

MINUTES

TITLE: Engineering Services Committee
DATE: Thursday 7 July 2005
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Golden Bay Service Centre, 78 Commercial Street, Takaka

PRESENT: Crs T E Norriss, S G Bryant, R G Kempthorne, T B King, J L Inglis

IN ATTENDANCE: Engineering Manager (P W Thomson), Transportation Manager (R Ashworth), Utilities Manager (J Cuthbertson), Corporate/Engineering Administrator (V M Gribble)

Apologies

**Moved Crs Inglis/Bryant
WK05/07/01**

**THAT apologies for absence from Crs R G Currie, S J Borlase, N Riley and Mr R G Dickinson be sustained.
CARRIED**

**Moved Crs Inglis/Kempthorne
WK05/07/02**

**THAT Golden Bay Community Board Members J Bell, N Hill and C McLellan be granted speaking rights.
CARRIED**

1. PUBLIC FORUM

1.1 B Wallace

Mr Wallace spoke about the lack of maintenance on the Anatoki Track and flooding through the creek. He also spoke about the state of Long Plain Road.

1.2 W Briggs

Mr Briggs spoke about the condition of the road up to the Anatoki and also Long Plain Road which he said was in a very dangerous condition.

1.3 C McLellan

Mrs McLellan spoke about refuse collection and recycling in Golden Bay and said the community was not happy about the recycling container being removed. She also was concerned about the local refuse contractor losing the contract to Street Smart.

1.4 D Whitaker

Mr Whitaker expressed concern about the odour problems at Scotts Transfer Station and asked that they be remedied. He also asked that the Transfer Station be open every day of the week.

1.5 B Walker, Fulton Hogan

Mr Walker said that roading contractors Fulton Hogan are happy to talk to anyone about roading maintenance issues in the area.

1.6 B Askew

Mr Askew was presented and was introduced as the new Service Centres Manager.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Engineering Services Committee – 26 May 2005

**Moved Crs Inglis/Kempthorne
WK05/07/03**

THAT the minutes of the Engineering Services Committee meeting held on 26 May 2005, containing resolutions WK05/05/01 to WK05/05/14 be confirmed as a true and complete record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED

2.2 Engineering Services Subcommittee – 10 June 2005

**Moved Crs Bryant/Norriss
WK05/07/04**

THAT the minutes of the Engineering Services Subcommittee meeting held on 10 June 2005, containing resolutions WK05/06/01 and WK05/06/02 be confirmed as a true and complete record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

**Moved Crs King/Kempthorne
WK05/07/05**

THAT the Chairman's report for July 2005 be received.

CARRIED

Cr Norriss advised that the Stock Driving Bylaw was approved at the Council meeting of 30 June 2005.

Mrs McLellan thanked the Committee for committing \$8,000 to the Collingwood Streetscaping project.

4. RICHMOND STREETSCAPING

Mr Ashworth presented the report in the agenda which was to update the Committee on the progress of the Richmond streetscaping proposals.

Cr Inglis noted that the trees by pedestrian crossings in Motueka obstruct site lines and care needs to be taken with the type of trees planted in the vicinity of crossings.

Mr Ashworth said the McGlashen Avenue issues are being worked through with Transit presently.

Cr Inglis said with the roading money that government is handing out, Council should apply for funds for McGlashen Avenue.

Cr Norriss commented that Transit has said they are looking at options for McGlashen Avenue. He said the Committee needs to consider whether the streetscaping budget is adequate, if it is going to continue and whether it is a priority.

Cr King noted there will be no physical works undertaken on this project in the 2005/2006 financial year. He said estimates should be collated so that the streetscaping works can be done in stages.

Mayor Hurley arrived at 10.15 am.

Cr Inglis was concerned with the level of Council spending and cautioned the Committee on spending in the next few years.

Mr Ashworth said there have been some moves in Motueka to change some of the streetscaping, but noted there was no budget in place for this work.

Moved Crs Kempthorne/King WK05/07/06

**THAT the report on the Richmond Streetscaping be received.
CARRIED**

5. GOLDEN BAY COMMUNITY BOARD

5.1 Speed Limits – Golden Bay

Mr Bell spoke about the need for appropriate speed limits to be set through Pohara.

Mr Thomson said Mr Elkington is completing speed limit reviews for sections of road that have been highlighted in Golden Bay to get changes through the bylaw to be effective for the 2005/2006 summer. There are requests from other areas around the district and Council is putting Motueka requests on hold to enable Golden Bay requests to be dealt with. He said there is not significant funding to do the speed limit review work and noted that the Ministry of Transport has power to revoke any decision that Council makes if it doesn't believe it is justifiable.

5.2 Safe Walk Ways

Mr Bell requested a lesser standard for footpaths in the Bay. The issue with the Pohara walkway is that the revetment work needs to be moved out and reinstated. He asked for a lesser specification for the footpath on the revetment, that it be a safe walking space rather than a fully engineered structure. Discussions have been held with Mr Kennedy about a crusher dust path along the Pohara Camp fence. He said there is sufficient room for parallel parking alongside the path. The verge on the other side of the road could also do with a footpath. An extensive planning exercise was undertaken for safe walking access along Collingwood foreshore and the grass verge is suitable for walking and doesn't need kerb and channel. The intersection of Copenhagen Street needs a small wooden bridge across the creek, connecting up with Poplar Lane.

Mr Ashworth said a consent was obtained for the Pohara walkway at a cost of \$30,000. In order to do the work, the revetment works have to be done first which could cost around \$200,000.

Mrs McLellan asked for an Engineering staff member to attend a Golden Bay Community Board meeting to assist with prioritising works.

5.3 Annual Plan Submission from Golden Bay Community Board

Mr Bell asked that the items raised in the Annual Plan submission be worked through with the Community Board.

Cr Norriss said the issues raised in the annual plan submission by the Board will be responded to.

6. TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT REPORT

6.1 Road Safety Reports on Radio

Fulton Hogan and TDC will be jointly funding weekly road safety reports on More FM three mornings a week just before the 7.30 am news (Monday, Wednesday and Friday). The aim of the reports is to advise on road/maintenance work on Tasman District roads only.

6.2 National Land Transport Programme

Mr Ashworth spoke to the report which was tabled.

Council is hopeful its request for advance fees of \$600,000 to be funded at an 80% subsidy rate out of R-funding will be agreed to.

A State Highway Liaison meeting will be held on 19 July 2005.

Cr Norriss said it seems strange that projects that were not in the plan for as long as some of our projects have come up, eg Whakatu median barrier.

Cr Kempthorne said it is imperative that Council establishes a good working relationship with Transit and its Chief Executive to get some of Council's priorities done.

**Moved Crs Inglis/Kempthorne
WK05/07/07**

**THAT the National Land Transport Programme report for received.
CARRIED**

6.3 Contract 625 – Golden Bay Maintenance

Cr Norriss commented about the historic signs that have vanished from places like Whisky Creek and suggested raising the issue with Transit NZ at the State Liaison meeting.

6.4 Contract 591 – Waimea Maintenance

It is a concern that unsealed road maintenance over the last few weeks in particular has been an issue.

Cr King said one of the issues could be obtaining good staff to grade roads.

Mr Ashworth said throughout the whole industry there is a lack of skilled operators.

Mayor Hurley noted there is ten months delay for getting new graders and servicing of the machines is a big problem. He said contractors are facing some serious problems.

6.5 Oiling on Roads

Council needs to be aware that the quality criteria required for oiling on roads is unlikely to be able to be met and some decisions will need to be made in the future as to the merits of Council authorising through a consent, the application of oil on the road network.

Cr Norriss said people who have been oiling roads for 20 or 30 years shouldn't have to pay for inspections.

Mayor Hurley suggested the matter be brought to full Council for a decision to be made.

Cr Kempthorne said there are some district roads that will not be sealed, eg Eves Valley, which do need oiling in the summer and without it the fruit in orchards will be ruined and there is a huge dust nuisance for residents.

**Moved Mayor Hurley/Cr Norriss
WK05/07/08**

**THAT a report on Oiling of Roads be presented to the next full Council meeting.
CARRIED**

6.6 Salisbury Road Cycle Lanes

Cr Kempthorne noted that there had been some controversy on the Salisbury Road cycle lanes and advised the Committee of consultation that had been undertaken for this project.

6.7 Riwaka Stopbank Project

Cr Inglis said the Riwaka River just needs to have the stopbank doubled in width, not taken away and replaced with other material. He said the stopbanks have been there for 50 years and have never broken. He believes the money would be better spent on the Motueka River.

Mayor Hurley said the work undertaken 12 to 18 months ago on the Riwaka stopbanks is adequate and considers the work proposed is unnecessary and a waste of money and intends to take the matter further.

Mr Thomson undertook to report back on a low cost option in the context of Council's wider responsibilities and obligations. He said an assessment of risk level of the Motueka River is being undertaken currently and staff recognise that that work would probably be of a higher priority.

Cr Norriss said the Riwaka community is happy with the stopbanks as they are, with minor maintenance being undertaken.

6.10 Motueka Aerodrome Maintenance Contract 2005 – 2008

A three year contract has been let for \$107,930 for Motueka Aerodrome Maintenance.

Cr Norriss expressed concern at the price increase in the maintenance contract.

6.11 Motueka Valley Highway

Mayor Hurley advised there are some roading maintenance issues on the Motueka Valley Highway that need to be attended to and asked for staff to have this work completed.

6.12 Undergrounding Programme 2005 – 2015

Mr Thomson tabled a letter from Network Tasman advising their proposed programme for the next ten years and asking for comment. He said Council should advise Network Tasman that they are happy with the programme.

**Moved Crs Kempthorne/King
WK05/07/09**

**THAT the underground programme for 2005 to 2015 be supported and any changes in Council's priority be taken into account.
CARRIED**

7. SCHOOL PAN CHARGES

Mr Cuthbertson spoke to the report contained in the agenda, which asked the Committee to consider changing Council's existing School Wastewater Charges Remissions Policy so as to more align that policy with the Ministry of Education's requirement for schools to have toilets on a set pupil/teacher ratio.

Cr Norriss noted that Council already operates a discounted scheme for schools.

Cr Kempthorne said he found it difficult to decide whether the present policy is unfair or unreasonable.

Mr Thomson said schools sometimes end up with more toilets than they need and under the normal pan formula they are penalised for that. Council's policy acknowledges that schools shouldn't be penalised because of falling roles and the fair way was to find out how many pans they would be required to have according to the Ministry of Education standards. He said it doesn't matter what policy is decided on there will be winners and losers within the schools.

Mrs McLellan said Council should write to the Ministry of Education saying that they should be meeting the real costs for the schools.

**Moved Cr Kempthorne/Mayor Hurley
WK05/07/10**

THAT:

- a) the Engineering Services Committee endorse in principle the change to the present School Wastewater Charge Remission Policy in that the ratio of pupils/teachers to toilets increases from 1:15 to 1:20 ratio;**
- b) this policy change be included in the draft 2006/2007 LTCCP.**

CARRIED

8. UTILITIES MANAGEMENT REPORT

8.1 Dovedale Rural Water Supply

Council staff will make a list of forward work programmes and will get input from the Dovedale Water Committee.

8.2 Firewells in Motueka and Takaka Areas

All testing and clearing is now complete. Work is to commence on any remedial work needed on wells and upstands found during the testing programme.

Mr Thomson said upgrades to provide a good firewell will cost a lot of money.

Mrs McLellan said it would be extremely timely for the matter to be put out for comment. She said everyone is aware that fire fighting facilities are crucial.

Cr Kempthorne said the Fire Service would be consulted, in conjunction with the Golden Bay Community Board.

Mr Bell said there was an issue with firewells in Takaka with rubbish being put down them.

Mr Cuthbertson said the firewells have been capped but about 15 have been removed already from Takaka.

Cr King left the meeting at 12.30 pm.

8.3 Pohara Stage 3

The Pohara Stage 3 scheme is now complete, with the official opening of the new scheme taking place at 2.30 pm this afternoon.

8.4 April/May 2005 Zero Waste Funding Round

Seven applications for funding were received for the funding round, with five being accepted and two being declined as they did not meet the zero waste grant criteria.

8.5 Takaka Resource Recovery Centre

Odour complaints from neighbouring residents have been received and Council and MWH NZ Ltd have investigated the site and have plans in place to remedy the odour problems.

Mr Thomson said Mr Whitaker had asked for extended hours for the Resource Recovery Centre and asked the Golden Bay Community Board to give an indication of what sort of change of hours may be desirable.

Mrs McLellan asked if it would be possible to have a bin for recycling at both the Takaka and Collingwood resource recovery centres outside of opening hours..

Cr Norriss said Council would not consider having bins because people abuse them by putting all refuse in them.

8.6 Workshop

Cr Kempthorne suggested Council workshops be held to discuss works in the LTCCP.

Cr Norriss said engineering have a lot of issues that need to be urgently addressed. He is concerned with large amounts of money going into streetscaping when there are so many other urgent priorities.

9 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

**Moved Crs Kempthorne/Inglis
WK05/07/11**

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

**Utilities Maintenance Contract – Contract 508A
Wai-iti Valley Community Dam**

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
Utilities Maintenance Contract – Contract 508A	Consideration of report	To enable the Committee to carry out discussions without prejudice or disadvantage
Wai-iti Valley Community Dam	Consideration of report	To enable the Committee to carry out discussions without prejudice or disadvantage

CARRIED

(Refer to Confidential Minute Book, resolutions numbered WK05/07/12 to WK05/07/13).

**Moved Crs Inglis/Kempthorne
WK05/07/14**

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

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 1.55 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: