

MINUTES

TITLE: Engineering Services Committee
DATE: Thursday 21 January 2010
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

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

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

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Bryant/Edgar
ESC10/01/01

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

CARRIED

1 PUBLIC FORUM

Paul Searancke spoke on behalf of Motorcycling NZ and thanked Council for their assistance with regard to the Nelson Motorcycle Club event held recently at Rabbit Island, which was a huge success. Attendees were asked for a gold cold donation and as a result Appleby Rural Fire Brigade would receive a donation in excess of \$1,000 and the Rotary Club would receive in excess of \$500.

Mr Searancke stated that Motorcycling NZ was disappointed to note that the Draft Tasman Regional Land Transport Strategy 2009 made no significant mention of safety proposals for motorcyclists and that they would be making a submission.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Engineering Services Committee – 10 December 2009

Moved Crs Currie/Inglis
ESC10/01/02

THAT the minutes of the Engineering Services Committee meeting held on 10 December 2009 containing resolutions ESC09/12/01 to ESC09/12/15 be confirmed as a true and complete record.

CARRIED

3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – ESC10-01-01

Cr Norriss spoke to his report contained in the agenda.

**Moved Crs Glover/Edgar
ESC10/01/03**

**THAT the Chairman's report ESC10-01-01 be received.
CARRIED**

4 TRANSPORTATION

4.1 Transportation Report – ESC10-01-02

Cr King joined the meeting at 9.49 am.

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

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

Note amendment to report – dates for Bike Wise events should read Takaka - "*Sunday 21st February*" and Motueka "*Sunday 28th February*".

Staff advised that the Richmond Fun Ride had historically been funded through Nelson City Council but that due to New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) withdrawing cost cutting exercise, this event had been postponed. Staff would review the situation but resources and funding were an issue.

In response to questioning Cr King advised that the dust suppressant trial at Eves Valley had shown that there had been a reduction in the level of dust present but that it had not been eliminated. Cr King continued that one product had shown to be improving the stability of the road.

Cr Bryant requested that recent seal rehabilitation work undertaken in the Tapawera area be investigated and Mr Clark advised that he would investigate and report back to the Committee with his findings in due course. Staff confirmed that a proactive approach was taken to all contractors work and that it was closely monitored to ensure that standards were being maintained.

Councillors sought clarification regarding the "Rivers Update, Gravel relocation resource consents" item on page 4 of the agenda and in particular paragraph 3. Staff confirmed that there were IT issues which were hindering the contractor but that these were being addressed.

In response to questioning staff advised that they would report back to the Committee with alternative methods for disposing of crack willow at a later date. Layering the crack willow had been trialled but was not considered appropriate due to re-growth. Mr Clark confirmed that there would be no additional cost to the Council involved in the review.

Cr King left the meeting at 10.10 am.

Staff were requested to provide a report to the Committee on the ongoing costs involved with load testing in relation to the Salisbury Bridge.

In response to Mr Searancke's statement in the Public Forum, Mr Clark advised that Council regularly organised courses on road safety specifically for motorcyclists and that it was difficult to understand why crashes were occurring on the network as they were generally single cycle incidents. Cr Norriss suggested that Council make use of Mr Searancke's services whilst he was in the Tasman region.

Mr Clark advised that there would be an open day on Saturday 20 February 2010 for pedestrians to review the work being undertaken on the Ruby Bay bypass. Contractors continue to make good progress and optimistically the bypass may be open to traffic before May, subject to weather conditions.

**Moved Crs Ensor/Currie
ESC10/01/04**

**THAT the Transportation report ESC10-01-02 be received.
CARRIED**

4.2 Takaka Aerodrome – ESC10-01-03

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

The purpose of the report was to provide information relating to the cross runway at Takaka Aerodrome and recommend an appropriate approach to ensure a safe runway was provided.

**Moved Crs Borlase/Edgar
ESC10/01/05**

**THAT the Takaka Aerodrome report ESC10-01-03 be received.
CARRIED**

**4.3 *Connecting Tasman* – The Regional Land Transport Strategy –
ESC10-01-04**

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 status of *Connecting Tasman* – the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

Note amendment to report in the final paragraph "The Regional Transport Committee, as the delegated authority of Council, will hear submissions to the Regional Land Transport Strategy at their meeting on Friday 26 March 2010."

Cr Norriss thanked staff and Committee members for their efforts regarding proof reading the document "*Connecting Tasman – The Regional Land Transport Strategy*".

**Moved Crs Dowler/Borlase
ESC10/01/06**

THAT the *Connecting Tasman* – the Regional Land Transport Strategy report ESC10-01-04 be received.
CARRIED

4.4 Rural Naming and Numbering for The Coastal Highway - ESC10-01-05

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

The purpose of the report was to provide information on the submission process relating to the renaming of roads associated with the changes resulting from the Ruby Bay Bypass. Information was also provided on the recommended names of roads on The Coastal Highway.

Note amendment to report page 11 of the agenda should read “Similarly a second article outlining the results of the submission process will be included in the 29 January 2010 ...”

Moved Crs Inglis/Wilkins
ESC10/01/07

THAT the Rural Naming and Numbering for The Coastal Highway report ESC10-01-05 be received.
CARRIED

Crs King and Borlase left the meeting at 10.25 am.

Meeting adjourned at 10.25 am.

Meeting resumed at 10.43 am.

5 UTILITIES

5.1 Utilities Management Report – ESC10-01-06

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

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

Mr Cuthbertson advised that the Ladleys had decided that they would like to join the Eighty-eight Valley Rural Water Scheme and that they had appealed the Commissioner’s decision; mediation would now take place. Staff advised that there were no access issues in relation to the Ladleys request.

A discussion ensued regarding the Dovedale scheme and staff advised that it had originally been set up as a stock water scheme and that there were problems with undersized pipes. This was slowly being rectified under the direction of an elected “Dovedale water users committee”.

Cr Borlase returned to the meeting at 10.56 am.

Staff advised that Contract 777 had been deferred until June pending the possible resolution of a dispute with neighbours regarding access.

Staff were questioned whether the public recycling bins currently in place throughout the District, could be increased. Positive feedback had been received from the I-site in Takaka, although there was a concern that the bins were not large enough. Staff advised that they would review the situation and return to the Committee with a solution at a later date. The project had central government finance and support and could only carry on subject to it continuing.

A discussion took place regarding tenders and staff confirmed that currently the budgets which were approved under the LTCCP or Annual Plan, were being met. Budgets were inclusive of land purchase costs.

Cr King returned to the meeting at 11.08 am.

Staff advised that they were unable to adjust budgets due to the economic climate, as the budgets had been adopted.

**Moved Crs Borlase/Currie
ESC10/01/08**

**THAT the Utilities Management report ESC10-01-06 be received.
CARRIED**

6 COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Strategic Development Manager, Ms Edwards introduced Chris Choat.

Mr Choat introduced himself as the newly appointed Communications Officer for Council and spoke about his background.

7 DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERING

7.1 Development/Customer Service – October – December 2009 Report ESC10-01-07

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

The purpose of the report was to highlight developments and service requests administered by the Engineering Department.

In response to questioning, staff advised that Council had an ongoing obligation to plan for sea level rises and climate change which would guide its decision making process.

**Moved Crs Edgar/Wilkins
ESC10/01/09**

**THAT the Development/Customer Services – Three Monthly report October to
December 2009 ESC10-01-07 be received.
CARRIED**

8 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Moved Crs Borlase/Ensor
ESC10/01/10

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

Old Mill Walkway Coastal Protection Stage 2 – Project 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 Coastal Protection Stage 2 – Project 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 ESC10/01/11).

9 RESOLUTION TO RESUME PUBLIC MEETING

Moved Crs Inglis/King
ESC10/01/12

THAT public meeting be resumed.
CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 11.48 am.
Date Confirmed:

Chair: