

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

PRESENT: Councillor D Holmes (Chair), Mayor K Heays, Councillors J Macphail, J Diver, B Woods, M McChesney, N Pablecheque, J Ransley.

IN ATTENDANCE: S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), L Copping (Executive Officer), G Saily (Asset Manager), M Rogers (Fulton Hogan), A Cowdrey (Kaikoura Star), L Basham (Christchurch Press).

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORT OF 19/09/2007

Motorbikes at South Bay

The Asset Manager advised bollards had been placed at the areas of concern at South Bay. A strategy with Department of Conservation was yet to be worked on.

2. MINUTES ACTION LIST UPDATE

List of requirements to seal gravel roads

A list of estimated requirements and costs was included in the roading report for information purposes and to provide a guiding future should Council wish to discuss sealing any particular roads in the future.

Undergrounding of power in Kotuku Street

A report was included in the agenda.

3. REPORTS

a) Works & Services

The Asset Manager presented the report and advised continuous bursting of a 150mm water main between Churchill & Hastings Street had caused concern over the month. The problem was being monitored and it was felt the problem may be related to the booster pump station.

“CAP” Funding

Applications for CAP funding for both the Kincaid and Fernleigh water supplies had been lodged and it was hoped they would be successful. It was doubtful CAP funding would be provided for the other water supplies in the district as they were deemed by the Ministry to be too rich.

Oxidation Ponds

Partitioning of the Oxidation Ponds had recently been completed with the installation of baffle curtains.

Bayview Street Park

Minor upgrading works was being carried out at Bayview Street park following a survey being recently conducted on residents. Based on the survey results, a new back fence was being installed, along with seating and rubbish bins.

West End Toilet Facility Upgrade

The upgrading of the West End toilet facility was scheduled to be completed by 30 November. In response to a question as to whether the facility would be locked at night, the Asset Manager suggested the two main blocks be locked at 9pm leaving just the two middle toilets unlocked. The Chief Executive Officer advised as part of the management regime he would ensure the facility was locked by 9pm at night, leaving only two toilets available.

Pensioner Units

The Asset Manager advised the scope of work for the pensioner units had been reduced following the units being re-tendered and tenders received still being too high. The Asset Manager advised he was still waiting to receive revised tenders.

Upgrading works had been undertaken on the existing units with heat pumps installed in each of the units.

b) Roothing

The Asset Manager advised gravel roads were being graded in a different manner by the new contractor. Roads were being graded wider in order to not restrict the use to one track, which reduced rutting and prolonged the quality of the road between grading. It was noted the gravel being recovered from the sides of the roads was substantive.

Middle Creek bridge was scheduled to be replaced during January/February 2008 following funding approval from Land Transport New Zealand and would be closed for approximately 4 weeks.

Councillor McChesney left the meeting at 9.39am and returned at 9.44am.

Performance Indicators

Included in the agenda were roading performance indicators. The Chief Executive Officer advised such indicators were useful for showing how well Council's contractor was working.

4. UNDERGROUNDING OF OVERHEAD POWER LINES – KOTUKU STREET

A public meeting was held on Thursday 8 November with residents of Kotuku Street to discuss the possibility of residents providing a \$500 financial contribution toward undergrounding of power lines following a request to Mainpower from the residents. The majority of residents were not interested in contributing. The Asset Manager advised undergrounding of powerlines in Kotuku Street was not included in Council's budget for the year.

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Woods and resolved that Council contribution of \$25,000 towards undergrounding of power lines in Kotuku Street be declined.

Discussion:

Councillor McChesney advised she would vote against the motion as Council was turning down Mainpower's offer of providing 25% towards the works. The Chief Executive Officer advised Council was likely to get the same offer down the line as generally Council paid for trenching and Mainpower paid the balance for undergrounding of power lines.

Mayor Heays suggested wording be placed in the motion so that the project was not forgotten. The Chief Executive Officer advised if Council wished to it could budget for it in the future. Kotuku Street was not seen as a priority and Council was currently focusing on undergrounding power in key areas such as the Esplanade, Beach Road and Churchill Street. He suggested the best option would be to allocate funds each year in the budget on an ongoing basis for undergrounding. Councillor Holmes suggested it be included with footpaths in order for the work to coincide with any footpath upgrading.

Moved by Mayor Heays, seconded by Councillor McChesney that provision be made in annual plan budgets for some degree of undergrounding of power.

Amendment to motion:

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Woods that provision be made in Annual Plan budgets for some degree of undergrounding and that Council prepare a programme of priority undergrounding.

The motion was put and carried

The amendment was carried and became the substantive motion which was moved and carried.

5. KEA SCHOOL CROSSING

A request was received from Principals of St Josephs and Kaikoura High School for Council to consider installing a pedestrian crossing outside St Josephs School and for an extension of footpath along Ludstone Road from Rorrison's Road to the crossing. The Asset Manager advised he understood a crossing had been requested many times in the past.

The Asset Manager advised investigations and costings had been undertaken and noted 47% of the cost would be funded by Land Transport New Zealand. Mayor Heays advised both principals had advised they would direct their pupils to the crossing and that it would be supervised by staff.

Moved by Councillor Woods, seconded by Councillor Macphail and resolved that Council install a Kea Crossing on Ludstone Road.

The motion was put and carried.

6. ESPLANADE BEAUTIFICATION

A persistent problem with drainage needed to be corrected in order to achieve long term beautification of the esplanade. The Asset Manager advised unless kerb and channel was installed, which could be partly funded by Land Transport New Zealand, any funds spent on the esplanade would be wasted.

Moved by Councillor McChesney, seconded by Councillor Diver and resolved that Council resolve drainage and parking issues on the Esplanade by installing kerb and channel and that landscaping and path construction be implemented as Stage 2, subject to partial funding being obtained from Land Transport New Zealand for the kerb and channelling.

The motion was put and carried.

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

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.27am.