

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE KAIKOURA DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD AT 3.08PM ON WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER 2018 AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KAIKOURA CIVIC BUILDING, 96 WEST END, KAIKOURA.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: A Oosthuizen (Chief Executive Officer), W Doughty (Rebuild Programme Director), J Parfitt (Rebuild Steering Group Chair), C Gregory (Asset Manager), S Syme (Committee Secretary).

1. APOLOGIES: Councillors C Mackle, D Millton.
Moved by Councillor Howden, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that apologies be accepted. Unanimous.

2. OPEN FORUM

Gavin Clarke

G Clarke advised he had been following updates regarding the Wharekiri Stream Bailey Bridge proposal. G Clarke proposed an alternate bridging solution for Council to consider and he was happy to work with Council on the matter to resolve the issue of access to the Clarence Valley. He believed the Wharekiri was not a good place to put a bridge and a large amount of money would have to be spent on roading. He suggested that elected members visit the site and view from both sides of the river.

3. WHAREKIRI STREAM PROPOSAL

Information which had been provided to the Steering Group on the Wharekiri Stream proposal had also been provided to Council. The purpose of the meeting was to ascertain the position of Council regarding the temporary solution proposed for access to the Clarence Valley. Did Council want the Steering Group to reconsider its decision and if so on what grounds?

A decision on the matter had been made by the Rebuild Steering Group and a budget assigned. If during the planning process the cost of the project came in higher than 10% above budget the matter would be put back to the Steering Group for consideration and budget approval. An updated design had been completed for a three span Bailey Bridge and the preliminary cost had shown a significant increase compared with the estimate. Therefore the matter would need to go back to the Steering Group for further consideration.

It was anticipated the business case regarding a permanent solution for access to the Clarence Valley would be completed by March and options would be available by October 2018. There was no guarantee that there would be an agreed solution at the end of the process or that there would be funding available. It would also be two years before anything could be constructed.

A discussion was held regarding the following;

- Council's liability if someone was hurt or injured. It was noted Council would only be liable if it had intentionally built something which was unsafe. Council had to take all reasonable measures to make roads safe or warn people of the hazard.
- Maintenance costs associated with keeping the ford accessible and who would be responsible.
- Levels of service and potential drop in these levels if there was no bridge. It was noted there was a drop in the levels of service as a result of the earthquake.
- The potential for the sacrificial approaches to the Bailey Bridge to be destroyed in a flood.
- The fact that it would be easier to make a decision if a decision had been made regarding a permanent solution.
- The cost of the temporary solution which could be put towards a permanent solution.
- The hydrology in the Clarence Valley and whether there was enough known given the changes to the landscape.
- In terms of the process, there was time to delay a decision however time was running out to install a temporary solution prior to autumn.
- A potential site visit to be scheduled the week of 8 January.
- Procedures currently in place for a flooding event.
- The risk to Council post 2020 when NZTA earthquake FAR rate dropped back to existing levels.
- There were costs and risks associated with doing nothing.

Moved by Councillor Howden, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that Council;

- 1. Note that no decision would be made on the matter by the Steering Group until 25 January at the earliest.***
- 2. Request all options for a temporary solution for access to the Clarence Valley be reinvestigated and considered.***
- 3. Requests any ongoing maintenance costs associated with any temporary solution be kept affordable and understood for future ratepayers.***
- 4. Form a position at its meeting on 24 January 2018 regarding a temporary solution for access to the Clarence Valley. Unanimous.***

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.17pm.