

MINUTES

TITLE: Engineering Services Committee
DATE: Thursday 29 September 2005
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
PRESENT: Crs T E Norriss (Chair), S G Bryant, T B King, J L Inglis, R G Kempthorne, R G Currie, S J Borlase

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

APOLOGIES

**Moved Crs Bryant/Borlase
WK05/09/01**

**That an apology from Mayor J C Hurley for lateness be sustained.
CARRIED**

1. PUBLIC FORUM

1.1 R Hellyer

Mr Hellyer spoke about the lack of maintenance on Drummond Road.

1.2 R Aberhart

Mrs Aberhart thanked Council for putting short term parking bays in Salisbury Road. She also said it is difficult for pedestrians walking on Oxford Street footpaths with rubbish bins and recycling bins on them.

1.3 G Stocker, Automobile Association

Mr Stocker supported the proposal for traffic lights on McGlashen Avenue and Oxford Street and also the suggested speed changes in Golden Bay.

Cr Higgins and Mayor J C Hurley arrived at the meeting at 9.42 am.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Engineering Services Committee – 18 August 2005

**Moved Crs Bryant/Inglis
WK05/09/01**

**THAT the minutes of the Engineering Services Committee held on 18 August 2005, containing resolutions numbered WK05/08/01 to WK05/08/15 be confirmed as a true and complete record of the proceedings of that meeting.
CARRIED**

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cr Norriss commented on Port Motueka Endowment account, correspondence concerning refuse and recycling issues and the downturn in major industries.

Cr Currie congratulated the Chairman on having his report included in the agenda.

Cr Kempthorne said all departments need to reconsider LTCCP priorities. At the moment works included are unaffordable and need to be reviewed.

Mayor Hurley agreed with Crs Norriss and Kempthorne and noted the outcome of the triennial valuation will have to be considered also.

**Moved Crs Currie/Borlase
WK05/09/02**

**THAT the Chairman's Report for September 2005 be received.
CARRIED**

4. TRANSPORTATION

4.1 Riwaka River Stopbanks – Upgrade Options Study

R Firth and P Foster from MWH NZ Ltd, and P Drummond, Rivers Asset Engineer were in attendance for presentation of this report.

Mr Drummond spoke to his report contained in the agenda which presented findings of the upgrade options study.

Mr Foster gave a powerpoint presentation on the Riwaka River Stopbanks and upgrade options.

Mr Drummond said the indication from government is that by putting any scheme through investigations to mitigate risks there will be residual risk and it is assumed that central government might take up a portion of those residual risks and it might pay part of capital costs and if a scheme fails, payouts would be limited to the residual risk cost.

Cr Kempthorne was in favour of putting all the information out to the landowners who will be affected and finding a package that will be acceptable to the community and Council alike.

Mr Thomson said costs for options would be looked at and included for consultation with the community of interest. We are not initially considering doing a cost benefit analysis. He said Council will be accountable to make some sort of definition as to why they are collecting rates, and level of service. To have no standard makes it difficult to budget for maintenance and capital works. He said there needs to be a level of service adopted with the community.

Cr Higgins asked about resource consent issues for existing use.

Mr Thomson said he thought the existing consent allows Council to undertake maintenance on the river banks.

Mayor Hurley said there is no way the proposal will be accepted as the landowners will not give the land to build the stopbank. The community should be consulted and make the decision. Council priority should be to maintain the channel to a much higher standard.

Cr Inglis said the banks of the Riwaka River have been there 50 years and believes the work could be self funded by using the silt and gravel that has built up in the river. He believes the Motueka River stopbanks are a more urgent need.

Mr Drummond said he needs clear instruction as to where to take the project.

Cr Norriss said the adjoining landowners are the ones who are affected and are the community at risk.

Cr Higgins asked that a paragraph cover the issue of maintaining the existing stopbank as a minimum action.

**Moved Crs Norriss/Inglis
WK05/09/03**

THAT:

- a) **the Council refer the options to the community at risk to determine the level of service they are prepared to accept and pay for. This may involve principles outlined in the draft NZ Flood Mitigation Protocol and may require Council to adopt appropriate risk management standards.**
- b) **the Council consider additional policies that may better complement the wider management of the Riwaka floodplains and the development that is currently occurring on it as set out below:**
 - **Public education to improve flood risk awareness.**
 - **Establish early flood warning systems.**

CARRIED

4.2 McGlashen Avenue/State Highway 6 Intersection

Mr Ashworth spoke to his report which sought to gain the Committee's approval in progressing an option for McGlashen Avenue that could be funded from Transit's block allocation for projects less than \$3.4 million.

Mr Thomson tabled a letter from Mr B L Thompson, who is concerned about the proposals being considered, specifically with the effect traffic lights on the corner of Oxford Street/Gladstone Road will have on the existing service station.

Cr King considered the proposals to be unacceptable and would not support it.

Cr Kempthorne was in favour of the proposals. He said if we agree it will be on the Transit books and there will be consultation with Council and the landowners. He said they need to work around the petrol stations and provide a solution. He said it is important that Council supports Transit.

Cr Inglis agreed with Cr Kempthorne and said long term the Motueka traffic should go behind the race course which would take all the congestion off Queen Street.

Cr Borlase supported the proposal and noted that because it is part of the corridor study it will keep coming up.

Mayor Hurley is unhappy about the option and considers it a poor approach to the whole thing. He is concerned that Mr Thompson has not been consulted and believes they have a strong case.

Mr Ashworth said the consultation phase is entirely in Transit's court. We would be giving them a mandate to go out and see if the options would work.

**Moved Crs Kempthorne/Borlase
WK05/09/04**

THAT Council request Transit to urgently look at Option 4, 4a, or any other similar option that can be funded from the block allocation, subject to full consultation with the affected landowners.

CARRIED

4.3 Road Safety Co-ordinator's Report

Mr Ashworth spoke to Kirsty Barr's report which was contained in the agenda.

Cr Borlase commented about the increase in crash statistics concerning pedestrians and also cyclists.

Mr Ashworth said there have been pedestrian and cyclist campaigns been running.

Cr Kempthorne said because there is now an 0800 number to ring to report accidents there has been an increase in the reporting.

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

**THAT the Road Safety Co-ordinator's report for September 2005 be received.
CARRIED**

4.4 Transport Management Report

4.4.1 Golden Bay Speed Limit Changes

It is hoped that the speed limit changes will be in place for the summer 2005/2006 season.

4.4.2 Eighty-Eight Valley Road

Minor safety improvements are being investigated for two sections of Eighty-Eight Valley Road. The first section being the tight horizontal curve just off the State Highway intersection where there are issues with safety and the second section being the unsealed road between Quail Valley and Wai-iti.

4.4.3 Road Oiling Consent

It is hoped the consent will be issued in the near future.

4.4.4 Port Motueka

A Port Motueka Users Group held a meeting on 30 August 2005 and agreed to look further at possible options for improving the port entrance channel and to consider comparative costings before deciding on a further course of action.

4.4.5 River Rating Boundary Review

A review of the river rating boundaries is underway, with outcomes being reported back in due course.

4.4.6 Rivers Activity Management Plan

The Rivers AMP is being reviewed and updated by MWH NZ Ltd and is due in November 2005.

Moved Crs King/Kempthorne

WK05/09/06

THAT the Transportation Manager's report be received.

CARRIED

5. UTILITIES

5.1 Takaka and Motueka Firewells

Mr Cuthbertson spoke to the report which informed the Committee of the status and obligations Council has with these firewells.

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

THAT:

- 1 the Performance Review be submitted to the Fire Service for their feedback and recommendations.**
- 2 a further report be presented to the Engineering Services Committee with the Fire Service's feedback, in conjunction with staff priorities as to the fire needs.**

CARRIED

5.2 Pohara Water Supply – Newsletter #1 and Public Interest Survey Update

The agenda contained a report on the Pohara Water Supply which updated the Committee on the results of the public interest survey for the Pohara Water Supply Proposal.

Cr Borlase said there was a very strong lobby at the annual plan meetings that said they were happy with rainwater and considers a lot of interest for the Pohara water scheme would be coming from absentee landowners.

Mr Thomson said options are to run with the recommendation and staff will proceed through the feasibility study, or to work out estimates for investigation, design and construction phase, and have it as part of the draft LTCCP.

Mr Thomson said there is aggressive growth in this part of the district so Council needs to think carefully about how it will provide services into the future. At some stage we will be asked by the community to come forward with feasibility and preliminary design for a Pohara-Tata water supply scheme.

**Moved Crs Currie/Kempthorne
WK05/09/08**

THAT the Engineering Services Committee grants approval to proceed with detailed investigation into the feasibility and preliminary design of the Pohara - Tata Water Supply Scheme.

CARRIED

5.3 Illegal Rubbish Dumping

The report contained in the agenda provided information regarding ongoing costs and operational problems associated with illegal dumping of waste and household rubbish on public road reserves and river berm land.

Mr Thomson noted that in recent years there has been more illegal dumping taking place. He said it is difficult to identify people who dump the waste and impose a fine.

He said an allowance will be made in next year's budget for the clearing of illegal rubbish to be funded by general rate.

Cr Bryant said it is an ongoing problem which won't go away. Council has closed a number of landfills but now it has a huge area from Murchison to Richmond which has no reasonably handy landfill. He said people are dumping in river berms and forestry areas and if we go down the track of Council cleaning it up, they will become unofficial dumps.

Mr Thomson said it is preferable that people buy rubbish bags and put them out, rather than illegally dumping.

Cr Norriss said in the Motueka Valley there is no rubbish collection or recycling and apart from one area there is no problem with illegal dumping.

Cr Kempthorne said publicity is needed and he suggested an article be included in Tasman Newline – The Mag encouraging people to let Council know if they see people dumping illegally.

Mr Thomson said that the report doesn't include abandoned vehicles which is still an issue.

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

**THAT this report be received and that Engineering staff make budget allowance for costs associated with illegal dumping of waste in the refuse accounts, as part of the preparation of the draft LTCCP 2006 – 2015.
CARRIED**

5.4 Draft TDC Trade Waste Bylaw 2005

Mr Cuthbertson spoke to the report to update the Committee on the progress of the Draft TDC Trade Waste Bylaw 2005.

**Moved Crs Bryant/Inglis
WK05/09/10**

**THAT the report on Draft TDC Trade Waste Bylaw 2005 be received.
CARRIED**

5.5 Utilities Management Report

5.5.1 Wai-iti Community Dam

It is anticipated the official opening will be held in early November 2005.

5.5.2 Jefferies Stream

Cr Higgins expressed concern that the project is becoming very expensive and asked where the consent process is at and about the stormwater detention dam, and why the ditch can't be cleaned out.

Mr Cuthbertson said the ditch can be cleaned out but cannot be enlarged so there is no betterment of the service. One option was for a dam on the northern side of the Bashford property. We were told if the dam over-topped Council would be responsible for any damage. Council is applying for resource consent to clean out Jefferies Creek through Bashfords and widen it, to put a new box culvert under Lord Rutherford Road and widen it down to the Pitfure Stream and put a dam in the paddock downstream of the Pitfure. The consents have been lodged. Staff have also looked at the upstream part of Pitfure Stream. Council is looking at costs of putting in a detention dam at the top of Jefferies Road.

5.5.3 Borck's Creek

In reply to a question from Cr Currie, Mr Cuthbertson said the property won't be put on the market until the resource consent has been approved for the Borck's Creek work.

5.5.4 Ruby Bay Stormwater

Opus International Consultants have completed their preliminary design report for stormwater improvements in Stafford Drive, Ruby Bay. The report includes hydraulic modelling, evaluation of working options and preliminary design costings.

Cr Higgins left the meeting at 3.00 pm.

Cr Norriss said there is a desire from the community to deal with the problems from the causeway up.

Mr Thomson said this is a preliminary report and now costings need to be done and a full report brought back to the Engineering Services Committee.

5.5.5 Kaiteriteri Additional Waste Collection Services Strategy for 2005/2006 Summer

Cr Inglis suggested a shed could be provided at Kaiteriteri for refuse collection over the summer holiday season. He said when people move out they put their refuse out regardless of when collection day is. He suggested doing away with the household collection and have it all picked up at the shed.

Mr Thomson said Kaiteriteri Reserve Board is not interested in having a joint venture refuse collection.

Mayor Hurley said an arrangement could be made for drums to be grouped and cleared daily over the main holiday season.

Mr Thomson said there is no use providing signs as people do not take any notice of them. He said if Kaiteriteri is provided with an extra service, it won't be long before other holiday spots will be wanting them also. Staff considered the best way was to have a second pickup over the seven weeks of the busy holiday season.

Cr Bryant favoured the twice-weekly collection service.

Cr King said staff should look at all holiday areas and where there are going to be two refuse collections they should be charged for it.

Cr Borlase considered it would be better to trial the twice weekly refuse collection this holiday season.

**Moved Crs Kempthorne/Bryant
WK05/09/11**

THAT refuse will be collected two days per week as a trial over the 2005/2006 holiday season and that a letter be written to landowners in Kaiteriteri advising them that if this trial is successful it will be put through the annual plan next year to cover the additional cost.

CARRIED

6. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

**Moved Crs Kempthorne/Borlase
WK05/09/12**

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

**Wastewater Treatment Subsidies
Port Motueka Endowment Account**

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
Wastewater Treatment Subsidies	Consideration of report	To enable the Committee to carry out discussions without prejudice or disadvantage
Port Motueka Endowment Account	Consideration of report	To enable the Committee to carry out discussions without prejudice or disadvantage

CARRIED

(Refer to Confidential Minute Book resolutions numbered WK05/09/13 to WK05/09/14)

**Moved Mayor Hurley/Cr Inglis
WK05/09/15**

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

The meeting concluded at 4.45 pm.

Chair:

Date: