

MINUTES

TITLE: Engineering Services Committee
DATE: Thursday 2 February 2012
TIME: 11.45 am
VENUE: Bainham Hall, McKay Pass Road, Bainham, Golden Bay.

PRESENT: Cr T E Norriss (Chair), Mayor R G Kempthorne, Crs M L Bouillir, S G Bryant, B F Dowler, J L Edgar, B W Ensor, J L Inglis, T B King, C M Maling, Z S Mirfin, P F Sangster and E J Wilkins

IN ATTENDANCE: Engineering Manager (P Thomson)
Utilities Asset Manager (J Cuthbertson)
Development Engineer (D Ley)
Transportation Network Engineer (S Steedman)
Mrs Karen Brookes, Golden Bay Community Board
Executive Assistant – Engineering (R Scherer)
Administration Officer (G Woodgate)

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Edgar/Maling
ESC12-02-01

THAT apologies from Cr Glover for absence be sustained.
CARRIED

1 PUBLIC FORUM

Richard (Dick) Lamb, Golden Bay Contractor

Mr Lamb advised that, in his opinion, Tasman District Council contracts gave no opportunities for small scale local operators and therefore limited competition.

Mr Lamb also advised of his perceived contractor protectionism especially in times of emergency where he felt Council's contractors should have allowed everyone with suitable equipment to help out. He added that State Highway contractors were not co-operating with local contractors in times of extreme emergencies.

Penny Griffith, Collingwood

Ms Griffith advised of ongoing stormwater problems in Swiftsure Street, Collingwood and was disappointed that there was nothing on the current agenda to address this issue.

The Chairman advised that this matter was under action and that the issuing of a Resource Consent was the current holdup.

Reginald (Reg) Turner, Lodge Operator

Mr Turner advised that he had been requesting to erect a tourism information direction sign along Collingwood/Bainham Main Road for five years now without success.

The Chairman advised Mr Turner that he would speak with the appropriate Council staff and get back to him.

Sue Brown, Land Owner

Ms Brown read, and tabled copies of, her concerns regarding flood protection in the Aorere catchment. Ms Brown advised that she was speaking on behalf of landowners in the Aorere catchment who pay the Y river rates and are suffering on-going damage following the flood event of the 28th December 2010.

The issue was the damage occurring due to diversion of fast moving water onto, and across, their properties from:

- Incomplete emergency repairs to river assets,
- Failure of emergency repairs and
- Lack of management of river gravel build up in the beds of rivers.

Ms Brown further advised that the level of service the landowners had received had fallen well short of that described in the TDC 'Rivers Activity Management Plan' and added:

- 'We need action now,
- We need the previous level of flood protection restored to maintain viable businesses
- We need timely repairs or cost of repairs increases with each high rainfall event'.

Ms Brown added that poor communications with TDC had compounded their problems and concluded by asking:-

- 'Why have emergency works not been done to standard of protection that existed prior to the 28th December 2010 event?
- Why have our emergency works been so slow?
- What solution is proposed for dealing with gravel build-ups to re-gain effective flood mitigation?'

An inspection tour of the river had been arranged for Committee members and staff for later that afternoon.

Graham Pomeroy, Collingwood Landowner

Mr Pomeroy advised that he supported everything Ms Sue Pomeroy had raised.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Engineering Services Committee – 8 December 2011

Moved Crs Inglis/Sangster

ESC12-02-02

THAT the minutes of the Engineering Services Committee meeting held on 8 December 2011 containing resolutions ESC11-12-01 to ESC11-12-10 be confirmed as a true and complete record.

CARRIED

3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – RESC12-02-01

Cr Norriss spoke to his report which was contained in the agenda.

Matters raised in the report included:-

- December Storm Event
- James Road Bridge
- Abel Tasman Foreshore Reserve
- Jakkett Island.

The Chair noted that the Transportation Manager, Mr Gary Clark, recently had a son named Jack and requested the Engineering Manager pass on his, and the Committee's, congratulations.

**Moved Crs Ensor/King
ESC12-02-03**

THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Chairman's Report – RESC12-02-01.

CARRIED

4 INFORMATION REPORTS

4.1 Transportation Report - RESC12-02-02

The report detailed activities in the Transportation area.

The Transportation Manager's report was contained in the agenda and covered the following matters:-

- Tasman Maintenance – C757
- Waimea Maintenance – C758
- Golden Bay Maintenance – C788
- Murchison Maintenance – C787
- Customer Service Requests
- Performance Scores
- Financial
- Street Lighting – C680
- Bridge Structures Maintenance – C790 and Bridge Structural Repairs 2011-2012 – C864
- Road Safety
- Rivers

The Engineering Manager advised that problems with Taylors Contracting Company Ltd were trying to be addressed.

The Engineering Manager advised that River care meetings are to be scheduled as soon as possible but staff resources and budgetary constraints were the major issues. He then added that river priorities for the Engineering Department were as follows:-

- a) The annual work programme
- b) Recovery works for the Aorere flood event
- c) Recovery works for the last December flood event.

Discussion on the lack of river gravel extraction, and the reasons why, ensued.

- Jackett Island Erosion – Port Motueka Groyne
- Tenders.

**Moved Crs Inglis/Bouillir
ESC12-02-04**

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Transportation Report – RESC12-02-02.
CARRIED**

4.2 Turners Bluff – Archaeological Find - RESC12-02-03

The report outlined the recent discovery of an archaeological site during the earthworks operation to realign Riwaka-Kaiteriteri Road at Turners Bluff.

**Moved Crs Edgar/Wilkins
ESC12-02-05**

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the report, Turners Bluff – Archaeological Find – RESC12-02-03.
CARRIED**

4.3 Utilities Report - RESC12-02-04

The report provided a summary of the Utilities activities for November - December 2011.

Utilities Asset Manager, Mr J Cuthbertson, spoke to his report which was contained in the agenda and covered the following matters:-

- Utilities General
- Wastewater Networks
- Water Networks

His Worship the Mayor advised Committee members of the financial problems involved with the Port Tarakohe water scheme.

- Stormwater Networks
- Telemetry
- Solid Waste
- Tenders.

**Moved Crs Mirfin/Ensor
ESC12-02-06**

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Utilities Report – RESC12-02-04.
CARRIED**

4.4 Tasman's Great Taste Trail - Update - RESC12-02-05

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

The report provided an update on progress with Tasman's Great Taste Trail and covered the following matters:-

- Latest Developments
- Resource Consents
- Brightwater to Wakefield
- Wairoa Suspension Bridge
- Ferry Service – the Flat Bottom Ferry
- Bylaw
- Pearl Creek
- Summary.

The Development Engineer advised:-

- That there was a delay in the preparing the tender documents for the construction of the Wairoa River suspension bridge
- That the suspension bridge over the Wairoa River had now been lengthened to 80m
- That no appeals had been received regarding the ~~proposed bridge over the Waimea River~~ **Resource Consent for the trail from the ASB Aquatic Centre to the Waimea River**
- That the Waimea River crossing was now in a different position.

**Moved Crs Edgar/Maling
ESC12-02-07**

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Tasman's Great Taste Trail Update report – RESC12-02-05.
CARRIED**

4.5 Development Six Monthly Report – July to December 2011 - RESC12-02-06

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

The report provided an update on Development/Subdivisions around the District over the months of July to December 2011.

**Moved Crs Sangster/Bryant
ESC12-02-07**

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Six Monthly Development Update Report – RESC12-02-06.
CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 12.45 pm with the Chairman thanking the local community for the venue and their hospitality.

Date Confirmed:

Chair:

CONFIRMED MINUTES