

MINUTES

TITLE: Engineering Services Committee
DATE: Thursday 19 July 2012
TIME: 1.00 pm
VENUE: Tasman District Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

PRESENT: Crs T E Norriss (Chair), M L Bouillir, S G Bryant, J L Edgar, B W Ensor, G A Glover, J L Inglis, T B King, C M Maling, Z S Mirfin and P F Sangster.

IN ATTENDANCE: Engineering Manager (P Thomson)
Chairman Motueka Community Board (D Ogilvie)
Utilities Asset Manager (J Cuthbertson)
Utilities Asset Engineer (D Stephenson)
Transportation Manager (G Clark)
Transportation Planning Officer (S Downs)
Development Engineer (D Ley)
Co-ordinator Natural Resources Consents (L Piggott)
Policy Planner (M-A Baker)
Administration Officer (G Woodgate)

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Edgar/Maling
ESC12-07-01

THAT apologies from Mayor Kempthorne, Cr B F Dowler and Cr E J Wilkins for absence be sustained.

CARRIED

1 PUBLIC FORUM

Public Forum for the Engineering Services meeting was held during the Extraordinary Full Council meeting (10.50 – 11.10 am).

1.1 Mr Bruce Taylor, Fulton Hogan

Mr Taylor spoke regarding gravel extraction and asked Council to look again at this issue, especially concerning the Waimea and Kohatu Rivers

1.2 Mr Robbie Reynolds, Kohatu

Mr Reynolds advised that during the most recent flood, he lost land to the Kohatu River. He advised that there is too much gravel at the top of this River.

1.3 Mr Dave McGaveston, Tapawera Village

Mr McGaveston advised that parts of the Motueka River are running in a zigzag formation and that gravel extraction was required to stop this. He added that the bed of the Motueka River was rising and that as the river base was made of bed rock it could not degrade.

1.4 Mr Devon Gallagher

Mr Gallagher advised caution in taking gravel from any river because 'gravel recharges the coastline'.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Engineering Services Committee – 7 June 2012

**Moved Crs Inglis/Glover
ESC12-07-02**

THAT the minutes of the Engineering Services Committee meeting held on 7 June 2012 containing resolutions ESC12-06-01 to ESC12-06-10 be confirmed as a true and complete record.

CARRIED

3 REPORTS

3.1 Tasman's Great Taste Trail Update - RESC12-07-03

The Development Engineer, Dugald Ley, spoke to his report which was contained in the agenda.

The report provided an update on progress with Tasman's Great Taste Trail.

The Development Engineer introduced Mr Bill Gilbertson, Trust member of the Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust.

1.05 pm: Cr Sangster arrived.

Councillors raised the following Trail matters:-

- The steepness of the approaches to the Wairoa Suspension Bridge. The Development Engineer replied that this problem would be addressed during the maintenance programme.
- The safety of works along the estuary edge from the Sandeman Reserve through to Lansdowne Road and also along Higgins Road. The Development Engineer advised that a grass berm was yet to be installed between the road and the trail
- Rabbit Island trail overgrowth required attention
- A change of route for the beach front trail in Motueka by the Kumaras was recommended in a written statement from Cr Dowler

- Safety concerns regarding the NPI – Ravensdown section.

Mr Gilbertson gave Councillors a handout entitled 'Financial Contribution to Tasman's Great Taste Trail' and read from it. It was estimated that the Trust had provided \$117,945 towards the Stage 1 project by way of savings.

1.18 pm: Cr Bouillir arrived and Mr Ogilvie departed.

The Chair thanked Mr Gilbertson for his attendance.

**Moved Crs Sangster/Glover
ESC12-07-03**

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the report, Tasman's Great Taste Trail Update - RESC12-07-03
CARRIED**

3.2 River Gravel Matters - RESC12-07-05

Transportation Manager, Gary Clark and Co-ordinator Natural Resources Consents, Leif Piggott spoke to the report which was contained in the agenda.

The report provided information on the issues surrounding the removal and relocation of gravel in the rivers within Tasman District. The Engineering Services Committee requested that engineering staff liaise with other Council staff around the matters of gravel removal and issues with consents and provide a report to a future meeting.

In open discussion, Councillors raised the following points:-

- The whole resource consent process for gravel extraction did not make it easy for applicants and was complicated and difficult
- The resource consent process added too much cost for contractors
- Little recent river survey work had been undertaken and documented
- There was no river gravel management plan in place in the Tasman District
- There was a need for a Working Party consisting of Engineering and Environment and Planning staff, industry and iwi to look into this problem.

1.51 pm: Cr King arrived.

Staff replied that:-

- There was not enough gravel in most Tasman rivers for extraction
- It was uneconomic to extract gravel from Tasman rivers at the present time.

**Moved Cr Bryant/Edgar
ESC12-07-04**

THAT a Working Party be established comprising the Chief Executive, Engineering and Environment and Planning staff, Engineering and Environment and Planning Chairs and key stakeholders, to investigate a proactive and

enabling approach to gravel management, including extraction, and to report back to the Engineering Services Committee by 30 November 2012.

CARRIED

Cr Sangster stated that a gravel island in the Takaka River required removal.

Moved Cr Edgar/Inglis

ESC12-07-05

THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the River Gravel Matters report – RESC12-07-05.

CARRIED

4 DECISION REPORTS

4.1 Pukekoikoi (Turners Bluff) – Road Realignment Options and Funding - RESC12-07-02

Transportation Manager, Gary Clark, was in attendance to present the report.

The report covered the design options for realigning the road at Pukekoikoi (Turners Bluff) and recommended the option to address the issue of providing a safe and reliable route to Kaiteriteri. The report also requested additional funding for completing the project as a result of an archaeological find and other issues that surround the site.

The Transportation Manager advised that this had been a very difficult process with the different parties involved, that staff were trying to lower costs by using funding from within existing budgets and that they were currently seeking funding from Central Government.

Moved Crs Maling/Inglis

ESC12-07-06

THAT the Engineering Services Committee

- a) RECEIVES the report, Pukekoikoi (Turners Bluff) – Road Realignment Options and Funding, RESC12-07-02; and**
- b) APPROVES the alignment of Riwaka-Kaiteriteri Road extending through the gully and referred to as Option 7 in the report RESC12-07-02; and**
- c) RECOMMENDS to the Full Council that additional funding of \$477,000 be approved for 'Option 7', subject to a staff report outlining funding options for Council, as noted in the report RESC12-07-02.**

CARRIED

5 REPORTS (Con't)

5.1 Transportation Report - RESC12-07-06

The Transportation Manager, Gary Clark, spoke to his report which was contained in the agenda.

The Transportation Manager's report covered the following matters:-

- Tasman Maintenance C757
- Waimea Maintenance C758
- Golden Bay Maintenance C788
- Murchison Maintenance C787
- Customer Service Requests
- Performance Scores
- Financial
- Bridge Maintenance
- C851 Sealed Road Resurfacing 2011/14
- Rivers Report
- Projects Update
- Road Safety
- Coastal Structures.

From discussions on service request analysis provided within the report, Councillors requested an analysis of **all** customer service requests received by Council.

2.50 pm: Cr Ensor departed.

Moved Crs Bryant/Inglis ESC12-07-07

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Transportation Report – RESC12-07-06.
CARRIED**

5.2 Port Motueka-Jackett Island Erosion Project - RESC12-07-04

The Transportation Manager, Gary Clark, and the Transportation Planning Officer, Sarah Downs, spoke to the report which was contained in the agenda.

The report provided information on the assessment and refinement of practicable options to manage the erosion experienced along the seaward edge of Jackett Island. An update on the interim works on the Van Dyke property and the Port Motueka Groyne removal was also provided, along with details of expenditure to date on the Jackett Island Erosion Project.

The Transportation Planning Officer advised that the following day would see the removal of the last of the groyne.

Cr King requested that feedback be given to Mr Easton by staff on his presentation given in Public Forum at the Extraordinary Council meeting held earlier in the day.

**Moved Cr Inglis/Bryant
ESC12-07-08**

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Port Motueka – Jackett Island Erosion Project report – RESC12-07-04.
CARRIED**

5.5 Utilities Report - RESC12-07-07

Utilities Asset Manager, Jeff Cuthbertson and Utilities Asset Engineer David Stephenson spoke to the report which was contained in the agenda and covered the following Utilities activities for May-June 2012:-

- Utilities General
- Wastewater Networks
- Water Networks
- Stormwater Networks
- Telemetry
- Solid Waste
- Tenders.

Cr Bryant asked what was the cost saving proposal from the Resource Recovery Centre operations contractor and was told that it had yet to be identified.

Cr Dowler asked through a written statement why the fees had increased at the Mariri Resource Recovery Centre. The Utilities Asset Engineer replied that a report would be tabled at the full Council meeting on 26 July 2012 regarding this matter.

3.05 pm: Cr Bouillir departed.

**Moved Crs Sangster/Edgar
ESC12-07-09**

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Utilities Report – RESC12-07-07.
CARRIED**

6 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – RESC12-07-01

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

Matters raised in the report included:-

- Celebrations
- Motueka Flood Control
- Motueka Memorial Hall
- Motueka Groyne.

3.21 pm: Cr Inglis departed.

During discussion on the Chair's report, the following matters were raised:-

- Concern was expressed over a Motueka Flood Control Options report written by the Chairman of the Motueka Community Board regarding its factual accuracy
- Where funding for additional toilets in Mapua was to come from – the Chair recommended Community Services and the Roading Engineer communicate with each other over this matter
- The location of bus stops along Queen Street, Richmond. Reinstatement of the old bus stop by G J Gardiner was suggested.

3.42 pm: Cr Glover departed.

- Stopping of any proposed upgrade to the Motueka Memorial Hall due to the unavailability of funding.

**Moved Crs Edgar/Bryant
ESC12-07-10**

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Chairman's Report –
RESC12-07-01.
CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 3.52 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: