

**REPORT OF THE WORKS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT 9.15AM ON WEDNESDAY 21
SEPTEMBER 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.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor N Pablecheque.

Moved by Councillor Burrows, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that apologies be accepted.

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REPORT OF 17/08/2011

Peninsula Water Tank

The Asset manager advised Chorus had not come back with any conclusive statements regarding the purchase of the land for the erection of the water tank. Chorus had previously requested a valuation of the land which had been provided.

Road Signs

The Asset Manager advised damage to road signs on old Beach Road had reduced but in general damage to road signs was still a problem.

2. REPORTS

a) Works and Services

West End Sewer

Approximately 190m of sewer line had been renewed in the West End. This had resulted in a reduction in flows from 1200m³ per day to approximately 930m³ per day. This was attributed to a decrease in infiltration into the system. Once the sewer work had been completed the overall effects would be analysed. Councillor Diver advised the reduction in flow would result in a huge saving in electricity.

b) Rooding

Streetlights

The Asset Manager advised the street lighting on the Esplanade between Margate and Torquay Streets had been completed. Six new lights had been installed and overhead cables removed.

Inland Road

Two prices had been received for the seal pavement rehabilitation on the Inland Road. Fulton Hogan would be undertaking this work and it was scheduled to be completed by the end of November 2011.

Kaikoura Airport

Councillor Macphail declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or voting on this matter.

The Asset Manager advised the construction of the commercial hangar at the Airport was 99% complete. The Airport Committee would like the entrance of the Airport to be upgraded because it was one of the first locations seen when entering Kaikoura. The Committee requested Council pay for the upgrade works which were estimated at \$14,000. The Asset Manager advised the works could be staged depending on the availability of funds.

The Chief Executive Officer advised the aim was for the Airport to be self-funding however with a reduction in flights over the last twelve months it had not been. He suggested Council could look at budgeting for the works from 1 July 2012 or other funding sources could be investigated.

Councillor Burrows advised he liked the concept and felt the district would benefit from the upgrade. He felt it would be nice to see the works completed all at once. Councillor Harmon advised if there was no funding for the masonry block work and carvings he would strongly recommend the fencing and kerbing be tidied although he would like to see all the work done at once. The Chief Executive Officer advised the fencing and kerbing and masonry block work could be funded from the Airport account and suggested funding from the Art Council or a similar organisation may be able to be obtained for the carving.

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Harmon that Council proceed with the kerbing, fence line landscaping and masonry block work, with the carving undertaken subject to external funding being obtained.

Discussion

Councillor Morgan advised she would rather see funding go toward improvements to the runway to increase the capacity of the Airport so the Airport could be self-funding. Mayor Gray advised the extension of the Airport was a major project. Councillor Harmon noted the existing runways and surface areas were in pretty good condition and had been well looked after. Councillor Morgan was concerned that there may be a better use for the money.

The motion was put and carried.

Against: Councillor Morgan

Scarborough Street Traffic Counts

R Hogan had presented in the open forum regarding the percentage of cars travelling above the posted speed on Scarborough Street. He had noted there were three speed limit signs in the eastbound direction but none in the westbound direction. Councillor Macphail enquired whether

Council should increase the speed limit if everyone drove above the speed limit should a discussion be held with those living on Scarborough Street regarding the speed limit. If Council wanted 50kph then was some enforcement required. The Chief Executive Officer advised the traffic count reports were provided to the Police and they undertook enforcement. A change in the speed limit for the road would require a change to the bylaw and at this stage there had been no suggestions about changing the speed limit on Scarborough Street. The question was whether additional signs were required. It was noted new signs cost approximately \$300. The Asset Manager would investigate whether additional signs were required and provide a report to Council including appropriate locations.

Councillor Burrows noted the new seal extension was not of a high standard and some of the seal had already broken up around the corners. The Asset Manager advised there was a lot of water coming from under the surface when it rained and he was investigating the installation of some draining pipes.

4. OLD PUBLIC JETTY AT SOUTH BAY

The Asset Manager advised the old public jetty at South Bay was damaged with one of the piles completely eaten by shipworms. This had caused the jetty unusable and a danger to the public. Work on the prevention of worm activity had been undertaken in 1997 however this had not stopped the worms from getting into the timber piles. The cost to repair the jetty was estimated at \$13,000 and there was no guarantee the two adjacent piles would not suffer the same fate or that the repairs would last another five years. It was noted a new public jetty had been constructed in 2006.

Moved by Councillor Diver seconded by Mayor Gray that the old public jetty be decommissioned.

Mayor Gray enquired if there was an issue with congestion at peak times. The Asset Manager advised he had spoken to the Harbour Warden, Whale Watch and Dolphin Encounter and they had all advised only a few people used the old jetty. It was noted only one boat could use the jetty at any given time. Councillor Macphail advised cruise ships used the old jetty to off load passengers and he felt those companies should have been contacted for their opinion. The Asset Manager advised he had not heard that the companies could not use the new jetty.

Councillor Burrows advised he was disappointed with the life of the material and suggested perhaps substandard material had been used initially. Councillor Holmes advised there was a lot of swell in the area which could not dissipate. Mayor Gray enquired if there was a way for the jetty to be decommissioned with a view to reinstating it in the future. The Asset Manager advised options for replacing the piles had been investigated but the deck also required work.

The Chief Executive Officer advised the old jetty had caused problems from the beginning hence the need to install a new public jetty. The tide was very strong in the area and the first pile had been lost in 1998. It was also considered less dangerous if the public were away from the sea wall and this was another reason why the new jetty was constructed. It was noted the jetty had only been in place since 1996 and quite a bit of money had been spent on it since that time. There had been regular reports regarding the dangers of the jetty because of the way the tide came into the corner. Councillor Burrows felt elderly people from cruise ships would prefer to disembark on a jetty with a hand rail rather than a jetty which had no hand rail like the new jetty.

The meeting adjourned at 10.05am for a site visit and resumed at 10.48am.

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that the motion that Council grant approval for the decommissioning of the old public jetty be withdrawn.

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that Council decommission the lower platform of the jetty immediately and investigate improving the area in the next financial year.

The Chief Executive Officer advised if Council wished to see the area used in the future, long term solutions needed to be investigated and some proposals would need to be included in the Long Term Plan. Councillor Morgan suggested a barrier of some sort be installed in the mean time.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.54am.