

REPORT OF THE EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.09AM ON WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2017 AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 96 WEST END, KAIKOURA.

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

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors J Howden, D Millton (lateness)
Moved by Councillor Blunt, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that apologies be accepted. Unanimous.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mackle was a director of Harmac Concrete which was involved with supplying material for rebuild activities.

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

2. OPEN FORUM

P Bird – Recovery Manager’s Report

P Bird wished to thank the Recovery Manager for arranging a meeting with NZTA and affected parties with regard to the proposed State Highway 1 (Beach Road) Deviation. She also wished to thank those elected members who had attended. She acknowledged that there was no way to make everyone happy but it was about principle and meeting face to face, it was never a waste of time when working with the wellbeing of the community.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 13/09/2017

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Harnett and resolved that the report of the Earthquake Recovery Committee meeting held on 13 September 2017 be confirmed a true and accurate record. Unanimous.

Councillor Millton entered the meeting at 9.14am.

4. BUILDING UPDATE

The Building and Regulatory Manager was in attendance to present this item.

Building consent numbers had remained steady however it was anticipated that there would be an increase in consent numbers. Good customer feedback had been received in response to the GoGet system which was now in place.

The Building Control team had been working on addressing corrective actions which had been raised at the last Building Accreditation audit in anticipation of the next audit.

5. REBUILD AND INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

The Rebuild Director and Acting Asset Manager were in attendance to present this item.

Consultants had been engaged to provide options development and the design for the preferred option for the aeration lagoon, Lyell Creek sewer main and the five bridge package.

Further CCTV investigation of the sewer network had been undertaken. Earthquake damage would be translated into the scope of the rebuild. Approximately 30% of the network had been investigated with a focus on the worst parts of the network. If damage was not found the cost of the assessment would not be funded by either the crown or insurance.

Work was being undertaken around the three waters with regard to the \$2.4million Betterment Fund. The aim was to develop a Memorandum of Understanding regarding how to interpret and access the fund. There was a need to ascertain what could be applied for under the Betterment Fund and which items would need to go into the Long Term Plan.

A draft Procurement Strategy was being prepared which would need to be approved by Council and the New Zealand Transport Agency. The Strategy was largely based on the New Zealand Transport Agency guidelines.

The roading and drainage programme was continuing and the Rebuild Steering Group had signed off on a short term solution at the Wharekiri Stream and had also signed off on a strategic business case for access to the Clarence Valley. A strategic business case would look at all options which would include more than just a replacement bridge. New Zealand Transport Agency did not want to go straight to a consideration of options. Council was heavily reliant on funding from the New Zealand Transport Agency and therefore were also reliant on following New Zealand Transport Agency processes.

A discussion was held regarding the short term solution and the Wharekiri Stream and the cost to Council of maintaining access post 2020 when the New Zealand Transport Agency subsidy was no longer at 95%.

It was noted that GNS had obtained funding for investigation into the effects of the earthquake on flood plains and flooding. The Clarence River had been put forward as an area where investigation was required.

B Apperley had kindly volunteered his time for a month to assist with the preparation of a Community Facilities Strategy.

Funding would be required for improvements in terms of water compliance for example where a water supply had lost its secure status and protective barriers needed to be put in place. The water security status was not driven from the earthquake therefore was not eligible for funding from the Betterment Fund.

6. SOCIAL RECOVERY UPDATE

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

There was still a need in terms of psychosocial support and it was important to keep things kind and simple in the community. It was noted that everyone was very busy and although there have been presentations about mental exhaustion and the warning signs people could be aware, and it could still catch up on them.

The main issues which had been raised through the wellbeing surveys were around insurance and housing.

7. ECONOMIC RECOVERY UPDATE

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

The two main issues facing businesses was mental tiredness and the lack of accommodation available for staff. It was important when dealing with people to remember that people needed time to have face to face conversations and extra time needed to be taken to ensure people understood what was being said and they they knew they had been heard.

Insurance was also a major issue with businesses and work was being undertaken with government as it had been recognised that insurances companies were not taking Kaikoura seriously enough. The other concern was that business interruption insurance would cease on 14 November.

A duty motel and also a NZ Hospitably tool which showed accommodation occupancy would be put in place to hopefully better manage occupancy between motels and spread business. A misconception within the sector had been that all accommodation providers were trading at the same level. Available accommodation was down by approximately 88 beds. The other issue being faced by the accommodation sector was the lack of available cleaning staff and potential solutions had been brainstormed.

The University of Canterbury report on a community space was tabled for information.

Work had commenced with regard to a Blue and Green Economy. There was a large opportunity for value based investment in Kaikoura based on Kaikoura developing a blue (marine) and green (land) economy focused on sustainability.

It was suggested that there was an opportunity for Kaikoura if it was to ban plastic bags prior to the State Highway opening.

A meeting had been held with Hurunui District Council and Marlborough District Council with regard to cycleways. It was noted that wellness tourism was increasing 50% faster than any other type of tourism. It was hoped agreement would be obtained to form a Trust. It was noted some funding had already been received from the Rata foundation.

A meeting had been held with New Zealand Transport Agency and the National Recovery Office to discuss concerns over increasing incidents on the Inland Road and the lack of communications available.

8. 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
13/09/2017*
- b. Temporary Accommodation*
- c. Insurance Claims Settlement Update*
- d. Harbour. Unanimous.*

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that the Building Update, Rebuild and Infrastructure Update, Social Recovery Update and Economic Update reports be received. Unanimous.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.38pm.