

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 9.01AM ON WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2017 AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 96 WEST END, KAIKOURA.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: A Oosthuizen (Chief Executive Officer), J Parfitt (Advisor to CEO), S Syme (Committee Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Councillor D Millton
Moved by Councillor Blunt, seconded by Councillor Mackle and resolved that apologies be accepted. Unanimous

1. OPEN FORUM

Ralph Hogan

R Hogan raised the following points for consideration;

- The appointment of all councillors to the insurance subcommittee or at least any councillors that wished to be on the committee be appointed.
- Question the insurer's stance that the South Bay and Wakatu Quay facilities were not covered by insurance because they had not been damaged by the earthquake given the meaning of words used to define the insurer's stance.
- Requested the Recovery Report be expanded on verbally in terms of transportation links around water taxi/shuttles services and communication in terms of temporary portable cell towers.
- Radio stocks and capabilities for civil defence should be highest priority.

R Hogan also commented on the agenda items related to the Rates Remission Policy for earthquake damaged properties, the Easter Sunday Trading Policy and the Suburban School speed limit request.

The Council meeting adjourned at 9.15am and resumed at 10.43am.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Mackle and resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 February 2017 be confirmed a true and accurate record. Unanimous

3. MINUTES TO BE RECEIVED

Moved by Councillor Blunt, seconded by Councillor Mackle and resolved that the report of the Kaikoura Water Zone Committee meeting held on 26 October 2016 be received. Unanimous

4. MINUTES ACTION LIST

Radio Stock and Capabilities

A proposal had been put forward by the Marlborough Kaikoura Rural Fire Authority and the Emergency Management Officer would put together a report on the proposal.

5. FINANCE REPORT

Cash had decreased by \$1.218 million during the reporting month. The operating surplus had increased to \$3.68 million which was well ahead of budget however this included the \$2million from the Canterbury District Health Board and the advances from the Local Authority Protection Programme and the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management.

Council was now at a stage where revenue would be required for cashflow and the crown had been approached about an advance.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that the Finance Report be received. Unanimous

6. RATES REMISSION FOR OWNERS OF EARTHQUAKE DAMAGED PROPERTIES

Included in the agenda was a report which presented options for rate relief for earthquake damaged properties. The aim was to offer rates relief to properties which were uninhabitable. It was recommended that all remissions related to damaged properties had to be applied for by the property owners. Remission would only relate to the current rating year. In considering Kaikoura's response to rates relief a number of options had been considered.

A discussion was held regarding the following;

- A number of ratepayers were not currently paying their rates.
- The different between someone with a house on a property which was uninhabitable and a bare section and the fact there was still a certain amount of rates which had to be paid.
- There were some places where a decision had not been made in regard to whether or not the property was able to be rebuilt on.
- The policy would only allow Council to remit rates on a property affected by a natural disaster.
- The policy was designed for people who had lost use of their dwelling or business.
- The proposal was a rates relief package only.
- Rural rates would be keep level by the 95% funding from New Zealand Transport Agency for emergency roading repairs.
- It was financially unaffordable for farmers to be provided with a full rates remission and it was felt that no farmer would be expecting a full remission.
- There would be some substantial changes in value for rural farming properties and properties owners would have the opportunity to object to the new valuation.
- The proposal had been benched marked with other Councils.
- There would be no effect this financial year on the rates for other properties from implementation of the remission policy.

Moved by Councillor Mackle, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that Council;

- 1. Receive the rates remissions for owners of earthquake damaged properties report.***
- 2. Resolves to enable the remission of rates from 14 November 2016 to all properties that were uninhabitable due to the November earthquake, for the period of time the property is so affected;***
 - 2.1 Residential Type A and B properties to receive a 100% remission for all rates levied***
 - 2.2 Rural Type A and B properties of greater than one hectare to receive a remission equal to 100% of improvement value on all rates based on capital value, remit 100% of water and sewer charges if the service is no longer available, and remit 100% of uniform annual charges on each separately used or inhabited part of the rating unit that had been deemed uninhabitable, if there was more than one part***
 - 2.3 Commercial Type A and B properties to receive the same remission as rural, plus 100% remission of targeted rates specific to commercial property***
 - 2.4 Type C properties may be eligible for up to 50% rates remission for some or all rates levied, and 100% for water and sewer rates levied on application in writing from the ratepayer and with evidence that their use of the property or income derived from the property has been materially and detrimentally affected.***
- 3. Notes that other forms of financial relief are available to ratepayers, residents and business operators from various sources such as the Mayoral Fund, Red Cross, WINZ and the Ministry for Primary Industries and others.***
- 4. Resolves that rates relief be made available for the 2016/17 rating year and the rates relief package be reassessed for the 2017/18 rating year (from 1 July 2017).***
- 5. Resolves that the authority to assess the actual remission awarded for Types B and C properties be delegated to the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee.***
- 6. A media release around rates remissions for owners of earthquake damaged properties be created and circulated. Unanimous***

7. KAIKOURA DISTRICT EASTER SUNDAY SHOP TRADING POLICY

Two submission had been received in response to the draft Easter Sunday Trading policy which had been subject to special consultative procedures under the Local Government Act. One submission had been in favour and one had been opposed to Council enabling Easter Sunday Trading in the district.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that Council adopt the Easter Sunday Trading Policy. Unanimous

8. DELEGATIONS TO ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY STAFF TO MONITOR RECOVERY CONSENTS

Environment Canterbury had appointed an officer to monitor NCTIR consents and provide advice regarding erosion, sediment measures as well as monitoring any demolition. To reduce compliance costs to the applicant it

was logical that the officer undertake monitoring for both Kaikoura District Council and Environment Canterbury when undertaking site visits.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that Council delegate to Environment Canterbury Monitoring and Compliance Officer, M Mortiaux, the functions and powers under Section 38 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

9. MARLBOROUGH REGIONAL FORESTRY JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE

Kaikoura and Marlborough District Council's had formed a joint operating Committee for the management of the Marlborough Regional Forestry estate. The current agreement had worked well and no issues had been raised by the previous Joint Committee. The Local Government Act required that by 1 March after each triennial general election of members, that Joint Committee agreements be renewed.

It was commented that there would be a period when Council would receive no income from the forest and there were going to be some major deficits due to earthquake repair and recovery activities and it was suggested it would be beneficial to have the option to sell Council's share if finances were dire. It was suggested that this would be akin to "selling the goose that laid the golden egg". It was noted that forestry was pretty much Council's only revenue stream other than rates.

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Mayor Gray that Council agree to extend the current Joint Operating Committee Agreement with Marlborough District Council for the operation of the Marlborough Regional Forestry Estate.

Amendment to the Motion:

Moved by Councillor Blunt, seconded by Councillor Harnett that for clarity it be noted that Council still had the option to sell part or all of its forestry shares within the next three years if necessary.

The Amendment was put and carried. Unanimous

Substantive Motion

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Mayor Gray that Council agree to extend the current Joint Operating Committee Agreement with Marlborough District Council for the operation of the Marlborough Regional Forestry Estate and that for clarity it be noted that Council still had the option to sell part or all of its forestry shares within the next three years if necessary.

The motion was put and carried. Unanimous

10. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Finance, Audit and Risk

It was agreed at the last Finance, Audit and Risk Committee meeting that the full Finance report would be presented to both the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee and Council. It was suggested that the Finance, Audit and Risk

Committee should be held in the week prior to Council. The Chief Executive Officer would investigate further.

Water Zone Committee

A meeting of the Committee was held in February for the first time since October. The meeting had been sombre with attendees providing an updated on how the earthquake had affected communities. There had been significant damage to waterways with a lot of the work which had been undertaken destroyed which was heart-breaking.

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Gray noted there had been a lot of talk about cell towers in Kaikoura and it was noted there was a digital strategy through the Mayoral Forum working on these issues.

A sports workshop was to be held the following evening.

The Lions Club were keen to be involved with work on foreshore development and beautification of the area.

12. PUBLIC FORUM

Speed Limit Review Suburban School

D Pettit and H van Lent from Suburban School were in attendance to present this item.

It was noted the school role had increased over a number of years but the traffic management in the area had not moved with the rise in activity. There was a lot of distraction for drivers passing the school and the speed limit was posted at 100km/hour and there were only two signs that said "School". It was requested the speed limit outside the school needed to be reduced for the following reasons;

- To allow enough time for vehicles to slow down to the mandatory 25km/hour speed restriction whilst passing a stationary school bus
- Minimise the risk to students boarding the bus
- Ease the congestion within the school parking area by giving parents the opportunity to pick their children up safely outside the school grounds.

It was requested that a report be presented to the next Council meeting.

13. YOUTH COUNCIL

P Jellyman and A Kahu, Youth Council Representatives, and T Manual, Youth Development Coordinator were in attendance to present this item.

An overview of Youth Council activities was provided which included;

- Monthly youth blast nights at the Scout Hall
- The proposed Kaikoura youth awards
- Set up of a temporary skate ramp
- Set up of a youth wellbeing panel.

The Youth Council were keen to be involved in making the Library a place where youth wanted to go. They wished to have more of a say about what went into the Library. They also wished to find out how they could be more effective in feeding the youth voice into Council decisions and were obtaining mentoring from other Council's in this area.

14. COUNCIL PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

Moved by Mayor Gray, 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 Council Public Excluded Minutes 21/02/2017***
- b) Directors Appointment Process***
- c) Audit Management Letter***
- d) Innovative Waste Statement of Intent and Half Yearly Report.***

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.34pm.