

**REPORT OF THE WORKS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT 9.06AM ON WEDNESDAY 17
AUGUST 2011 IN MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM,
ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

- PRESENT:** Councillor J Diver (Deputy Chair), Mayor W Gray, Councillors S Burrows, 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).
- APOLOGIES:** Councillor D Holmes

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Harmon and resolved that apologies be accepted.

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM REPORT OF 20/07/2011

Painting of Railway Over Bridge Railings

Councillor Harmon advised the painting of the railings on the railway overhead bridges had commenced and would have been completed if not for the bad weather.

2. REPORTS

a) Works and Services

Kincaid Water Supply

The Asset Manager advised the installation of the Kincaid treatment system was complete. After a week of operation it was noted the head from the existing tanks was not sufficient to provide the flow required through the treatment system. The treatment system had a 40mm inlet and outlet pipe which was too small. A 1.5 kilowatt in-line pump would be installed to supplement the gravity feed. The pump would only run when the gravity system could not cope. The Asset Manager advised a larger filter on the system would have been too expensive.

Peninsula Water Tank

The Ministry of Health had approved the extension of the contract timeframe until December 2012. Chorus had requested a valuation for the proposed tank site and this had been forwarded to them.

West End Sewer Upgrade

The Asset Manager advised a meeting had been held with representatives from businesses in the West End. At the meeting it had been decided that work would stop on the 31st of August and would not resume until May 2012. The Asset Manager advised business had advised they did not want any work taking place in the West End area from the end of August.

Councillor Diver noted work would not be stopping the flow of traffic if the contractors were working near the Library and questioned why

Council would stop the contractors. The Asset Manager advised business representatives had advised work was affecting their businesses and they were going through tough times. Businesses were anticipating a good influx of visitors to Kaikoura during the Rugby World Cup and they did not want any work taking place while visitors were here. Mayor Gray advised he had attended the meeting and there had been strong advocacy on behalf of the businesses. The Asset Manager advised the section between the toilets and the railway line would be completed by the end of August.

Councillor Burrows advised he was disappointed with the decision as he understood the job was urgent. If the job was not so urgent why did Council not wait until next winter to start the work? The Chief Executive Officer advised the work had been identified as being required and the aim was to have commenced work at the beginning of July. This would have meant the work would have been substantially completed by September. Unfortunately the contractors had started later in July. He reiterated there had been a strong view from businesses that there would be lots of visitors to Kaikoura from the beginning of September and they wanted the town centre looking attractive and their views had been taken on board. He advised there would be no additional contract costs in terms of labour however there could be some additional costs for cutting up pipes to relocate them during the period. The area would be resealed before the end of August.

Councillor Diver advised he felt the matter should have been decided by the Works and Services Committee. The Chief Executive Officer advised a reasonable number of businesses had been represented at the meeting and they were happy for work to recommence in May. Councillor Harmon felt the right decision had been made for the town as a lot of emphasis had been put on the town looking good for the Rugby World Cup. Councillor Pablecheque noted at least businesses had been given a choice which did not happen when New Zealand Transport Agency undertook work on Beach Road.

Esplanade Foreshore

The Asset Manager advised significant erosion had occurred on the Esplanade foreshore near the Torquay Street intersection. A 125m rock wall had been constructed to mitigate further erosion. The work had been carried out in agreement with Environment Canterbury under Council's beach re-nourishment consent as emergency work. Councillor Harmon enquired if the Asset Manager was confident the rock wall constructed on the Esplanade foreshore would work. The Asset Manager advised the work was not permanent but it would stop erosion for a very long time.

South Bay Boat Park

Councillor Macphail advised the boat park had been badly eroded by the recent storm. The Asset Manager advised a resource consent application had been submitted to Environment Canterbury to construct a seawall from the Slipway to the Coastguard building. He advised Environment

Canterbury had suggested Council look at a global consent for areas affected by erosion.

b) Roothing

The Asset Manger advised there were no issues with roading. All roads were maintained to the standard which was expected.

Street Lighting Upgrade – Esplanade

The Asset Manager advised the street light upgrade was to have been completed by the end of April. The work had not been able to be completed because Mainpower were required to obtain an archeological authority. This had now been obtained and there was a stand down period of 15 working days before work could recommence.

Road Signs

The Asset Manager advised vandalism of signs in the District had been a problem for a long time. He advised there had been a rampage on Old Beach Road over the weekend with someone pushing over approximately ten signs. The signs had been reinstated and then pushed over again the next night. The Police had been advised. Councillor Pablecheque suggested Council put up a reward for information which led to the identification of the culprit. The Chief Executive Officer agreed a small reward leading to catching those responsible could be money well spent.

Ice on Roads

Councillor Harmon enquired whether Council could do anything about shelter belts or fences that stopped sunlight onto the road and caused ice patches. The Asset Manager advised Council did have the power to have the offending structure removed. He noted Council had not done this previously as it could result in trees being removed all over the district and advised it was easier to grit the problem areas.

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Harmon and resolved that the Works and Services reports be received.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.51am.