

REPORT OF THE EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.15AM 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.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 25/01/2017

Moved by Councillor Mackle, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that the report of the Earthquake Recovery Committee meeting held on 21 February 2017 be confirmed a true and accurate record. Unanimous.

2. MINUTES ACTION LIST UPDATE

Memorandum of Understanding – Marlborough District Council

Work was in progress and it was hoped this would be finalised within the next two weeks.

Airport

Repairs at the Airport would be dealt with through insurance. The removal of the trees at the end of the runway was being dealt with by the Chief Executive Officer who was endeavouring to find a way forward with Tribal Properties.

Funding for Waipapa Slipway

The Chief Executive Officer had raised the matter regarding whether there was any funding available for the Waipapa Slipway with the National Recovery office.

3. BUILDING AND PLANNING UPDATE

There had not been an influx of consents to date. The Building Control Authority had undertaken some processing work to assist Hurunui District Council.

Work was continuing with regard to the implementation of a electronic system for lodging and processing of building consents. There would be costs associated with the upgrades to software and additional hardware requirements however there would be benefits in terms of efficiency.

Discussions were currently being held with NCTIR with regard to a possible accommodation camp. There were some questions regarding whether the special legislation which had been passed to speed up the consenting process for State Highway work would apply to the workers camp. It was

suggested that potential social issues associated with a camp needed to be investigated and addressed.

4. RECOVERY MANAGER'S REPORT

Included in the agenda was an update on recovery activities. It was anticipated the Recovery Plan would be presented to Council in April.

The business subsidy had been extended for an additional 8 weeks on a decreasing basis.

An extension to the transition period had been applied for. This was due to the powers which were extended to the Recovery Manager during a transition period to deal with life risk situations for example the Goose Bay and Hapuku dams.

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

5. EARTHQUAKE GENERATED HAZARDS

Included in the agenda was an update on the status of Earthquake generated natural hazards and life risk hazards. Houses had been placarded where it was considered unsafe and those people were out of their homes. Work was being undertaken with agencies to find solutions however there was no one solution for all properties.

Moved by Councillor Howden, seconded by Councillor Bond and resolved that the Earthquake Generated Hazards report be received. Unanimous

6. TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

The Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment had provided a report on housing needs in the community.

The biggest issue to date had been people not registering with the Ministry that housing was required.

Work was being undertaken with the Ministry and the Insurance Council to identify those people who required temporary fixes to houses prior to winter.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque that the Temporary Housing report be received. Unanimous

7. INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

An overview of the state of infrastructure was provided. A number of water supplies were still on boil water notices. Water safety plans for supplies were being compiled.

All properties were now reconnected to the sewer system.

The subsidy from New Zealand Transport Agency for roading work had increased to 51% and would be backdated to 1 July 2016. The earthquake

subsidy rate was 95% for works approved by the New Zealand Transport Agency. Bridges would be included in the earthquake subsidy rates however New Zealand Transport Agency would have to approve that the most appropriate reinstatement/replacement option had been chosen.

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Blunt and resolved that the Infrastructure Update report be received. Unanimous

8. INSURANCE UPDATE

Insurance claims were very much in the preliminary stage. Consultants had assessed the extent of damage, estimated the cost of reinstatement/replacement of infrastructure and considered potential options around re-instatement/replacement. The next step was to initiate conversations with insurers. It was suggested it would be advantageous for Council to form an insurance subcommittee to deal with insurance issues.

A discussion was held regarding the makeup of an Insurance Subcommittee. It was noted the subcommittee needed to have authority to sign off on a negotiation strategy and to conclude financial settlements. If the Committee was to be all of Council then there would need to be agreement on what the quorum of the Committee would be.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that Council;

- 1. Receives the Insurance Update Report for information***
- 2. Requests a further update from the Chief Executive Officer as the insurance formal claim progresses further.***
- 3. Agrees to form an Earthquake Insurance Subcommittee comprising full Council.***
- 4. Delegate authority to the Insurance Subcommittee to approve an insurance strategy, make final decisions regarding settlement, seek legal advice and conclude annual insurance negotiations. Unanimous***

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.29am.