

MINUTES

TITLE: Engineering Services Committee
DATE: Thursday 6 August 2009
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

PRESENT: Cr T E Norriss (Chair), Mayor R G Kempthorne, Crs T B King, S G Bryant, B F Dowler, J L Edgar, G A Glover, B W Ensor, M J Higgins, N Riley and R G Currie

IN ATTENDANCE: Engineering Services Manager (P Thomson), Utilities Asset Manager (J Cuthbertson), Transportation Manager (G Clark), Utilities Asset Engineer (D Stephenson), Roading/Asset Engineer (P Drummond), Executive Assistant (T Cater)

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Glover/Edgar
ESC09/08/01

THAT apologies for absence from Crs Borlase, Wilkins and Inglis be received.
CARRIED

1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1.1 Engineering Services Committee – 25 June 2009

Moved Crs Riley/Glover
ESC09/08/02

THAT the Minutes of the Engineering Services Committee meeting held on 25 June 2009 containing resolutions ESC09/06/05 to ESC09/06/23 be confirmed as a true and correct record.
CARRIED

2 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cr Norriss spoke to his report contained in the agenda.

Moved Crs Edgar/Higgins
ESC09/08/03

THAT the Chairperson's report dated 30 July 2009 be received.
CARRIED

3 TRANSPORTATION

3.1 Transportation Report – June

Transportation Manager, Mr G Clark, spoke to his report contained in the agenda.

He circulated a Forward Work Programme for Transportation and a completed Safe Driving Map for the Top of the South. He said if there is something in the Transportation document that has been missed, then to let him know and he can add it to the list.

Mayor Kempthorne said the matrix-based approach is excellent because it will give an objective way of assessing the projects.

Mr Clark said the Engineering department are looking at having a workshop on the Richmond Town Centre with regard to doing some low cost improvements to encourage more people into the town centre.

Mr Clark said he would be working with Nelson City Council and meeting with Andrew James to talk about Champion Road/Salisbury Road intersection improvements and future development on the boundary of the two districts.

Cr Dowler was concerned that when the resurfacing of the Tudor Street chip was being done, that it was pouring with rain the day that they put the asphalt down. Mr Clark said he would investigate.

It was noted that there were very positive comments regarding the new traffic signals at Salisbury Road.

Discussions ensued regarding the ring road in Richmond and the difficulty of turning right at Sundial Square onto McGlashen Avenue.

Cr Riley said that Central Takaka School on Central Takaka Road and Motupipi School on Abel Tasman Drive are on a bend in the road and asked if it would be possible to have electronic signage stating that a school was approaching. Mr Clark said he would investigate this.

Mayor Kempthorne left the meeting at 9.55 am.

**Moved Crs Edgar/Currie
ESC09/08/04**

**THAT the Transportation Manager's report dated 29 July 2009 be received.
CARRIED**

3.2 Salisbury Historic Footbridge – Aorere

Mr Clark and Asset Engineer, Mr P Drummond, were in attendance to speak to the report contained in the agenda which informed Council of the current programme to

make the Salisbury Historic Footbridge over the Upper Aorere River safe for limited use by the public.

Mr Thomson said that regular inspections will occur, to ensure that there has been no vandalism to signage and structure.

Cr Higgins said he was concerned about the ongoing costs of this project. He said the bridge could be fenced off.

Cr King left the meeting at 10.05 am.

Cr Edgar said Council could look at getting funding through tourism budgets.

Cr Higgins said that a report should be written to the Golden Bay Community Board on future options for funding of repairs and maintenance. The Committee asked Engineering staff to report back.

**Moved Crs Glover/Bryant
ESC09/08/05**

THAT Council approve the option to replace the existing rotting timbers with second hand timber.

THAT Council carry out regular inspections of Salisbury footbridge as part of the ongoing maintenance to ensure the signage and structure is maintained appropriately.

CARRIED

Cr Higgins voted against the resolution.

3.3 Crack Willow Management

Roading/Rivers Asset Engineer, Mr Drummond, spoke to his report contained in the agenda which informed Council of Tasman District Council's Crack Willow Management programme.

Cr Bryant asked for the names of the willow and poplar species. Mr Drummond said that we do not have a replacement for crack willow. In the nursery there are shrubby willows, bitter willows and matsudana.

Cr Higgins said he had some apprehension that crack willow be stated as a pest. He said that this year green willows were burnt, the weather turned and there was a fire danger. He asked Mr Drummond for an assurance to avoid burning in June/July period. Mr Drummond said he cannot give an assurance because there are only very small windows of opportunity as to when you can carry out the burning. Council officers will be looking at alternatives, as stated in the report.

**Moved Crs Edgar/Ensor
ESC09/08/06**

**THAT the Crack Willow Management report dated 29 July 2009 be received.
CARRIED**

4 UTILITIES

4.1 Utilities Management Report

Utilities Manager, Mr J Cuthbertson, spoke to his report contained in the agenda.

He said there have been meetings with the Redwood and Dovedale water schemes. The 88 Valley meeting is tonight. He said that they have been informative meetings.

Cr Higgins expressed a conflict of interest regarding waste minimisation on pages 21-23 in the report. He sat back from the table for this item.

Cr Riley asked about the progress with regard to car parking at Scott's Quarry, Labyrinth Rock. Mr Thomson said the layout plan has been approved and the Community Services Department will be undertaking the construction.

Cr King returned to the meeting at 11.15 am.

Cr Norriss said that if any Councillors wish to be involved in a joint Council working party for the Waste Management Minimisation Plan, to let either himself or Mr Thomson know.

Cr Glover asked if a recycling bin could be placed at Burger King in Richmond. Mr Stephenson said he would look into it.

Cr King left the meeting at 11.20 am.

Mayor Kempthorne returned to the meeting at 11.20 am.

**Moved Crs Dowler/Ensor
ESC09/08/07**

**THAT the Utilities Manager's report dated 29 July 2009 be received.
CARRIED**

5 DEVELOPMENT/CUSTOMER SERVICE THREE MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL TO JUNE 2009

Development Engineer, Mr Ley, spoke to the report Development/Customer Service – three monthly report – April to June 2009, contained in the agenda. The report reviewed and highlighted developments and service requests received by Council during April to June 2009.

He said that item (j) on his report, should state Swamp Road/Lower Queen Street intersection, not Swamp Road/Champion Road.

Moved Crs Bryant/Currie
 ESC09/08/08

THAT the Development/Customer Service – three monthly report – April to June 2009 be received.

THAT staff proceed with the lodgement of designations (Notices of Requirement) for infrastructure in the Richmond locality as highlighted in items (a) to (j) in the Development/Customer Service three monthly report – April to June 2009.

CARRIED

6 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Moved Crs Edgar/Riley
 ESC09/08/09

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

Waste Education Services – Extension of Contract
 Old Mill Walkway Coastal Protection Stage 2

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:

Item	General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
1	Waste Education Services – Extension of Contract	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a)
2	Old Mill Walkway Coastal Protection Stage 2		

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or 7 of that 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:

Item		
1	Enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial	Section 7(2)(i)

	negotiations.	
2	Enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial negotiations.	Section 7(2)(i)

CARRIED

(Refer to Confidential Minute book resolutions numbered ESC09/08/10 to ESC09/08/11).

**Moved Crs Ensor/Edgar
ESC09/08/12**

**THAT the open meeting be resumed.
CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 12.40 pm.

Chair:

Date: