

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 8.59AM ON WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2014 AT MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.

PRESENT: Mayor W Gray (Chair), Councillors T Blunt, J Diver, G Harmon, J Howden, C Mackle, D Millton, D Morgan.

IN ATTENDANCE: S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), B Taylor (Committee Secretary).

1. OPEN FORUM

Ralph Hogan – Item 4 Block Offer 2015

R Hogan advised he wished to clarify the proposed submission for the Block Offer 2015. The title on the submission on page 33 appeared to have a typing error; being 'New Zealand Block Offer 2014', when he understood that it ought to read the 2015. It was confirmed it was a typing error.

R Hogan advised overall he felt the submission was well thought out however he noted it stated in the report that the effects of seismic testing on various marine life was unknown or uncertain. R Hogan advised of a large study carried out in the United States by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. They wanted to test on the eastern sea board of the United States. The study identified hundreds of marine life were killed or affected and the fishing industry was also affected. The study clearly defined how many marine animals would be killed and that level may be acceptable to them but it might not be acceptable to Kaikoura.

R Hogan advised there were also two small errors in point 12, page 35. The 24th word should have been 'from' not 'form' and likewise the 30th word should have been 'if' and not 'is'. R Hogan noted the Proposed Block Offer Map was not particularly accurate and he wanted people to be aware of the suggested findings from the American study.

The meeting adjourned at 9.06am and resumed at 10.18am.

2. MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO BE RAISED AS URGENT BUSINESS

1. Postmans Track (Councillor Blunt)

3. BLOCK OFFER 2015

The District Planner was in attendance to present this item.

The District Planner advised Council had received a letter advising the Government had started consultation for the Proposed Block Offer 2015. There was nothing new in the Offer except some areas had been opened up. She had requested clarification of the areas as the maps

provided were not very clear, and the Kaikoura Marine Reserve and Whale Sanctuary needed to be identified.

Councillor Blunt advised he would like to see a statement regarding the area being high risk area with a number of fault lines as well as active fault lines. He also required a statement be added regarding the Commission for the Environment having declared that New Zealand did not have the resources to deal with an oil spill.

The District Planner advised that there were studies for and against about the effect of seismic testing on marine life but was keen to view the study referred to by R Hogan. Councillor Morgan felt the submission should state Council did not want any permits issued until an assessment of the affects of seismic testing had been investigated. She felt this was not worded strongly enough. The District Planner advised it was very difficult given the scope of the submission process.

It was generally felt that a reference to the study undertaken by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management be included in point 10. The Chief Executive Officer suggested an additional point could be added to section 16 that the ability of the New Zealand Marine agency to mitigate the risk be investigated.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Milton and resolved that;

- 1. That Council receive the report entitled Block Offer 2015***
- 2. That Council support the submission on the New Zealand Petroleum and Mineral NZ Block Offer Consultation Document.***

Against: Councillor Diver

Councillor Blunt called for a division.

***For: Councillors Howden, Blunt, Morgan, Mackle, Milton, Harmon
Mayor Gray***

Against: Councillor Diver

4. CHANGING CLIMATE AND RISING SEAS: UNDERSTANDING THE SCIENCE

The District Planner was in attendance to present this item.

Included in the agenda for information was a report on changing climate and rising seas.

The District Planner advised it was clear some effects would be felt and that some had already been felt. Council had a responsibility under the Resource Management Act to deal with the effects of climate change. Damage due to natural hazards was said to be increasing.

5. G20 CONFERENCE

The District Planner was in attendance to present this item.

Mayor Gray and the District Planner had attended the G20 Conference in Australia. The District Planner advised New Zealand was a long way ahead of a lot of countries but needed to continue to move forward.

Mayor Gray felt the key points were we needed to be ambitious, needed to talk about our ambition and share it and we also needed to be connected to networks e.g. airport, traffic and communication cables. Real leadership was required in education facilities.

6. CIVIC BUILDING UPDATE

S Chadwick, Civic Building Project Manager was in attendance to present this item.

S Chadwick advised the last couple of months had been frustrating due to delays and conflicting engineering details, predominantly regarding the cladding system, balconies and the craypot. The lift shaft had arrived bent and some brackets had to be altered. There was also only about 50% productivity on site.

Councillor Harmon enquired if it was the style of the building or the new technologies being used that had caused the delays. S Chadwick advised there had been changes because of the new technologies and changes would occur as a building project advanced. Councillor Mackle enquired who would pay for the lift shaft repairs, cladding and bracket alterations. S Chadwick advised the only cost Council would incur would be the brackets which would cost approximately \$800. A discussion was held regarding the cladding at the base of the building which was for decoration only.

The meeting adjourned 11.34am for a site visit to the civic building and lunch. The meeting resumed at 1.00pm.

7. ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY UPDATE

K Heays, Local Manager Environment Canterbury, and P Wood were in attendance.

K Heays introduced P Wood who had been appointed as the Northern Area Engineer for Environment Canterbury. P Wood had undertaken the major project of realigning the Oaro River mouth following the Easter floods. Oaro residents would pay extra rates to help maintain the river. Rivers that were not rated in the Kaikoura District were the Clarence, Hapuku, Kekerengu and Kahutara. The Chief Executive Officer enquired regarding the process to establish a river rating district. K Heays advised 75% of residents in an area needed to agree to contribute money for a river rating district. Physical works would only

commence once a river rating district had been established. Work would not be undertaken in a river unless a river rating was in place.

The Kahutara River had become blocked up because of alluvial gravels being dumped back at the mouth. The River had now naturally opened up north and south of the mouth and was flowing well. Low rainfall had also affected the river flow.

Councillor Blunt enquired regarding farmers being allowed to undertake remedial work in rivers. P Wood advised that a maintenance level of activity was permitted.

8. SMOKEFREE AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND 2015

Smokefree Canterbury had made a presentation to Council at its October meeting regarding endorsing Smokefree 2025 for inclusion in the Long Term Plan. A report had been provided by Smokefree Canterbury on the effects of smoking and the benefits of endorsing Smokefree 2025.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Blunt and resolved that Council endorse Smokefree 2025 for inclusion in the Long Term Plan.

9. CIVIL DEFENCE UPDATE

The Emergency Management Officer advised a meeting with the Kaikoura Emergency Liaison Committee had gone well. Included in the report was information on the National Tsunami Warning System and the warning signs for a tsunami generated close to Kaikoura.

10. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Marlborough Regional Forestry

Councillor Diver had attended a Marlborough Regional Forestry Committee meeting. 70,000 cubic meters of timber had been cut during the year. The majority had been high end framing wood and the value had increased \$10 to \$55 per cubic metre.

Sport Tasman

Councillor Diver advised the local Community Sport and Recreation advisor could set up online registering for an event for a small fee of approximately \$30 to \$40.

Kaikoura Zone Water Committee

Councillor Blunt advised the weed spraying in the Clarence had been completed.

A subcommittee was to be formed to look at the rules regarding the Red Nutrient Allocation Zone that would be coming into effect and how that would affect local farmers.

Community Development Committee

Mayor Gray advised an informal meeting of the Committee had been held.

11. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Council 19/11/2014

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Millton and resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 19 November 2014 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

12. ADOPTION OF REPORTS

Works & Services Committee 19/11/2014

Moved by Councillor Millton, seconded by Councillor Diver and resolved that the minutes of the Works & Services Committee meeting held on 19 November 2014 be adopted.

Environmental Services Committee 19/11/2014

Moved by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that the report of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 19 November 2014 be adopted.

Finance & Policy Committee 19/11/2014

Moved by Councillor Howden, seconded by Councillor Millton and resolved that the report of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on 19 November 2014 be adopted.

13. MINUTES TO BE RECEIVED

Kaikoura Zone Water Committee 24/09/2014

Moved by Councillor Blunt, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that the minutes of the Kaikoura Zone Water Committee held on 24 September 2014 be received.

Kaikoura Zone Water Committee 29/10/2014

Moved by Councillor Blunt, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that the minutes of the Kaikoura Zone Water Committee held on 24 October 2014 be received.

14. URGENT BUSINESS

1. Postmans Track

Councillor Blunt advised he had received a call from B Dunnett who had advised the Goose Bay end of the track was very steep and he was annoyed that the Tramping Club had not been informed. It was noted work regarding the Track was still being undertaken by the District Planner.

15. COUNCIL PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

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

- a. Appointment of Community Representatives to Kaikoura Zone Water Committee*
- b. Hotel Development*
- c. CEO Performance Review*

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.28pm.