

MINUTES

TITLE: Engineering Services Committee
DATE: Thursday 11 November 2010
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

PRESENT: Cr T E Norriss (Chair), R G Kempthorne (Mayor),
Crs M L Bouillir, B F Dowler, J L Edgar, B W Ensor,
G A Glover, J L Inglis, C M Maling, Z S Mirfin, N Riley,
E J Wilkins

IN ATTENDANCE: Engineering Manager (P W Thomson), Transportation
Manager (G Clark), Utilities Manager (J Cuthbertson),
Development Engineer (D Ley), Utilities Asset Engineer
(K Arnold), Utilities Asset Engineer (D Stephenson), MWH
NZ Ltd (R Firth), Executive Assistant (V M Gribble)

1 PUBLIC FORUM

1.1 M Clark

Mr Clark spoke about an easement the Council has requested across his property for the wastewater line as part of the Richmond West project. He is concerned at the "deferred" status of his property, which was previously not deferred and asked that the deferred status be lifted.

Crs Edgar and Ensor arrived at the meeting at 9.36 am.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Engineering Services Committee – 30 September 2010

Moved Crs Riley/Inglis
ESC10-11-01

THAT the minutes of the Engineering Services Committee meeting held on 30 September 2010, containing resolutions ESC10-09-01 to ESC10-09-18 be confirmed as a true and complete record.

CARRIED

3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – RESC10-11-01

Moved Mayor Kempthorne/Dowler
ESC10-11-02

THAT the Engineering Services Committee send letters of congratulations to Graham Taylor, John Hurley, Damien O'Connor, Bob Dickinson, Roger Ashworth and Hugh Gordon concerning the completion of the Ruby Bay Bypass.

CARRIED

Questions had been raised about how the community boards could feed into the State Highway Liaison Committee meetings and it was considered that now Ward Councillors are also on the boards the problems should be alleviated.

**Moved Crs Glover/Riley
ESC10-11-03**

**THAT the Chairman's Report (RESC10-11-01) be received by the Engineering Services Committee.
CARRIED**

A letter of appreciation received from Contractors Federation on the way Council has put contracts out to the market in these tough economic times was read to the Committee.

4 TRANSPORTATION REPORT – RESC10-11-02

Transportation Manager, G Clark was in attendance to speak to his report which was included in the agenda.

Mr Clark reported that a number of gum trees have been felled into Higgs Reserve which should have been felled onto the road. The reserve, native bush and wetlands have also been damaged when diggers went in to retrieve the trees. NZ Transport Agency has accepted full responsibility and will be replacing the native bush, the damaged boardwalk and the wetlands. There were also willows removed that should not have been and investigations are continuing.

Cr King arrived at the meeting at 10.18 am.

Mayor Kempthorne left the meeting at 10.27 am.

Mr Thomson said there is no budget to do a strategic plan and report on the Takaka Aerodrome. If a detailed plan is required allowance will need to be made in the next annual plan. There is an immediate need to address the request for sealing the cross runway.

Cr Bryant arrived at the meeting at 10.55 am.

Mr Thomson said there are a number of coastal structures which have been clearly identified as belonging to other parties. Staff are only looking at Council-owned assets and said asset disposal is an option Council might want to look at.

Mr Clark said the Coastal Asset Management Plan doesn't identify all the structures or the ownership of those structures.

Mr Thomson said an asset management plan is not a strategic plan. Strategic issues are being discussed for the Takaka Aerodrome. Information is available on the Takaka Aerodrome and it is self-managed by the Takaka Airport Management Committee.

Morning tea adjournment from 11.05 am to 11.20 am.

Cr King left the meeting at 11.25 am.

**Moved Crs Bryant/Edgar
ESC10-11-04**

**THAT the Transportation Report, RESC11-11-02 be received by the Engineering Services Committee.
CARRIED**

**5 PROPOSED BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS 2010/2011 AND 2011/2012 –
RESC10-11-03**

Mr Clark presented the report which sought the Engineering Services Committee's approval for specific bridges to be replaced within the subsidised roading programme in the current and next financial years (2010/2011 and 2011/2012).

Cr Norriss advised that during the annual plan discussions he will be recommending that the Narrow Bridge replacement is not proceeded with.

In reply to a question about traffic counts for bridges, Mr Clark said a priority system looks at ranking the bridges and even though some might only have 100 vehicles they are needed to connect communities.

**Moved Crs Ensor/Riley
ESC10-11-05**

THAT the Engineering Services Committee:

- a) receives the Proposed Bridge Replacements 2010/2011 and 2011/2012 report RESC10-11-03;
- b) approves the replacement of Yellow Pine Bridge in the 2010/2011 year as noted in report RESC10-11-03;
- c) approves detailed design of Narrow Bridge with a view to reducing the overall project cost and, subject to available funding, construction in the 2011/2012 year as outlined in report RESC10-11-03;
- d) approves the design work for the replacement of the Awaroa Road Bridge, construction of which will only proceed if existing funding allocations permit, as outlined in report RESC10-11-03.

CARRIED

Cr King returned to the meeting at 11.48 am.

6 HIGH PRODUCTIVITY MOTOR VEHICLES – RESC10-11-04

Mr Clark spoke to the report included in the agenda which informed the Engineering Services Committee of new legislation for heavier and longer trucks that will access the Tasman District Council roading network. Meetings with industry groups and pre-planning have identified our main transport routes showing that 40 bridges within the Tasman District need to be checked for suitability for heavier loadings. Pavement (road surface) assessments are also required on some routes.

Mayor Kempthorne returned to the meeting at 11.52 am.
Cr King left the meeting at 11.53 am.

Moved Crs Maling/Dowler
ESC10-11-06

THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the report High Productivity Motor Vehicles – RESC10-11-04.
CARRIED

7 ROAD SAFETY ISSUES – RESC10-11-05

Mr Clark spoke to the report included in the agenda which provided information relating to the recent Road Safety Issues Report completed by the New Zealand Transport Agency, a copy of which was attached to the agenda.

The lack of passing lanes in the Tasman District was noted.

Moved Crs Wilkins/Glover
ESC10-11-07

THAT the Road Safety Issues Report, RESC10-11-05 be received by the Engineering Services Committee.
CARRIED

8 CRESCENT STREET AT WENSLEY ROAD INTERSECTION – PROPOSED CHANGES – RESC10-11-06

Mr Thomson tabled a map showing the proposed future intersection treatment at Crescent Street and Blair Terrace, alternative vehicle routes and current traffic counts.

Mr Clark spoke to the report which sought approval from the Engineering Services Committee to undertake public consultation on the proposal to alter the intersection of Crescent Street at Wensley Road to make it safer, by either closing off Crescent Street to all vehicle movements, or restricting these to turning in only.

It was suggested that advertising should be in local papers and also consultation be undertaken with schools and pre-schools in the area.

Moved Crs Riley/Wilkins
ESC10-11-08

THAT the Engineering Services Committee approve of public consultation being undertaken on the closure and entry-only options for Crescent Street intersection at Wensley Road as noted in report RESC10-11-06.
CARRIED

9 CHANGES TO TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES – RESC10-11-07

Mr Clark spoke to the report in the agenda, the purpose of which was to gain the Engineering Services Committee's approval to amend the way traffic management is dealt with by Tasman District Council. There are three issues where adoption of the recommendation would update the way we carry out the activities:

- Temporary traffic management for local roads
- Work on roads around Christmas time
- Work on roads during the Rugby World Cup

Mr Thomson reported that Nelson City Council has sent out information to utility network operators and other parties saying that work will be restricted during the Rugby World Cup timeframe and games. Tasman District Council does not see the need for that restriction.

**Moved Crs Bryant/Edgar
ESC10-11-09**

THAT the Engineering Services Committee:

- a) **adopts the current New Zealand Transport Agency COPTTM (Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management and the "The Temporary Traffic Management for Local Roads" as outlined in report RESC10-11-07;**
- b) **permits its road maintenance contractors to work on the Tasman roading network at any time except on any public holiday as outlined in report RESC10-11-07;**
- c) **permits its road maintenance contractors to work on Council's roading network during the period of the Rugby World Cup event in New Zealand as outlined in report RESC10-11-07;**
- d) **approves that generally only urgent repairs and maintenance is permitted in the commercial and retail areas from one week before Christmas through to two weeks after New Year's Day unless dispensation has been given from the Engineering Manager as noted in report RESC10-11-07.**

CARRIED

**10 TRAFFIC CONTROL BYLAW – PARKING RESTRICTION CHANGES –
RESC10-11-08**

Mr Clark spoke to the report in the agenda which sought approval from the Engineering Services Committee to publicly advertise various parking restriction changes as per the schedule attached to the agenda.

A request was made for "no parking" lines be placed on the eastern side of Hickmott Place and that it be added to the schedule to go out for public consultation.

It was requested that the taxi stand outside Fresh Choice, Motueka be relocated to Pah Street.

**Moved Crs Edgar/Dowler
ESC10-11-10**

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee approve for public consultation the schedule of parking changes as noted as an attachment to report RESC10-11-08.
CARRIED**

Luncheon adjournment was taken from 12.30 pm to 1.10 pm.

11 MOTUEKA FLOOD CONTROL – RESC10-11-09

Mr Clark spoke to the report which provided information on the Motueka Flood Control Project and sought the Committee's agreement to the problems and objectives of the project. The project involves investigating flood control options to provide an affordable scheme for the Motueka River that meets the risks that the community is prepared to accept with regard to the flood protection.

The Motueka River is a nationally-important river and it was requested that a management plan be established for the river.

Cr Glover returned to the meeting at 1.18 pm.

**Moved Crs Wilkins/Inglis
ESC10-11-11**

THAT the Engineering Services Committee:

- a) receives Report RESC10-11-09, Motueka Flood Control Project;**
- b) notes the problems and objectives that are outlined in report RESC10-11-09;**
- c) approves the definition of the problems and the objectives as noted in report RESC10-11-09.**

CARRIED

12 UTILITIES MANAGEMENT REPORT – RESC10-11-10

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

Cr Edgar returned to the meeting at 1.27 pm.

**Moved Crs Riley/Mirfin
ESC10-11-12**

THAT the Utilities Management Report, RESC10-11-10, be received by the Engineering Services Committee.

CARRIED

13 WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION PLAN – RESC10-11-11

Mr Cuthbertson spoke to the report in the agenda from Utilities Asset Engineer David Stephenson, which updated members on the Committee on progress towards a joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan, publication of the revised New Zealand Waste Strategy and to call for nominations for members of a joint working party with Nelson City Council.

**Moved Crs Ensor/Inglis
ESC10-11-13**

THAT the Engineering Services Committee:

- a) receives report RESC10-11-11, Waste Management and Minimisation Plan;
- b) nominates Crs Bryant, Dowler and Maling as members of a joint Waste Working Party to provide assistance in the development of a joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan with Nelson City Council as outlined in report RESC10-11-11.

CARRIED

14 TAKAKA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT – RESC10-11-12

Cr Riley declared a conflict of interest and left the room for discussion on this item.

Cr Bryant left the meeting at this stage.

Mr Cuthbertson spoke to the report contained in the agenda. The purpose of the report was to inform the Engineering Services Committee on the status of the Takaka wastewater treatment plant upgrade.

The Committee was advised that there is disquiet in the community about the location of the treatment plant and in particular, odour problems. People weren't aware that that particular site had been chosen and public consultation should have been undertaken before the site was decided on.

It was advised that issues concerned with odour will be addressed through the consent process and the public consultation needs to be based on fact.

**Moved Mayor Kempthorne/Cr Inglis
ESC10-11-14**

THAT report RESC10-11-12, Takaka Wastewater Treatment Plant be received by the Engineering Services Committee.

CARRIED

Crs Riley and Bryant returned to the meeting at 1.58 pm.

**15 DEVELOPMENT THREE-MONTHLY REPORT, JULY TO SEPTEMBER
2010 – RESC10-11-13**

Mr Ley spoke to the report which highlighted subdivision developments administered by the Engineering Department.

Moved Crs Maling/Bryant

ESC10-11-15

THAT the Development Three-Monthly Report, July to September 2010, RESC10-11-13 be received by the Engineering Services Committee.

CARRIED

16 TASMAN CYCLE TRAIL LOOP UPDATE – RESC10-11-14

Mr Ley spoke to the report which informed the Engineering Services Committee of the progress with stage 1 construction of the Tasman Cycle Trail Loop.

Cr King returned to the meeting at 2.07 pm.

Moved Crs Glover/Wilkins

ESC10-11-16

THAT the Tasman Cycle Trail Loop report, RESC10-11-14 be received by the Engineering Services Committee.

CARRIED

17 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Moved Crs Wilkins/Dowler

ESC10-11-17

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

Swiftsure Street, Collingwood, resolution of stormwater, roading and access issues – RESC10-11-15

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
Swiftsure Street, Collingwood, resolution of stormwater, roading and access issues	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
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Enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	Section 7(2)(i)
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CARRIED

(Refer to Confidential Minute Book, resolutions numbered ESC10-11-18)

**Moved Crs Riley/Edgar
ESC10-11-19**

**THAT open meeting be resumed.
CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 2.43 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair:

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