

# MINUTES

**TITLE:** Engineering Services Committee  
**DATE:** Thursday 20 July 2006  
**TIME:** 9.30 am  
**VENUE:** Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond  
**PRESENT:** Cr T E Norriss (Chair), Mayor J C Hurley, Crs T B King, S G Bryant, S J Borlase, N Riley, E M O'Regan, M J Higgins, E J Wilkins, P K O'Shea, J L Inglis, R G Kempthorne, R G Currie, E E Henry  
**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive (R G Dickinson), Engineering Manager (P W Thomson), Transportation Manager (R Ashworth), Utilities Asset Manager (J Cuthbertson), Rivers Asset Engineer (P Drummond), Utilities Asset Engineer (D Stephenson), Development Engineer (D Ley), Minute Secretary (V M Gribble)

## APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Bryant/Borlase  
WK06/07/01

THAT apologies from Community Board Member A C Fry be sustained.  
CARRIED

## 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 1.1 Engineering Services Committee – 8 June 2006

Moved Crs Henry/Borlase  
WK06/07/02

THAT the minutes of the Engineering Services Committee meeting held on 8 June 2006, containing resolutions WK06/06/01 to WK06/06/21 be confirmed as a true and complete record of the proceedings of that meeting.  
CARRIED

## 2 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cr Norriss commented on the Regional Land Transport Strategy and River Care Meetings.

Moved Crs Wilkins/O'Regan  
WK06/07/03

THAT the Chairman's Report be received and a letter of appreciation be sent to Maxine van Ingen.  
CARRIED

### **3 TRANSPORTATION**

#### **3.1 Asset Management Report – Roding**

Cr O'Regan expressed concern at the emphasis being placed on a supposed zero sustainable gravel extraction limit in rivers throughout the entire District. He said that this concept could have serious river management and budgetary consequences

**Moved Crs Henry/Kempthorne  
WK06/07/04**

**THAT the Asset Management Report – Roding, be received.  
CARRIED**

#### **3.2 Riwaka-Kaiteriteri Road**

Mr Ashworth spoke to the report contained in the agenda which updated the Committee on the first three sites of minor safety works identified for the Riwaka-Kaiteriteri Road.

**Moved Crs Wilkins/Henry  
WK06/07/05**

**THAT the Riwaka-Kaiteriteri Road – Minor Safety Improvement Works Report  
be received.  
CARRIED**

#### **3.3 Road Oiling**

Mr Thomson spoke to the report which updated the Committee on progress with allowing ratepayers to use oil as a dust suppressant on Council roads. Residents who want to use oil as a dust suppressant on Council roads adjoining their properties will be required to apply for their own resource consent and obtain a road oiling permit prior to undertaking any works. The proposed processing fee for the consent is \$80 which is the same amount as was previously charged for a road oiling permit.

**Moved Crs O'Regan/Riley  
WK06/07/06**

**THAT the Road Oiling Report contained in the agenda be received.  
CARRIED**

#### **3.4 Rivers Rating Review : Project Briefing Paper**

Mr Drummond presented his report on Rivers Rating Review. Additional work is proceeding to complete the river rating review and should be available at the next Committee meeting.

Cr O'Regan asked for the further review to include a statement of the gravel royalties received and the possibility of the Upper Catchment/Riparian Programme being incorporated into the rivers management system.

**Moved Crs Henry/Borlase  
WK06/07/07**

**THAT the Rivers report be received.  
CARRIED**

Mr Drummond gave a verbal report on the River Care meetings held to date.

#### **4 UTILITIES MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Cr Higgins advised he would like the Pitfure Stream Upgrade to be discussed at a Council workshop.

Mr Thomson said there is a budget to establish a weighbridge at the Richmond Resource Recovery site.

Cr Inglis considered all the refuse operations should be moved out to Eves Valley.

**Moved Crs Henry/Kempthorne  
WK06/07/08**

**THAT the Utilities Asset Management report be received.  
CARRIED**

#### **4.1 Tankered Waste Dumping**

The agenda contained a report on Tankered Waste Dumping which sought support to prohibit the unauthorised dumping of all tankered waste in the Council's sewerage reticulation network and wastewater treatment facilities.

**Moved Crs Kempthorne/Borlase  
WK06/07/09**

**THAT:**

- a) the Engineering Services Committee approve the prohibition of any unauthorised discharging of tankered waste into Council's sewerage reticulation and wastewater treatment facilities;**
- b) in specific instances, tankered discharges would be permitted only with the written approval of Council.**

**CARRIED**

#### **4.2 New Health (Drinking Water) Amendment Bill**

The purpose of the report was to inform the Engineering Services Committee of the pending Health (Drinking Water) Amendment Bill and its introduction to Parliament.

Mayor Hurley said the subsidy is being targeted at what is termed “lower decile” groups and Tasman District Council may not qualify.

Mr Dickinson wrote to the Minister pointing out that targeted capital subsidies on wastewater and drinking water were related to income. In drinking water criteria, they have a sliding scale and that’s the way the wastewater subsidy should apply.

**Moved Crs Henry/King**  
**WK06/07/10**

**THAT the New Health (Drinking Water) Amendment Bill report be received.**  
**CARRIED**

#### **4.3 Drinking Water Assistance Programme**

The Ministry of Health is offering funding through an assistance programme for drinking water standards.

Staff will make a submission to the Ministry of Health highlighting the pitfalls of utilising the Deprivation Index, but accepting that if that Index was to be used, then it must not relate to the Tasman District as a whole, but directly to the community in need of assistance.

Mr Thomson said we will be going from the voluntary regime into a regulatory regime of compliance and failing compliance into penalties for non compliance.

Mr Thomson said the grading process isn’t just an analysis of water samples, it’s an assessment of public health. If risk assessment under drinking water standards doesn’t measure up, the scheme is downgraded.

Cr Henry requested the Chair of Engineering and Utilities Asset Manager present the submission in person.

**Moved Crs Kempthorne/O’Regan**  
**WK06/07/11**

**THAT the submission, as attached to the agenda, be sent to the Ministry of Health Assistance Programme for consideration, and if given the opportunity the submission be presented in person.**  
**CARRIED**

#### **4.4 Zero Waste Grant – Resene Paintwise**

Mr Stephenson was in attendance to speak to the report.

Resene Foundation has made application for a zero waste grant. The Foundation is establishing a paint recovery operation (Resene Paintwise) in the South Island, commencing 1 August 2006. They have requested a one-off grant of \$5,000 towards establishment costs of this service from each territorial and regional council in the South Island. The application has been considered by Council staff and Cr Bryant,

against the application criteria, and is considered to be of high merit and the grant is recommended.

**Moved Crs O'Shea/King  
WK06/07/12**

**THAT a Zero Waste grant of \$5,000 be awarded to the Resene Foundation towards the establishment of Resene Paintwise in the South Island.**

**CARRIED**

**4.5 Murchison Landfill Development Options**

Mr Stephenson spoke to the report in the agenda which informed the Committee of a review of options for the future operation of the Murchison landfill.

Council staff and consultants will be further investigating the capital and operational costs of a transfer station development at Murchison. As part of this evaluation the existing Murchison landfill contractor and the Council haulage contractor will be approached to provide costings for potential transfer station and haulage operations.

Cr O'Regan asked for an update report to be presented to a future meeting.

Mr Thomson said we're at a stage of being able to take stock with another cell needed to be constructed and we need to deal with the consent issue and look at other options. It looks like there could be savings by looking at alternatives.

**Moved Crs O'Regan/Bryant  
WK06/07/13**

**THAT the Murchison Landfill Development Options report be received.**

**CARRIED**

**4.6 Provision to Charge for Refuse by Weight**

Mr Stephenson presented his report which recommended a new resource recovery centre mixed refuse gate charge, based on weight. A fee of \$57 per tonne is proposed, with Council covering the cost of weighbridge tickets (\$5 to \$8 per ticket).

Cr Norriss supported charging by weight at all transfer stations.

Mr Thomson said if we charge on a cost recovery basis for all of our costs we would have to charge more than \$57 per tonne. We've got an interim period where we are using a private weighbridge facility away from the resource recovery centre.

Mayor Hurley said if we don't make a comparable charge with Nelson City Council, we're relying on the general ratepayer to make up the difference. There is a difference in cost from taking the refuse from the transfer stations to Eves Valley.

Mr Thomson said the \$57 per tonne is trying to get as much user cost recovery as we can, but if we put it up to \$78 per tonne then waste will be disposed of at York Valley and we will end up collecting less.

Cr Kempthorne said we do need to recover our costs where possible, but for this to work it is a good idea to have the rate at \$57 because it is the same as Nelson and it will pick up refuse that is being taken from Tasman District to York Valley at the present time.

**Moved Crs Kempthorne/Inglis  
WK06/07/14**

**THAT effective from 1 September 2006 Council impose a weight-based charge of \$57 per tonne for mixed refuse on vehicles exceeding 3000kg gross weight, where a Council provided weighbridge is available.  
CARRIED**

#### **4.7 Waste Minimisation (Solids) Bill**

Mr Thomson said the Bill is too prescriptive and needs a lot of work. There should be some direction given as to what the possible legislation could focus on. The closing date for submissions to the Select Committee is 1 September 2006.

Mayor Hurley said he has no faith in the Bill and considers it counterproductive.

Cr O'Shea said Council needs to make a strong submission at this point, as if we ignore it, we've got no comeback later.

**Moved Crs Henry/Wilkins  
WK06/07/15**

**THAT the Waste Minimisation (Solids) Bill report be received.  
CARRIED**

**Moved Crs Henry/O'Regan  
WK06/07/16**

**THAT Crs Kempthorne and King work with staff to formulate a submission on the Waste Minimisation (Solids) Bill.  
CARRIED**

#### **4.8 Development/Customer Services – Financial Yearly Report 2005/2006**

Mr Ley was in attendance and spoke to the report on development and service level responses to customer requests throughout the Tasman District region.

**Moved Crs Bryant/Currie  
WK06/07/17**

**THAT the Development/Customer Services – Financial Yearly Report  
2006/2006 be received.  
CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 2.10 pm.

Chair:

Date: