

REPORT OF THE EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.02AM ON WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 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), J Parfitt (Advisor to CEO), 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.

Councillor Mackle was a director of Harmac Concrete which was involved with supplying material for rebuild activities.

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

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 23/08/2017

Moved by Deputy Mayor Howden, seconded by Councillor Millton and resolved that the report of the Earthquake Recovery Committee meeting held on 23 August 2017 be confirmed a true and accurate record. Unanimous.

3. REBUILD & INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

There had been a focus on the roading component of the rebuild programme to obtain certainty around scope and costs. Members of the Rebuild Steering Group wished to meet with Councillors and would be in Kaikoura on the 13th of October.

The brief had been released for the Lyell Creek sewer, concept design for the aeration lagoon and bridge package. It was anticipated tender documents for the bridge package would be completed by Christmas for the bridges to be placed in the New Year.

The second phase of the CCTV of the sewer network was being undertaken with leak detection taking place in October.

Discussions were being held with NZTA and NCTIR to reach agreement regarding maintenance of haul roads and the agencies being responsible for the upkeep of the roads whilst they were using them.

A discussion was held regarding the cost of maintenance of roads over the next two to three years. It was noted the cost of maintenance during these years would be approximately \$1million per year.

Wharekiri Stream Bailey Bridge Concept

A design for a bailey bridge across the Wharekiri Stream had been prepared. This was not intended to be a permanent solution but would provide increased security of access for residents who lived in the Clarence valley. The bridge would have sacrificial approaches and in extreme events those approaches would be washed away and could be replaced the abutments and the bridge would remain in place. The cost was approximately \$500,000 with 95% of that funded by the New Zealand Transport Agency, there would also be ongoing rental of the bridge and maintenance work. Funding for the solution would not detract from funding for a more permanent solution. Feedback received from affected parties was tabled and acknowledged.

The proposal had been heavily debated amongst residents in the Clarence Valley with it stated that 95% of landowners did not want the bridge because they thought they would be getting a new bridge over the Clarence. It was suggested that the crossing be left as a ford as there could be a large cost to Council to reinstate the road over the next 20 years. There was concern that as soon as a bridge was put in that the road would become scenic access and the road beyond the bridge was not particularly safe.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that through a Memorandum of Understanding Council had delegated authority to the Rebuild Steering Group to make decisions with regard to rebuild activities. It was noted that currently information was being gathered and no decision had been made to proceed with the proposal.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Howden, seconded by Councillor Blunt and resolved that the Rebuild and Infrastructure Update Report be received. Unanimous.

4. KAIKOURA EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY WASTE PROJECT

The Waste Case Manager was working with residents to help them identify and deal with asbestos and hazardous waste. Free asbestos testing was offered. The cost of the removal of asbestos was covered by insurance. Testing was to prevent people for hoping for the best. A discussion was held regarding dangerous chemicals and asbestos removal.

Moved by Councillor Blunt, seconded by Councillor Bond and resolved that the Kaikoura Earthquake Recovery Waste Project report be received. Unanimous.

5. SOCIAL RECOVERY UPDATE

The survey of households continued with 71 properties visited to date. Wellbeing issues had increased with 50% of those surveyed stating they had wellbeing concerns. There had been three deaths in the community in the previous week and it was expected this would have consequences in the wellbeing space. Closely related to wellbeing concerns was the lack of

temporary accommodation. There were potentially 62 properties that were affected by natural hazards and approximately 14 that would require families to move out of their homes. The Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment were looking at a feasibility study regarding a workable solution for temporary accommodation. Potential temporary accommodation solutions were discussed.

It was suggested that care needed to be taken to ensure that positive messages about the future were projected which included for example longer and warmer days and the road being open for Christmas. There was a need to start living forward. The Social Recovery and Community Development Officer advised that by and large the Social Recovery Team were only dealing with people who were falling through the gaps.

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

6. ECONOMIC RECOVERY UPDATE

There were a number of small businesses looking for 1 or 2 employees with the business survey indicating an increase in mental tiredness. 43% of business indicated they were dealing with insurance related issues. Businesses had indicated they would like support with regard to legal issues and an on the ground solution was being investigated.

A discussion was held regarding the uplift mall proposal. It was noted that there was still work to be undertaken with a large amount outside of Council's control. The Planning and Building teams were on standby to assist however there were currently no plans. A checklist of what needed to be completed was being compiled by the Economic Recovery lead.

A number of accommodation businesses were reporting low occupancy and forward bookings. A discussion was held regarding the potential causes.

Moved by Councillor Millton, seconded by Councillor Mackle and resolved that Economic Recovery report be received. Unanimous.

7. RECOVERY MANAGER'S REPORT

The Recovery Manager was meeting with D Lowe from NCTIR on a fortnightly basis. The accommodation demand from NCTIR was not expected to reduce for at least a further twelve months. The rebuilding of the State Highway was going to take longer than removing the debris.

Recovery was not over. Whilst there was a lot of positive news there were still people and businesses which were hurting and their needed to be a focus on those who were in need. It was felt Councillors would be drawn into recovery more than they had been to date with some major decisions to be made over the next twelve months.

The meeting with those parties directly affected by the proposed State Highway deviation would be undertaken in the last week of September or early October when NZTA would have more information available.

The work of the Recovery Manager and the Recovery Team was acknowledged as well as that of the wider team.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Howden, seconded by Councillor Harnett and resolved that the Recovery Manager's report be received. Unanimous.

8. EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY PUBLIC EXCLUDED

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

- a. Confirmation of Earthquake Recovery Public Excluded Minutes
19/07/2017***
- b. Natural Hazards***
- c. Insurance Claims Settlement Update***
- d. Harbour.***

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.53pm.