

# MINUTES

**TITLE:** Engineering Services Committee  
**DATE:** Thursday 10 November 2005  
**TIME:** 9.30 am  
**VENUE:** Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond  
**PRESENT:** Crs T E Norriss (Chair), T B King, J L Inglis, R G Currie, R G Kempthorne, S J Borlase

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Crs N Riley, E M O'Regan, M J Higgins, Motueka Community Board Member A C Fry, Chief Executive (R G Dickinson), Engineering Manager (P W Thomson), Transportation Manager (R Ashworth), Utilities Manager (J Cuthbertson), Corporate/Engineering Administrator (V M Gribble)

## Apologies

Moved Crs Kempthorne/Borlase  
WK05/11/01

**THAT apologies for absence from Cr S G Bryant and for lateness from Mayor J C Hurley be sustained.**  
**CARRIED**

The Committee stood in silence as a mark of respect for the Late Rod Donald.

## 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 29 SEPTEMBER 2005

Moved Crs Inglis/Kempthorne  
WK05/11/02

**THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Engineering Services Committee held on 29 September 2005, containing resolutions WK05/09/01 to WK05/09/15 be confirmed as a true and complete record of the proceedings of that meeting.**  
**CARRIED**

## 3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cr Norriss commented on water restrictions, Pohara water supply proposal, Tutaki seal extension and upgrade. He commented on the changes to committee structure and membership to take effect from next year.

Moved Crs Inglis/Borlase  
WK05/11/03

**THAT the Chairman's report for November 2005 be received.**  
**CARRIED**

## **4 TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT REPORT**

### **4.1 State Highway 6 – McGlashen Avenue**

Mr Ashworth said a letter had been received from Transit NZ advising that assessments should be with Council by December 2005.

### **4.2 River Care Groups**

Mr Fry spoke about river care groups and suggested they be on a more formal basis with agendas circulated prior to the meetings.

Cr Norriss said the meeting in Motueka was trying to form a river care group. He said other groups discuss budgets to do with rivers in their area. Motueka Community Board was asked to be the river care group and expand it to include members of the community with an interest in the rivers, but that hasn't happened.

Mr Thomson agreed that meetings should be run to an agenda format. The main purpose of the river care group is to provide input and feedback on the annual programme of work.

Mr Fry said there is more money raised through rivers rates than the amount listed in the river works summary and he will not be satisfied until he gets some figures.

Mr Thomson said Council doesn't have a mechanism to precisely determine income from X, Y and Z rating areas. An approximation has been provided previously. There is a lot more detail than that shown on the river works summary and it is available to Councillors.

Mr Thomson explained the three rating categories. He said that the Z rating area generates almost half of the funds for the rivers account and over 90% is spent in X and Y classified areas. Very little of it goes back into the Z rate area. The funds are allocated on an annual basis and it is run as a closed account.

Mr Thomson said it is an option to combine the X and Y areas, and in effect Council has almost combined those two rates as they are set on an equivalent land value. The difference is the level of service that Council intends to provide in the river areas.

Moved Crs Kempthorne/Borlase  
WK05/11/04

**THAT the Transportation Management Report be received.  
CARRIED**

### **4.3 Road Stopping**

Mr Ashworth tabled and spoke to a report on Road Stopping involving Cemetery Road, Motueka and Trafalgar Road where the intention to stop the roads had been advertised and submissions received in opposition.

Moved Crs Norriss/Kempthorne  
WK05/11/05

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee appoint a subcommittee of Crs Norriss, King and Currie to hear road stopping objections in February and March 2006.**

**CARRIED**

**5 DEVELOPMENT/CUSTOMER SERVICES – THREE MONTHLY  
UPDATE JULY 2005 TO SEPTEMBER 2005**

Mr Thomson spoke to the report from the Development Engineer on Development / Customer Services – Three Monthly Update July 2005 to September 2005.

Mr Thomson said there is still a lot of activity involving major developments around the district.

Cr Inglis commented on large irrigators being used on the Waimea Plains in very high winds which is a waste of water.

Cr Kempthorne said the second Dry Weather Task Force meeting was held recently. He said water right users will lose 30% of their right from Monday 14 November 2005. He said the users are keen to have a meeting to discuss how to use their irrigation efficiently.

Cr King arrived at the meeting at 10.20 am.

Cr Inglis said the refuse/recycling collection system is working well and it is a credit to Council and staff.

Moved Crs Kempthorne/Inglis  
WK05/11/06

**THAT the Development/Customer Services – Three Monthly Update July 2005 to September 2005 be received.**

**CARRIED**

**6 DRAFT TDC TRADE WASTE BYLAW 2005**

Mr Cuthbertson spoke to the report contained in the agenda.

He noted that two submissions were received, but neither submitter wished to personally present them.

Moved Crs Kempthorne/Currie  
WK05/11/07

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee resolve to recommend to Council that the reviewed TDC Trade Waste Bylaw 2005, as amended, be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

Mayor Hurley arrived at the meeting at 10.40 am.

## **7 RUBY BAY STORMWATER**

Mr Cuthbertson spoke to the report on the Ruby Bay Stormwater improvement options.

Cr King said Council should consider taking over the maintenance of the drains through the Gallagher property. He asked if the drains where they are currently located are in the best position to do the job we want them to do.

Mr Cuthbertson said the study only looked at Ruby Bay and in future years we will be looking at the rest of Mapua. He said we need to consider whether we take over some of the drains in the area and maintain them to the appropriate level.

Mr Dickinson arrived at the meeting at 10.55 am.

Cr King said Mr Gallagher wants some certainty one way or the other concerning his land.

Mr Cuthbertson said the catchment is entirely subdivided now, apart from the Gallagher property.

Moved Crs Borlase/Currie  
WK05/11/8

**THAT the Ruby Bay Stormwater Report be received.  
CARRIED**

## **8 POHARA WATER SUPPLY**

Cr Riley tabled a number of submissions from people in the Ligar Bay/Pohara area concerning the proposed water scheme for Tata, Ligar Bay and Pohara. He said there are a number of suggestions that Council, when looking at a feasibility study, should look at, including the use of water tanks. He said it is acknowledged that fire fighting facilities are a requirement and need to be considered. He asked that the public of Golden Bay be consulted on the issue.

Cr Borlase said the water standards will govern whether we go ahead with a water supply in Pohara and he supported the recommendation in Mr Cuthbertson's report.

Cr King said we need to keep in mind that there are a lot of people who actually support the provision of a water supply scheme in the Pohara area. He said if the feasibility study is postponed it will be more expensive later on and it is worth noting that it will be likely that the project will be revisited. He said we really can't answer any questions if we haven't done any feasibility study.

Cr Norriss said the initial request for a water supply came from members of the community.

Mr Cuthbertson tabled and spoke to a report on the Pohara water supply. He said when the Health Act comes out it could have a subsidy attached to it and in light of that it would be prudent to defer the feasibility study.

Mr Thomson said it was always the intention to send out a second newsletter and this will be sent out now to all ratepayers who were surveyed and will include everyone who wrote a letter as well.

Cr Higgins arrived at the meeting at 11.10 am.

Moved Crs Borlase/Kempthorne  
WK05/11/9

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee defers the feasibility study into the Pohara water supply until there is more certainty about the Health Act (Drinking Water) Amendment Bill.  
CARRIED**

## **9 UTILITIES MANAGEMENT REPORT**

### **9.1 Capital Works Projects**

Sunbelt, Motupipi and Hiawatha pumping station and pumping main construction tenders have closed.

Wensley Road watermain replacement has been tendered and a tender accepted.

### **9.2 Dry Weather Task Force**

Mr Cuthbertson said all water takes are being monitored and some will be very close to the cut off point and restrictions will be imposed. The following week they will probably go to the next stage and we are considering imposing the harsher restrictions sooner. He said the irrigator at Jubilee Park should be on the same restriction basis as the rest of the area.

Mr Thomson said having a Council controlled water take within the urban area which is not managed in conjunction with the urban water supply is not sensible and it should be managed as part of the urban water resource.

Mayor Hurley said it is a question of allocation of water and he believes that potable water supplies should have a precedent.

Cr King said we are in the process of putting an alternative bore out of the salt intrusion area.

Mr Fry said a suggestion had been made several years ago that Council buy a dairy farm on the Waimea Plains which would help with the water supply.

Cr Kempthorne said there is a critical water shortage and we can preserve the urban supply, but the wider problem is the effect on the whole Waimea Plains.

Mr Thomson said the residential urban water supplies have stage two restrictions now and it looks likely to go to stage three. It is important that we are seen to do everything we can to manage our urban consumption use. Restrictions will be imposed and major industrial consumers will be talked to as well. The big threat in Richmond/Waimea is saltwater intrusion and we need contingencies to meet that threat.

Mr Cuthbertson said O'Connor's Creek on Redwood scheme is now dry. We are over-pumping from River Road and exceeding the resource consent. We are about to put a bund across the Wai-iti River to hold back some water. Richmond is reasonable at the moment, but with the next lot of restrictions it won't be fine. Mapua will also need restrictions to keep the water supply going.

Mr Thomson said all other irrigators need to see that Council is doing all it can to reduce its urban use. Stage 3 is down to 50% of the water right.

### **9.3 Jefferies Creek**

Consent has been applied for to undertake works and discussions will be held shortly with an affected landowner.

### **9.4 Takaka Sewer Pumping System Upgrade**

A report will be given to the Tenders Subcommittee shortly for their consideration.

### **9.5 Reservoir Creek Dam**

Council is looking at converting the existing dam to a detention dam or removing it and putting a detention dam further down in Easby Park.

Moved Crs King/Inglis  
WK05/11/10

**THAT the Utilites Management Report be received.  
CARRIED**

## **10 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

Moved Crs Borlase/Currie  
WK05/11/11

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

**Proposed Wastewater Budget Alteration  
Refuse and Recycling Fees and Expenditure  
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:

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Reasons</b>	<b>Grounds</b>
<b>Proposed Wastewater Budget Alteration</b>	<b>Consideration of report</b>	<b>To enable the Committee to carry on discussions without prejudice or disadvantage.</b>
<b>Refuse and Recycling Fees and Expenditure</b>	<b>Consideration of report</b>	<b>To enable the Committee to carry on discussions without prejudice or disadvantage.</b>
<b>Wai-iti Valley Community Dam</b>	<b>Consideration of report</b>	<b>To enable the Committee to carry on discussions without prejudice or disadvantage.</b>

**CARRIED**

Moved Cr Norriss/Mayor Hurley  
WK05/11/12

**THAT Motueka Community Board Member Fry remain for the in committee session because of his local knowledge.**

**CARRIED**

(Refer to Confidential Minute book resolutions numbered WK05/11/13 to WK05/11/16).

Moved Cr Currie/Mayor Hurley  
WK05/11/17

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 2.40 pm.

Chair:

Date: