

**REPORT OF THE KAIKOURA DISTRICT COUNCIL WORKS &  
SERVICES MEETING HELD AT 11.29AM ON WEDNESDAY 19  
SEPTEMBER 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 Saïdy (Asset Manager), D Scarlett (Land Transport New Zealand).

**1. MATTERS TO BE RAISED AS URGENT BUSINESS**

1. Naming of Track

**2. MINUTES ACTION LIST UPDATE**

**Motorbikes at South Bay**

The Asset Manager advised barriers had been placed on Kotuku Road to prevent motorcyclist access, and access at the end of Moa Road had also been blocked off. Council's Engineering Support Officer was working with other agencies towards forming a strategy for this area.

Councillor Woods expressed concern that by diverting cyclists and motorcyclists it was forcing them to use the shore line which was the only entrance for the little blue penguins.

**Site Visit to Oxidation Ponds**

This item was held over for the new Council.

**Investigate Stock Underpass in Ludstone Road**

Councillor Woods asked the Asset Manager for his opinion on the practicalities of putting in an underpass at Ludstone Road. The Asset Manager advised the cost could be prohibitive, and it would also need maintaining.

**3. REPORTS**

**a) Works & Services**

The Works & Services Reports were presented by the Asset Manager.

**Public Toilets**

A new incident of graffiti at the West End toilet facility was reported. The offenders had been identified and spoken to by Police however they were unable to prosecute due to the offenders being minors. The Chief Executive Officer suggested once the graffiti was removed the total costs could be tallied up with the potential of sending an invoice to the parents.

Councillor Woods advised Police had the ability to insist on a meeting with the parties involved and suggested a meeting be arranged with the offender and parents with the Chief Executive Officer, Mayor and two Councillors.

### **West End Toilet Facility Upgrade**

The upgrade on this facility was now scheduled to take place after Seafest.

Councillor Seddon asked why the upgrade was not put out for tender. The Chief Executive Officer advised the upgrade had been broken down into different components and was being managed in-house. He advised if the upgrade was put out for tender as one job, margins would be added on each component and he very much doubted it would be cheaper than Council managing the upgrade in-house.

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

The Asset Manager advised the new roading contract was now with Fulton Hogan and to date they appeared to be making a very positive imprint. Councillor Woods noted the intersection at Postmans and McInness Roads had been sealed and was making a huge difference.

***Councillors Seddon and Pablecheque left the meeting at 12.09pm.***

### **Safety Management Systems**

D Scarlett, liaison engineer for Land Transport New Zealand was present and spoke of a document recently developed in conjunction with Council's engineering team and Connell Wagner. It had recognized the need for Council's Road Asset Management Plan to be upgraded and this had been included in the document. It was a user friendly document that had been developed in close contact with key roading and safety staff, with the main users being Council's Roothing Asset Manager, Fulton Hogan (Council's maintenance contractor) and any consultants used by Council.

Councillor McChesney requested a copy of the document be circulated to Councillors.

***The meeting adjourned at 12.15pm for lunch and resumed at 1.07pm.***

### **Bridge Replacement Programme**

Three timber bridges were identified in the 2006 inspection report as substandard, being

- Middle Creek on Old Beach Road
- McInness Bridge on Puhi Puhi Road
- Jordan Bridge on Puhi Puhi Road.

### **Maintenance Gravelling**

Consent from Environment Canterbury was granted to extract gravel from Linton Creek. This would provide a local supply of gravel for Scotts Road, Dairy Farm Road and Blunts Road and also the provision of flood mitigation works.

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

#### **4. SOUTH BAY PARADE PARKING ISSUES**

A petition was received from concerned South Bay residents that the new footpath impeded their ability to park on the footpath side of the road. Residents suggested restricted parking on the eastern side of the road as a short term solution while a long term solution was investigated. 23 surveys were sent to residents offering two options, however only 7 responses were received back with option 2 being the most favoured amongst residents, being: *“Eliminate parking availability on the east side”*.

It was noted there had been a big cry from residents for a footpath. The Asset Manager advised in installing a footpath, the objective had been to create a footpath, not to create parking on the road. He advised if the footpath was shifted the problem would still remain and if the road was widened it may help the problem but it would not solve it. It was suggested signage may be enough to alleviate the problem.

Councillor Diver asked what the requirement was for the carriageway for 2000 plus vehicle movements per day. He believed the problem would be solved if the road was widened as in the Long Term Council Community Plan and asked for a report to be provided back to the next Council meeting on vehicle counts and what was required to totally solve the problem.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that was unreasonable as it would be a major task and financial commitment and needed to firstly be programmed into the Long Term Council Community Plan. He advised it would be more manageable if it was just a matter of reporting on the parameters of the District Plan. Councillor Seddon noted there were a dozen more areas in the district that were equally as bad and there was no simple solution.

The Chief Executive Officer advised it would involve potentially spending substantial amounts of money and questioned whether it really was a problem as the photo's included in the agenda showed only 1 vehicle on the road. Council would be better off putting in road calming devices to slow traffic which could be designed to make the area more attractive. By widening the road all it would do would enable vehicles to go faster.

#### **5. URGENT BUSINESS**

Replying to a question on signage to the track that had previously started at 122 Torquay Street, the Chief Executive Officer advised that the track had been decommissioned by the Department of Conservation as it had gone through private land.

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.00pm***