

**KAIKOURA DISTRICT COUNCIL WORKS & SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.00AM ON
THURSDAY 17TH FEBRUARY IN MEMORIAL HALL
SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

PRESENT: Councillor Pablecheque (Chair), Mayor K Heays, Councillors B Seddon, M McChesney, J Diver, J Macphail, S Thomas, B Woods.

IN ATTENDANCE: S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), L Copping (Executive Officer), M Fletcher (Connell Wagner), M Dasler (Connell Wagner), J Doggett (Works Infrastructure).

1. MINUTES ACTION LIST

Consultation with Peketa Water Users

Councillor Seddon requested an update on progress to date. The Chief Executive Officer advised a meeting was expected to be held with users within the next month.

2. WORKS & SERVICES REPORTS

a. Works & Services

M Dasler presented the report for December 2004 and January 2005.

Urban Water Supply

M Dasler advised water demand over December had been lower than typical due to wet weather, however a marked increase in water consumption was apparent during January as the weather became drier.

Apart from a break in the main trunk line which occurred on New Year's Day, and was repaired by Works Infrastructure, inspections to all water treatment and control facilities had found all elements of the water supply to be operating well.

Kaikoura Water Supply Renewal

M Dasler advised as part of the footpath construction work currently taking place in South Bay, the old galvanised laterals and water tobies nearing the end of their useful life had been replaced.

A full program of other renewal work to be undertaken in the current financial year was included in the agenda. M Dasler advised design was underway for the highest priority projects, noting due to budget limitations priority had been given to complete a number of small projects where customers were getting poor service rather than replacing pipes with a history of failure. Upon completion of designs, the renewal projects would be tendered and referred back to

Council for final approval. The identified renewal projects were as follows:

Work proposed current year

1. *Bayview Street*
2. *Ludstone Road (East)*
3. *Ludstone Road (West)*
4. *Old Beach Road*
5. *Pooles Road*

Work proposed in subsequent years

1. *Torquay & Killarney Sts (from Yarmouth to Esplanade)*
2. *Torquay St (Margate to Brighton)*
3. *Esplanade*
4. *Deal Street*

Sewer Treatment

M Dasler advised daily sewer flows had risen significantly in late January/early February which was directly related to increased customer usage. He advised work had been undertaken to temporarily relieve the problem.

Sewage Treatment Upgrade

Councillor Diver declared an interest in the sewage treatment upgrade.

Tenders for the upgrade of the oxidation pond effluent disposal closed on 28 January 2005. M Dasler advised three tenders were received with the contract awarded to City Care Ltd. He advised the proposed start date was 1 March 2005 and was a 12 week contract.

It was noted that the total price of \$314,946.43 included a \$20,000 contingency allowance, and approximately \$42,000 worth of items which would be funded by Transit NZ as part of their development of a digester to treat collected stock truck effluent.

Councillor Woods asked if all works fell in line with Council's resource consent. M Dasler a certificate of compliance from Environment Canterbury had been received advising all works could be undertaken.

Mayor Heays advised he had fielded a number of enquiries over recent weeks as there appeared to be a lot of misconception from residents, further noting he believed a formal objection was going to be lodged against the proposed stock effluent site.

M Dasler provided background information. He advised Transit were proposing to have their stock truck effluent dumping site on the other side of town. A digester would be used with the design of the digester such that it should not smell. He advised Council had had no involvement in the preparation of the resource consent due to it being fully funded by Transit.

Mayor Heays enquired if Council had an arrangement with Transit for local septic tank contractors to use the proposed Transit site for disposal. M Dasler advised Council had an agreement with Transit to take over the operation of the digester, while Transit would control pick-ups. He advised it would be of benefit to Council as Transit was in effect giving Council a digester that was perfectly suited to its system.

The Chief Executive Officer advised the proposal from Transit had been rather timely in that Council had had to stop septic tank operators disposing straight into the ponds. He advised currently Council was only accepting emergency disposal, with the rest being taken out of town.

It was agreed that M Dasler be asked to write a small article for inclusion in the local newspaper for clarification to the public.

Parks & Reserves

Mayor Heays asked if the reserve in Wakatu Street was included in regular inspections. M Fletcher advised the reserve had been ignored in the past mainly due to it being treated as a right of way by the surrounding residents.

Mayor Heays advised the residents no longer wished to maintain it, and it was now in a very untidy state. M Dasler advised it would be included in the regular inspections programme.

b. Roothing

The report was presented by M Fletcher.

M Fletcher advised there would be no assistance from Land Transport NZ for the sealing of Old Beach Road as it had advised the proposal for the Old Beach Road seal extension did not meet the benefit cost ratio.

M Fletcher noted he had checked to see if a recent accident on Old Beach Road involving 5 youth on a beach buggy could be used to help bring the benefit cost ratio up, however it was found it could not be used and Council was now back to where it had started with a project that would not be funded by Land Transport New Zealand.

Mayor Heays asked the costs associated with sealing Old Beach Road. M Fletcher advised the cost would be approximately \$150,000.

Councillor Diver asked if Council were to seal the road, would it attract funding for maintenance. M Fletcher advised Transfund would fund the general share of the maintenance.

The Chief Executive Officer advised if Council wished to seal Old Beach Road it would need to be included in the budget for 2005/2006

Footpath Upgrades

M Fletcher advised footpath upgrades were in full swing by contractor Fulton Hogan and to date the South Bay footpath between Phairs Drain and Finz Restaurant had been completed.

Councillor Diver enquired if consideration had been given at any time to shift the power-pole in South bay where the new footpath had been formed. M Fletcher advised they did not see the need at the time, however between measuring up and doing the work, Telecom had put in a new box which he knew nothing about. He advised when the footpath was constructed it was constructed closer to the parade than what was originally planned because of the Telecom box. It was thought the cost of shifting the power-pole far outweighed the final results.

The Chief Executive Officer advised the issue of the power-pole had been raised and measured up and as a result it was found the gap between the power-pole and the Telecom box was sufficient to meet requirements.

M Fletcher advised Fulton Hogan now intended completing the footpaths to be surfaced in chipseal in Kiwi, Hastings, Brighton and parts of Torquay Street noting Beach Road would be upgraded last when there was less foot traffic.

M Fletcher advised all works continued to be coordinated with providers such as Mainpower, however Mainpower had since advised of a cabling programme they wished to undertake in Kiwi Street. M Fletcher advised when Mainpower were asked why this had not been disclosed at earlier meetings prior to the footpath upgrade commencing, Mainpower had advised they worked on consumer demand, and that demand had recently increased. M Fletcher advised ducts were being placed in the new footpaths in Kiwi Street to accommodate Mainpower, at Mainpower's cost.

West End Re-Development – Stage 1

M Fletcher advised re-development work in the West-End was progressing well and it was hoped Stage 1 would be completed in approximately two weeks.

Road Marking

M Fletcher advised tenders had been invited for the road marking contract. Included in the contract were cycle lanes on both sides of the Esplanade between i-site and the Pier Hotel.

Councillor McChesney expressed concern and advised the current angle parking opposite the Blue Pacific Hotel, Encounter Kaikoura and Mayfair Theatre must stay.

Councillor Diver requested a copy of the cycle lane plan to be circulated.

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Seddon and resolved that the Works & Services Reports be received.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.10am.