

MINUTES OF THE EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 10.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 21 DECEMBER 2016 AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 96 WEST END, KAIKOURA.

PRESENT: Mayor W Gray (Chair), Councillors L Bond, T Blunt, C Harnett, J Howden, C Mackle, D Millton, N Pablecheque.

IN ATTENDANCE: A Oosthuizen (Chief Executive Officer), J Parfitt (Advisor to CEO), B Taylor (Committee Secretary).

1. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Millton advised he was a member of the Rural Support Trust. Councillor Blunt advised he was also a member of the Rural Support Trust and was a contact for Federated Farmers. Councillor Mackle supplied the Council with goods and services on occasion.

2. RECOVERY PLAN

D Smith had been formally appointed as the Local Recovery Manager. Recovery structures had been put in place for the Kaikoura District Council and Te Runanga o Kaikoura (Whakataua Recovery Structure). The Steering Team to prepare a draft Recovery Plan would consist of 2 Councillors, 2 iwi representatives, 1 community representative, the Recovery Manager and the Chief Executive Officer. Kaikoura District Council and Te Runanga o Kaikoura would work as partners and the Recovery Manager advised liaisons thus far had been very positive. It was anticipated the draft plan would be prepared by 18 January 2017. T Lawson would be the Community liaison and C Nimmo would be the rural contact.

D Heiford was the Recovery Manager for the Marlborough District Council and would be working for the Kaikoura District Council to support the areas north of the town which had no access from south. The Chief Executive Officer would prepare a Memorandum of Understanding for the Marlborough District Council to continue that support for the next year.

The Recovery Plan would seek input from the community and the draft would go out for public consultation.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Millton and resolved that Council;

- 1. Receive the Recovery Plan Report.***
- 2. Note the Whakataua Recovery Structure.***
- 3. Appoint a Steering Team consisting of Councillor Howden, Councillor Pablecheque, 2 iwi representatives to be nominated by***

Te Runanga o Kaikoura, John Wyatt as community representative, D Smith Recovery Manger and the Chief Executive Officer to lead the preparation of the draft Recovery Plan.

- 4. Request the Steering Team presents a first draft of the Plan, including the community engagement strategy by 18 January 2017 and the final draft plan by 1 February 2017.*
- 5. Note that the draft Recovery Plan will be a key input into the Annual Plan process and for funding requests to government. Unanimous.*

3. SPECIAL LEGISLATION IN RESPONSE TO THE KAIKOURA EARTHQUAKE

Three pieces of legislation had been enacted following the November 14 Earthquake.

The Hurunui/Kaikoura Earthquakes Emergency Relief Bill sought to modify the legislative constraints in the RMA in light of the emergency situation. Amended aspects of the RMA would ease regulatory requirements while still safeguarding the environment.

The purpose of the Hurunui/Kaikoura Earthquake Recovery Bill was to assist economic recovery, the rebuild and recovery of land and infrastructure, and to ensure increased resilience. This Bill created an Order in Council mechanism the permitted the Governor-General to make Orders in Council on the recommendation of the relevant Minister to exempt, modify or extend provisions of certain enactments.

The Civil Defence Emergency Management Amendment Act 2016 Amendment Bill provided for a transition from the response phase to the initial recovery phase by ensuring the appropriate and effective statutory powers and arrangements were available.

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Mackle and resolved that Council;

- 1. Received the information*
- 2. Support the submissions and comment prepared by the staff on the:*
 - a. Hurunui/Kaikoura Earthquakes Emergency Relief Act – This Act is deemed to have come into force 14 November 2016.*
 - b. The Hurunui/Kaikoura Earthquake Recovery Act – enacted 13 December 2016.*
 - c. Hurunui/Kaikoura Earthquakes Recovery (Restoration of Coastal Route) Order 2016. Unanimous*

4. BUILDING & PLANNING UPDATE

The key message was that by and large buildings in the District had stood up well which sent a positive indication about building practices.

There would be an increase in building consents going forward and additional resources would be required. There were a number of solutions which could be used to deal with the increased consent volumes which included;

- Out sourcing consent processing to other authorities
- using consultants
- increasing staff numbers
- the use of technology to improve efficiency.

Under the Building Act a consent was required to be processed within 20 business days and there was an option to reduce that time frame to 10 working days. A quick turnaround of consents and inspections (both building and planning) was vital for the physical and mental rebuild of the community.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that Council receive the report. Unanimous

5. INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

Part of the urban water supply structure had moved and was damaged. The old asbestos cement pipe would be removed and replaced with a continuous polyethylene pipe. It was hoped that system would be in place before Christmas and that would mean the boil water notice could be lifted. All properties on the Suburban, Kincaid, Oaro, Ocean Ridge, Peketa and East Coast water supplies were connected. Not all properties on the Fernleigh scheme had been reconnected.

As at 14 December 22 properties did not have functioning sewer systems. Repairs to the sewer lines was ongoing. There was damage to some septic tanks in the District. Water quality in Lyell Creek and the northern beaches was improving, and the beaches appeared safe to swim in. There had been damage to the aeration pond and the oxidation pond appeared undamaged.

The stormwater system, footpaths and street lights had only suffered minor damage. There had been some minor repairs carried out at the Airport and a committee would look at the future needs of the facility.

There had been severe damage to the Glen Alton Bridge on Clarence Valley Road. There was also damage to the Hawthorne Road Bridge, the Inland Road and the Puhi Puhi Valley Road. All county roads were open except the upper Puhi Puhi and Clarence Valley Roads.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Milton and resolved that Council receive the report. Unanimous

6. KAIKOURA MAYORAL EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND

There had been 48 applications and just over \$10,000 had been allocated with a limit of \$250 per household. The Tzu Chi Foundation had donated \$125,000 which was to be shared between Hurunui and Kaikoura regions. Some donations specified that it was to support the business sector, and other donations specified particular causes or areas in the community.

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that:

- 1. The purpose of the Kaikoura Mayoral Earthquake Relief Fund is to assist Kaikoura residents known to be the most affected by the Kaikoura Earthquakes,***
- 2. That a funds allocation panel be established, consisting of three Councillors (Councillors Craig Mackle, Julie Howden and Lisa Bond) plus one community representative; that person to have experience within the health/social welfare sector,***
- 3. That the criterion for funding be where the applicant;***
 - a. Is a permanent resident of the Kaikoura District, or was a permanent resident of the Kaikoura District on 14th November 2016, and***
 - b. Has suffered a financial loss or is experiencing financial hardship as a result of the Kaikoura Earthquakes, and***
 - c. Is not eligible for funding assistance from any other source, including remission of rates, or that funding assistance or rates remission has not substantially reduced the financial loss or hardship suffered***
- 4. That applications be considered monthly and that the Kaikoura Earthquake Recovery Committee will be provided with a report on the distribution of funds on a monthly basis highlighting the general circumstances under which funds have been granted.***

Unanimous.

7. WAIVER OF PENALTIES ON OVERDUE RATES FOR INSTALMENT 2

It was proposed that rates penalties not be applied in December to outstanding balances of the current financial year. Penalties would still be incurred on unpaid balances from the previous financial year in January.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that Council:

- Waive rates penalties to the portion of unpaid rates for the current financial year that is unpaid at 20 December 2016, and***
- To continue to apply rate penalties, on or as close as practical to the 20th January 2017, to that portion of rates that remains unpaid from the previous financial year. Unanimous.***

8. COUNCIL PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

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

- a. Partnership Opportunities*
- b. Harbour Project*

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.21am.