

REPORT OF THE EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 9.12AM ON WEDNESDAY 19 JULY 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), J Parfitt (Advisor to CEO), S Syme (Committee Secretary).

APOLOGIES: Councillor C Mackle.
Moved by Mayor Gray, seconded by Councillor Millton 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 30 JUNE 2017

Moved by Councillor Howden, seconded by Councillor Pablecheque and resolved that the report of the Earthquake Recovery Committee meeting held on 30 June 2017 be confirmed a true and accurate record.

3. BUILDING UPDATE

D Barker had been seconded from Christchurch City Council to assist with the conversion of placards to section 124 notices. Yellow stickers could remain on properties if it was considered further work needed to be undertaken. Contact with owners regarding the process was being undertaken and information would also be included in the Kaikoura Star. To date no Section 124 notices had been issued.

A discussion was held regarding engineering reports and when these differed from the stance of insurers. The legislation required Council make a decision regarding whether a building was dangerous based on whether it was considered safe in the normal course of events for example wind or snow.

4. PLANNING UPDATE

There had been a 21% increase in consent applications from the previous year.

Legal documentation was underway for the formation of a Trails Trust. The Trails Trust would deal with all sorts of trails not just those for walking and cycling.

5. RECOVERY UPDATE

A community meeting would be held on the first Thursday in August to provide an update on recovery activities to the community.

There was a need for temporary accommodation within the town. The Recovery Team was currently collecting data so that it was understood how much temporary accommodation was required. It was suggested that if Council brought in small houses to alleviate the current need these could be kept for pensioner housing in future.

The housing need needed to be addressed quickly, which meant empty pockets of land needed to be identified for temporary housing solutions. The NCTIR workers village was full and they still required more workers for the projects. Concern was also expressed regarding the amount of accommodation which was available for visitors to the district. Portable cabins and a smaller version of the NCTIR village were suggested options for accommodation. Work regarding accommodation was also being undertaken with Destination Kaikoura.

One of the key items raised by businesses had been the Airport and the plan for the facility going forward. It was noted a working group needed to be put in place to look at the short term and longer term needs of the facility.

A meeting to discuss a business association would be held with the Canterbury Employers Chamber of Commerce on Friday 14 July.

An overview of work undertaken over the previous month with the "Are u Ok, Kaikoura?" campaign was provided. Visits had commenced in Oaro with people very grateful to be visited.

In terms of the Winter Warmers project 76 families had been identified for the project. 45 had been contacted, 10 had been referred to the Red Cross 3 were being case managed, the remainder had been able to be contacted. A large number of people were being referred to the Mayoral Fund for assistance with power bills.

6. REBUILD AND INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

There was a desire for the boil water notices to be removed from supplies. A way forward had been identified this was around processes and procedures and not physical works.

Dissatisfaction with the state of local roads north of Ohua point was raised. It was noted HEB's had provided advised of projects and a list had also been collated from a recent inspections. Business as usual and earthquake repairs works would need to be identified to ensure work was undertaken within the right category. The Chief Executive Officer advised she would take an action to expedite roading work in the northern sector of the district.

Justin Hall from NCTIR (North Canterbury Transport Infrastructure Recovery alliance) was in attendance to provide an update on the rail, harbour and roading projects that NCTIR was involved with.

Progress on the rail was going well. The rail had not been affected by a number of slips because of the 20 tunnels that were in place along the coast. Once the railway line was operational this would allow for freight to be

transported at night and would also take the pressure off the Lewis Pass route. Full rail service was expected to be in place early in 2018. Road construction was also progressing well. The aim was to have a construction truck around Ohau point and work was being undertaken to stabilise the Ohau point face.

J Hall advised he appreciated the inconvenience of limited access on the community but it was providing space and time for earthworks and realignment of the road to take place. There was a balance between access and construction activity and additional access for the public would mean construction would take longer.

The Inland route was holding up well. The route was however susceptible to snow and ice.

In terms of the harbour the Coastguard slipway had been handed back to them and the project was tracking to programme and budget.

The temporary workers village was complete and a formal opening would be held on the following Sunday with an open day for the community from 1-3pm. The village was critical for housing the number of workers required to get the job completed.

A discussion was held regarding plans for the State Highway south, NCTIR's recruitment procedures and communications.

7. RECOVERY UPDATE – NATURAL HAZARDS

A joint programme of work was underway to reduce the natural hazard risks affecting properties in several locations across the district. Hazard risk assessment were underway at Dempsey's Track, Oaro Boat Harbour and Rakautara.

A workplan was being developed with regard to properties along Lyell Creek. It was noted there was no life risk associated with properties along Lyell Creek but there were approximately 50 properties where there was stretching and/or slumping of the land.

A discussion was held regarding land available within the district. It was noted both the Seaview and Ocean Ridge subdivisions had fared well in the earthquake.

The meeting adjourned at 11.13am and resumed at 11.49am.

8. 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) Confirmation of Earthquake Recovery Committee minutes 30/06/2017***
- b) Natural Hazards. Unanimous.***

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.05pm.