

REPORT OF THE KAIKOURA DISTRICT COUNCIL WORKS & SERVICES MEETING HELD AT 9.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 20 JUNE 2007 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), L Copping (Executive Officer), G Saily (Asset Manager), P Cook (Technical Support Officer), M Rodgers (Fulton Hogan), J Doggett (Works Infrastructure).

1. REPORTS

a) Works & Services

The Asset Manager presented the report advising there were no major problems experienced with the urban water supply during the month of May.

Samples collected from bore no.2 showed the quality of the water superseded the quality guidelines specified in New Zealand Drinking Water Standards 2005 (NZDWS2005).

A Technical Assistance Programme meeting was held on 29 May with representatives from the Ministry of Health and water supply stakeholders present. Having held the meeting Council was now in the position of being eligible to apply for the Capital Assistance Programme (CAPS) funding and a funding application was expected to be processed by August 2007.

Transit Stock Effluent Site

The Asset Manager advised the anaerobic pond at the oxidations ponds and the stock effluent pond on State Highway 1 had now been completed although not formally commissioned and opened. It was noted however that the stock effluent site on State Highway was being used and was currently 70% full. Councillor Woods asked how the cleaning of the pond was to be financed. It was advised the site was part of a regional network where every local authority within Canterbury contributed into a pool to offset the running of the ponds throughout Canterbury. Kaikoura District Council's contribution for running systems throughout Canterbury was currently \$500 per annum.

While Council was responsible for monitoring the condition of the plant, cost recovery invoices would be sent to Environment Canterbury for reimbursement and would be fully funded by Environment Canterbury. The Asset Manager advised Council was in the process of getting an operations and maintenance process in place to oversee and run the facilities.

Councillor Thomas advised there were many stock effluent sites around New Zealand with some being maintained and kept clean and some in a filthy condition and noted it was important the site was kept clean as it was situated at the gateway to Kaikoura.

Councillor Diver advised the anorobic pond at the oxidations ponds was a huge gain for Council and suggested a site visit be undertaken at the next Council meeting.

b) Roothing

The Roothing Report was presented by the Engineering Technical Support Officer.

Review of Speed Limits

Included in the agenda was a list of proposed roads within the district to be reviewed in terms of speed limit. Councillor Seddon advised Council needed to be very careful in resetting speed limits and be mindful of not making a rod for its back. He was concerned ordinary drivers could be penalised and was pleased part of the process included public consultation in order to provide the opportunity for the actual users of the roads to have their say.

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

2. PRESENTATIONS

Water Upgrade up to 2007

The Asset Manager provided a presentation to Council on water upgrading undertaken to date and advised the objective of the presentation was to update Council in terms of water upgrades within the district. The presentation included:

- The Waimangarara infiltration gallery
- Turbidity and pressure control
- The alternate bore
- Borehold flow testing
- The new bore (Mackle bore)
- Treatment equipment
- Control panel
- Distribution method
- Storage at Fords Reservoirs
- Fords booster pump station
- New pumping & gravity main
- Pumping volume chart
- Re-zoning
- Benefits of the upgrades

The Asset Manger advised demand for the next 20 years had been projected along with scenarios on how to meet that demand. Council's Long Term Council Community Plan suggested a 24 hour storage capacity therefore a key future project was to increase storage capacity as the present capacity was 11 hours.

Cow Trax Road Guard Matting

A presentation was provided by the Technical Support Officer on the trialing of cow trax road guard matting by a local farmer. The farmer had reported back that while it was useful in keeping the road cleaner, it was time consuming and very heavy to manoeuvre about.

Councillor Seddon believed the best solution would be to put in an underground stock crossing at the Ludstone Road dairy farm where cowtrax was being trialed and noted there was a projected payout due to farmers next year so it may be worthwhile talking to the farmer. He further suggested a deal could possibly be reached with Transit to assist with the funding however the initiative would need to come from the farmer as well.

The Technical Support Officer advised he was considering undertaking a trial on another site to see if the matting worked better and that he would look into the possibility of an underpass and also any funding that may be available. He advised it was a case of looking at all the options as each individual site was different.

It was asked how effective the concrete pad being used by a farmer on Mt Fyffe Road was. The Asset Manager advised the concrete pad was put in because of the frequency of potholes appearing on the road and was hosed down by the farmer each day after use and noted it would be an ideal place to trial cow trax matting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.08am.