

**REPORT OF THE KAIKOURA DISTRICT COUNCIL
WORKS & SERVICES MEETING HELD AT 9.00AM ON
WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL 2007 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL
SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), L Copping (Executive Officer), G Saily (Asset Manager), P Cook (Engineering Assistant), M Rodgers (Fulton Hogan), K Williams (Works Infrastructure).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Councillor B Seddon

1. REPORTS

a) Works & Services

The Asset Manager presented the report and advised there were no major problems experienced throughout the district for the month of March.

Sewer System

The Asset Manager advised the new oxidation ponds were working well. Mayor Heays asked if a use for the sludge had been found. The Asset Manager advised making use of the sludge was a possibility however the question was who would want to collect it and use it. The thickness of the bed was over 1 metre thick so it would take approximately 3-4 years to dry. There was the possibility of the sludge being mixed with sawdust from a pile adjacent to the ponds or with green waste to make some sort of compost.

Public Toilets

The physical appearance of some toilet facilities in the district were generally considered to be in very poor condition by residents and visitors alike and as a result costings had been obtained for upgrading. To replace the entire floor and wall in the town centre toilets with new tiles and to replace the formica around the sinks would cost approximately \$47,000.

The Asset Manager advised he was waiting on other costings and would provide a full report to Council at the May meeting when more costing were to hand.

b) Roading

Stock Effluent on Council Roads

Council's engineering assistant, P Cook, advised Council had instigated a trial with a dairy farmer to assess the effectiveness of Numat Industries Cow Trax Road Guard mat which was designed to allow liquid to pass through while holding solids. The cost of the matt was approximately

\$1,000 for an 8metre x 5 metre mat and a trial was being undertaken jointly funded by Council and the farmer.

Condition of Roads

The Asset Manager advised he had been and looked at the state of some of the districts roads, in particular Topline Road, following a request from Councillor Diver at the March meeting. Potholes, mostly generated from cows crossing the road, were observed and Works Infrastructure had been instructed to fill them. Councillor Diver advised he would arrange to visit Topline Road with the Asset Manager.

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

2. PUBLIC TOILET MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

A report on the specifications and expectations of the Public Convenience Cleaning contract was presented by the Chief Executive Officer. He advised it was a five year contract that expired in 2010. The contract could not be cancelled for no particular reason and details on cancellation of the contract were set out in Section 14 of the contract.

The Asset Manager advised the contractor was doing what was requested of him however the real problem seemed to be about litter being thrown around after the facilities had been cleaned. Councillor McChesney noted the toilet facility at Geraldine had a board where the cleaner wrote when the facility had last been cleaned.

Councillor Pablecheque suggested a workshop be held to discuss the toilet facilities.

The Chief Executive Officer advised he believed the contractor was doing his job in terms of the contract however the poor standard of the facility made it look tired and rundown and therefore people were treating it badly. In terms of upgrading facilities there was only so much that could be done. Physically the towns toilet facilities were old and bore no resemblance to new facilities being placed around the country and suggested Council could meet to brainstorm on how the current facilities could be improved.

Councillor Thomas suggested the current cleaning times be looked at as it seemed pointless cleaning the facilities early in the morning and then again at night when perhaps the second clean should take place just after the peak usage time.

It was requested that the report include the time it took the contractor to clean each facility and also the time of the day each facility was cleaned.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40am.