

UPPER HUTT CITY COUNCILHUTT VALLEY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held in the Hutt City Council, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt on
Friday 16 December 2016 commencing at 9.05am

PRESENT: Mayor WR Wallace Deputy Mayor D Bassett
Cr C Carson Cr P Lambert
Cr G McDonald (Deputy Chair) Cr D Wheeler (Chair)

APOLOGIES: Mayor W Guppy, Cr L Bridson

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr C Upton, Chief Executive, UHCC
Mr T Stallinger, Chief Executive, HCC
Mr B Sherlock, General Manager, Infrastructure Services, HCC
Mr G Stuart, Divisional Manager, Regulatory Services, HCC
Mr D Newth, Financial Accounting Manager, HCC
Ms K Glanville, Senior Committee Advisor, HCC
Mrs H Clegg, Democratic Services Advisor, UHCC

PUBLIC BUSINESS

The Chief Executive, HCC, took the chair.

1. APOLOGIES**RESOLVED:**

That the apologies received from Mayor W Guppy and Cr Bridson be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

The Chief Executive, HCC called for nominations for the Chair. Mayor Wallace nominated Cr Wheeler and Cr Lambert seconded the motion. The Chief Executive called for any other nominations and as there were none he put the motion.

RESOLVED:

That Cr Wheeler be declared Chair of the Hutt Valley Services Committee for 2017.

Cr Wheeler assumed the Chair. He called for nominations for the Deputy Chair. Mayor Wallace nominated Cr McDonald and Deputy Mayor Bassett seconded the motion. The Chair called for any other nominations and as there were none he put the motion.

RESOLVED:

That Cr McDonald be declared Deputy Chair of the Hutt Valley Services Committee for 2017.

In accordance with Standing Order 25.5, members agreed to deal with Items 3 'Public Forum', 4 'Presentation' and 7 'Project Pencarrow Progress Report 1 July 2016 - 18 November 2016 after Item 14 'Joint Services Opportunities'.

These items are recorded in the order in which they are listed on the order paper.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public comment.

4. PRESENTATION

The Chief Advisor Wastewater, Wellington Water Limited (WWL) provided an overview about Waiwhetu Overflow Consenting. He stated the pipeline had experienced leaks from time to time since it was first commissioned in 1962. Extensive investigation of the pipeline in 2013 resulted in the pressure of the system being reduced, which had resulted in only one detected leak since then, but a reduced pumping capacity. The effect of this change is to potentially have more wet weather overflow events, but these are of much lesser significance than a leak. The General Manager, Infrastructure Services added that although there were five leaks in the 09/10 year, these five failures occurred as a result of one event, and the plant was only out of commission once.

The Chief Advisor Wastewater, WWL further explained the current resource consent to discharge to Pencarrow had been granted for only five years, and that this expired in 2018. At that stage, new national and regional water quality standards would be in place. Currently, the material discharged did not meet these new standards, resulting in investigations into alternative methods of discharge which may meet these new standards, in preparation for an application for a new discharge consent in November 2017. As well as alternative discharge locations, additional storage and alternative methods to remove the nitrogen from the discharge material were being investigated. He informed members that another complicating factor was that the current treatment plant was designed for discharging material into seawater, but that the receiving water may be a mix of fresh and salt water. As well, tidal movements may result in discharge materials being found as far as 3km upstream. Currently, scheduled maintenance works must take place in winter time, to reduce risk to spawning fish.

The Chief Advisor Wastewater, WWL detailed the seven alternatives for discharge, warranting further investigation:

- Status Quo - which would cost nothing, but would not meet the new standards and therefore may not be acceptable;
- Hutt Confluence location - would reduce the impact on the Waiwhetu Stream;

- 100m off Barnes Street into the harbour – would be into a mix of salt and fresh water. The Greater Wellington Regional Council Flood Protection Team have concerns over this option relating to their dredging activities in the Hutt River mouth;
- 100m off Port Road - would introduce a new set of stake holders, including the Seaview Marina;
- 600m off Port Road – expensive and would require new treatment and storage facilities;
- Hutt confluence with new treatment facilities; and
- Hutt confluence with new storage facilities.

In response to questions from members, the Chief Advisor Wastewater, WWL explained consultation had been ongoing with interest groups identified from the existing resource consent, including Iwi and the Seaview Business Group. He further informed members that most discharges occurred during extreme weather events, and that the discharged material was cleaner than the state of the stream in flood.

In response to questions from members, the General Manager, Infrastructure Services explained \$14million had been budgeted for the works. The intent was to have a detailed analysis of alternatives completed for inclusion in both Councils' Annual Plan consultation processes, so an informed decision could be made in time for the resource consent to be applied for in November 2017. He added that any discharges that occur during the year not as a result of storms, would have a relatively minor impact on the ecology of the stream, and that such ecology was able to recover from these relatively infrequent events.

In response to further questions from members, the Chief Advisor Wastewater, WWL informed members that aspects of climate change were being considered, along with the overall condition of the existing pipe.

In response to further questions from members, the General Manager, Infrastructure Services agreed a robust communications strategy was required to inform and educate the public.

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

6. PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2017

RESOLVED:

The Committee:

- (i) *adopts the following schedule of meetings for 2017:*
- *Friday, 3 March 2017 at 9.30am*
 - *Friday, 5 May 2017 at 9.30am*
 - *Friday, 4 August 2017 at 9.30am*
 - *Friday, 24 November 2017 at 9.30am*
- (ii) *agrees that the venue for the 2017 meetings alternate between the Upper Hutt City Council Chambers and Hutt City Council Chambers:*
- *Friday, 3 March 2017 (Upper Hutt City Council)*
 - *Friday, 5 May 2017 (Hutt City Council)*
 - *Friday, 4 August 2017 (Upper Hutt City Council)*
 - *Friday, 24 November 2017 (Hutt City Council)*
- (iii) *adopts the following schedule of draft agenda meetings for 2017:*
- *20 February 2017 at 11am*
 - *24 April 2017 at 11am*
 - *24 July 2017 at 11am*
 - *13 November 2017 at 11am*
- (iv) *agrees that the venue for the draft agenda meetings for 2017 will be held at the Upper Hutt City Council; and*
- (v) *delegates authority to the Chief Executives of the two Councils, in consultation with the Committee Chair, to alter the date, time or venue of a meeting, or cancel a meeting, should circumstances require this.*

7. **PROJECT PENCARROW PROGRESS REPORT 1 JULY 2016 – 18 NOVEMBER 2016 (16/1233)**

Report by the Wastewater Contracts Manager, Wellington Water.

The General Manager, Infrastructure Services elaborated on the report. He stated that the 3 Gold Star rating was out of a possible 4. He reiterated that Project Pencarrow was fully compliant. He explained that the level of strengthening to the Main Pumping Station and the Milliscreen building at Seaview would bring it up to compliance level (33%) but that investigations were continuing to assess if a higher compliance level could be achieved within budget.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee notes the progress on Project Pencarrow as outlined in the report.

8. **HUTT VALLEY TRUNK WASTEWATER SERVICES FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2016 (16/1267)**

Report by the Financial Accounting Manager, Hutt City Council.

The Financial Accounting Manager elaborated on the report. He noted that due to the 14 November 2016 'Kaikoura Earthquake' there would be additional expenses in the December 2016 quarter report, which had not been quantified as yet.

In response to questions from members, the Chief Advisor Wastewater, WWL reported remedial work was being undertaken to replace the fibreglass panels contained within the clarifying tanks at Seaview. He further explained the tanks themselves were not damaged, but the effect of the liquid sloshing inside had damaged all the panels. In order to keep the treatment process stable the panels were being replaced one by one.

RESOLVED:

The Committee:

- (i) *notes the financial statements for the Hutt Valley Trunk Wastewater Services for the year ended 30 September 2016;*
- (ii) *notes a net deficit of \$3.3 million which is \$0.2 million favourable to budget; and*
- (iii) *notes a share of funding from Upper Hutt City Council of 31% and Hutt City Council of 69%.*

9. **SILVERSTREAM LANDFILL UPDATE** (16/1270)

Report by the Landfill Consultant, Tonkin and Taylor

The General Manager, Infrastructure Services elaborated on the report. He explained the only effect of the 14 November 2016 'Kaikoura Earthquake' and subsequent flooding event, was ground shaking and the dislodgement of several trees. This resulted in the road to the landfill being closed for four days, as felled trees, and trees assessed as dangerous, were removed. He advised further trees would be removed outside of landfill operating hours. He advised the Community Liaison Group ('the Group') had met again since the October meeting and that positive progress was being made. He advised an application ('app') was being developed to monitor odour from the landfill. The app had been successfully trialled by members of the Group, and the next step was to make it available to the public. The first phase would be advertising the app to Stokes Valley residents.

In response to questions from members, the General Manager, Infrastructure Services explained that as there was no Joint Services agreement between the two Councils regarding the landfill no financial reports had been presented to members. He further advised the ground shaking had opened up some cracks in the landfill face, but these were repaired within hours of the event. He said there were no issues with the gas collection pipes.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee notes the progress at Silverstream Landfill.

10. **AKATARAWA CEMETERY UPDATE** (304/01-001)

Report by the Parks and Reserves Manager, Upper Hutt City Council.

The Chief Executive, UHCC elaborated on the report. He stated the draft report had been received and would be presented to members in the new year. He added there were more receiveables from Lower Hutt now, as Taita cemetery had closed.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received.

11. **DOG CONTROL UPDATE** (331/40-001)

Report by the Compliance Services Manager, Upper Hutt City Council

The Divisional Manager, Regulatory Services elaborated on the report. He noted there had been discussions about a cat policy in recent times, but that to the best of his knowledge, one was not necessary for the Hutt Valley as there was not a feral cat problem in the area. He acknowledged the situation was different in Wellington City. He added that any cat problems in the Hutt Valley were currently dealt with on a case by case basis, under the Public Health regime.

In response to a question from members, the Divisional Manager, Regulatory Services explained that while the numbers of dogs had increased steadily, the control of dogs was improving. He stated the behavioural training sessions and education in schools programmes were making a difference.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee notes the Dog Control Update.

12. **DOG CONTROL UPDATE** (16/830)

Report by the Divisional Manager, Regulatory Services, Hutt City Council

RESOLVED:

That the Committee notes the Dog Control Update.

13. **HEALTH OFFICE ACTIVITIES UPDATE** (16/1272)

Report by the Divisional Manager, Regulatory Services, Hutt City Council.

The Divisional Manager, Regulatory Services elaborated on the noise control item concerning the church in Totara Park, Upper Hutt. A formal letter was currently being drafted as investigations into Existing Use Rights were continuing.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee notes the Health Office Activities Update.

14. REGIONAL JOINT SERVICES OPPORTUNITIES

There was no new information to report.

15. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

The Chair wished members and officers the best for the festive season.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.51am.

Cr D Wheeler
CHAIR