

# MINUTES

**Title:** Engineering Services Committee  
**Date:** Thursday 14 April 2005  
**Time:** 9.30 am  
**Venue:** Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond  
**Present:** Crs T E Norriss (Chair), S G Bryant, T B King, R G Currie, S J Borlase, R G Kempthorne, J L Inglis  
**In Attendance:** Crs M J Higgins, E J Wilkins, E E Henry, E M O'Regan (part meeting), Golden Bay Community Board Member N Hill and Motueka Community Board Member A C Fry, Engineering Manager (P W Thomson), Corporate / Engineering Administrator (V M Gribble)

## Apologies

Moved Crs Bryant/Kempthorne  
WK05/04/01

**That apologies for lateness from Mayor J C Hurley and Cr King and an apology for absence from Motueka Community Board B Dowler be sustained.**

**Carried**

### **1 Public Forum**

#### **1.1 Mr E L Krammer**

Mr Krammer spoke about the recent flood event at Rotoiti. He asked the Committee to schedule a meeting in St Arnaud. He also spoke about the proposal for the community to provide and operate a street litter facility and for Council to pick up the cost of disposing of the waste from the facility.

#### **1.2 Mr K Vincent**

Mr Vincent spoke about stormwater problems on the Rabbit Island end of Redwood Road which result in water running down his driveway. He also spoke about rubbish collection points and said the refuse collection only goes halfway down the road.

Mayor Hurley arrived at the meeting at 9.43 am.

#### **1.3 Mr C Robinson**

Mr Robinson spoke about the proposal to install security lights in the CBD of Richmond and the ability of the Richmond Police to monitor them when the Police Station is not open at night.

#### **1.4 Mr A C Fry**

Mr Fry spoke about the Motueka bypass and said the Motueka Community Board is asking for a heavy traffic route around the town and the realignment of Kaiteriteri Road.

## **2 Confirmation of Minutes – 3 March 2005**

Moved Crs Bryant/Inglis  
WK05/04/02

**That the minutes of the meeting of the Engineering Services Committee held on 3 March 2005, containing resolutions numbered WK05/03/01 to WK05/03/16 be confirmed as a true and complete record of the proceedings of that meeting.  
Carried**

## **3 Chairman's Report**

Cr Norriss noted that petrol in Auckland is about 7 cents per litre cheaper than what we pay here. He also commented on the recent heavy rain event and the draft ten year plan for Transit NZ.

Moved Crs King/Kempthorne  
WK05/04/03

**That the Chairman's report for April 2005 be received.  
Carried**

## **4 St Arnaud Litter Bins**

Mr Thomson spoke to the report contained in the agenda requesting provision of street litter bins within St Arnaud Township, with Council meeting the cost of disposal of the litter.

Cr Bryant said this is one area where there are no Council-provided bins and was happy for the trial to proceed.

Mayor Hurley suggested the trial include the three bins and asked for feedback on how much is collected from each location and the source of the refuse.

Mr Krammer said St Arnaud people appreciate the refuse collection. He said the six month trial would be going over the winter which would not give a real indication.

Moved Crs Bryant/Kempthorne  
WK05/04/04

**That Council enter into a trial arrangement through the Nelson Lakes Promotion Group with the Department of Conservation, to meet the collection and disposal costs of waste from the three litter bins in St Arnaud and that this trial be reviewed after six months.  
Carried**

## **5 Flood Damage**

Mr Ashworth and Mr Drummond were in attendance for discussion on this item. Mr Ashworth spoke to the report which sought approval to make application to Land Transport NZ for flood damage funding totalling \$350,000 (local share \$178,500) for roading and \$195,000 from the Council's classified river asset protection fund.

Mr Drummond gave a powerpoint presentation demonstrating the damage that had occurred during the flooding.

Cr Inglis said the gravels from the Motueka River need to be removed and sold to help pay for the maintenance. He said if the gravels are removed it will allow the rivers to flow.

Cr Norriss supported Cr Inglis. He said the Committee has been trying to arrange gravel extraction but the Environment and Planning Department believe it is detrimental to the river. He said there are large areas inside the flood channel that are choked with broom and willow and they are the areas that the gravel should be removed from.

Cr Borlase was concerned that a 5 to 10 year event has caused this amount of damage. He asked for comment about whether there would have been this much damage if the gravel had been extracted.

Mr Drummond said there were very high flows at the top of the catchment but by the time it got to Kohatu Bridge the peak had dropped to a 5 to 10 year flood.

Cr Bryant said a number of the beaches have old established vegetation and they will never move while the vegetation is on them, and that needs to be removed by regular maintenance or removal of gravel.

Mr Thomson said in terms of river activity it is constrained by a lot of different factors, one of which is the consent and other constraints associated with budgets.

Cr Bryant asked if it would be beneficial to increase the allocation to be taken off the beaches and annually out of the river.

Mr Drummond said if you do something dramatic in a river, the river will do something dramatic back.

Cr Bryant said Council's early warning system worked well, but in Kohatu to the golf course where properties had changed hands, some people rang the Council and expected it to do something for them. We now have an early warning system with a telephone tree. He said there were also problems associated with Waireka Road Bridge, and he asked that urgency be given to the project so residents had vehicular access.

Cr King said it is important to remember the biggest damage risk for properties is silt and vegetation. If willow management works properly and catches the debris and silt it is only water getting out. There is a responsibility for landowners to talk to each other about flooding in rivers.

Cr Kempthorne said he had attended a meeting with Motupiko water users a couple of days after the flood event and people were very positive about the work that had been done.

Mr Ashworth said the Waireka Bridge was an issue that Council inherited and if it had had the opportunity, things would have been done differently. He said Fulton Hogan gave an excellent response throughout the flood as did Council's own staff.

Moved Crs Bryant/Borlase  
WK05/04/05

**That:**

- a) **Council apply to Land Transport NZ for flood damage funding totalling \$350,000 (local share \$18,500);**
- b) **Funding of \$195,000 be provided from the Classified River Asset Protection Fund.**

**Carried**

## **6 Review of TDC Bylaw No 4 1991 Traffic Control and Parking Enforcement and Amendments**

Mr Elkington was present to speak to the report "Review of TDC Bylaw No 4 1991 Traffic Control and Parking Enforcement and Amendments". The special consultation procedure under Section 86 of the Act is required to be followed which requires the advertising of the proposal to amend and review this Bylaw, calling for public submission and the hearing of any such submissions prior to Council's adoption of the Bylaw.

Mr Thomson said clause 27.1 would be amended to include rollerblades and roller skates.

Mr Thomson advised of amendments to the draft bylaw which would be made before the bylaw went to consultation.

Moved Crs Borlase/Kempthorne  
WK05/04/06

**That pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act 2002 that this report be received and that the reviewed draft bylaw titled Traffic Control Bylaw 2005 with amendments, be approved and notified to commence the special consultative procedure as set out in Part 6 Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.**

**Carried**

## **7 Review of TDC Stock Droving Bylaw No 6 1994 and Amendments 1998**

Mr Elkington referred to the report and bylaw contained in the agenda. He said the new bylaw replicates the best of the current bylaw and includes additional conditions, mainly in respect to operational aspects, from other similar bylaws of several other district councils.

Mr Thomson advised of amendments to the draft bylaw which would be made before the bylaw went to consultation.

Cr King asked if the bylaw applied to paper roads and unformed roads. He said these roads are being used more for recreation purposes and he had concerns about their cleanliness. He said cleaning of roads after shifting stock is impractical.

Mr Ashworth said it does apply to paper roads and unformed roads.

Moved Crs Bryant/Inglis  
WK05/04/07

**That pursuant to Section 145 of the Local Government Act 2002, that this report be received and that the reviewed draft bylaw titled Stock Control Bylaw 2005, with amendments, be approved and notified to commence the special consultative procedure as set out in Part 6 Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.**

**Carried**

## **8 Water and Sanitary Service Assessments**

Mr Cuthbertson, Mr R Lester and Ms J Hubley from MWH NZ Ltd were present for discussion on this item.

Mr Cuthbertson and Mr Lester gave a powerpoint presentation on the Water and Sanitary Service Assessments and spoke to the report.

The report provided information on the Water and Sanitary Services Assessments to the Engineering Services Committee to be approved to go through the Special Consultative Procedure as set down in the Local Government Act and be adopted by Council before 30 June 2005. Consultation will be held in conjunction with the draft 2005/2006 Annual Plan.

Cr Norriss suggested it may be necessary to arrange a meeting with particular communities to further discuss the assessments.

Cr King said it should be well advertised that the assessments will be considered with the draft annual plan.

Mr Thomson said the assessment of Council-owned infrastructure was relatively straightforward. He said the assessment isn't saying a lot more than what we've got in activity plans or LTCCP, but gives a qualitative analysis of issues looking forward to the foreseeable future.

Mr Thomson said under current permits there is still capacity for growth in the water schemes, but there is an issue of limitation within Waimea Basin with over allocation issues within Wairoa/Waimea River system.

Cr Kempthorne suggested a sentence should be included on page 1 of the assessment to say the assessments are not showing that the LTCCP is lacking, but to highlight that some of the work is flagged in the LTCCP.

Mr Thomson said it would be included in the Executive Summary.

Moved Crs Bryant/King  
WK05/04/08

**That the Engineering Services Committee approve the draft Water and Sanitary Services Assessment document for release to the public through the special consultative procedure in conjunction with the draft Annual Plan so that the final assessment can be confirmed by Council prior to 30 June 2005.**

**Carried**

## **9 Stormwater Best Practice Guide**

Mr Ley was in attendance for discussion on this item. The guide serves as a toolbox of measures carried out by Council to verify its compliance with environmental standards.

Moved Crs Borlase/Kempthorne  
WK05/04/09

**That the Stormwater “Best Practice Guide” be received and approved for public release.**

**Carried**

## **10 Development/Customer Services Three Monthly Update**

Mr Ley was in attendance for discussion on this report, which updated the Committee on the previous three months Engineering development around the region, together with customer services enquiry volumes.

Moved Crs Bryant/Borlase  
WK05/04/10

**That the Development/Customer Services Three Monthly Update be received.**  
**Carried**

Cr Higgins arrived at 2.20 pm.

## **11 Resolution to Exclude the Public**

Moved Crs Kempthorne/King  
WK05/04/11

**That the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:**

### **Mapua Boat Club**

**The general subject of the matters to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the 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:**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Reasons</b>	<b>Grounds</b>
<b>Mapua Boat Club</b>	<b>Consideration of report</b>	<b>To enable the Committee to carry out</b>

		<b>discussions without prejudice or disadvantage</b>
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(Refer to Confidential Minute Book, resolution number WK05/04/12)

Moved Mayor Hurley/Cr Bryant  
WK05/04/13

**That open meeting be resumed and the business passed while the public was excluded be adopted in open meeting.  
Carried**

The meeting was adjourned at 2.55 pm.

The meeting resumed at 3.20 pm.

Crs Higgins, Wilkins and Kempthorne left the meeting at 3.20 pm.

Crs O'Regan, Henry, were in attendance.

## **12 Asset Management Report**

### **12.1 Road Safe Nelson Bays Meetings**

Mr Thomson asked for a Councillor to replace Cr Kempthorne at the Road Safe Nelson Bays meetings.

Crs Henry, Currie and Inglis volunteered to attend the meetings.

### **12.2 Transit NZ Draft Ten Year Plan**

Submission hearings will be held on 18 April 2005 on the Transit NZ Draft Ten Year Plan.

### **12.3 RAPID Numbering**

Cr Norriss said RAPID numbering rate is only for those people who do not presently have a number. He asked that it be made quite clear in the draft annual plan.

### **12.4 Roothing Policy Document**

It is hoped to have the Roothing Policy Document ready for the next Engineering Services Committee meeting.

### **12.5 Salisbury Road Cycle Lanes and Pedestrian Facilities**

The tender has been awarded and the work will commence shortly.

Mr Fry said green painted cycle lanes are a very good idea and asked that consideration be given to painting the whole strip, not just around the intersections.

Cr King said at certain times of the day Salisbury Road is very congested and he hoped the works would improve the situation.

#### **12.6 TDC and Transit NZ Collaboration**

Feasibility study is being done presently and will be presented to a future Engineering Services Committee meeting.

#### **12.7 New Footpath Standard**

A letter from Golden Bay Community Board Chairman, Mr J Bell, was included in the agenda concerning the new footpath standard.

Cr Norriss said clarification from the Golden Bay Community Board would be helpful concerning both the Collingwood and Pohara walkways.

#### **12.8 Dovedale Water Scheme**

Replacement of 2300 metres of pipe on the line is set to commence.

#### **12.9 Hydraulic Modelling – Data Capture**

Tenders will be re-advertised as three separate contracts.

#### **12.10 Wai-iti Valley Dam**

Mr Thomson said the dam received only minor damage during the 25 March 2005 flood event. The weather will be the issue between now and predicted completion date in June 2005. He said it has been very disappointing how the contractor has geared up to do the appropriate stages. If we don't complete before Winter 2005 there is an issue that there are people making plans based on property development or sales, and availability of more irrigation. There are liquidated damages in the contract. It was made very clear to the contractor the importance of the work. He said the Water Augmentation Committee will be making a site visit next week and said it would be helpful for the Mayor to come along.

#### **12.11 Murchison Water Leakage Study**

Some 40 mm diameter mains are to be replaced before the end of this financial year.

#### **12.13 Pohara Stage 3**

The contractor is on track for an early May 2005 completion in line with the tendered project completion date.

#### **12.14 Tapu Bay Pipeline**

Tapu Bay through Riwaka River is now completed with the next stage being through Girvin's property.

#### **12.15 School Wastewater Charges**



Staff are setting up a meeting with the schools with the Engineering Services Committee Chair and the Engineering Manager.

Cr Norriss noted that any alleviation of pan charges for schools will add to the burden on other ratepayers.

Mr Thomson said Council has a rates remission policy for school wastewater charging and it is a good policy, demonstrating that Council has already made a concession.

### **12.16 Kerbside Recycling**

Recycling bins have been ordered and the new service is set to commence early June 2005.

Mayor asked if Streetsmart is making the commitment to make the contract work. He questioned the suitability of machinery that is being used at the refuse transfer stations.

Mr Thomson said loading of the containers is Streetsmart's responsibility but machinery is being supplied by Sicon under their contract. The overall appearance and tidiness is Streetsmart's responsibility. He considered they are committed and it is a matter of them putting the resources in. He said there is a performance point system and they have been penalised on every monthly payment so far.

Cr King said there is an issue and he considers there could be some problem with Streetsmart and Sicon which requires working through.

Mayor Hurley left the meeting at 4.15 pm.

Crs King and O'Regan left the meeting at 4.20 pm

### **12.18 Motueka and Brooklyn Stop Bank Project**

Mr Fry said it will be some years before major work is done on the Brooklyn and asked for some maintenance to be done on the stop bank.

Cr Inglis said the Riwaka stop bank has been there for 50 years and hasn't broken. He suggested the farmers be spoken to before too much work is done.

Mr Fry left the meeting at 4.23 pm.

### **12.19 Proposed Golden Bay Tour**

Golden Bay Community Board have suggested it would be helpful for Engineering Committee and staff to undertake an inspection of Golden Bay infrastructure on 24 May 2005.

The meeting concluded at 4.30 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: