TDC is well positioned to transition these projects into delivery for the next financial year. While the planning phase has taken longer than anticipated, they are confident that, following its completion, a “lessons learned” review will be undertaken. This will identify opportunities to streamline processes and reduce planning time in future.

It was also noted that two PMO team members have been promoted to Project Managers. This reflects the work they have undertaken, the qualifications they have achieved, and the projects they have successfully delivered. The Committee extended its congratulations to both team members on their achievements.

### **Budget Forecast**

In response to a request from Council to review the budget forecast to year end, it was advised that:

- Without carry forwards, project completion is estimated at approximately 70% (or 77% excluding external funding).
- With carry forwards, completion is estimated at 55–60%.

Final figures will not be available until after 20 July, when complete data through to the end of June is received. At this stage, it is cautiously expected that overall

completion will be in the range of 70–75%.

It was further noted that July and August are expected to have a faster start than usual, as three key projects for the new financial year will be initiated early.

### **Project Reporting**

The Committee noted that projects listed on page 40 of the report were all showing as “on track.” It was clarified that these are generally less complex projects, and that the “on track” status relates primarily to risk and budget rather than timelines. For larger projects, timelines and milestones are specifically tracked.

It was suggested that indicative completion dates also be included for the smaller projects to improve visibility.

### **Specific Project Queries**

- A question was raised regarding remedial work required at the entrance to the Eketāhuna Community Centre, where overspray remains. It was confirmed that the issue is known and will be addressed.
- A query was also raised about the Cliff Walk project. Further information will be sought from the Facilities team and provided to the Committee.

### **ERP Project**

Discussion was held regarding the ERP rollout. It was noted that:

- The ERP project is currently managed separately, with an external project manager.
- The project is in the discovery phase, involving engagement with departments and stakeholders to understand current systems, usage, and interdependencies.
- Once this phase is complete, the project will progress to the next stage.

It was acknowledged that several other projects interface with the ERP programme, adding to its overall complexity.

The Committee noted that it would be beneficial to receive formal reporting on the ERP project, as well as other large-scale projects, as part of regular Committee updates.

***That the report from the Senior Project Manager dated 21 May 2026 concerning the Portfolio Programme Project Report be received.***

***Peeti-Webber/Corlett***

***Carried***

## **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 11:46am.