

# MINUTES

**TITLE:** Engineering Services Committee  
**DATE:** Thursday 2 April 2009  
**TIME:** 9.30 am  
**VENUE:** Tapawera Community Centre, Tapawera  
**PRESENT:** Crs T E Norriss, R G Currie, S J Borlase, R G Currie, M J Higgins, G A Glover, E J Wilkins, S G Bryant, T B King, B W Ensor, J L Edgar, N Riley  
**IN ATTENDANCE:** Engineering Manager (P W Thomson), Utilities Manager (J Cuthbertson), Transportation Manager (G Clark), Executive Assistant (V M Gribble)

**Moved Crs Glover/Edgar**  
**WK09/04/01**

**THAT** apologies from Mayor R G Kempthorne and Cr B F Dowler for absence be received.  
**CARRIED**

## **1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved Crs Borlase/Wilkins**  
**WK09/04/02**

**THAT** the minutes of the Engineering Services Committee meeting held on 19 February 2009 containing resolutions numbered WK09/02/01 to WK09/02/12 be confirmed as a complete record.  
**CARRIED**

## **2 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**Moved Crs Edgar/Bryant**  
**WK09/04/03**

**THAT** the Chairman's report dated 26 March 2009 be received.  
**CARRIED**

Cr Norriss updated the Committee on the meeting he attended with Mayor Kempthorne for chairs of regional land transport committees, mayors and regional land transport committee members.

## **3 TRANSPORTATION REPORT – MARCH 2009**

Mr Thomson spoke to the report contained in the agenda.

Mr Thomson was asked to write a letter of thanks to Graeme Taylor for his input into the district's roading on behalf of the Engineering Services Committee.

The issues with late completion of customer service requests has been addressed with Fulton Hogan's regional manager and an undertaking given that performance will be improved.

It was noted that the steel work on the swing bridge at the confluence of the Graham needs painting.

Black Bridge reconstruction is near completion and an official opening will be held shortly.

The Walk and Cycle Five Year Action Plan will be developed as part of the new Regional Land Transport Strategy to be released publicly later this year. Motueka Community Board to be advised of this change.

There has been improved performance in terms of more work being carried out to get rivers work on track with annual work schedule. Advertising tender for rivers maintenance contract, due to start on 1 July 2009.

Cr Norriss asked that the crack willow issue be looked at. He agreed to doing the work while doing general maintenance, but not as a separate work.

**Moved Crs Borlase/Edgar**  
**WK09/04/04**

**THAT the Transportation Report dated 24 March 2009 be received.**  
**CARRIED**

#### **4 LOW TRAFFIC ROAD SEALING POLICY REVIEW**

Mr Thomson spoke to the report contained in the agenda which provided a review of Council's Low Traffic Road Sealing Policy with the intention of allowing for isolated seal extension sections of rural roads.

Cr King was concerned about the 500 metre restriction from the end of existing seal and didn't agree with requiring a 5 metre sealed road.

Mr Thomson said that was a fair point, and maybe 500 metres is too tough. You just don't want a road with short sections of gravel then seal, then gravel. Policy needs to allow discretion in its application. 200 metre minimum issue makes it expensive if only one house is affected, but it could go to 150 metres.

Cr Glover said the costing policy is too prescriptive and it is a large amount of money for one person to pay.

Cr Norriss said there should be some leniency in the policy for road width. It would be ridiculous to drive 500 metres up a road of 4 metres width and then have a section 5 metres wide.

Cr Ensor said the purpose is to alleviate a dust problem, but the cost is huge. He asked if forestry companies using these roads contribute?

Cr Norriss said they pay through road user charges and also contribute a share on occasions with bridge upgrading. This is a dust issue.

Mr Thomson said 5 metre road width makes for safer roads, and under its plans and standards Council doesn't allow developers to build roads below those standards. If doing upgrades he recommends doing them to a standard to meet approval of national agencies who provide subsidy.

**Moved Crs Higgins/Riley  
WK09/04/05**

**THAT the revised Low Traffic Road Sealing Policy attached to this report, with amendments including the road width being 4.5 metres, be approved and adopted with effect from 1 July 2009.**

**CARRIED**

Cr Higgins left the meeting at 11.15 am.

**5 UTILITIES**

**5.1 Utilities Management Report**

Mr Cuthbertson spoke to the report contained in the agenda.

Cr Bryant was concerned about having an effluent dump station in the resource centre and close to the estuary walkway.

Mr Cuthbertson said this facility will be parallel to the road and will be able to be policed as it will only be open during opening hours of the resource centre.

**Moved Crs Borlase/Glover  
WK09/04/06**

**THAT the Utilities Manager's report dated 20 March 2009 be received.**

**CARRIED**

**5.2 Stormwater and Water Capital Budgets**

Mr Cuthbertson spoke to the report in the agenda that sought approval from the Engineering Services Committee to reallocate approved capital expenditure within the stormwater and water budgets.

**Moved Crs King/Glover  
WK09/04/07**

**THAT:**

- a) the Engineering Services Committee approves the reallocation of funding within the stormwater account so that the works associated with Gladstone**

Road, Kingsley Place and Upper Gibbs Road can be undertaken in the 2008/2009 financial year;

- b) the Engineering Services Committee approves the reallocation of funding within the water account so that the works associated with Gladstone Road and Talbot Street can be undertaken in the 2008/2009 financial year;
- c) a further report will be presented to the May 2009 Engineering Services Committee to review the scope of the works proposed in Park Drive and Salisbury Road.

**CARRIED**

### **5.3 Takaka Fire Fighting Water Supply**

Mr Cuthbertson spoke to the report contained in the agenda which identified the issues raised through the public submission process for the Takaka fire fighting water supply proposal and the hearing held in Takaka on 10 March 2009.

**Moved Crs Riley/Borlase  
WK09/04/08**

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee recommends the inclusion of the following changes to the final LTCCP 2009 – 2019:**

- a) That the targeted rate for the Golden Bay Ward be increased from \$10 to 415 per property per annum for 20 years, with a corresponding decrease in the targeted rate in the Takaka CBD;
- b) That the Takaka CBD targeted rating area be amended by:
  - 1) Removing the farm lot from Motupipi Street;
  - 2) Including Waitapu Engineering and the camping ground;
  - 3) Including land adjacent to Reilly Street (western side);
  - 4) Extending the map to include properties on Commercial Street to Rose Road.
- c) That the Takaka residential targeted rating area be amended by:
  - 1) Removing 31 Willow Street as the land cannot be built on;
  - 2) Including residential land on the north-eastern side of Meihana Street.

**CARRIED**

### **6 DEVELOPMENT/CUSTOMER SERVICE – THREE-MONTHLY REPORT – OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2008**

Mr Thomson spoke to the report Development/Customer Service – three monthly report – October to December 2008, contained in the agenda. The report reviewed and highlighted developments and service requests received by Council during October to December 2008.

**Moved Crs Bryant/Borlase  
WK08/04/09**

**THAT the Development/Customer Service – Three-monthly report – October to December 2008 be received.**

**CARRIED**

## 7 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Moved Crs Currie/Ensor  
WK09/04/10

**THAT the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.**

**Old Mill Walkway  
Stormwater work associated with SH 6 upgrade  
Wairoa Gorge left branch road**

**The general subject of the matter while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for passing this resolution are as follows:**

<b>Item</b>	<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>
7.1	Old Mill Walkway	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a)
7.2	Stormwater work associated with SH 6 upgrade	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a)
7.3	Wairoa Gorge left branch road	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a)

**This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Reason to withhold information under Section 7</b>	
7.1	To enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial and industrial negotiations	Section 7(2)(i)
7.2	To enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial negotiations	Section 7(2)(h)
7.3	Avoid prejudice to measures protecting the health or safety of members of the public	Section 7(2)(d)

**CARRIED**

(Refer to Confidential Minutes, resolutions numbered WK09/04/11 to Wk09/04/13).

Moved Crs Edgar/Currie  
WK09/04/14

THAT open meeting be resumed and the business transacted while the public was excluded be adopted in open meeting.  
CARRIED

1 OLD MILL WALKWAY – PROJECT UPDATE

Moved Crs Riley/Edgar  
WK09/04/11

THAT the Old Mill Walkway – Project Update report dated 23 March 2009 be received.  
CARRIED

2 STORMWATER WORK ASSOCIATED WITH SH 6 UPGRADE

Moved Crs Currie/Edgar  
WK09/04/12

THAT the Stormwater work associated with SH 6 Upgrade report dated 23 March 2009 be received.  
CARRIED

3 WAIROA GORGE LEFT BRANCH ROAD

Moved Crs King/Borlase  
WK09/04/13

THAT:

- a) the Council erect a sign at a convenient point along the unformed section of the Wairoa Gorge Left Bank road station:

*“This section of road is not maintained by Tasman District Council. It is liable to slips and rock falls and is not safe for the public use. You should not proceed beyond this point.”*

- b) Council install a gate across the road in a manner that prevents vehicles proceeding beyond the sign, and the gate be locked with keys provided to land owners who currently use the track for property access with information stating the road is not safe for public use and that Council accepts no responsibility for loss, damage or personal injury arising from any use of the road;
- c) Council carry out regular inspections as part of the ongoing maintenance of the formed section of Wairoa Gorge Road to ensure the signage is maintained, the gate is in working order and is locked.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 12.20 pm.

Confirmed:

Chair: