

Minutes for the meeting of the Infrastructure Committee of Waikato District Council held via Audio Visual Conference on **WEDNESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2021** commencing at **9.30am**.

Present:

Cr EM Patterson (Chairperson)
Cr CA Eyre (Deputy Chairperson)
His Worship the Mayor, Mr AM Sanson
Cr AD Bech
Cr JA Church
Cr JM Gibb
Cr SL Henderson
Cr SD Lynch
Cr RC McGuire
Cr FM McNally
Cr JD Sedgwick
Cr NMD Smith
Cr LR Thomson
Cr CT Woolerton

Attending:

Mr M Cooper (Sport Waikato)
Mr S Brodie (Sport Waikato)
Mr T Whittaker (Chief Operating Officer)
Mr R MacCulloch (General Manager Service Delivery)
Mr P McPherson (Community Projects Manager)
Ms M May (Community Connections Manager)
Ms J Bishop (Contracts and Partnering Manager)
Mr R Bayer (Roading Team Leader)
Ms M Smart (Senior Property Officer)
Ms C Maile (Property Officer)
Mr M Horsfield (Democracy Advisor)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolved: (Crs Smith/Sedgwick)

THAT the apology from Mr Brendan Green be received.

CARRIED

INF2109/01

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Crs Thomson/Cr Church)

THAT:

- a) the agenda for a meeting of the Waikato District Council held on Wednesday, 8 September 2021 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting with the exception of those items detailed at agenda item 6 which shall be considered with the public excluded; and
- b) all reports be received.

CARRIED

INF2109/02

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: (Crs Sedgwick/Lynch)

THAT the minutes for the meeting of the Infrastructure Committee held on Wednesday, 28 July 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

INF2109/03

REPORTS

Sport Waikato Agenda Item 5.1

The report was received [*INF2109/02 refers*] and Mr Cooper from Sport Waikato noted the following items:

- An overview of how lockdown had impacted school sports and how matches can restart.
- The importance of recreational areas to open up again after lockdown such as the Hakarimata walkway.
- Sport Waikato had:
 - a) been working with Core Education to better understand Tikanga. Sport Waikato had a strong relationship with Tainui and Ngati Maniopoto and Sport Waikato was developing a regional strategy for Māori Sports,
 - b) been leading a health and education seminar with 140 school principals to discuss the health and education curriculum within schools. Work was underway to increase physical education within early childhood centres and education on better nutrition,
 - c) an active role in fundraising and distributed \$225,000 amongst sporting organisations within the Waikato District area,
 - d) worked with the Department of Internal Affairs for access to funding grants for sporting organisations,
 - e) used Active New Zealand data insight to boost district and regional data for age, gender and ethnicity. Sport Waikato would work closely with Council to update the districts recreation and play programme, and
 - f) been working with Council staff with the transition of sport seasons from winter to summer codes.
- Concern was raised on the regional co-ordinators who cover areas within Waikato District and the inequitable split of resources across the region. Sport Waikato advised that resources were appointed to areas of need. It was noted that Sport Waikato supports the northern area of the Waikato and understands where the boundary sits with the Counties Manukau area.

Service Delivery Project Status Report – September 2021

Agenda Item 5.2

The report was received [*INF2109/02 refers*] and the following items were discussed:

- Horsham Downs Intersection – The community had created a petition to address the safety concerns related to the new intersection. This petition had been received by the Chief Executive.

The NZTA plans for the roundabout would be three (3) times the cost of the T-intersection. The roundabout design went through a safety audit and was deemed safe for traffic volumes. The committee discussed the benefits of a long-term roundabout in comparison to a T-intersection. The land acquired for the intersection is future-proofed for a roundabout, but the intersection would be deemed safer vehicle volumes until 2040. The approximate cost of a roundabout would be an additional \$1.5-2M, which may need to be 100% funded by the council. Major disruption would occur if the project was altered to a roundabout.

Minutes of the Waikato Regional Transport Committee held on 2 August 2021

Agenda Item 5.3

The report was received [*INF2109/02 refers*] and the following items were discussed:

- Concerns raised that rural drivers were being targeted due to high accident rates. It was noted that rural incidents were often due to out of towners who do not know the roads.
- Questions raised relating to older drivers and licensing. The mandate does not lie with Waka Kotahi for the licensing for older drivers.
- Defensive driving and the barriers to licensing.

Norrie Avenue Walkway, Raglan – Electricity Easement in Gross
Agenda Item 5.4

The report was received [INF2109/02 refers]. No discussion held was held.

Resolved: (Crs Smith/Thomson)

THAT the Infrastructure Committee recommends to Council that:

- a) when the route alignment, as shown on Attachment 2 of the staff report, had been defined by survey, an electricity easement in gross in favour of WEL Networks Limited be granted over the land within the Norrie Avenue walkway at Raglan, legally described as Part Lot 19 Section 10 Town of Raglan held in RT SA 17A/332;
- b) the applicants meet all costs incurred through the process; and
- c) the Chief Executive be delegated authority to execute all relevant documentation to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

INF2109/04

Te Kauwhata Wastewater Treatment Plant Electricity Easement in Gross
Agenda Item 5.5

The report was received [INF2109/02 refers]. No discussion was held.

Resolved: (His Worship the Mayor/Cr Sedgwick)

THAT the Infrastructure Committee recommends that:

- a) Council approves a grant of electricity easement in gross, in favour of WEL Networks Limited,
- b) when the electricity easement in gross has been defined by survey, that it be registered against Record of Title SA 55D/100, being the record of title for the parcels of land legally described as part Lot 2 DPS 69450 and Section 96 Block XV Maramarua Survey District, and
- c) the Chief Executive be delegated authority to execute all relevant documentation to give effect to the resolution.

CARRIED

INF2109/05

Horsham Downs Hall Reserve – Right of Way Easement
Agenda Item 5.6

The report was received [INF2109/02 refers] and the Senior Property Officer spoke on her report. The following items were discussed:

- Questions relating to the purchase of the property and the location of the entry to the carpark. Safety concerns were raised relating to the narrowness of the entry area for the large parking area especially outside a hall. It was noted that there would be a northern entry for the carpark.
- Question raised whether an easement could be made for the carpark or entry off a possible roundabout.

Resolved: (Crs Woolerton/Gibb)

THAT the Infrastructure Committee recommends to Council that:

- a) in lieu of compensation, that any agreement to easement, be made conditional upon the benefited land providing a reciprocal easement for shared public use of the carparking facilities on its landholdings;
- b) in accordance with s.48(3) Reserves Act 1977 confirms that public notification of the proposed right of way easement (when defined by survey) over the Horsham Downs Hall Reserve (being the parcel of land legally described as being part Allotment 479 Kirikiriroa Parish, no Record of Title) is required as the proposal is considered to be detrimental to the reserve or its users; and
- c) if the public notification process does not result in objection/s or submission/s, that it exercises its delegated authority under s.48 Reserves Act 1977 to complete a grant of right of way easement over parts of the land legally described as part Allotment 479 Kirikiriroa Parish;

AND THAT the Village Church Trust:

- i. is to meet all Council costs incurred in the process including the issue of title for part Allotment 479 Kirikiriroa Parish, and public notification and legalisation actions; and
- ii. is to be responsible for survey definition, preparing and obtaining all consents including s348 Local Government Act 1974 approval, and LINZ registration;

AND FURTHER THAT the Chief Executive be delegated authority to execute all relevant documentation to give effect to the resolution.

A division was called for, voting on which was as follows:

For	Against	Abstained
Cr Patterson		Cr McGuire
Cr Eyre		Cr Smith
His Worship the Mayor		
Cr Bech		
Cr Church		
Cr Gibb		
Cr Henderson		
Cr Lynch		
Cr McNally		
Cr Sedgwick		
Cr Thomson		
Cr Woolerton		

The motion was declared **CARRIED** by 12 votes to 2.

CARRIED

INF2109/06

Proposed Easement Stormwater Discharge through Council Reserve to the Waikato River
Agenda Item 5.7

The report was received [*INF2109/02 refers*] and the Senior Property Officer spoke on her report. The following items were discussed:

- Concern raised that the report should be delayed for a more thorough report, including other options available.
- Question raised whether this was the best outcome for the Council or for the developer.

Resolved: (His worship the Mayor/Cr Thomson)

THAT Item 7.5 - Proposed Easement Stormwater Discharge through Council Reserve to the Waikato River lies on the table pending further information and would be considered at the Council meeting scheduled for Monday, 20 September 2021.

CARRIED

INF2109/07

Proposed Stopping of Unformed Road – Mangatawhiri
Agenda Item 5.8

The report was received [INF2109/02 refers] and the Property Officer spoke on her report. The following items were discussed:

- Question raised if the Walking Access Commission been informed of the proposal.

Resolved: (Crs Sedgwick/Bech)

THAT the Infrastructure Committee recommends to Council:

- a) that the black cross-hatched section of unformed legal road on the Aerial Diagram (included as Attachment I to the staff report) be:
 - i. declared surplus to Council's current and future roading requirements;
 - ii. legally stopped utilising the road stopping provisions within the Public Works Act 1981;
 - iii. when stopped, be transferred, at a price established by market valuation and to be within the Council Property Policy, for amalgamation with the adjacent title (Record of Title NA54C/436); and
 - iv. the Chief Executive be delegated authority to execute all relevant document to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

INF2109/08

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Agenda Item 6

Resolved: (Crs Woolerton/Thomson)

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Item number PEX 1 Confirmation of Minutes	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 6 or Section 7 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987	Section 48(1)(a)
Item number PEX 2.1 Te Whare Toi O Ngaruawahia - Twin Rivers Arts Centre Incorporated		

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

Item No.	Section	Interest
Item PEX 1 Confirmation of Minutes		Refer to the previous Public Excluded reason in the agenda for this meeting.
Item PEX 2.1 Te Whare Toi O Ngaruawahia - Twin Rivers Arts Centre Incorporated	7(2)(b)(ii)	To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.
	7(2)(i)	To enable the Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).
	7(2)(j)	To prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.

CARRIED

INF2109/09

Resolutions INF2109/10 to INF2109/12 are contained in the public excluded section of these minutes.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 11:17am

Minutes approved and confirmed this day of 2021.

EM Patterson
CHAIRPERSON