

REPORT OF THE WORKS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.16AM ON WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2014 AT 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, D Morgan.

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

1. REPORTS

a) Operations and Maintenance Manager's Report

Urban Water

The Operations Manager advised the chlorination system at the Mackle's bore would be upgraded because it was difficult to maintain the desired level of chlorination during high water flow. The new chlorination system would cost approximately \$13,000.

Sewer

The anaerobic ponds were to be desludged. The work would cost approximately \$40,000 however this would be significantly subsidised by the New Zealand Transport Agency because a lot of the sludge was from the dumping stations used by stock trucks. Councillor Blunt enquired if there was a project that the sludge would be used for. The Chief Executive Officer advised a study had been done regarding possible reuse solutions for the sludge. The main recommendation was the sludge be used for forestry.

Stormwater

Environment Canterbury had requested signs be painted on the pavement adjacent to stormwater grates. The aim was to highlight that material thrown in gutters was on its way out to sea.

Public Toilets

Over the busy summer period the sewer lateral from the West End toilets had blocked on several occasions causing overflows. Investigation had revealed the lateral was not as designed and was a 100mm pipe with several bends in it. The lateral would be replaced with a new 150mm pipe with no bends. It was noted this was the first time the pipe had blocked and this was attributed to the large number of people visiting over the Christmas period.

A request had been received from Jean Laming to allow her to paint a mural on the West End public toilets. A sample black and white sketch was included in the agenda. The mural would include mountains, sea life, boats and a train. The existing mural would be incorporated into the design. A discussion was held regarding the calibre of the artist, whether the mural would clutter the building

and reduction in graffiti. It was noted a lot of visitors to the district were seen photographing other murals in the town.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that the request by Jean Laming to paint a mural on the West End toilets be approved.

Roading

The seal extensions on Kiwa Road and Postmans Road had been completed. Two new culverts were being installed on Blue Duck Valley Road and the reseal programme would commence later in the financial year.

The Operations Manager advised he was in the process of putting together an agreement with New Zealand Transport Agency regarding who was responsible for what work on the State Highway. Councillor Diver enquired regarding work at the West End intersection. The Operations Manager advised at this stage there was no indication that any work would be undertaken at the intersection. Mayor Gray enquired regarding the previously planned retaining wall to stop rocks landing on the footpath. The Chief Executive Officer advised the work had come under minor works and was in Council's work programme to be undertaken in the current year.

New Zealand Transport Agency was reviewing Financial Assistance Rates. Currently Council received a 45% subsidy on qualifying work however there was an indication it could increase as high as 49%.

The Operations Manager advised Gabion baskets would be installed at the Blue Duck Valley Road slip to stabilise the areas where the slip was not as bad. Work would continue progressively over a number of years.

It was noted drainage work was planned for Kekerengu Valley Road during the year. Councillor Millton felt the road needed to be shingled and suggested a plan needed to be prepared for the road and a discussion held with ratepayers in the area.

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