

# MINUTES



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MEMBERSHIP: Graeme Thomson (Chair), Deputy Mayor Nona Aston,  
Bill Burdett, Roger Haisman, Allan Hall, Gary Hope, Atareta Poananga, Brian Wilson  
and His Worship the Mayor (ex officio).

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## MINUTES of the OPERATIONS Committee

Held in the Committee Room, 15 Fitzherbert Street on 11 March 2010 at 1pm.

### PRESENT:

Councillors Graeme Thomson (chair), Nona Aston, Bill Burdett, Roger Haisman, Allan Hall, Gary Hope and Brian Wilson.

Councillor Pat Seymour

### IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Lindsay McKenzie, Corporate Affairs Manager Douglas Birt, Engineering & Works Manager Peter Higgs, Land Transport Manager Dave Hadfield, Rivers/Land Drainage Asset Manager Jürgen Komp, Community Facilities Asset Manager Terry McMillan, Utilities Wastewater Engineer (Strategic Planning) Helen Churton, Utilities Engineer (Water) Marcus Koll, Utilities Asset Manager Kevin Strongman and Committee Secretary Eileen Marshall

### APOLOGIES:

No apologies were received.

#### 1. Apologies

Nil

#### 2. Public forum, petitions, deputations and representation from tangata whenua

Nil

#### 3. Confirmation of Minutes

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MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Wilson

That the Minutes of 11 February 2010 be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## Action Sheet

### *Report No 10/032 – Speed Limits*

Cr Haisman asked when the issue of speed limits would be actioned.

Engineering and Works Manager Peter Higgs said instructions had been sent to the contractors.

### *Report No 09/646 – Mangatuna Road Flooding Issues*

Cr Seymour thanked Rivers/Land Drainage Asset Manager Jürgen Komp, for the meeting held at Mangatuna and said they will submit to the Annual Plan process.

## 4. Matters Arising

Mr Edward Sweeney of 14 Norman Road attended the meeting to discuss the placing of speed humps in Norman Road and asked why this was not recorded in the minutes.

Mr Sweeney was advised that it was not necessary to record speed humps in the minutes as further investigations for traffic calming were proceeding.

## 5. Notification of late items, questions and general business

### *Appraising Tenders*

Cr Thomson advised there would be a discussion after the meeting to discuss some issues relating to tenders.

## 6. Mayor's and Councillors' Reports

### For decision

Nil

### For noting

Nil

## 7. Staff Reports

### For decision

### 7.1 No. 10/129 Construction of St Mary's Car-park

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Wilson

That the Committee

1. receives the report

### Recommends that Council

- a) agrees to the construction of two car-parks on Roebuck and Childers Roads and the cost of \$130,000 being deducted from the Parking Reserve
- b) advertises for expressions of interest to consider dual purpose options for the car-park.

**CARRIED**

**For noting**

**7.2 No. 10/133 Update on Norman Road Traffic Calming Measures**

Land Transport Manager Dave Hadfield said further options were to be investigated. There are several options available ranging from speed humps, intersection improvements and the complete closure of the street from Roebuck Road.

Cr Hope said he was the Councillor who opposed speed humps in Norman Road.

A street meeting is to be held on 17 March 2010 at 5.30pm and invitations have been sent to the residents.

Dave Hadfield is to report the results to the Operations Committee meeting on 8 April 2010.

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Wilson

That the Committee

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**CARRIED**

**7.3 No.10/105 Roading Division Activity Report to 26 February 2010**

Cr Burdett said that Kai inanga Hill had withstood any damage during recent rain.

Cr Aston asked if anything could be done about the street signs being removed as it is very expensive to have them repaired. Sometimes they are removed by very young children and perhaps City Safe could be involved in policing this matter.

Land Transport Manager Dave Hadfield said the signs are removed or destroyed at night and it is sometimes a pattern in certain areas.

Cr Hope asked if there was a minimum width for long grass to be cut off the roadside as sometimes long grass covers the ditch and the ditch cannot be seen.

Dave Hadfield said there is a minimum width of one metre from the road that must be mowed.

MOVED by Cr Hope, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Committee

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**CARRIED**

**7.4 No. 10/101 Community Facilities Division Activity Report to 26 February 2010**

*Freedom Camping* – Freedom Camping has been reported extensively via various media this summer and has had a lot of negative exposure. “Freedom Camping” has become a term used nationally to describe the practice of people sleeping in vehicles overnight in non-designated areas. This practice is currently illegal in the Gisborne District.

Community Facilities Asset Review Manager Terry McMillan said you cannot park anywhere anytime. People must park in designated areas.

MOVED by Cr Wilson, seconded by Cr Aston

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

**CARRIED**

#### **7.5 No. 10/106 Water Supply Activity Report to 26 February 2010**

MOVED by Cr Hope, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

**CARRIED**

#### **7.6 No. 10/132 Wastewater Utility Activity Report to 26 February 2010**

MOVED by Cr Thomson, seconded by Cr Hope

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

**CARRIED**

#### **7.7 No. 10/134 Roading Projects Activity Report to 26 February 2010**

Work is progressing on the 2009/10 Regional Development projects. With the biggest contract, Waimata Valley Road, Stage 2 completed.

Engineering and Works Manager Peter Higgs said that Regional Development Programme funding had been cut back to \$30M yearly.

A resource consent has been granted for the Midway Beach Walkway, although the consent is still subject to appeal.

*Stock Effluent Disposal Facility* – an informal agreement has been reached which will allow the Stock Effluent Disposal Facility to be sited adjacent to the Matawhero Saleyards but will require a new consent.

MOVED by Cr Burdett, seconded by Cr Thomson

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

**CARRIED**

#### **7.8 No. 10/138 Rivers and Land Drainage Activity Report to 1 February 2010**

Cr Seymour expressed concern at the removal of log jams off the bridge at Tolaga Bay after the Anniversary Weekend flood on 31 January 2010. It was two weeks before the logs were all finally cleared.

Engineering and Works Manager Peter Higgs said the removal of the logs off bridges is a judgment call to be made by the owner of the bridge.

MOVED by Cr Hope, seconded by Cr Wilson

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

**CARRIED**

#### **7.9 No. 10/096 HB Williams Memorial Library Financial Results to 31 December 2009**

MOVED by Cr Wilson, seconded by Cr Aston

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

**CARRIED**

#### **7.10 No. 10/135 HB Williams Memorial Library Activity Report: October 2009 – February 2010**

District Librarian Pene Walsh told the committee that the Library have a zero tolerance programme with regard to bad behaviour at the Library and City Watch have been a great help by coming to the library seven to eight times daily. City Watch had been extra helpful over the Christmas period.

Pene said a positive was that general usage of the library had increased by 30%.

MOVED by Cr Thomson, seconded by Cr Burdett

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

**CARRIED**

#### **8. Late items**

There were no late items.

#### **9. Questions**

There were no questions.

#### **10. General Business**

*(a) Stock Route, Ruatoria* - Cr Burdett asked what progress was being made with the Ruatoria Stock Route and the Engineering and Works Manager Peter Higgs said that the Stock Route is intended to be pegged out within the next week.

#### **11. Public Excluded Business**

There was no Public Excluded business.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 2.35pm

Graeme Thomson  
**Chairperson**