

# **REPORT OF THE KAIKOURA DISTRICT COUNCIL WORKS & SERVICES MEETING HELD AT 9.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 21 DECEMBER 2005 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), L Copping (Executive Officer), G Saidy (Asset Manager), M Roberts-Saidy (Asset Manager), M Fletcher (Connell Wagner).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Diver – for lateness.

## **1. MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORT OF 16/11/2005**

### **Glass on Footpaths**

Councillor Thomas noted the area surrounding the Whaleway carpark was now being kept clear of glass by Council workers and suggested road sweepers be sent up there on a weekly basis. M Fletcher advised he would attend to this matter.

## **2. MINUTES ACTION LIST**

### **Stock Effluent**

M Fletcher advised a meeting had been held with a local farmer who was happy to cooperate with council regarding this matter. He advised the next stage was to gather all farmers together to come to some agreement regarding stock effluent on roads.

### **Closed Circuit Camera**

M Roberts-Saidy advised costs for installing permanent cable at various locations to allow a closed circuit camera to be moved from site to site had been received and were \$479 per site.

Councillor Macphail advised of a wireless camera system available.

### **Signage at Whaleway carpark**

M Roberts-Saidy advised Works Infrastructure had been contacted and requested to place litter and recycling signage at the Whaleway carpark.

### **Banner Arms**

As banners had a limited life it was decided the size of banners would be looked at as and when they needed replacing in the future.

### **Underground Cabling – Bayview Street**

G Saidy advised investigations with Mainpower had shown underground powercables in Bayview Street had all been laid.

### 3. *REPORTS*

#### *a) Works & Services*

The Asset Manager presented the report.

#### **Urban Water Supply**

Operational problems were experienced during the month with residents on Beach Road and Scarborough Street experiencing low water pressure.

G Saidy advised of a further problem on Sunday 18 December where the telemetry system had been disabled.. The telemetry was now being integrated with both the new system and old system.

#### **New Water Source**

Installation of a second bore was commenced during the month of November and was progressing well. Power cables and transformers had also been installed.

#### **Sewer System**

A breakdown was experienced with damage to an air valve located at the Oxidation Pond on the 200AC Mill Road pumping main. This was temporarily repaired on the day with permanent repairs scheduled to take place at the same time inlet screens were installed.

#### *b) Roothing Report*

M Fletcher presented the report

#### **Land Transport Programme**

M Fletcher advised the 2006/2007 Land Transport Programme had been submitted to Transfund which included the Middle Creek Bridge replacement programmed for the 2006/2007 financial year.

The Chief Executive Officer advised he had recently received notification that the subsidy rate for the Kaikoura district had dropped a further 1%, bringing it down to 47% effective July 2006.

#### **Routine Road and Bridge Inspections**

M Fletcher advised of concern that tree, shrub and grass cutting for all roads in the district had not yet commenced. Urgent work on the Blue Duck Road including the repair of three slips and surface water channeling was also outstanding. M Fletcher advised Works Infrastructure had advised this would not be carried out until 9 January 2006.

Councillor Seddon advised he was constantly being informed by ratepayers that roads in rural areas of the district were in the worst state they had ever been in, further noting road edges were being cut extremely roughly. Councillor Seddon noted traditionally a third of the rate intake came from the rural area and it appeared not enough money was going back into rural roading.

M Fletcher advised he would schedule a meeting in the new year with Works Infrastructure and their South Island Manager. It was decided Councillors Pablecheque and Seddon would also attend the meeting.

The Chief Executive Officer reminded Councillors it was important if they received complaints that they were forwarded to appropriate Council Staff.

Councillor Woods advised she had received complaints of large trucks breaking up the road in Ludstone Road, on the Red Swamp Road bend. M Fletcher advised he would inspect the area concerned later in the day.

#### **Traffic Counting Programme**

Councillor McChesney suggested the traffic counter be placed down the beach end of Hawthorne Road, outside St John on a yearly basis.

#### **Speed Limits Criteria**

Included in the agenda was Setting of Speed Limits Guidelines from Land Transport New Zealand for information. M Fletcher advised Council was now able to vary speed limits throughout the district but noted the key was consistency throughout the country.

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

#### **4. LYELL CREEK FOOTBRIDGE**

The Asset Manager advised preliminary design drawings were now completed. Drawings and costings from Shipston Davies Limited were tabled showing the total cost of the bridge to be as follows:

Building Works	\$314,000
Project Contingency	<u>\$ 31,000</u>
	<b>\$345,000</b>

#### **Exclusions**

- Consents
- Professional Fees
- Legal and Financing Costs
- Land Costs
- GST

The Asset Manager advised piles would be used to support the bridge, with the design of the piles dependent on the strength of the ground. Tests were currently being undertaken to test the bearing capacity on the ground.

The Chief Executive Officer advised the bridge was part of stage 2 of the West End upgrade and no specific amount had been earmarked for the bridge.

Councillor Seddon expressed concern at the cost and suggested it be reduced in size, noting the old bridge had been much smaller than the design tabled today and had withstood many floods.

M Fletcher advised the real issue was not the length but rather the concept as the proposed bridge was a suspension bridge for aesthetic purposes. He advised it was a concept from the Business Discussion Group that Council was asked to develop.

The Chief Executive Officer advised the bridge at the other end of the West End had cost approximately \$100,000, however the proposed bridge was a totally different structure and design and was suspended from cables. He advised the stainless steel was a major cost as was the substantial cost to secure it due to it being built on pea gravel.

Councillor Woods advised she felt it was a delightful design, especially if it was made of stainless steel, and suggested it be funded other than by way of loan.

The Chief Executive Officer advised to date funding had not been addressed as preliminary costing estimates had just been received earlier in the day.

Councillor McChesney advised she had believed the bridge would only cost half as much as had been quoted and suggested a simple bridge like the one used at the other end of the West End as it would allow more funds to be spent on upgrading of the town centre.

Mayor Heays advised it appeared the people that had been consulted with to date had an issue with time which Council needed to listen to. He advised while the aesthetics of the bridge were important, they did not need to be part of the actual structure of the bridge and suggested the aesthetics be incorporated falsely or as a façade.

Councillor Macphail advised he favoured constructing a simple bridge with façade.

Councillor Seddon advised he felt the costs were far too high and suggested going back to the drawing board for a basic design.

Councillor Woods recalled in the past Council had often had something designed and had to pull back because of price and suggested getting a group of people together to make it a memorial bridge.

The Chief Executive Officer advised it may be possible to attract funds and suggested a group such as the Lions could possibly apply to

community trust for funds to re-build the bridge. Councillor McChesney noted the costs tabled could be used as a guideline for such applications.

M Fletcher advised himself and the Asset Manager could redraw a practical simple bridge design that could be enhanced with aesthetics.

Councillor Seddon advised he felt that was certainly the way Council should be going, along with suggesting to the Lions to apply for funding as they had an interest in the previous bridge.

***Moved by Councillor Seddon, seconded by Councillor Woods and resolved that Council instruct its engineers to bring back a concept of a basic bridge design along with costings and that all funding avenues be pursued.***

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

Mayor Heays requested it be noted that Council and its engineers had done what it had set out to do with regard to the bridge.

## **5. STATE HIGHWAY 1 / WEST END INTERSECTION**

The Asset Manager advised a request had been received from B Stratton of Transit New Zealand to investigate a second lane at the West End intersection. He advised the idea had been floated with the Business Discussion Group, who had requested the additional lane, and with affected businesses in the West End. Businesses in the West End had not supported the idea and had advised they would prefer to retain existing carparks as they were integral to their businesses, especially the take away shop. They had also noted cars often drove into the West End on the wrong side of the road, which was very frequent in the summer period.

Councillor McChesney advised while she understood parking affected businesses such as the take away shop, she believed Council shouldn't be asking affected businesses to make the decision because they would naturally not want to lose parks outside their shops and noted the second lane concept would stop the backup of traffic through the West End.

Councillor Woods felt on the whole it was a very sound idea to get rid of the three carparks on the left hand side, however she felt the design tabled was over-kill.

Councillor Seddon favoured the two lanes with one park of the three existing parks being removed and all of the five parks on the other side removed, as shown in Transit's plan as it would allow for better traffic flow.

Councillor Thomas noted while the proposed change meant the loss of 6 carparks, a lot of additional parking had been provided at the Whaleway

carpark. He advised he also believed the parks on the left side were currently a safety issue.

Councillor Macphail suggested a trial period as congestion at the intersection needed to be addressed further noting it did not detract from what Council was trying to achieve.

***Moved by Councillor McChesney, seconded by Councillor Macphail and resolved that Council approve Transit New Zealand's State Highway 1/West End intersection concept for a trial period.***

***Against: Councillor Woods***

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.39am.***