

MINUTES

TITLE: Engineering Services Committee
DATE: Thursday 26 May 2005
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

PRESENT: Crs T E Norriss (Chair), S G Bryant, S J Borlase, T B King, R G Kempthorne, R G Currie, J L Inglis

IN ATTENDANCE: Motueka Community Board Member A C Fry, Engineering Manager (P W Thomson), Transportation Manager (R Ashworth), Utilities Asset Manager (J Cuthbertson), Corporate/Engineering Administrator (V M Gribble)

1 PUBLIC FORUM

1.1 Mr D Win

Mr Win commented on the standard of resealing on Richmond roads, vegetation on corners obscuring vision and stormwater drain at Washbourn Drive. He thanked Council for removing vegetation from the round-a-bout at Hart/Bateup Road intersection.

1.2 Mr C Robinson

Mr Robinson commented on road sealing expressed concern about islands, angle parking and cycle lanes on Salisbury Road and placement of rubbish bins around Richmond.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE 14 APRIL 2005

Amendment, Page 4, resolution WK05/04/05 \$18,500 should read \$185,000.

**Moved Crs Bryant/Kempthorne
WK05/05/01**

That the minutes of the Engineering Services Committee meeting held on 14 April 2005, containing resolutions numbered WK05/04/01 to WK05/04/13 be confirmed, as amended, as a true and complete record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED

3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – MAY 2005

**Moved Crs Borlase/Kempthorne
WK05/05/02**

**That the Chairman's Report for May 2005 be received.
CARRIED**

4 TRANSPORTATION

4.1 Separate Reports

4.1.1 Review of Bylaws

Mr Elkington was present for discussion on this item.

The agenda contained a report from the Administration Advisor which updated the Committee on the bylaw review process for the Stock Droving Bylaw 2005 and Traffic Control Bylaw 2005.

Moved Crs King/Kempthorne WK05/05/03

That:

- a) the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Cr Borlase hear and consider the submissions to both the Draft Stock Droving and Traffic Control Bylaws on Friday 10 June 2005 in Richmond commencing at 2.00 pm.**
- b) the decision of the Subcommittee be recommended to Council for adoption at the 30 June 2005 meeting.**

CARRIED

4.1.2 Tasman Walking and Cycling Strategy

Mr Elkington tabled a copy of the Regional Cycling and Walking Strategy and spoke to the report contained in the agenda.

Cr Bryant congratulated the working party on the work involved in producing the strategy.

Mr Thomson said there has been a separate consultation process for the walking and cycling strategy and the Salisbury Road cycle way proposal.

Cr King questioned the need for employment of a Regional Cycle/Walking Safety Officer. He considers the zero accidents does not appear realistic while vastly increasing the number of cyclists/pedestrians.

Cr Inglis asked how the cyclists are to be accommodated on the narrow streets in Motueka. He suggested the footpath on one side of the road be for cyclists and the other side for pedestrians.

Mr Elkington said there may not be any dedicated cycleways and decisions will be made about parking provisions for urban roads.

Cr Norriss expressed concern about cyclists using footpaths because of vehicles coming out of driveways.

Mr Dickinson arrived at the meeting at 10.10 pm.

Cr Currie said there must be a cost assessment done before works are undertaken. He commented on the zero accident goal and also the age at which schools will allow students to ride bikes to school.

Cr Kempthorne said the Regional Cycle/Walking Safety Officer is a joint advocate with Nelson City Council and Transit. He said the aim is to have zero accidents. He acknowledged the work that the working group and staff have done.

Mr Thomson suggested the deletion of the words “to zero” at the end of Objective 2 and suggested Cycle Co-ordinator on page 7 be amended to read “... for the provision of Regional Cycle Facility Co-ordinator services by all three ...”

Cr Kempthorne said the words “to zero” were added after hearing submissions.

**Moved Crs Bryant/Kempthorne
WK05/05/04**

**That the Engineering Services Committee adopts the Tasman Walking and Cycling Strategy with the amendment to the Cycle Co-ordinator paragraph on page 7, as noted.
CARRIED**

4.1.3 Council’s Rooding Policy and Procedures Manual

The agenda contained a report on the Council’s Rooding Policy and Procedures Manual. The document will be a “living” document as further policies are likely to be added over time and possibly some existing policies expanded.

**Moved Crs King/Borlase
WK05/05/05**

**That the Engineering Services Committee receive the Council’s Rooding Policy and Procedures Manual Report.
CARRIED**

6 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

**Moved Crs Currie/Bryant
WK05/05/06**

**That Motueka Community Board Member A C Fry and Mr M Sneddon, Transit’s Consultant remain as part of the meeting.
CARRIED**

**Moved Crs Currie/Bryant
WK05/05/07**

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

SH 6 McGlashen Avenue Intersection

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:

Subject	Reasons	Grounds
SH 6 McGlashen Avenue Intersection	Consideration of report	To enable the Committee to carry out discussions without prejudice or disadvantage

CARRIED

(Refer to Confidential Minute book, resolution number WK05/05/08)

**Moved Crs Kempthorne/Borlase
WK05/05/09**

That public meeting be resumed and the business transacted while the public was excluded be adopted in open meeting.

CARRIED

4.2 Transportation Management Report

4.2.1 Transit/Tasman District Council Collaboration

Mr Thomson advised that approval has been received from Land Transport NZ for Council to extend the roading professional services contract with MWH NZ Ltd until 30 June 2006.

**Moved Crs Norriss/King
WK05/05/10**

That the Transportation Management Report be received.

CARRIED

5 UTILITIES

5.1 Separate Reports

5.1.1 Policy on Kerbside Recycling Bins

The Committee considered the report from Solid Waste Engineer, Emma Manhart, entitled Policy on Kerbside Recycling Bins.

Mr Thomson said the Richmond/Hope/Brightwater areas are currently serviced with recycling bins and that service is being extended to the existing bag collection route. The report is to ensure there is a Council policy for purchasing of kerbside recycling bins. For residential customers Council accepts that bins can be lost, destroyed or stolen or there may be some properties with more than one dwelling, but people should be required, if necessary, to prove they pay recycling rates. The major problem would be people who live adjacent to, but not directly on, the targeted rating

area who could buy a blue bin and put it out on a rural road without paying for the service. He said the \$50 rate is for the ongoing cost of the service, it doesn't include the capital cost of the bin. He said currently if someone wants a replacement bin they are charged \$10 which is the full cost of the bin.

Cr King said if people want to buy six recycling bins, why do we say they can't while they can buy as many refuse bags as they like and put out any number.

Mr Thomson said we don't want to have a policy that is hard and fast. The key thing is we want people to provide proof that they live on the route when they buy a bin.

**Moved Crs Kempthorne/King
WK05/05/11**

That the following policies about kerbside recycling bins be adopted:

- 1 Each residential property within the kerbside recycling rating area is entitled to one recycling bin as part of the kerbside recycling rate and that additional bins can be purchased for \$10 for the 2005/2006 year upon production of identification showing that they reside within the kerbside recycling area.**
- 2 Each non-residential property within the kerbside recycling rating area is entitled to one recycling bin as part of the kerbside recycling rate. Additional bins or collection systems are to be arranged with Streetsmart and will need to be approved on a case by case basis by both Streetsmart and Tasman District Council in order to ensure that the collection routes remain efficient and that the residential collection is not compromised, whilst still encouraging non-residential ratepayers to recycle.**

CARRIED

5.2 Utilities Management Report

5.2.1 Firewells in Motueka and Takaka

Mr Cuthbertson said some of the firewells will have to be deepened and others abandoned and he will be reporting back to a future meeting on this matter.

Mr Cuthbertson said Motueka Fire Service check hydrants on the reticulated system and in Takaka there are two or three the Fire Service draw water from. One of the problems has been that they haven't been capped and debris has been put down them. Caps have now been put on all firewells. He said firewells do not meet the fire code.

Mayor Hurley said he believes there are dry wells in Motueka and he asked Mr Cuthbertson to check them as we need to be certain there is funding available to put in new wells or deepen present ones.

Mr Cuthbertson said they have had discussions with the Fire Service about firewells.

Mr Thomson advised that in reporting back we will be asking for prioritisation of this work and it will be a fairly extensive amount.

5.2.2 Murchison Water Storage Study

The Murchison Water Storage Study will be completed in June 2005.

5.2.3 Collingwood Water

The future of the old Collingwood water reservoir pond is being reviewed by Engineering staff and Manager Property.

5.2.4 Water and Sanitary Assessments

Consultation on the Water and Sanitary Assessments is being undertaken in conjunction with the draft Annual Plan.

5.2.5 Ruby Bay Stormwater

Report from Opus International is expected in June 2005.

5.2.6 Redwoods Road

Some work has been undertaken on Mr Vincent's property to prevent stormwater flooding.

5.2.7 Pohara Stage 3

Mr Cuthbertson said the official opening will be held on 7 July 2005 and Hon Annette King has been invited to officiate. Hon D O'Connor and J Harding, SAWTAC have also been invited.

5.2.8 Tapawera Wastewater Treatment Plant

Upgrading of the effluent disposal system will be undertaken once resource consent has been obtained.

5.2.9 School Wastewater Charges

It has been agreed that Council will look at the ratio of staff/pupil pans. Any change will be effective from 1 July 2006.

Mr Thomson said the schools are sending a copy of the Education Department Code requirement. We have agreed to have a look at the charging. If we make an adjustment it's likely to have an impact on the overall pan charge.

Cr Norriss said one of the issues was that we have some on reticulated water and some not and the Ministry will put money into water, so those on reticulated supply get a subsidy and those providing their own don't. We suggested they go back to the Ministry to review some of the funding options for schools providing their own water but still having to pay a wastewater rate.

Mr Thomson said in the LTCCP Council has a separate policy for school wastewater charges which allows the school to get a benefit and it applies only to schools.

Cr Norriss said we're looking to see that our 1 in 15 formula can be backed up, rather than the schools suggested 1 in 20.

5.2.10 Kerbside Recycling

This is scheduled to commence during June 2005.

5.2.11 Tourism Demand Subsidy Scheme

Staff and Council's consultants are assessing the best approach to gain funding from this source for several systems.

5.2.12 Wai-iti Dam

Mr Thomson said the contractor has had a good run of work through April/May 2005 and is about two-thirds complete and another two weeks of dry site conditions is needed. There is still uncertainty as to whether benefits can be delivered to existing irrigators or prospective irrigators during the 2005/2006 summer season.

5.2.13 Glass Packaging Sector/Local Government New Zealand

A media release has been received concerning the price of recycled glass.

5.2.14 Wastewater Connections

Cr Borlase questioned whether there could be a reduction in the cost of a connection where there is an existing connection already there.

Cr Norriss said it needs to be put through the annual plan process.

6 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

**Moved Crs Kempthorne/Borlase
WK05/05/12**

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

Patons Rock Feasibility Study

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:

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Patons Rock Feasibility Study	Consideration of report	To enable the Committee to carry out discussions without prejudice or

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CARRIED

(Refer to Confidential Minute book, resolution number WK05/05/13)

**Moved Crs King/Currie
WK05/05/14**

That public meeting be resumed and the business transacted while the public was excluded be adopted in open meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 2.20 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: