

REPORT OF THE WORKS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.16AM ON WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2014 AT MEMORIAL HALL SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: S Grant (Chief Executive Officer), S Watts (Committee Secretary), G Essenberg (Operations and Maintenance Manager).

1. REPORTS

a) Operations and Maintenance Manager's Report

Water

The Operations Manager advised water usage had remained lower than previous years with a steady decrease in usage by Kaikoura residents.

Sewer

Residents within one kilometre of the sewerage ponds would be notified by mail of the pending desludging of the ponds. It was noted there were no expected issues in terms of odour.

Pensioner Housing

The work on unit 4 was almost completed and it was anticipated it would be finished later in the week.

Public Toilets

The mural at the West End toilets was underway and favourable comments had been received.

Councillor Millton and the Operations Manager had viewed the potential site for public toilets at Clarence. There had been some discussion with ratepayers and there was a need to affirm whether the toilets should be progressed.

Councillor Millton advised he would like to delay a decision on the toilets. He advised a meeting of the East Coast Organisation was planned for that night and there were some strong feelings about having a place to meet rather than toilets given the community was losing the local school. Councillor Millton advised there were one or two people including himself who were in favour of toilets but he would like the matter deferred until the next meeting.

Roading

The Operations Manager provided an overview of projects completed in February which included new culverts on Blue Duck Valley Road and gabion baskets at the top of the slip.

Work had commenced on the Deal Street Footpath. Some minor adjustments had been made on site to ease the top section.

Contracts

On 30 June 2014 the contracts for parks and reserves, public conveniences and water and wastewater services would be up for renewal. The Operations Manager advised the renewal of contracts allowed for negotiations which could benefit both parties. Councillor Harmon enquired what the Operations Manager thought about bringing some of the functions in house. The Operations Manager advised it was an option and there were benefits associated with the functions being in house and also in renewing the contract.

Budget Report

The reseal programme had commenced so it was expected expenses would be up substantially the following month. Roading income would also be higher.

Moved by Councillor Harmon, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that the Works and Services reports be received.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.31am.