

# **REPORT OF THE KAIKOURA DISTRICT COUNCIL WORKS & SERVICES MEETING HELD AT 9.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST 2005 IN THE 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), G Saidy (Asset Manager), M Roberts-Saidy (Asset Manager), M Fletcher (Connell Wagner), J Doggett, K Williams (Works Infrastructure).

## ***1. SITE VISIT:***

The meeting adjourned at 9.00am for a site visit to the newly upgraded oxidation ponds on Old Beach Road.

The meeting resumed at 10.11am

## ***2. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS REPORT***

### **Hapuku Rail Crossing**

Mayor Heays advised it was pleasing to note the railway crossing at Hapuku settlement had been repaired by way of sealing on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August.

### **West End Toilet Signage**

Councillor McChesney noted toilet signage for the West End facility had still not been placed on State Highway at the West End Intersection. M Fletcher advised he would follow the matter up with Transit and their consultants.

## ***3. MINUTES ACTION LIST UPDATE***

### **Stock Effluent**

M Fletcher advised he would be meeting with two local farmers later in the day, with further meetings with individual farmers expected to take place over the next few months.

### **Moa Point Seawall**

M Fletcher advised the Moa Point Seawall resource consent application was ready to be lodged with Environment Canterbury subject to consultation with Takahanga Marae, further noting he would be meeting with Takahanga Marae later in the day.

## ***4. WORKS & SERVICES REPORTS***

### ***a) Works & Services***

The Asset Manager presented the report.

### **Leak Detection**

The Asset Manager advised the repair of water leakages identified within the water reticulation had been completed with an estimated total saving of 237.6m<sup>3</sup> of water per day.

The Chief Executive Officer noted there would be an instant saving once Council started using a pumping system as the amount in saving of power for pumping that amount of water would be equivalent to the cost to rectify the leaks.

Councillor Seddon noted the amount of water being saved equated to the total usage of the Fernleigh water scheme.

### **Metering of Commercial Properties**

Of the 17 properties identified to be metered, 9 would be metered and were expected to be completed by August 26.

It was noted further discussions would be convened to determine the cost effectiveness of metering properties that posed a difficulty in installing meters.

### **Sewer System**

As a result of the new pumps and one of the new filtration beds being commissioned on 22 July, the water levels in the pond had now dropped to normal levels.

### **Stormwater**

The Asset Manager advised the broken stormwater outlet at Moa Point which continued to block due to ingress of shingles and weeds getting into the main from the sea during high tide had been repaired by way of a flood valve being installed. There were no other significant problems with the town stormwater system.

### **Discharge Audit**

Auditing of individual properties to determine discharge points was completed with over 1000 properties assessed within the urban area. Of the 22 properties found to be connected to the sewer system, 7 had been corrected with some premises to be revisited or written to, to confirm disconnection. The total flow contribution of the 22 properties identified equated to 486m<sup>3</sup> per day.

The Asset Manager suggested Council may need to look at using smoke tests to determine additional properties that may be connected to the system.

### **Public Toilets**

While most public toilet facilities in the district were in a fair condition, there continued to be serious vandalism at the West End facility with wall boards broken on two separate occasions, and one of the ladies toilets vandalized.

The Asset Manager advised suggestions had been received from the auditor following Council's recent Green Globe audit, which were being implemented by way of working with the contractor.

It was suggested a closed circuit camera, and the costs associated with such installation be looked at as a deterrent. The Chief Executive Officer advised closed circuit security had been looked into some 2-3 years ago which had proved to be rather expensive, however he would reinvestigate the costs.

Councillor Woods noted an upcoming workshop meeting with the Commissioner and new principal of the High School may be an opportune time to discuss vandalism with this sector of the community.

**b) *Roading***

M Fletcher presented the report. He advised the traffic counting programme was beginning to show interesting patterns now that there were five years of counts, in particular the Inland Road count which had shown a negative growth of 6.2 percent over the past five years and Mill road a growth rate of positive 2.6 percent.

Councillor Macphail expressed concern at the negative growth of the Inland Road and reminded M Fletcher this had been discussed at the previous meeting where he had advised he would investigate with the Hurunui district on their counts. M Fletcher advised he would follow this matter up and report back to the Committee at the next meeting.

**West End Redevelopment**

The Chief Executive Officer advised the Business Discussion Group were presently seeking feedback from businesses in the West End with regard to the West End street upgrade. Councillor Woods asked if they would be likely to be seeking extra funding for the Architect they had engaged to draw new designs.

The Chief Executive Officer recalled Council had agreed to raise a loan for 200,000 and a further loan for \$500,000 for the upgrade and development of the West End. He advised there were still substantial amounts available, with the bulk of the \$500,000 still available for the rest of the upgrade.

Councillor McChesney asked if an item could be placed in the Council newsletter advising residents of who they should contact should a streetlight not be working.

***Moved by Councillor Seddon, seconded by Councillor Woods and resolved that the Works & Services reports be received.***

***G Saily, M Roberts-Saily, M Fletcher, J Doggett and K Williams left the meeting at 10.57am.***

## **5. BEACH ROAD PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT**

A report was presented by the Environmental Development Officer regarding the establishment of a children's playground at a section of land purchased by Council at 173 Beach Road.

Three ideas for playgrounds were obtained and included in the agenda. The view of children and adults throughout the community had been sought, and the cost of the equipment was as follows:

- Jungle Escape 402                 \$18,484
- Jungle Escape 404                 \$21,993
- Jungle Escape 406                 \$25,482

All prices included installation and excluded GST.

The Environmental Development Officer advised the cost of each option was within the \$32,000 budget set aside for the development of the reserve, and further noted the only additional cost would be bark or matting that was required to be laid under the equipment.

***Moved by Councillor Seddon, seconded by Councillor McChesney and resolved that playground equipment "Jungle Escape 406" be purchased for installation on the Beach Road Playground and that it be funded from the Reserves Development account.***

### ***Discussion:***

Councillor Diver asked the size of the playground and if there was a plan of where it would sit on the site. The Environmental Development Officer affirmed there was a site plan for positioning of the playground, however it would need to be moved closer to Beach Road in order to prevent vandalism.

Mayor Heays asked if there was room on the section for other facilities or for growth, as he felt this would be a golden opportunity for a public toilet facility to be included on the site.

The Chief Executive Officer advised if the committee wished to debate on whether a public toilet facility be placed on the site, then this could be investigated. He advised it was a policy decision on whether Council wanted toilets on that particular site which was a totally separate issue, and noted that Council could be assured that the playground equipment would be sited in a position to allow for future toilets.

Councillor Diver advised while that specific section may be looked at, there was also a park on the northern end of Beach road, adjacent to the Beach Road Store, where Council received numerous complaints that it was being used for toileting.

***Moved by Mayor Heays, seconded by Councillor McChesney and resolved that Council investigate the feasibility of public toilets on Beach Road, and in particular the playground site at 173 Beach Road.***

## **6. REQUEST FOR SUNDIAL ON ESPLANADE**

A report was presented by the Chief Executive Officer advising a request had been received from the family of the late Thomas Smith for permission to erect a sundial on the Esplanade in the vicinity of the wooden carving. He advised the request was not out of character with the Coastal Management Strategy and could be seen as a feature on the waterfront.

***Moved by Councillor Woods, seconded by Councillor McChesney and resolved that approval to granted to Mrs J Smith for the erection of a sundial on the Esplanade and that it be installed under the supervision of Council's engineers.***

***The motion was put and carried.***

***Discussion:***

Councillor Macphail noted there was already a track named after the late Thomas Smith and asked if this would become normal practice for families. The Chief Executive Officer advised requests were received on a regular basis from families and individuals who generally wanted to place seats on the Esplanade. Such requests were checked with the Coastal Management Strategy and then brought to Council.

Councillor Woods advised she felt a sundial was a great idea as there were a lot of people who did not know how to read a sundial.

Councillor Diver requested the mower contractor be consulted on location prior to it being erected for ease of mowing.

## ***7. LYELL CREEK FOOTBRIDGE***

The Chief Executive Officer tabled a brief report and drawing of the proposed replacement of the Lyell Creek footbridge.

He advised the bridge would be 24.4 metres in length with a width of 2.8 metres. The proposed footing would be 11.8 metres in length, 6.2 metres wide and 2 metres thick with the supporting pole 8.6 metres in length. The bridge would be constructed from 4 metre length concrete slabs and secured by wire ropes with handrails 1 metre above deck level.

The final cost was estimated to be within the \$150,000 originally suggested as the cost to build the bridge.

The Chief Executive Officer advised D Wyeth, formerly of Works Infrastructure Kaikoura had advised he had been unable to retrieve design data as the engineer who had designed the bridge had since left the company and suggested Council now approve a structural engineer to take the plan forward as it would certainly need to be structurally designed in order to obtain a consent. The Chief Executive Officer advised one of Council's engineers was a structural engineer but not yet registered in New Zealand, and suggested it could be structurally

designed in-house, followed by a peer review. He further noted the proposed bridge had the support of the business community.

Councillor McChesney asked if Council was confined to this particular concept, or whether another design could be investigated. The Chief Executive Officer advised the drawing that he had tabled was a supported concept and if put out to a structural engineer it would be structurally designed as per the concept provided.

Councillor Seddon suggested Council's in-house engineer be given the opportunity to look at different concepts.

***Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Macphail and resolved that Council's in-house engineer provide a structural design to be peer reviewed.***

***Discussion:***

The Chief Executive Officer advised if the design concept was revisited as suggested, it would be unlikely the bridge would be in place by Christmas as it would also need to be approved by Council's building inspectors and would then need to be priced.

**8. BAYVIEW STREET UPGRADE**

M Fletcher advised the contract for the upgrade of Bayview Street had been tendered in accordance with the Transfund Competitive Pricings Procedures with tenders closing on Tuesday 26 July 2005.

Two tenders were received as follows:

1.	Works Infrastructure	\$168,140.74
2.	Fulton Hogan	\$184,553.78
3.	Engineers Estimate	\$151,391.06

M Fletcher advised the non-price attributes of the lowest tender, being Works Infrastructure, had been assessed and had passed.

***Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor McChesney and resolved that Bayview Street Upgrade 2005 be awarded to Works Infrastructure.***

**9. PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION**

***Moved by Councillor Woods, seconded by Councillor Seddon and resolved that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely***

***a. Bayview Street Upgrade***

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.21am.***