

# **REPORT OF THE KAIKOURA DISTRICT COUNCIL WORKS AND SERVICES MEETING HELD AT 9.03AM ON WEDNESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2011 IN MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor D Holmes (Chair), Mayor W Gray, Councillors S Burrows, J Diver, G Harmon, J Macphail, D Morgan, N Pablecheque.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), S Syme (Executive Officer), G Saidy, M Roberts-Saidy (Asset Managers).

## ***1. MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORT OF 15/12/2010***

### **Blue Duck Valley Road**

The Asset Manager advised he had received a report from Smart Alliances regarding Blue Duck Valley Road. Smart Alliances advised the slip was historical and had occurred approximately 20 years ago and since it had occurred the entire section of the hill face had moved. It was noted the slip had been stable and cutting the road could have caused it to move however this was unable to be confirmed. Smart Alliances had provided six options to maintain mitigate or remedy the situation. One option was to do nothing. The Asset Manager felt this was a good option as he believed other options would not solve the problem. The Asset Manager would report further on the situation at the next meeting.

### **Scarborough Street Shoulder Widening**

Councillor Macphail advised the white lines which had been painted on Scarborough Street around the widened area were confusing especially because the original lines could still be seen. The Asset Manager advised the centre line had been shifted to provide an area for pedestrians. Councillor Burrows noted there were areas where the seal had softened. The Asset Manager advised there were some springs in the area and once they had dried up the areas would be repaired.

### **Austin Street Corner**

Councillor Burrows advised the slashing of grass on the road reserve had not alleviated the problem of visibility for cars. The Asset Manager advised the long grass was on private property. The Chief Executive Officer advised there was a process to follow if the property presented a fire hazard and the owner would have to be given the opportunity to cut the grass first.

## ***2. REPORTS***

### ***a) Works & Services***

#### **Urban Water**

The Asset Manager advised water demand had increased over the December / January period however the average was not as high as in previous years.

### **Capital Assistance Programme**

The Asset Manager advised the Ministry of Health had re-opened the Capital Assistance Programme. She advised based on the new criteria only the Kaikoura urban water supply was eligible for funding.

### **Sewer Renewals**

The Asset Manager advised she was in the process of preparing applications for resource consent and an archaeological authority for sewer renewals from the Sonic Restaurant to Lyell Creek in the West End. This area currently had a large amount of infiltration. Councillor Holmes enquired if a way of performing internal repairs had been investigated. The Asset Manager advised she had discussed the issue with various organisations and they had felt, based on the amount of filtration, the work would only be temporary and it would be best to take out the existing line and install PVC pipes. She further advised there were significant costs involved with temporary repairs with a quote for \$80,000 received she felt this was a significant amount for work which could not be guaranteed.

The Asset Manager advised Council would be tendering for two options which were either open trench or trenches trenchless. It was noted trenchless would minimise the impact on the shops in the area however a trench would still be required to reconnect the laterals back to the line. Due to the impact on shops it was anticipated work would commence in May and would take approximately 12 to 16 weeks. The Asset Manager advised consultation with shop owners would be undertaken and the entire length of renewals would not be completed at once.

### **Tom's Track**

The Asset Manager advised Department of Conservation had been advised to proceed with stage one which was the retaining of the major slip area at Tom's Track. Department of Conservation would advise Council when they would be starting work.

### **Public Toilets**

The Asset Manager advised there were approximately 12 complaints in late December 2010 and early January 2011 regarding the cleanliness and the lack of consumables at the toilets. Measures would be put in place to avoid this occurring in the future. The Asset Manager advised since the current cleaner had been looking after the facilities she had been happy with the condition she had found them in on inspection.

The Asset Manager advised the mess in the toilets was not from lack of cleaning but was mess from users in between cleaning. Councillor Burrows noted people used the West End toilets for their total ablutions. Mayor Gray suggested there be four cleans per day over the extreme busy period between 23 December and 15 January. The Asset Manager advised previously the contractor had been asked to do additional cleans. The Chief Executive Officer advised there had been a change of contractor and the primary complaint had been about the lack of consumables. He noted the contractor had obviously not been aware of

the volumes and he was sure this would be far better managed next season. He further advised there was no reason why additional cleans over the busy period could not be investigated. The Asset Manager advised a number of comments had been received from people advising they were pleased with the facilities.

***b) Roothing***

**Proposed Avoca Street Upgrade**

The Asset Manager advised as part of the North Wharf development a section of Avoca Street from Esplanade to the intersection at Lower Ward Street would need to be upgraded. The area would be developed by constructing kerb and channel with a footpath on the seaward side of the road with provision of a cycle lane and parking. There would also be room for some landscaping. The Chief Executive Officer advised resource consent would not be required for the work unless there was some excavation work required. Councillor Pablecheque enquired if the developer had been asked to contribute to roading. The Chief Executive Officer advised they had been asked to pay for all of the roading upgrade.

***Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that Council accept that the proposed Avoca Street upgrade or similar work be implemented on the section of Avoca Street between Esplanade and the Lower Ward Street intersection.***

***Abstained: Councillor Diver***

**Traffic Signs**

The Asset Manager advised there had been 63 traffic signs vandalized during the Christmas holiday period. He advised this was a large problem because the minimum cost to replace a sign and post was \$300. He noted this had been the worst period however incidents were ongoing through out the year.

***Moved by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Macphail and resolved that the Works and Services reports be received.***

***The meeting adjourned at 9.55am and resumed at 4.16pm***

**3. WORKS AND SERVICES PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

***Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Harmon and resolved that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely***

***a. Confirmation of Minutes 15/12/2010***

***There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.17pm.***