

REPORT OF THE WORKS & SERVICES MEETING HELD AT 9.06AM ON WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2014 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), G Essenberg (Operations and Maintenance Manager), B Taylor (Committee Secretary).

1. REPORTS

a) Operations and Maintenance Manager's Report

The Operations and Maintenance Manager advised expenditure was running above budget levels. The constraints of the budget were now being felt and some work would be postponed until the next financial year.

Water

Water demand for November was significantly higher than November the previous year and was comparable with the previous December. He noted that although the water usage was worse than the previous two years (2012-2013) it was still less than the years prior to that. It was unknown why the water usage was so high but it was assumed there was a leak. Councillor Blunt suggested residents would have watered their gardens more due to recent drying winds. Mayor Gray advised overall November had been busier. The Operations and Maintenance Manager said he didn't believe tourists had much of an effect on the water demand as they would typically shower and have a coffee and then pass on through the town. As the sewage flow levels had remained consistent it indicated there must be a leak.

The East Coast Water Supply pump had been replaced at a significant cost.

Stormwater

The Stormwater Consent for the urban area was still being processed by Environment Canterbury and discussions were being held. The Operations and Maintenance Manager suggested this could be advantageous for Council in terms of conditions imposed.

Property

The lock on the disabled toilet at the Memorial Hall had been repaired and there was just a small amount of painting to complete in the men's toilet.

Swimming Pool

The Lion's pool had reopened. Work on enhancing the aesthetics and performance of the pool had occurred and this was hoped to increase patronage.

Roading

High winds had dropped a number of trees, particularly on Inland road. It was initially thought the public would make use of the opportunity to collect firewood but there had been minimal activity in that respect.

The dig out on Fyffe Quay, just before the Point Kean car park, had been redone. The replacement of the Mercury Vapour Lights would take place in the latter part of 2015 not 2014 as stated in the report.

Rural Fire

The Kekerengu and Clarence Bridge rural fire parties would be amalgamated. All resources would be consolidated at Kekerengu. Councillor Millton suggested a report be sent to the Clarence Bridge Committee advising why the site had been closed.

Public Toilets

Mayor Gray suggested the Harbour Warden be provided with a list of cruise ship dates so the Harbour Warden could do an extra clean of the toilets as usage was very high on days when cruise ships visited.

A discussion was held regarding timing of significant projects and leaks at the swimming pool.

Moved by Councillor Harmon and seconded by Councillor Morgan and resolved that the Works & Services reports be received.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.16am