

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 9.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2015 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), S Syme (Committee Secretary).

1. OPEN FORUM

No members of the public wished to present in the open forum.

The meeting adjourned at 9.01am and resumed at 1.08pm.

2. MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO BE RAISED AS URGENT BUSINESS

1. Civic centre (Councillor Blunt)
2. Seismic testing and drilling (Councillor Blunt)
3. Eco burials (Councillor Blunt)
4. Agenda items (Councillor Blunt)

3. SIX MONTH UPDATE REPORT

Included in the agenda was a report on progress to date with targets set in the Annual Plan. Some information was not available for the six month update report.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

Gordon O'Callahan - Mitre 10 Resource Consent

Photographs and a copy of the resource consent decision for Mitre 10 were tabled.

G O'Callahan provided a history, prior to 2007 to current, of the ownership of the properties adjacent to his property on Beach Road. During that time the land had been filled and subdivided. Fill had gone through the fence and into his back yard. He had been requested to lift his fence to which he had agreed to and in return he would have access through the back of this property to his workshop. G O'Callahan advised Mitre 10 had built without a building permit or resource consent and New Zealand Transport Agency had made a turning lane and no parking area in front of his property. He advised the impact of this had been immediate and devastating as customers had been unable to access his business.

G O'Callahan advised the paperwork for Mitre 10 had been incorrect and he had been invited to attend a hearing. Immediately following the hearing, rocks had been placed near the back of his property and he had been unable to access his workshop from the back of his property and he understood there was to be a road along the back of this building but instead there was a ditch and more retaining walls. Work on power cables had seen his lawn and sealed driveway damaged and not reinstated. His fence had also been destroyed in a separate incident and had to be repaired at his own cost. He

had also had a floodgate stolen, trees cut down and trees had also been poisoned.

The reason for the hearing had been because it had been submitted that there would be less than 100 vehicle movements per day on the driveway beside this property. He noted there was a vast difference between what was reported and what was happening. As a result of the hearing vehicle movements had been increased to a maximum of 500 per day.

G O'Callahan advised he was concerned for his business and the fact he could not access his workshop from the back of his property. He advised part of the decision making had been on the understanding that he could at least access his workshop. He further advised the consent was up for review and he requested Council review the consent conditions.

The Chief Executive Officer advised he would ask the District Planner to investigate G O'Callahan's concerns and also look at the easement which had been mentioned. A report was to be prepared which would include any non-compliance in terms of resource consent conditions.

5. WALKING ACCESS COMMISSION

C Tonkin from the Walking Access Commission was in attendance to present this item.

C Tonkin advised the Walking Access Commission had been formed in 2008. The Commission worked to enhance free, certain, enduring, and practical walking access to the outdoors for New Zealanders and overseas visitors. The Commission had no coercive powers. The Walking Access Commission had a map on its website which showed all public access routes in New Zealand. An unformed legal road had the same status as a formed road.

The Commission was becoming increasingly more involved with road stopping and unformed legal road issues had not gone away. Council's could request a landowner to fence land at the landowners cost however it was more common to come to a negotiated arrangement.

The Commission had a contestable fund to assist with legal costs and surveying of access routes.

6. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Kaikoura Zone Water Committee

Councillor Blunt advised a presentation had been given regarding stormwater and the issues it created. The Committee had also discussed household water supply in the event of a major earthquake with the best scenario being people had stored water over and above their emergency supply. He further advised the Committee was pleased the piping of the lechate from the landfill had gone ahead. An overview of the weed control programme which had been undertaken in the Clarence riverbed was also provided.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

Included in the agenda was a report prepared by Mayor Gray.

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Council 17/12/2014

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Harmon and resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 17 December 2014 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

9. ADOPTION OF REPORTS

Works & Services Committee 17/12/2014

Moved by Councillor Harmon, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that the minutes of the Works & Services Committee meeting held on 17 December 2014 be adopted.

Environmental Services Committee 17/12/2014

Moved by Councillor Morgan, seconded by Councillor Mackle and resolved that the report of the Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 17 December 2014 be adopted.

Finance & Policy Committee 17/12/2014

Moved by Councillor Howden, seconded by Councillor Mackle and resolved that the report of the Finance & Policy Committee meeting held on 17 December 2014 be adopted.

10. MINUTES TO BE RECEIVED

Kaikoura Zone Water Committee 26/11/2014

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Blunt and resolved that the minutes of the Kaikoura Zone Water Committee held on 26 November 2014 be received.

11. URGENT BUSINESS

1. Civic Centre

Councillor Blunt wished to clarify where the shortfall may be headed in terms of the funding for the Civic Centre given the cost was \$4.7million, a grant had not been obtained, very little development contributions had been received and there was an existing loan on the old library building of \$120,000.

The Chief Executive Officer advised he did not know what the final figure would be and he was still working on it being \$4.6million. He was waiting until he knew what the final costs would be before bringing a final report back to Council regarding funding options. The development contributions and forestry money which had been allocated had been used. Any additional costs for the centre were currently not known.

2. Seismic Testing and Drilling

Councillor Blunt wished to advise that both Christchurch and Greater Auckland City Councils had come out against deep sea drilling and seismic testing.

3. Eco Burials

Councillor Blunt felt eco burials fitted well with Earthcheck and felt they should be investigated further. Councillor Morgan noted eco burials had been previously investigated by the Social Services Committee and she understood they could proceed once the most suitable place had been identified.

The previous report which had been prepared would be circulated to Councillors.

4. Agenda Items

Councillor Blunt advised three times in the previous year had requested items be included on the agenda but had been declined. Councillor Diver advised the items put to him as Deputy Mayor had been operational in nature. He advised operational matter should be raised with a Chief Executive Officer and if an adequate response was not received it should be taken to the Mayor and if further action was required the matter would be presented to full Council.

12. COUNCIL PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

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

- a. Confirmation of Minutes of Council Public Excluded meeting on 17/12/2014*
- b. Property Report*
- c. Clarence Forest*

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.50pm.