

REPORT OF THE EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.29AM ON WEDNESDAY 23 AUGUST 2017 AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 96 WEST END, KAIKOURA.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: A Oosthuizen (Chief Executive Officer), S Syme (Committee Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Mayor W Gray.
Moved by Deputy Mayor Howden, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that apologies be accepted. Unanimous.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Millton was a director of Waipapa Limestone which supplied material for rebuild activities.

Councillors Harnett and Pablecheque were involved in the Find and Fix project.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 19 JULY 2017

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Bond and resolved that the report of the Earthquake Recovery Committee meeting held on 19 July 2017 be confirmed a true and accurate record. Unanimous.

3. REBUILD AND INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

Boil water notices had been lifted on all but two supplies. The East Coast and Suburban water supplies were more challenging and further assessments were required before the lifting of the boil water notices could be considered.

A discussion was held regarding the repair of the sewer from Hawthorne Road to Mill Road. Currently a bridge package was being put together which would include the Hawthorne Road Bridge in conjunction with this work on a concept design for the sewer along Lyell Creek to Mill Road was being prepared. It was anticipated the concept design would be completed prior to Christmas. Having the sewer along Lyell Creek was just one of the options being considered. This was the largest three waters project to be undertaken and there was a need to be mindful of funding and cashflow.

A network criticality assessment had been undertaken and it was felt the system as it was could be nursed through until construction of a new sewer system.

A forward programme of roading works associated with business as usual and rebuild works would be available late August.

Frustration was expressed regarding the fact that there was a plan being prepared for the next years roading programme but nothing had been undertaken currently. It was acknowledged that there were frustrations in

terms of the speed of roading repairs however it was important that processes were followed because costs would have to be justified because there was a substantial amount which would be funded by other parties.

A discussion was held regarding a temporary bridge at the Wharekiri stream and naming of the new road at Clarence.

Moved by Councillor Howden, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that the Joint Rebuild Programme and Infrastructure Report be received. Unanimous.

4. PLANNING UPDATE

Te Korowai was continuing with its push for World Heritage status for areas of Kaikoura. Work was also being undertaken as part of the National Science Challenge regarding how businesses benefited from the ocean.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Howden, seconded by Councillor Milton and resolved that the Planning Report be received. Unanimous.

5. SOCIAL RECOVERY UPDATE

The biggest concern currently was the need for temporary accommodation with businesses not finding accommodation for workers. Options to address the issue were being worked through with the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment. One option was a resource to assist those people on the temporary accommodation list. There were currently 50 names on the list. A second “on the ground” option was also being investigated. It was generally felt discussions needed to be held with NCTIR around when they would be at peak capacity in terms of the number of workers.

In terms of the Find and Fix project the biggest need was support with regard to insurance issues. The programme was partnered with Community Energy Action and Red Cross and an average of four to five referrals a week were being received. Some enquiries were from people who had previously advised that they had no concerns. There was a need to think about the next stage and whether there was an opportunity to put in place residential advisory support. The programme was also trying to support local contractors by involving them in the managed repair programme. It was suggested a residential advisory support service could mitigate the temporary housing need by getting people back into homes quicker.

The work Councillor Harnett and Pablecheque with regard to project was acknowledged.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Howden, seconded by Councillor Bond and resolved that the Social Recovery Update report be received. Unanimous.

6. BUILDING UPDATE

Work was currently underway reassessing placards to see if properties were dangerous or insanitary. It was expected the work would be completed that week. There was a desire to not have people put out of their homes

therefore solutions which would enable people to stay in their homes were being looked at on a case by case basis. A discussion was held regarding classification of insanitary homes.

In terms of business as usual work there were a number of recommendations which needed to be worked through as a result of the last IANZ accreditation audit of the Building Control Authority.

Consent levels going forward were unknown and there was potential for them to either spike or increase steadily. It was suggested that the number of builders available could slow the consent process however it was noted there were a number of companies from outside of the district building spec homes.

Moved by Councillor Harnett, seconded by Councillor Mackle and resolved that the Building Update report be received. Unanimous.

7. ECONOMIC RECOVERY UPDATE

The biggest issues being faced by businesses were those related to acquiring staff and accommodation for staff. Poaching between businesses was already being seen. This was causing issues for small businesses who could potentially look at shutting. Local motels were assisting with temporary accommodation but they wished to be dedicated to their market as well.

There was a large jump in mental tiredness for business owners. On the 14th of November business interruption insurance would run out for businesses which would increase levels of stress. There was a lot of hope being placed on the opening of the road. A low return of tourists and diversion of buses was a concern. The State Highway deviation construction was also a concern with 1% of businesses directly affected by the deviation. There was currently a focus on capability building for businesses.

Work was being undertaken with the Canterbury Employers Chamber of Commerce to set up a business association in Kaikoura which reflected Kaikoura. The Canterbury Employers Chambers of Commerce would provide back end support in terms of human resource and health and safety advice and there would be a committee made up of local businesses.

The New Zealand Transport Agency community space project aimed to develop a project or space which would benefit the community. Three potential areas had been identified for the project. The Retail and Trade Association was working on how an uplift mall proposal could be progressed. The first stage would involve getting containers so that businesses could get up and running.

A discussion was held regarding building facades and a theme for the town going forward. It was noted there was very little Council could control however it was suggested there could be an opportunity for Council to work with the business association and/or hold a community workshop regarding the idea.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Howden, seconded by Councillor Bond and resolved that the Economic Recovery Update report be received. Unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 10.43am and resumed at 3.05pm.

8. PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

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

- a) Confirmation of Earthquake Recovery Committee Minutes 19/07/2017***
- b) Natural Hazards.***
- c) Insurance Claims Settlement Update. Unanimous.***

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.45pm.