

**REPORT OF THE WORKS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
AT 9.05AM ON WEDNESDAY 21 MAY 2014 AT MEMORIAL HALL
SUPPER ROOM, ESPLANADE, KAIKOURA.**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: G Essenberg (Acting Chief Executive Officer / Operations and Maintenance Manager), S Syme (Committee Secretary), S Poulsen (Finance Manager).

APOLOGIES: Mayor W Gray, Councillor D Millton (lateness).
Moved by Councillor Diver, seconded by Councillor Morgan and resolved that apologies be accepted.

Councillor Mackle entered the meeting at 9.06am

1. REPORTS

***a) Operations and Maintenance Manager's Report
Water Supply***

As a result of the weather event on 17th and 18th of April the town water supply mainline on Mt Fyffe Road was scoured which caused pipe failure. The pipe was reinstated the next day. As a result of the same rain event the Kincaid Water Supply turned itself off due to high turbidity.

Sewerage System

The sewer system functioned reasonably well during the weather event. There was a small overflow at the Esplanade pump station and it also appeared there may have been a small overflow at one of the manholes along Lyell Creek.

The rainfall had resulted in a significant increase in sewer discharge which was attributed to infiltration. It was noted infiltration could come from two sources which were; cross connections and manholes which were submerged or pipes letting water in. It could not be confirmed which of the possible options was the cause. It was hoped over time the cause of infiltration would be reduced. Given the magnitude of the rainfall it was felt the system had coped very well.

The desludging of the anaerobic pond had been delayed because the contractor's equipment had been unable to cope with the ropes and pieces of net which had been found in the bottom of the pond. Another contractor with a different pump would attempt to desludge the pond.

Stormwater

Some properties on the South side of Torquay Street had stormwater come through the property as a result of the rain event. Remedial works were being investigated to divert stormwater around these properties.

Roading

As a result of the rain event on the 17th and 18th of April \$750,000 worth of damage repair and remedial works was required. Approximately \$250,000 was required to get the roads back to the state they were in prior to the weather event. Other work had been identified which would prevent the damage occurring again.

Councillor Milton entered the meeting at 9.14am.

Funding from New Zealand Transport Agency was on a year to year basis and the subsidy rate to repair the roads would depend on how much work was done in the current financial year and how much was done in the next. The subsidy rate for emergency works increased depending on the amount required for example; \$250,000 worth of repairs would equate to a 9% increase in the subsidy rate, \$500,000 would equate to an increase of approximately 18% and \$750,000 a 27% increase. Council would be required to find the local share of all of the work. To find Council's share planned work had been reduced to the bare minimum as required in the maintenance contract and all metalling projects unless through emergency works would not be completed in the current financial year.

The Operations Manager would be meeting with a representative from the New Zealand Transport Agency the next day to discuss which works would be classified as emergency works and therefore result in a higher subsidy. Work that did not fit the category would be undertaken in the next financial year and the following one. A discussion was held regarding the state of local roads currently and prior to the rain event. Councillor Millton felt it was important to get roads back to some standard as soon as possible given safety issues. Some members of the community were critical about the length of time taken to repair the roads. It was generally felt the aim should be to complete as much of the repairs and remedial works on the list as possible.

Work would need to be undertaken on a number of tracks. The work would be completed to a minimal standard to keep the tracks open.

Moved by Councillor Harmon, seconded by Councillor Mackle and resolved that the Operations and Maintenance Manager's Report be received.

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