

REPORT OF THE EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.20AM ON WEDNESDAY 30 JUNE 2017 AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 96 WEST END, KAIKOURA.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: A Oosthuizen (Chief Executive Officer), J Parfitt (Advisor to CEO), S Syme (Committee Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Councillors L Bond, C Mackle.
Moved by Councillor Howden, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that apologies be accepted.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Millton was a director of Waipapa Limestone which supplied material for rebuild activities.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 26/04/2017

Moved by Councillor Millton, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that the report of the Earthquake Recovery Committee meeting held on 17 May 2017 be confirmed a true and accurate record. Unanimous.

3. MINUTES ACTION LIST

The Memorandum of Understanding with Marlborough District Council for refuse services in the Northern sector of the district had been completed. It was requested a copy of the document be sent to elected members.

4. BUILDING UPDATE

35 Building Consents had been issued during May. This was a significant increase in consent numbers. An advertisement had been posted for a Building Control Officer and a number of applications had been received.

5. PLANNING UPDATE

NCTIR had lodged an objection to one condition on the Mt Fyffe Road accommodation facility consent. The objection was regarding the requirement to underground Council stormwater services in order to construct a footpath along Ludstone Road. This matter had largely been resolved.

Monitoring of NCTIR consents had been undertaken and all were fully compliant.

Environment Canterbury had now received new LIDAR data (light detection and ranging) of Kaikoura. Some of the data was still patchy with a strip along the coast to be completed. Once this was completed flood modelling would be undertaken.

The first round of the Tourism Infrastructure Fund would be open in the second half of 2017 and it was felt Council needed to be looking at putting some applications together.

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Mayor Gray and resolved that a working group be formed to consider projects for the Tourism Infrastructure Fund. Unanimous.

A workshop run by the Environmental Protection Agency had been attended regarding the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act (HSNO) and enforcement functions. The workshop considered the need for greater collaboration between agencies. Currently Council was responsible for hazardous substances on local roads, in local parks and residences. It was noted the waste funding had a portion which related to removal of hazardous waste and Environment Canterbury would be seeking tenders for contactors to go to red placarded properties and remove hazardous substances. A discussion was held regarding an ag-recovery programme.

The Building and Planning Manager had attended the Resource Management and Environmental Policy Conference. Key themes from the conference included;

- Auckland's urban transformation – making urban areas places where people wanted to stay
- The power of collaboration
- Effective iwi engagement and the appointment of an iwi advisor.

A discussion was held regarding zoning on Beach Road with commercial areas and residential properties beside each other. It was suggested that long term Council may need to look at tightening up residential zones.

Moved by Councillor Howden, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that the Planning report be received.

6. RECOVERY UPDATE

An overview of recovery activities including economic, social recovery and natural hazards was provided. The following key issues were noted;

- Insurance pay-outs were happening and Community Law had extended its contract and had good bookings each time they were in Kaikoura.
- The transition period expired the following week and an application would be made to extend this for a further one month.
- There were issues with freight and reliability of getting goods to Kaikoura.
- Parking on Beach Road – a meeting had been held with NCTIR regarding this. It was noted parking on Beach Road had always been an issue.
- Streets being covered in mud from dirty vehicles coming into town - wash plants would be followed up on.
- Staffing issues for local businesses with a number of businesses losing employees to construction or roading contractors. It was

noted that if people had the opportunity to move from minimum wage then they would and businesses may need to reflect on that.

- The hospitality contract was going ahead and working well.
- Destination Kaikoura had done a great job with social media and increasing forward bookings for accommodation providers.
- Accommodation was an issue for people coming to new jobs in Kaikoura from other towns.
- Business interruption insurance was due to finish for a lot of Kaikoura businesses in November and this was concerning.
- The “Are you OK?, Kaikoura” door knocking and data collection had commenced. A copy of data from surveys to date was tabled. The purpose of the programme was to ensure people were aware of the services available if they required assistance.
- A report had been put to the Ministry for Business Innovation and Employment regarding temporary housing needs, initial options for consideration were onsite portacombs or a temporary housing village
- The winter warming project “Find and Fix” had been successful in obtaining \$45,000 from the Crown.
- Work would be undertaken to understand the extent of the slope instability hazard at the two settlements where this was a risk.
- A joint approach was being formulated between Environment Canterbury and Council regarding damaged properties along Lyell Creek.

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

7. INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES REBUILD PROGRAMME

An overview of rebuild activities was provided. Formal meetings were held with the Rebuild Steering Group on a monthly basis. Workshops were being held fortnightly to progress specific issues.

A 100 day plan had been developed and was being implemented. This outlined the areas of focus and priorities until the end of August 2017.

Work had been undertaken regarding what work was eligible for the 60:40 funding split.

High level risk assessment had been undertaken around the whole programme and preliminary damage assessments had been undertaken. Work was also being undertaken with NCTIR regarding impacts of State Highway works on local roads.

A lot of major rebuild works had been put on hold until the Steering Group was in place and it was recognised there was a need to get some more traction on key projects.

Work would be programmed to avoid excavations/trenching streets when peak numbers were in the district.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that the Infrastructure and Facilities Rebuild Programme report be received. Unanimous.

8. INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

Minor work was due to be undertaken on Mt Fyffe Road and the road would be closed the following week from Ludstone to Hawthorne Road.

All the work to allow the boil water notice to be lifted on the Oaro Water Supply had been completed. It was noted there had been quite a lot of social media regarding water supplies and boil water notices with people stating they were not going to pay rates if they had boil water notices in place.

Council had requested that New Zealand Transport Agency commit to rehabilitation projects on the Inland Road because the additional traffic was reducing the life of the road.

Mainpower was replacing all of the poles along Beach Road. This would provide an extra 20 years of life to the line. Whilst Council was in favour of undergrounding of power lines where possible the decision to repair the lines on Beach Road by Mainpower had been made on a cost and affordability basis Mainpower, noting that they were the owner of the assets. It was agreed that ducting to allow for future undergrounding should be put in place when trenches were dug on footpaths and roads.

A discussion was held regarding district roads and it was noted a visit to all roads in the northern sector of the district had been undertaken the previous day. A discussion was held regarding access to the Clarence Valley.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Millton and resolved that the Infrastructure Update report be received. Unanimous.

9. FERNLEIGH WATER SUPPLY

The Fernleigh Water Supply Scheme had been managed by a Committee since 1984. A new Water Safety Plan for the scheme had been initiated and there were a number of areas where the scheme would have to change to meet the drinking water standards. Downers had indicated that it may not wish to continue to undertake the management of the scheme.

A meeting of the Committee of the scheme had been scheduled and it was suggested that the information and outcomes from the meeting be used to inform the 30 Year Infrastructure Strategy and Activity Management Plans.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that the results of the Fernleigh Water Supply Committee meeting be returned to the Kaikoura District Council for ratification. Unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 11.35am and resumed at 3.41pm.

10. PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting namely;

a) Harbour Update. Unanimous.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.02pm.