

**REPORT OF THE KAIKOURA DISTRICT COUNCIL
WORKS & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT
9.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2006 IN THE
MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE,
KAIKOURA.**

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

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors M McChesney, J Diver.

Moved by Councillor Woods, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that apologies be accepted.

1. MATTERS TO BE RAISED AS URGENT BUSINESS

New Water Source – Public Excluded *(Councillor Seddon)*

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORT OF 15/02/2006

Middle Creek Bridge

M Fletcher advised funding from Land Transport New Zealand for the replacement of Middle Creek Bridge was not looking hopeful as it was unlikely to attract funding due to not reaching the required benefit cost ratio of 4.

Land Transport New Zealand had advised funding may be available through Regional Funding which required a benefit cost ratio of 2.5, or alternatively if the bridge could be built for under \$200,000 and a flow chart exercise showed that, it may also attract funding.

M Fletcher advised replacement costs had been estimated between \$250,000 and \$270,000. To replace the bridge below \$200,000 would be a compromise on standards and would entail reusing existing steel beams and a timber deck instead of precast concrete.

The Chief Executive Officer advised \$170,000 was included in the budget for replacement of this bridge.

Councillor Seddon asked what was wrong with the bridge. M Fletcher advised the main problem was the foundations where one had deteriorated and rotted through. M Fletcher suggested it may be able to be jacked up and repaired.

Councillor Seddon suggested M Fletcher be charged with inspecting the bridge to see if it could be made safe for truck use for under \$170,000, and if so it would then be funded as of right.

M Fletcher advised himself and the Asset Manager would visit the site later in the day to look at options and report back to the next Council meeting.

Kincaid Water Supply

Councillor Seddon advised there appeared to be a feeling within the community that irrigations occurring may use up all of the water and asked for clarification.

The Asset Manager advised the issue of irrigation was not affecting the Kincaid water supply as there was enough water at the headworks for all Kincaid users. The main issue was not the volume of water available but rather how much the system could take due to the limited size of the pipes.

Upgrading of some of the infrastructure was intended to be undertaken following an inventory being undertaken to update current records. A survey form had been sent to all Kincaid users asking for an indication of future water unit requirements in order to provide some idea in terms of planning and upgrade requirements.

The Chief Executive Officer advised it was the responsibility of the Kincaid Water Committee to upgrade the network and costs would be incorporated into the charge of any new units.

Moa Point Sea Wall

M Fletcher advised Councils resource consent application had now been passed on to GHD Consulting by Environment Canterbury for processing however GHD Consulting had advised they believed the consent should be notified. M Fletcher advised he had spoken with GHD Consulting regularly over the past two weeks as he believed the consent was not required to be notified.

M Fletcher advised he was having a lot of problems with Environment Canterbury with regard to processing of consents as they were frequently sending them out to consultants as there appeared to be a shortage of staff and knowledge at Environment Canterbury and advised he would be lodging a complaint on behalf of all engineers in Christchurch.

Councillor Seddon advised he believed there were two options for Council, one being to visit all affected parties to gain consent however that would be very time consuming. The other option would be to make the consent notified which he believed to be the best approach in order to progress the matter and obtain consent.

M Fletcher advised he had no concerns with anyone stopping the consent and agreed the quickest way may well be to notify the consent.

State Highway 1/West End Intersection

Mayor Heays expressed concern that the work recently undertaken at the intersection of State Highway 1 and the West End did not resemble the plan that Council had agreed to and consulted with the community on and asked did Council not approve a plan where parking spaces were to be removed and replaced with a double lane on the left hand side for southbound traffic exiting the West End. He advised he had spoken with Barry Stratten of Transit the previous week who had advised the islands had initially been removed for sealing purposes and would be replaced immediately.

The Asset Manager advised Council could go back to Transit to see why the car parks had not been removed, however he believed the works were not yet fully completed.

Councillor Woods advised she felt the new intersection was working extremely well and suggested it be left as is as a trial period and the matter be revisited next summer.

Councillor Pablecheque advised he felt the new design was better than the originally proposed design that Council had agreed to.

Mayor Heays advised the theory behind the works was to alleviate the long queues of traffic by forming two lanes for a trial period and it now appeared Transit had changed the trial format.

Councillor Woods advised she was happy to trial the works that had been undertaken and suggested Council wait until the work was completed before approaching Transit.

Councillor Macphail advised he did not think the work had improved the traffic flow and suggested the Asset Manager report back to Council at the April meeting.

3. MINUTES ACTION UPDATE LIST

Stock Effluent

Mayor Heays asked how farmers were reacting to being spoken to regarding this issue.

M Fletcher advised he had received mixed reactions. While some farmers were happy to resolve and clean the matter up others had suggested they were unwilling to financially contribute toward stock races as they were unsure how long their farm leases would be renewed for.

The Chief Executive Officer advised one farmer had been advised Council would be putting in a sewer line later in the year at which time it would also put a race in.

Councillor Woods asked was Council suggesting it would work in collaboration with the farmer when the sewer line and lane was

constructed. She advised if Council was going to come into agreement with this farmer then the farmer needed to be clearly told of their responsibility to keep the lane clear.

Mayor Heays asked why Council was putting in a lane for farmers.

The Chief Executive Officer advised it was an agreement made some years ago where it was agreed that Council would fund the race and the farmer would fund the crossings and culverts. It was also required in terms of Council's Stock Droving By-law. Council needed to work in with individuals on what was the most appropriate and cost effective way of dealing with the matter.

Councillor Woods expressed interest in having future input into this matter as she believed farmers did not expect things from Council that Council may think farmers expected.

Closed Circuit Cameras

It was agreed the Asset Manager investigate and proceed with installation of a closed circuit camera near the West End toilet facility.

Meeting with Works Infrastructure South Island Manager

M Fletcher advised he would endeavor to arrange a meeting prior to the next Council meeting and provide a report back to the next meeting.

Lions Bridge Funding

The Asset Manager advised the bridge was currently at the tendering stage and a supplier for the deck had been identified. Resource consent was currently being sought with no issues from Environment Canterbury expected. The bridge would consist of a concrete deck with timber handrails approved by the Business Discussion Group.

Councillor Woods sought assurance that foreign hardwood would not be used for the timber handrails as it would be unethical for a Green Globe certified district to use such material. The Asset Manager advised pine would most likely be used.

Councillor Seddon suggested there were a lot of recycled hardwood timbers available that would be better for handrailing than pine.

Trucking Companies responsible for damaging road seal

Councillor Woods apologized for not supply this information to the Chief Executive Officer however she noted they were no longer using this area.

Criteria for Swayle Drainage

M Fletcher advised of a maintenance contract and document held by Works Infrastructure which included criteria for swayle drainage. In terms of maintenance gravelling, all roads were inspected annually with re-gravelling occurring every seven years. For sealed roads the criteria

was to cut the channels prior to sealing. On unsealed roads it was on an as required basis.

Grass Berms

Bayview Street

M Fletcher advised works were completed prior to Christmas 2005 at which time grass was sown on the berms. He advised new grass would be re-sown as the grass had failed to grow due to the dry summer conditions at the time of sowing.

Yarmouth Street

M Fletcher advised berms in Yarmouth Street were being re-sown.

Kiwi Street

Councillor Seddon advised of a very bad grassing example in Kiwi Street that he wished to bring to the attention of M Fletcher advising work of such poor standard should never be passed. Councillor Seddon advised he hoped grassing in Yarmouth, Bayview and Torquay Streets would be of a far better standard.

M Fletcher advised the work in Kiwi Street had not been accepted and noted grassing was generally an area where a lot of difficulty was encountered with contractors, in particular Kiwi Street.

4. REPORTS

a) Works & Services

The Asset Manager presented the report.

Urban Water

Two major problems were encountered with the water supply system during the month of February including the malfunction of the chlorination and flow meter at the Brunnels Road shed.

Constant low pressure or no water was experienced in the Scarborough Street area, mainly affecting Maui Street residents.

Sewer System

During the week of February 13-17 the pond deviated from its intended mode of operation creating odour in the neighbouring community. Lime was added to the pond which helped restore the system to its normal function.

Public Toilets

The Asset Manager advised the West End toilet facility had recently experience vandalism on two separate occasions.

Councillor Macphail recommended the toilets be locked at 9.00pm at night until closed circuit cameras were installed.

The Asset Manager advised while there were doors on the facility, they would require work in order for the facility to be lockable.

Mayor Heays advised he also believed Council should consider locking the facility at night.

Councillor Thomas noted many complaints were received into Council regarding people urinating in the street outside shop windows.

Councillor Woods suggested when the new toilet facility at Beach Road/Mill Road was installed the town toilet facilities be locked with a notice that public toilets are available at Beach Road and further suggested the toilets be locked with the changing room toilet left open under a user pay system.

M Fletcher advised the toilet facilities had been locked in the past however vandals had climbed over the top of the doors and vandalized the facility even more.

Councillor Thomas advised recent vandalism at the toilet facility gave urgency to installing a closed circuit camera. The Chief Executive Officer advised he would arrange for a camera to be installed near the West End toilet facility

b) Roading

Resealing

M Fletcher advised line marking had not been reinstated at Scarborough Street as yet. He advised the road had been measured and the lanes could not be narrowed any more than they were and the corner would now need to be narrowed following discussions with land owners.

Maintenance Gravelling

Mayor Heays advised he had received calls from a school bus driver and residents of Postmans and Chapmans Roads advising they believed Chapmans Road including Postmans Road Corner was in a worse state than it had been prior to gravelling. M Fletcher advised he would inspect the site later in the day.

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.22am.