

REPORT OF THE WORKS & SERVICES MEETING HELD AT 9.01AM ON WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2015 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), S Syme (Committee Secretary).

1. REPORTS

a) Operations and Maintenance Manager's Report

Water

High levels of water usage were recorded in December and January this was attributed to the summer being considerably drier than the previous year. However due to a change in the electricity charging regime the cost of electricity was down.

An issue had occurred with the Suburban supply due to high usage from irrigation. This had caused sand to enter the system which had resulted in loss of water for some people at the top of the scheme. The Operations Manager would endeavour to adjust the quantity used for irrigation.

A quote had been received for new tanks on Topline Road. It was noted there were funds available in the scheme for the project.

As a result of the high water demand, levels of storage on the Kincaid Supply had reduced but not to a critical level.

Water restrictions had been put in place on the Oaro supply. The restrictions allowed no irrigation within a specified 12 hour period within each 24 hours.

Sewer

The sewer extension to collect lechate and sewerage at the landfill site had been installed to the landfill boundary. It was anticipated work would be completed within the following fortnight.

Memorial Hall

The disabled access at the Memorial Hall was still to be completed. There were two options available one was to access through the front of the building and the other was access to through the rear of the building by the Supper Room. The preferred option was to access the front of the building as this provided a similar level of accessibility to all users of the facility.

It was noted if an event was being held it was not ideal for people to enter through the supper room as it was often being used by the event or event organisers. It was also considered inappropriate to have people entering through the back door.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Harmon and resolved that the installation of the disabled access to the Memorial Hall be via the front of the building at an estimated cost of \$8,600.

Roading

The Operations Manager advised he was not intending to undertake any more rehabilitation work in the current financial year and the money would be transferred to drainage following a revision of priorities.

Councillor Millton noted a change in the level of service in terms of roadside mowing and noted some visibility issues particularly on Puhi Puhi and Blue Duck Valley roads. The Operations Manager advised he had discussed roadside mowing with the contractor he felt more mowing should have occurred and it should have been shorter. It was noted in the contract that rural roads were included as a lump sum and he did not think there would be much saving by not mowing some areas. He advised when the new contract was put in place Council would be consulted regarding what areas should be mowed and which should not.

b) Budget Report

The difference between budget and actual funds in the commercial activities area in both income and expenditure was because of payments received from the Marlborough Regional Forestry joint venture and also payment of Environment Canterbury's share of that money.

Moved by Councillor Harmon, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that the Works and Services reports be received.

The meeting adjourned at 9.20am and resumed at 11.22am.

2. WORKS AND SERVICES PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

Councillor Diver declared an interest and exited the meeting at 11.23am.

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

a) Water and Wastewater services

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.16pm.