
**CONFIRMED MINUTES
OF THE ROADING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THIRD FLOOR, WAITAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL
HEADQUARTERS, 20 THAMES STREET, OAMARU
ON TUESDAY, 13 MAY 2025 AT 10:16 AM**

PRESENT: Cr Jim Thomson (Chair), Member John McCone, Member Gary Kircher,
Member Guy Percival

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr Jim Hopkins
Cr Courtney Linwood
Cr Rebecca Ryan
Cr Jeremy Holding
Lisa Baillie (Director, Community Engagement and Experience)
Roger Cook (Director, Natural and Built Environment)
Erik van der Spek (Operations Manager)
Arlene Goss (Minutes)
Jason Lilley (Website and Digital Content Creator)

This meeting was live streamed and is available to watch at:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/baWssxONuwU?si=Ps4CAnMeb1ce-pKm>

The Chair declared the meeting open at 10.16am and welcomed everyone present.

1 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED RSC 2025/001

Moved: Member Jim Thomson

Seconded: Member Guy Percival

That the apology received from Cr Brent Cowles be accepted.

CARRIED

Cr Hopkins, who is not a member of this committee, raised a point of order due to having technical issues with the agenda. The Governance Lead apologised and said it would not happen again.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

3.1 PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE ROADING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11 FEBRUARY 2025

RESOLVED RSC 2025/002

Moved: Chairperson Jim Thomson

Seconded: Mayor Gary Kircher

That the Roding Sub-Committee confirms the Public minutes of the Roding Sub-Committee Meeting held on 11 February 2025, as circulated, is a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

4 DECISION REPORTS

4.1 BATTERSBY ROAD AND SERVICE LEVELS

The purpose of this report was to determine the desired service level for 480m of seal on Battersby Road.

In March 2022, Council sealed 480m of Battersby Road. This sealed section is not holding up to traffic use, with high maintenance costs. Council indicated a review of service levels in its draft Infrastructure Strategy 2025-2035. A decision is required on future service levels for this section of road.

Erik van der Spek spoke to this report and explained the situation at Battersby Road. He recommended that the road seal be scarified.

Questions were asked about why the road was sub-standard in the first place. There was very little information about how this happened. It was a concern that within three years this needed to be re-visited.

Cr Hopkins did not recall making any decision on this issue and does not believe it came to council in the past.

Discussion followed on the large number of heavy trucks that use this stretch of road. This was a major service road for a business, and the amount of traffic was causing a dust problem for the houses and paddocks.

Cr McCone believed it should remain sealed.

Cr Percival said what was there should be retained and maintained. He believed only a third of the road was in bad shape, not all of it.

Roger Cook asked the committee to be mindful that Council had no money and there were many other roads serving larger populations that had unsealed, dusty roads and residents who wanted them sealed.

There was further discussion with all councillors giving their views.

The mayor asked staff to learn from this matter and Mr van der Spek said staff would be investigating how the original poor seal quality occurred.

The chairman suggested that Council needed to understand its strategic routes in the network, so decisions could be made on service levels.

RESOLVED RSC 2025/003

Moved: Chairperson Jim Thomson

Seconded: Cr John McCone

That the Roading Sub-Committee instructs staff to continue to maintain the current seal at Battersby Road.

CARRIED

4.2 ELDESLIE ROAD STOPPING

The purpose of this report was to stop and dispose of part of a legal road currently being used as a formed road carriageway (metal) and unformed road carriageway at Elderslie Road, Weston-Ngapara, after Waiareka Creek crossing and after the A2O Cycle Trail entrance. The 3.185677 hectares of road would be amalgamated with adjoining land.

Mr van der Spek introduced this report. The land would be sold to the adjoining landowner for an amount of no less than market valuation.

Stopping the road after the A2O Cycle Trail entrance would ensure continued public access.

The formed part of the road serves only the adjoining landowner and there is no current or future intended use for the unformed portion of the road.

The road stopping and sale of land would solve planting encroachment issues that are the responsibility of the adjoining landowner and would save Council maintenance costs of approximately \$20,000 over 40 years.

Councillors asked if staff could be sure that this unformed road would never be needed for other purposes. Mr van der Spek said from the information available to him, stopping the road posed no issue. Discussion took place on protecting access to other properties and the Alps2Ocean track.

Council would still be responsible for the heritage bridge and culvert in the area.

RESOLVED RSC 2025/004

Moved: Mayor Gary Kircher

Seconded: Cr John McCone

That the Roothing Sub-Committee:

1. Agrees to stop approx. 3.2 hectares of unformed and formed Road, part of Elderslie Road, located approx. 311m from Weston-Ngapara Road intersection, known as Parcel ID 3181610, and transfers the land to the adjoining landowner; and
2. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive to negotiate and undertake the necessary actions for the disposal of the land, with the results being reported back to the Roothing Sub-committee.

CARRIED

5 MEETING CLOSE

Roger Cook asked for guidance on whether future decisions on road sealing should come to the sub-committee. The sub-committee asked for this to be managed on a case-by-case basis.

The chairman said there would need to be more work done on roading levels of service, as councillors needed to be more honest with ratepayers that service levels would need to drop, or rates would go very high.

The meeting closed at 11.02am.

TO BE CONFIRMED at the Roothing Sub-Committee Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 12 August 2025.