

REPORT OF THE EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.02AM ON WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2017 AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 96 WEST END, KAIKOURA.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: A Oosthuizen (Chief Executive Officer), S Syme (Committee Secretary).

1. APOLOGIES: Councillor C Mackle
Moved by Councillor Howden, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that apologies be accepted. Unanimous.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Millton was a director of Waipapa Limestone which was involved in roading activities.

Councillor Bond was an employee of Whale Watch Kaikoura which had an interest in the South Bay Harbour.

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

Councillor Harnett was undertaking a role within the Temporary Accommodation Service.

3. OPEN FORUM

P Bird – Social Recovery and Economic Recovery Updates

P Bird advised that the temporary housing workshop had been valuable and appreciated. She had some questions regarding temporary housing which were put to Council these included;

1. Was Council able to advise on the amount of residential land available to be built on currently?
2. What was Council's understanding of the impact of the roading workers and contractors relocating to Kaikoura on the housing situation?
3. Accommodation for road workers was not expected to decrease for at least 12 months and was it sustainable for Kaikoura?
4. If temporary housing was needed by those who had not sustained damage to their home would Council revise its position on the usage of temporary housing?

P Bird noted that rental prices had increased considerably and there was very limited amount of houses available on the market with a number becoming available already sold to speculators.

With regard to economic recovery P Bird enquired what was in place to support businesses which needed to relocate for site repairs or those who needed to relocate due to demolition. It was noted that meetings had been held with businesses regarding relocation and it was possible that the grant funding which had been put in place may be able to be used to assist.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 11/10/2017

Moved by Councillor Millton, seconded by Councillor Harnett and resolved that the reports of the Earthquake Recovery Committee meeting held on 11 October 2017 be confirmed and true and accurate record. Unanimous.

5. SOCIAL RECOVERY UPDATE

The Social Recovery and Community Development Officer was in attendance to present this item.

A Housing Hui had been held the previous Monday. An area of housing which had not been well advertised were the Housing New Zealand homes in Kaikoura. The system was nationwide with those most in need at the top of the list. Only two people from Kaikoura were on the waiting list. Recently someone from out of Kaikoura had been put into a Housing New Zealand home in Kaikoura. It was important that Kaikoura residents registered if they had a housing need. A discussion was held regarding other organisations which could provide assistance and other potential solutions to the current housing shortage.

A discussion was also held regarding the negativity and concerns people had raised during the recent military exercise in Kaikoura.

6. RECOVERY WASTE PROJECT UPDATE

The Waste Case Manager was in attendance to present this item.

The scope of the project had been extended to provide free asbestos testing to all ratepayers, regardless of insurance cover or damage level. It had hoped that insurance companies would be front footing the matter but this had not been the case with insurance companies asking their clients to fund the testing first and then reimbursing them.

The project also offered free collection of hazardous waste. One of the issues noted was that people were not wanting to admit that they had hazardous material. The service was free and it was hoped the process of the free collection would remove the frustration and difficulty for people who were needing to dispose of hazardous waste.

7. ECONOMIC RECOVERY UPDATE

The Economic Recovery Lead was in attendance to present this item.

Staffing concerns had increased for businesses, this was attributed to the lack of accommodation available and seasonal workers becoming aware that they could make more money over a shorter period by being part of the State Highway 1 reinstatement. It was noted that some businesses may not open over the coming summer.

Work was being undertaken with the Christchurch Employers Chamber of Commerce to provide continued capability building for businesses.

In terms of the Uplift Mall a detailed site plan was to be provided by the owners of the project. The proposal included three large containers for businesses and a community space.

A discussion was held regarding businesses which had closed down. It was noted that not all businesses had closed as a result of the earthquake and some businesses were doing better and looking to expand as a result whilst others were looking at returning to Kaikoura.

75% of local businesses were keen to stop using single use plastic bags.

8. ALL RIGHT? CAMPAIGN KAIKOURA

R Vaughan, Health Promoter Kaikoura All Right Campaign, was in attendance to present this item.

The “All Right?” campaign was a mental wellness campaign which was aimed at people who did not require clinical intervention. The aim of the campaign was to validate feelings. Posters had been created using local faces to provide familiarity. The branding was stand alone. The campaign was about allowing people to acknowledge how they were feeling. A temporary signs permit for campaign posters would be sought.

A discussion was held regarding how lucky Kaikoura was when compared with the likes of Florida where people had received very little help.

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

- 1. Receive the “All Right?” campaign report.***
- 2. Support the “All Right?” campaign in Kaikoura as part of the social recovery framework by:***
 - Councillors and staff being informed of the campaign and helping people to speak about their experiences***
 - Giving support to waive the sign bylaw application fee***
 - Agree to display posters at Council owned locations throughout the town***
 - Agree to consider projects through the mental wellness lens before putting them out to the community. Unanimous.***

The meeting adjourned at 10.10am and resumed at 10.36am.

9. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

M Fisher from Urban Tacticians was in attendance to present this item.

M Fisher was involved with building Councils and the communities together through information sharing and provided examples of successful community spaces as a result. There was often a division between Council’s and communities and Councillors did not necessarily understand the passion and the ideas which were out in the community.

Creative engagement needed to be undertaken to see what was missing in a place. Council should look for unexpected collaboration to help people

achieve ideas to transform unusable areas into business areas or hang out spaces. Council may be able to assist community projects and initiatives by changing rules or removing policy to remove frustration from the process. It was about the community and council working in different ways to achieve ideas. There were a wealth of ideas within the community for Council to realise to help better the district.

A discussion was held regarding how Council could assist with community projects. It was noted that facilitators had been used in other areas to assist with connecting Council and the community.

10. EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY PUBLIC EXCLUDED

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Bond 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
11/10/2017***
- b. Temporary Accommodation***
- c. Quarterly Horizontal Infrastructure Report***
- d. Harbour Update. Unanimous.***

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.03pm.