

# **REPORT OF THE KAIKOURA DISTRICT COUNCIL WORKS & SERVICES MEETING HELD AT 9.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH 2007 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), L Copping (Executive Officer), G Saidy (Asset Manager), M Roberts-Saidy (Asset Manager), J Doggett (Works Infrastructure), M Rodgers (Fulton Hogan).

## ***1. MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORT OF 21/02/2007***

### **Litter in Lyell Creek**

Councillor McChesney asked how often litter was cleared from Lyell Creek. The Asset Manager advised Environment Canterbury were responsible for the care of Lyell Creek.

## ***2. MINUTES ACTION LIST UPDATE***

### **Additional Toilet Cleaning**

Investigations into costings for additional toilet cleaning were undertaken by the Asset Manager. The current contractor submitted a price of \$48 per additional clean for the West End toilet facility and \$198 for an additional daily clean of all facilities.

Councillor Woods asked if it was in Council's programme to upgrade the interior of the facilities. The Asset Manager advised the West End facility would be upgraded after the summer period. M Roberts-Saidy expressed concern at the attitude of some users following a recent inspection where it was found that the sinks were being used by campers for washing dishes and rubbish being thrown on the floor.

Councillor Woods suggested signage be placed in the facilities requesting people to use the receptacles provided. The Asset Manager advised she would arrange for signage to be erected.

Mayor Heays advised he believed the contractor cleaned the toilets to a high standard however it was rubbish on the floor that let the facility down.

Councillor Thomas suggested perhaps Council should employ a specific full time person to clean the toilets rather than using a contractor since the cost was so high. Councillor McChesney concurred with Councillor Thomas and noted it would be cheaper.

Councillor Diver suggested the Chief Executive Officer produce a small report/brief on what was expected within the current contract.

The Chief Executive Officer advised the toilet cleaning contract had a further three years to go and if Council was looking at reviewing the contract it would need to review it at the time it was due for renewal.

### **3. REPORTS**

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

The Asset Manager presented the Works & Services reports noting there were no problems with any systems throughout the district.

#### **Playgrounds**

The Asset Manager advised an audit of the safety of playground equipment in the district was carried out on 12 February 2007 by Central Traders. Two playgrounds were identified as requiring work as follows:

- Bayview Street – additional play facilities to make the site more interesting.
- Gooches Beach – work required on swing area. More up to date play equipment.

Councillor McChesney noted there was \$13,000 included in the budget for playgrounds and asked for a breakdown. The Chief Executive Officer advised the funds included in the budget were for upgrading rather than specific equipment. Councillor McChesney advised she would pursue this matter further at the next budget workshop.

#### ***b) Roothing***

The Roothing report was presented by the Asset Manager.

#### **Stock Effluent on Council Roads**

The Asset Manager advised two farmers within the district were interested in using Cow Trax road guard mats. He advised farmers from other districts had endorsed the use of this product.

#### **Sinkholes in Topline/Mt Fyffe Road**

Councillor Diver advised major sink holes were starting to appear at Topline Road and the top end of Mount Fyffe Road which he would like to see repaired prior to winter. The Asset Manager advised he was aware of the state of these roads and was looking in to whether the damage had been caused by Environment Canterbury extracting gravel from the Waimangarara River.

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

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.36am.***