

REPORT OF THE KAIKOURA DISTRICT COUNCIL WORKS & SERVICES MEETING HELD AT 9.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 15 AUGUST 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), M Roberts-Saidy (Asset Manager), P Cook (Engineering Technical Support Officer), M Rodgers (Fulton Hogan), K Williams (Works Infrastructure).

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORT OF 25/07/2007

Schoolhouse Road

Councillor Seddon advised he wished to raise the shocking state of Schoolhouse Road again as no work had been undertaken since he brought this matter up three weeks ago.

2. REPORTS

a) Works & Services

The Works & Services Report was presented by Asset Manager, M Roberts-Saidy. A miss-type was noted in the urban reticulation sewer system where it was shown as averaging 15974m³/day when it should have read 1594m³ per day.

Pensioner Housing

Locally based builders were invited to tender for the construction phase of the Pensioner Housing project with tenders closing on Friday 17th August 2007.

b) Roading

The Roading report was presented by the Engineering Technical Support Officer.

South Bay Reserve Vehicle Management

Initial discussions were taking place with Environment Canterbury and Department of Conservation in terms of developing a strategy to manage off road vehicles in this area following a request and petition from residents of South Bay. P Cook advised Council's Coastal Management Strategy allowed for the use of the reserve from the slipway area to the racetrack for off road vehicles. Noise and public safety were the big issues so appropriate signage and the re-setting of speed limits in the area was being looked at. Councillor Woods expressed concern for the environment and advised it would be disappointing if the birdlife was not protected.

It was suggested that the residents of Moa Road be consulted with since they had initiated the petition and expressed their concerns to Council.

Traffic Count

It was noted 10 percent of vehicles (64 vehicles per day) were traveling at over 100 km per hour in Scarborough Street which demonstrated how fast people traveled in Scarborough Street, and the need for a walkway. It was suggested the traffic counter be placed in the high density housing area rather than the open area of Scarborough Street.

The Chief Executive Officer advised the traffic counter was primarily used to assist in developing maintenance programmes and was placed in the same location each time in order to get consistency and a pattern.

Councillor McChesney asked for an update on a walkway in this area as had been discussed in the past. The Chief Executive Officer advised Council was still working with Transit on an overall strategy which looked at foot traffic, specifically from Scarborough Street down to South Bay. An initial study had been undertaken by the Resource Management Group on behalf of Transit and Council and a meeting was pending.

Councillor Woods expressed concern at children crossing in the area of Phairs Drain and suggested a “Children Crossing” sign be placed in the area. Councillor Macphail noted many pedestrians used the area and signage should not be exclusive to children.

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

3. UPGRADING OF WEST END TOILET FACILITY

A final draft for the upgrading of the West End toilet facility was included in the agenda following meetings held in May, June, July and August regarding this facility. The Asset Manager advised if Council was happy to proceed with the final draft, tender documents could be made available later in the day. An application had already been lodged with Council’s Building Control Unit.

Councillor Diver noted the basin, hand dryer and soap dispensers at the Beach Road toilet facility were included in a wall and totally vandal proof and suggested the same be applied to the West End facility. The Asset Manager advised this was not possible as a lot of walls would need to be chopped about and it would not maximize space.

Moved by Councillor Macphail, seconded by Councillor Woods and resolved that upgrade works as outlined in the scope of works below and totaling \$230,000 be approved for the upgrade of the West End toilet facility and that the project be funded from the Reserves Contribution account.

Against: Councillor McChesney

Discussion

Mayor Heays suggested the wall be knocked out between the empty space in the ladies toilet adjacent to the disabled facility in order to provide a second disabled facility.

Councillor Thomas advised he was still in favour of user pays. Council was spending over \$200,000 on a facility that was mainly used by tourists and visitors to the town and they should be paying for the facility rather than ratepayers. The Chief Executive Officer advised the upgrade would be funded from reserve contribution and not the ratepayer.

It was noted the design of the upgrade included an area that could be used as a kiosk for user pays however such a change would require public consultation and at this stage the emphasis was on getting the facility upgraded prior to the upcoming summer season of 2007/08.

Councillor McChesney expressed concern at \$230,000 being spent when there were options some \$50,000 cheaper which involved using some of the existing fixtures.

The Asset Manager advised the old toilets would be stored and reused at other facilities such as South Bay racecourse and Gooches Beach.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.48am.