



**WHANGANUI
DISTRICT COUNCIL**
Te Kaunihera a Rohe o Whanganui

MINUTES

**Infrastructure, Climate Change, and
Emergency Management Committee
Meeting**

12 November 2020

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**MINUTES OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 101 GUYTON STREET, WHANGANUI
ON 12 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 1.05PM**

PRESENT: Cr Alan Taylor, Cr Hadleigh Reid, Cr Charlie Anderson, Cr Philippa Baker-Hogan, Cr Josh Chandulal-Mackay, Cr Helen Craig, Deputy Mayor Jenny Duncan, Cr Rob Vinsen, Cr Graeme Young, Cr Brent Crossan, Cr James Barron, Whanganui Rural Community Board Member Michael Dick

APOLOGIES: Cr Helen Craig, Mayor Hamish McDouall, Cr Kate Joblin (leave of absence)

IN ATTENDANCE: Kym Fell (Chief Executive), Mark Hughes (General Manager Infrastructure), Peter Oskam (Whanganui Rural Community Board Member), Tim Crowe, (Emergency Manager), Stuart Hylton (Contractor), Adam Bevins (Governance Board Member of Whanganui Alliance), Kate Barnes (Senior Democracy Advisor), Kirsty Earle (Governance Services Officer), Sophia Turner (Governance Services Officer).

1 APOLOGIES

Apology

Committee Resolution ICE/2020/27

Moved: Cr Hadleigh Reid

Seconded: Cr Josh Chandulal-Mackay

That the apologies received from Cr Helen Craig, Mayor Hamish McDouall be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

Speaking Rights - Whanganui Rural Community Board Chair

Committee Resolution ICE/2020/28

Moved: Cr Hadleigh Reid

Seconded: Cr Alan Taylor

That the Committee grants Peter Oskam speaking rights for the Infrastructure, Climate Change and Emergency Management Committee Meeting 12 November 2020.

CARRIED

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of interest.

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 MINUTES OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 AUGUST 2020

Author: Kirsty Earle - Governance Services Officer

Authoriser: Kate Barnes - Senior Democracy Advisor

Significance of decision – In terms of the Significance and Engagement Policy 2018, the decision is not significant.

Committee Resolution ICE/2020/29

Moved: Cr Josh Chandulal-Mackay

Seconded: Cr Hadleigh Reid

That the minutes of the Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Emergency Management Committee Meeting held on 18 August 2020 are confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

3.2 MINUTES OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1 OCTOBER 2020

Author: Kirsty Earle - Governance Services Officer

Authoriser: Kate Barnes - Senior Democracy Advisor

Significance of decision – In terms of the Significance and Engagement Policy 2018, the decision is not significant.

Committee Resolution ICE/2020/30

Moved: Cr Hadleigh Reid

Seconded: Cr Josh Chandulal-Mackay

That the minutes of the Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Emergency Management Committee Meeting held on 1 October 2020 are confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4 REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

4.2 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE - 1 SEPTEMBER TO 31 OCTOBER 2020

Author: Tim Crowe - Emergency Manager

Authoriser: Kym Fell - Chief Executive

Discussion

Tim Crowe, Emergency Manager, provided information to the committee on the capabilities and features of new emergency sirens. The upgrading, weatherproofing and replacing of Tsunami sirens is a comprehensive task with a timeline of being carried out over the next thirty three years. New systems will have a voice/message programmed into them which will alert residents to nearby threats, as well as, having the function of providing specific instruction. The reach of the siren in terms of sound is said to be extremely effective, with sirens at Kai iwi Beach in Whanganui, being heard from both sides of the beach and in residential areas.

- Councillors inquired about the programming of voice into the sirens, with the point being raised by Cr Reid that the ability to inform listeners of the difference between a siren test and a real life emergency through voice capability is an extremely important feature of the new siren.
- Questions were raised regarding different contexts where an alarm/siren sound may be activated in. The main and current use of the siren at Kai iwi is for civil emergencies, such as tsunami warnings, however, the presenter also highlighted the fact that the siren can be used in the context of an industrial area.

Committee Resolution ICE/2020/31

Moved: Cr Alan Taylor

Seconded: Whanganui Rural Community Board Member Michael Dick

That the Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Emergency Management Committee receive the report – Emergency Management Update - 1 September to 31 October 2020.

CARRIED

4.3 WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION PLAN GENERAL UPDATE - NOVEMBER 2020

Author: Stuart Hylton - Contractor
Kirsty Earle - Governance Services Officer

Authoriser: Leighton Toy - General Manager Property

Discussion

The presentation by contractor Stuart Hylton was based off of the first waste minimisation workshop, with a specific focus to action a curb side recycling collection service. Hylton acknowledged his interest in having this service provided out into the community. The Council will need to work with the Rural Community Board to provide the contract and services for the rural community. Different cost options and feedback will be provided to the councillors to make decisions on going forward – workshops will be the forum for which councillors can progress this item.

It is anticipated that the additional cost to the ratepayer will be \$140 per annum, introduced over a two year period. Cr Rob Vinsen supported introducing a curb side recycling collection service, and hoped for a strong mandate for the introduction of this service, as well as being able to incorporate it into the long-term plan.

Committee Resolution ICE/2020/32

Moved: Cr Charlie Anderson

Seconded: Cr Josh Chandulal-Mackay

That the Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Emergency Management Committee receive the report – Waste Management and Minimisation Plan General Update - November 2020.

CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned 1:45pm until 2:30pm.

Mayor Hamish McDouall joined the meeting at 2.29pm, Cr Brent Crossan arrived at 2:30pm.

4.1 PRESENTATION - ROADING ALLIANCE NOVEMBER 2020

Author: Hannah Bailey - EA to GM Infrastructure and GM Strategy

Authoriser: Mark Hughes - General Manager Infrastructure

Discussion

Adam Bevins (Governance Board Member of Whanganui Alliance) presented information in response to general inquiries into the Roading Alliance. The presentation spoke to the strategic goals of the Council through the Procurement manual and Alliance Model. The models are informed by central government standards, as well as balancing the overall interests to preserve

assets, save money and have the appropriate resourcing at the ready to carry out necessary work. The Alliance model clearly outlines profits, overheads, target cost, rates, as well as articulating risk associated with the undertaking of these works.

- Cr Rob Vinsen asked a question about the removal of competition from the Alliance model and whether that is negative for the council. However, Adam Bevins informed the committee that it is the case that anyone is able to tender for work. Additionally, Alliance makes a point of recruiting local contractors as well as using local suppliers for work. Estimates of between 40 – 50% of contractors and suppliers used are local.
- A benefit to long-term contracts includes the securing of a resource for 9 – 10 years, as well as having emergency resource at the disposal of council without having to incur added or unexpected costs.
- The point was made by Mark Hughes (General Manager - Infrastructure) that the Council has representation at all levels – and specifically, within Alliance.
- Cr Charlie Anderson asked what the procedure would be if contractors offered different prices for the same service. It was explained that in that situation, Alliance would go through a formal procurement process.
- Peter Oskam (Whanganui Rural Community Board Member) asked what the fall out would be in the event that Downer went into liquidation, and where this would leave Council. Presenter Adam Bevins assured the low risk of that, based on the current state of Downer and that in the unlikely event Downer went under, there would be a transfer of staff to fulfil this need.
- Additional benefits to Council having the service of Downer were explained. One of these is the capacity for Council to meet obligations by deploying resource in emergencies without having to pay for the capacity all the time – thus leaving the Council in a better state and working in an efficient model.
- Mark Hughes acknowledged the advantage that having the contract with Downer provides in not only a security sense, but being the first to hear about new technologies – which is helpful in informing strategy.

Committee Resolution ICE/2020/33

Moved: Cr Alan Taylor

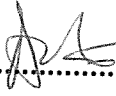
Seconded: Cr Rob Vinsen

That the Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Emergency Management Committee receive the report – Presentation - Roading Alliance November 2020.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 3:15pm

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Emergency Management Committee Meeting held on 18 February 2020.


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