

REPORT OF THE WORKS & SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.17AM ON WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2016 AT THE MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.

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

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor C Mackle
Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that apologies be accepted.

1. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE MANAGER'S REPORT

Water Supplies

Work had commenced on the second stage of the water main installation in South Bay. Over half of the properties owners in the vicinity of the project had indicated they were agreeable to Council organising some works. Council would pay costs associated with the archaeologists, Mainpower was paying for trenching and landowners would pay for pipes and plumbing on their properties.

Roading

HEB Construction had made significant progress on development of its forward work programme and were now undertaking work on the roads. They had identified approximately \$150,000 of sealed and unsealed carriageway repairs and maintenance.

A discussion was held regarding response to a flood or bad weather situation and whether the HEB resources were local. The Operations Manager advised HEB were in close contact with local subcontractors and could also have a representative in Kaikoura reasonably quickly with its closest office located in Blenheim.

Coastal Erosion

5,000 cubic metres of material from South Bay had been placed to provide protection for the Esplanade. Topsoil had been placed on top and grass would be planted. Some rock protection work had also occurred.

Moved by Councillor Harmon, seconded by Councillor Millton and resolved that the Operations and Maintenance Manager's report be received.

2. FOOTPATH REPORT

A condition survey had been undertaken of all footpaths in the district of which there was approximately 36.76km. Each of the footpaths had then been provided with a rating. From the information obtained a footpath and cycleway renewal plan had been created. The Operations Manager provided an overview of the upgrade plan.

In response to an earlier suggestion that services be placed under the grass verge to avoid future damage to footpaths he noted that each property still had a driveway which had to be pulled up. Also the width of the trench could not be guaranteed because it depended on whether the ground was soil or pea shingle and what services were also undergrounded.

A discussion was also held regarding getting organisations on board now so that the upgrades would be able to proceed more quickly. The Operations Manager advised Mainpower's financial year ended in March and the work in South Bay had stretched their budget. It was noted Council worked in with organisations and coordinated work where possible.

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that the footpaths graded 4 and 5 in the category "ready to proceed" be completed in 2015/16 at an estimated cost of \$130,000.

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that the footpaths graded 4 and 5 in the category "can proceed with other works simultaneously" be completed in 2015/16 at an estimated cost of \$95,000 subject to confirmation that the additional works could occur or be included.

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that footpaths graded 4 and 5 in the category "other works required not advised to proceed" not be completed in 2015/16.

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that the footpaths graded 4 and 5 in the category "below standard but acceptable" be maintained in a reasonable condition suitable for their intended use.

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that the footpaths from South Bay Parade to State Highway 1 footpath be considered in the next Long Term Plan at an estimated cost of \$50,000.

An enquiry was made as to why \$500,000 worth of capital work was not being undertaken. It was noted that maintenance work required was more than originally anticipated and the savings in interest from not borrowing the full \$500,000 would be redirected to maintenance. Concern was raised regarding telling ratepayers work was to be undertaken and then it was not. It was noted \$60,000 would be proposed for maintenance in the next financial year.

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that the footpaths graded 3 be maintained as required at an estimated cost of \$30,000 in 2016/17 subject to budget.

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that the granite pavers be maintained as required at an estimated cost of \$20,000 in 2015/16.

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that footpaths graded 4 and 5 in the category "other works required not advised to proceed" be maintained as required at an estimated cost of \$30,000 in 2016/17 subject to budget.

A discussion was held regarding dual paths catering for both cyclists and pedestrians. The risks, issues and benefits associated with dual paths were discussed. It was noted New Zealand Transport Agency had indicated they would not be in favour of allowing cyclists on footpaths.

Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Milton that

- 1. The Footpath report be received.***
- 2. That no changes be made to encourage any changes to existing cycle patterns along the State Highway.***
- 3. That no dual cycleways be provided on Council footpaths***
- 4. That cyclists be considered in projects associated with the West End and Lyell Creek.***
- 5. That New Zealand Transport Agency be requested to address cycle issues as part of the projects identified on the State Highway.***

The motion was put and carried. A division was called.

For: Mayor Gray, Councillors Diver, Harmon, Howden, Milton.

Against: Councillors Blunt, Morgan.

3. VDAM REPORT

A submission had been prepared in response to the review of the "Vehicle Dimension and Mass (VDAM) Rule. The rule proposed an increased in allowable height and width for vehicles. It was noted that this would mean more freight would be pushed onto the Inland Road, due to the height and width of the tunnels on the State Highway. The Inland Road was not designed for the heavy vehicles which were currently using it. Additional and heavier vehicles would most certainly impact the road condition and maintenance.

Moved by Councillor Harmon, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that the submission on the Vehicle Dimension and Mass Rule for heavy vehicles be endorsed and forwarded to the New Zealand Transport Agency.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.22am.