

KAIKOURA DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 9.05AM ON WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2017 AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KAIKOURA CIVIC BUILDING, 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), N Anderson & D Solheim

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Councillor Millton was a Director of Waipapa Limestone Limited which was involved with roading projects in the District.

3. OPEN FORUM

R Hogan – Maori Representation

R Hogan distributed a report to those present regarding Maori representation in Council, through a Maori Ward. It was highlighted that establishing a Maori Ward came with some risks along with opportunity. This issue was about fulfilling treaty obligations to Maori to ensure their representation. There was also a risk that 5% of the District's electors would demand a poll costing \$15,000. The report highlighted the need to set aside this amount should a poll be called for.

A mixed model had also been mentioned however no numbers were included to illustrate what this may look like. R Hogan wanted to reiterate that this issue was not to be confused with the representation of other sectors, but with a deadline of 23 November 2017. This was solely about Maori Representation. Councillor Harnett advised that a great deal of research needed to be undertaken on the matter. She hoped that all Councillors understood the importance of the decision.

N Te Ua – Maori Representation

A resident of Kekerengu, N Te Ua addressed the Councillors regarding the Maori Ward decision. The principal advantage of having a Maori Ward was that it would provide a direct Maori voice to the Council, which would then guarantee rights under the treaty of Waitangi were being met. Further to this it would also ensure Maori values were being represented. It was intended to strengthen democratic participation for those who were currently under-represented. N Te Ua wished to congratulate those Councils which have embraced Maori wards, which had helped their region to flourish.

H Kahu (Te Runanga o Kaikoura Chair) – Maori Representation

H Kahu asked Council not to fear the unknown on the issue of a Maori Ward. The partnership, should it go ahead would be the first in the South Island. H Kahu advised that the Runanga see this move as a positive, however it did mean that they would only have one vote. There were always positives and negatives and there were always elements of fear, but the Runanga were there to support how it played out.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 25/10/2017

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that the report of the council meeting held on 25 October 2017 be confirmed a true and accurate record. Unanimous.

5. MINUTES ACTION LIST

Report to Council regarding lighting on walkways

The Chief Executive Officer had spoken to the Asset Manager regarding the extra cost associated with this. This was to be incorporated into the Annual Plan.

Follow up on felling of trees adjacent to Airport Runway

Council needed to see if progress could be made on this item. Contact had been made with Tribal properties. Tribal Properties had requested Council prepare a formal proposal for consideration and requested that trees felled by use for firewood distribution. Those in attendance expressed the need to meet with the contractors on site.

6. FINANCE REPORT

The Finance and Commercial Manager and the Finance Manager were in attendance to present this item.

Cash was currently at \$2.7 million, with a net surplus of \$6.1 million at the end of October. Currently Council expenses were over budget, however this was mostly due to earthquake related costs.

The Rebuild Team were now beginning work. Councillor Millton enquired as to whether or not there was a Works and Services Committee currently active, and expressed concern regarding business as usual items being overlooked. It was generally felt there was a need to look at how business as usual items would be handled going forward. The Chief Executive Officer would request the Asset Manager prepare a report on this matter, along with discussion about a Committee for the next meeting.

An enquiry was made regarding how the process was working with regard to receiving payments from New Zealand Transport Agency. The Finance Manager advised there was a schedule for when payments were made. This was normally within ten working days which was currently manageable. The Chief Executive Officer mentioned that next month reports would include the capital carry forwards so as not to lose sight of this information. An enquiry was made regarding whether with the change of Government there would be changes in cash streams. This was currently being worked through to firm up figures and draft a business case.

Moved Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Howden that the Finance Report be received. Unanimous.

7. 2018 LONG TERM PLAN

The Financial and Commercial Manager requested Council endorse the prepared letter, to request an amendment to the existing legislative requirement to deliver a Kaikoura District Council Long Term Plan which covered at least ten consecutive financial years from 1 July 2018. A three year plan covering the years 2018 to 2021 was being requested noting confirmation was required of the Order in Council (OIC) by no later than March 2018.

Moved Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Howden that the Council endorse the letter to the Minister of Local Government regarding an amendment to the legislative requirement to prepare a ten year Long Term Plan. Unanimous.

8. DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW – NATURAL HAZARDS AND PLAN CHANGE OPTIONS

The Strategy, Policy and District Plan Manager was in attendance to present this item.

The Strategy and Policy Manager advised that as a result of the earthquake hazards had now changed and with the help of experts Council now had a better understanding of natural hazards. The District Plan would not be able to capture all hazards, however as many as possible would be included, based on the science that Council had access to. The report provided options as to ways in which the District Plan review could be undertaken. It was suggested that Council needed to make a robust decision now to move forward, which was not reactive whilst the district was still in the shadow of the recent earthquake event.

MBIE had granted \$9 million for a GNS study which would provide invaluable information for Kaikoura. Changes proposed would strengthen the District Plan. It was suggested that information regarding slips, uplift and flooding was needed now for those wanting to develop land.

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

- 1. Review the Natural Hazards chapter and associated planning maps of the Kaikoura District Plan (KDP) based on the currently available science. The process shall start within the 2017/18 financial year.***
- 2. Pursue the Streamlined Plan Process to give effect to this review.***
- 3. Include appropriate budget within the Annual Plan in support of the above. Unanimous.***

9. MAORI REPRESENTATION

The Chief Executive Officer thanked R Hogan for the work he had undertaken with regard to the matter and felt it would be good to have representation on Maori interests. It was generally felt by Council that despite the issues having a Maori Ward would raise, Maori representation

would bring everyone together, as there was a need for a Maori voice around the table. A discussion was held regarding the limits having a Maori Ward would put on the Maori communities voting option. Those in attendance spoke about the need to consider looking at a mixed ward system.

Moved by Councillor Pablecheque, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that a Maori ward be established for the Kaikoura District. Unanimous.

10. REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – KAIKOURA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

After consideration of this request Council agreed to approve the application for a temporary road closure.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that Council approve the temporary closure of the West End from 9am until 2.45pm on Sunday 17 December 2017 for the purposes of the Kaikoura Community Christmas. Unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 10.25am and resumed 10.44am.

11. ADOPTION OF THE 2016/17 ANNUAL REPORT

B Kearney from Audit New Zealand was in attendance to present the Independent Auditors Report.

An enquiry was made as to whether or not the lateness of the audit incurred any sanctions. B Kearney advised that there were no repercussions as the lateness was due to extenuating circumstances (earthquake) and not due to the short comings of the Council. B Kearney advised this would be his last audit in Kaikoura as he was moving into a new area within the organisation.

Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Howden and resolved that Council receive the “Annual Report Adoption” report and adopt the Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2017. Unanimous.

12. COMMUNITY ENERGY ACTION

C Shone, Community Energy Action (CEA) and the Social Recovery and Community Development Officer were in attendance to present this item.

An update of work undertaken in the district was provided. Thus far CEA had received 220 referrals, 199 of which have been contacted, with 23 completed so far. C Shone advised there have been a few cases where CEA have not been able to make contact due to an incorrect telephone number or the address being either a rental property or a business. There were 79 cases not proceeding, this was due to CEA being advised the residents did not require help or the property was a business address. Individuals who have been contacted have been very positive.

13. COMMITTEE UPDATES

Destination Kaikoura

Destination Kaikoura were forging forward with the tourism season. G Ormsby, Tourism Manager Destination Kaikoura, would attend the December Council meeting to give an update on progress. The Chief Executive Officer would forward the marketing update onto Councillors.

Accommodation

Housing was a priority, however no detail had been provided on how the solution to this issue would be delivered, but there was a need to work with local government on the matter.

Funding Avenues

The need for local Government to have enduring funding streams was discussed. It was noted Council did not have the time and resources for the TIFF fund. It was suggested smaller less capable Councils be grouped into an alternate model, where they are were competing with larger Councils with more resources.

New Zealand District Walks

Mayor Gray advised that he had attended a meeting with the Department of Conservation, regarding developing three to four day walks throughout the country. Applications for funding closed in May. There had been 19 applications made for funding to date.

World Heritage Site

The matter of Kaikoura becoming a World Heritage Site was raised and it was suggested there was a need to acknowledge that Kaikoura was a special place. Te Korowai was leading this work and it was felt that the item needed to be revisited.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:22pm and resumed at 12:41pm

15. COUNCIL PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

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

- a. Confirmation of Council Public Excluded Minutes 25/10/2017*
- b. Water Zone Committee Refresh*
- c. Insurance Status Update.*

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.35pm.