

MINUTES

TITLE: Engineering Services Committee
DATE: Thursday 10 December 2009
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Engineering Manager (P Thomson), Transportation Manager (G Clark), Development Engineer (D Ley), Utilities Asset Manager (J Cuthbertson), Administration Officer (J A Proctor)

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Currie/Edgar
ESC09/12/01

**THAT apologies from Cr King for absence and Mayor Kempthorne for lateness be sustained.
CARRIED**

1 PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs Ruby Aberhart, ONZM QSM spoke regarding the perceived lack of representation of the Tasman district within the wider community. Mrs Aberhart was involved in several groups and had extensive knowledge of the elderly which enabled her to lobby their cause effectively.

Cr Dowler arrived at the meeting at 9.50 am.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Engineering Services Committee – 29 October 2009

Moved Crs Higgins/Ensor
ESC09/12/02

It was noted that there was a lengthy discussion held on the issue involving Abel Tasman Drive being built on an urupa site in Wainui Bay.

**THAT the minutes of the Engineering Services Committee meeting held on 29 October 2009 containing resolutions ESC09/10/01 to ESC 09/10/09 as amended, be confirmed as a true and complete record.
CARRIED**

2 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cr Norriss spoke to his report contained in the agenda.

Cr Norriss advised that there would be an unveiling of the Black Bridge road safety posters designed by local children on 15 December 2009.

Cr Bryant congratulated Cr Norriss on 10 years service as the Chairman of the Engineering Services Committee.

**Moved Crs Bryant/Dowler
ESC09/12/03**

**THAT the Chairman's report dated 22 October 2009 be received.
CARRIED**

3 TRANSPORTATION

3.1 Transportation Report – November

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

The purpose of the report was to provide an update on issues.

Mr Clark advised that there had been minor issues with the mowing schedules due to weather conditions.

There had been a delay in remedial works on seven re-seal sites that had failed, due to staff ensuring the appropriate measures proposed were satisfactory. Repairs would be undertaken within the 2 weeks at a cost to the contractors involved. Cr Bryant expressed concern about Rainy River Road.

Staff advised that there would be a review of policy in 2010 to ensure greater clarity regarding service and maintenance work of the network which would have a flow on effect to funding.

A discussion ensued regarding ratepayer's demands regarding the network and it was acknowledged that it was a difficult task ensuring their expectations were met whilst working within a tight budget on a large road network.

Cr King was observing the dust trials closely and staff would report back to the Engineering Services Committee in March/April 2010 with the results of the trial.

In response to questioning staff provided clarification regarding the Trass Valley Road. The road is to have a seal rehabilitation in order to investigate the reduction of dust and provide a possible long term maintenance savings.

Staff were in discussions with NZTA regarding the ring route signage and it was intended to ensure that road users would be able to locate car parks and access the Richmond CBD easily.

In response to questioning staff advised that they would review the situation regarding exiting the Richmond Health Centre in Oxford Street with a view to improving sight lines, and investigate the pavement status outside Nelson SBL Services depot in McGlashen Avenue.

Staff were made aware of logs washing up onto Green Tree Road, Riwaka following large tides.

Amendment to the report on page 9, point 4 should read "Motueka Valley Highway shoulder widening at Peninsula Bridge is in the *design* process..."

Cr Inglis left the meeting at 10.27 am.

Councillors advised that user groups were adopting the same practice as council in regard to the burn off of crack willow during winter months.

Cr Inglis returned to the meeting at 10.33 am.

**Moved Crs Riley/Edgar
ESC09/12/04**

**THAT the Transportation Report – November dated 30 November 2009 as amended, be received.
CARRIED**

3.2 Forest Harvesting Update – Impacts On Our Roding Network

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

The purpose of the report was to update the Engineering Services Committee on the likely maintenance implications arising from the use of district roads by logging companies.

A discussion took place regarding maintaining gravel roads leading to forestry areas and staff will be working closely with forestry companies to ensure that where appropriate work was undertaken to ensure a positive outcome.

Staff advised that the NZTA was defining new criteria for funding relating to freight transport routes leading from roads of national significance which would be released in 2010. The identification of national freight routes would add greater priority to funding of these routes but that no extra funding would be available through the National Land Transport Fund. The same approach would be taken with tourism routes, walking and cycling routes and the intention was to target the funding rather than increase the pool of funds available.

In response to questioning staff advised that Road User Charges were applicable on forestry roads. However on private roads these were claimed back from NZTA.

A discussion took place regarding the timing of the report received from forest management consultants regarding forest cut plans and staff advised that the report was a watching brief that enabled maintenance and capital works to be programmed.

**Moved Crs Ensor/Currie
ESC09/12/05**

THAT the Forest Harvesting Update – Impacts On Our Roothing Network dated 30 November 2009 be received.

CARRIED

3.3 Transportation Ten Year Plan Projects

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

The purpose of the report was to update the Engineering Services Committee on the funding streams for three projects that council would like to complete this financial year.

Staff advised that it was not possible to confirm the overall cost involved with the Turners Bluff project due to land agreement and consent issues, however there was a contingency fund. The route was to be future proofed to provide a safe environment for cyclists and walkers.

Cr Higgins commended Mr Clark for bringing forward the Turners Bluff project.

Councillors advised that the Golden Bay community may be able to assist the council in regard to the Pohara Seawall as they only require a cycle way and staff would liaise further with the Golden Bay Community Board.

Staff advised that there was a new database to prioritise projects.

**Moved Crs Higgins/Dowler
ESC09/12/06**

THAT the Engineering Services Committee approves the inclusion of Turners Bluff for construction this financial year subject to the necessary consents and land agreements being available.

THAT the Engineering Services Committee approves the construction of initially portion one of the Eighty-Eight valley Road seal extension to allow Turners Bluff and Pohara Seawall to be completed. Portion two to be completed as funding allows.

CARRIED

3.4 Endorsement of Cycle Rail Trail – Tasman

Development Engineer, Mr Ley spoke to his report contained in the agenda.

The purpose of the report was to provide information on the benefits that could be achieved for the Tasman district if a “rail trail” was introduced.

It was agreed that the trail needed to be accessible to all groups and that it should generate revenue and growth for the region.

**Moved Crs Edgar/Wilkins
ESC09/12/07**

**THAT the Endorsement of the Cycle Rail Trail – Tasman report dated 30 November 2009 be received.
CARRIED**

Crs Ensor, Bryant and Edgar left the meeting at 12.35 pm.

Meeting adjourned for lunch 12.35 pm.

Meeting resumed at 1.18 pm.

3.5 But Wait There's More - Cycling

Development Engineer, Mr Ley spoke to his report contained in the agenda.

The purpose of the report was to provide the Engineering Services Committee with a report on the possibility of a walkway and cycleway route in the Hill Street south area.

Mayor Kempthorne joined the meeting at 1.21 pm.

Crs Bryant and Edgar returned to the meeting at 1.22 pm.

Moved Crs Wilkins/Borlase ESC09/12/08

**THAT the But Wait There's More – Cycling report dated 30 November 2009 be received.
CARRIED**

4 UTILITIES

4.1 Utilities Management Report – 26 November 2009

Cr Ensor returned to the meeting at 1.26 pm.

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

The purpose of the report was to provide the Engineering Services Committee with an update on issues.

Staff were asked to investigate route times regarding kerbside recycling and rubbish bag collection.

Following the success of the Motueka recycling bins, staff were asked to investigate the possibility of installing bins in other areas of the district.

A discussion ensued regarding landfill tonnage rates and the challenges involved in forecasting revenue. Staff advised that fixed costs were high and income could vary substantially due to a number of factors, e.g. global recession.

Moved Cr Borlase and Mayor Kempthorne ESC09/12/09

**THAT the Utilities Management Report dated 26 November 2009 be received.
CARRIED**

4.2 Takaka Wastewater Treatment Plant

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

The purpose of the report was to update the Engineering Services Committee on the discharge consent application for the new Takaka Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade.

**Moved Crs Dowler/Currie
ESC09/12/10**

**THAT the Takaka Wastewater Treatment Plant Report dated 27 November 2009 be received.
CARRIED**

4.3 Collingwood Wastewater Treatment Plant – Sewage Spill

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

The purpose of the report was to inform the Engineering Services Committee of the recent sewage leak from the pond at the Collingwood Wastewater Treatment Plant.

It was stated that due to a delay in communication, dairy farmers within the area were assumed by the public to have been responsible for the spill which was not the case.

**Moved Crs Riley/Inglis
ESC09/12/11**

**THAT the Collingwood Wastewater Treatment Plant – Sewage Spill Report dated 27 November 2009 be received.
CARRIED**

4.4 Hamama Water – Capital Works

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

The purpose of the report was to seek the approval of the Engineering Services Committee to spend \$6,600 on unscheduled capital works for the Hamama Water Supply.

In response to questioning staff advised that it was preferable that these works were undertaken now to ensure that public health and safety issues regarding maintenance and operational works were secure.

**Moved Crs Borlase/Riley
ESC09/12/12**

THAT the Engineering Services Committee approves the expenditure of the \$6,600 to the Hamama Water Committee to undertake the capital improvements.

THAT the water rate to Hamama Water Supply consumers be increased in the next Annual Plan so that the account balance is corrected.

CARRIED

5 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Cr Inglis left the meeting at 2.01 pm.

**Moved Crs Borlase/Higgins
ESC09/12/13**

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

Old Mill Walkway – Tenders update

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:

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
Old Mill Walkway – Tenders update	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:

Reason to withhold information under Section 6 or 7	Section
Enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	Section 7(2)(i)

CARRIED

(Please refer to Confidential Minutes Book ESC09/12/14).

6 RESOLUTION TO RESUME PUBLIC MEETING

**Moved Crs Currie/Riley
ESC09/12/15**

**THAT public meeting be resumed.
CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 2.22 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: