

MINUTES

TITLE: Engineering Services Committee
DATE: Thursday 31 August 2006
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Beechwoods Café, Murchison
PRESENT: Crs T E Norriss (Chair), S G Bryant, R G Currie, R G Kempthorne, E E Henry, S J Bryant, M J Higgins, E M O'Regan, E J Wilkins, J L Inglis, T B King

IN ATTENDANCE: Engineering Manager (P W Thomson), Transportation Manager (R Ashworth), Utilities Manager (J Cuthbertson), Utilities Asset Engineer (D Stephenson), Roading/Rivers Asset Engineer (P Drummond), Minute Secretary (V M Gribble)

1 PUBLIC FORUM

1.1 Dot Bradley

Mrs Bradley expressed disappointment that the Council had decided to reduce the number of Councillors for Lakes/Murchison Ward.

1.2 Pam Williams, Richmond Unlimited

Mrs Williams spoke in support of the Richmond Centre upgrade which is urgently needed.

1.3 Rex Smith

Mr Smith spoke about Buller River control in Murchison. He asked that willow plantings be continued further down the river.

1.4 Bronwyn McKenzie

Mrs McKenzie asked if the "No Dog" signs put up in the Murchison Domain were a community group initiative. She suggested that dogs be allowed on the domain and responsible action be taken by having dogs on leads.

Cr O'Regan said the initiative came from the Murchison Reserve Board and signs were supplied by the Community Services Department.

1.5 Henry Rouse, Anglican Church

Mr Rouse asked if the Anglican Church could have some relief from paying pan charges on two pans.

1.6 Simon Blakemore, Chair Murchison District Community Council

Mr Blakemore raised issues concerning the representation review and the decision that Council has taken after saying that they supported the status quo. He was very

disappointed that the Lakes/Murchison Ward representation is going to be reduced to one Councillor and feels very let down. He put the case for an isolated case for the Lakes/Murchison Ward the same as Golden Bay.

Cr Norriss suggested the Murchison District Community Council put forward a submission which will go to the Local Government Commission.

1.7 David Ogilvie on behalf of Abbeyfield Motueka

Mr Ogilvie said there is an obvious anomaly in terms of water being used and wastewater being discharged. He asked Council to set up a review committee to look at the anomaly which also affects Nelson A & P Association, camping grounds and other rest homes in the District.

1.8 Dave Seele

Mr Seele said Councillors should have stood firm with the status quo for the representation review. He said the whole of the Murchison community is extremely disappointed in the Council decision to drop one councillor for the Lakes/Murchison Ward.

Cr Norriss said the original decision of Council to stay with status quo went to submission, with 726 submissions being received and Council considered them and made its final decision. The outcome is to be advertised and submissions to that outcome will go to the Local Government Commission for a decision.

2 APOLOGIES

**Moved Crs Bryant/Borlase
WK06/08/01**

**THAT apologies from Mayor Hurley, Crs Riley and O'Shea and the Chief Executive, be sustained.
CARRIED**

3 MINUTES

**Moved Crs Henry/Borlase
WK06/08/02**

**THAT the minutes of the Engineering Services Committee meeting held on 20 July 2006, containing resolutions numbered WK06/07/01 to WK06/07/17 be confirmed as a true and complete record of the proceedings of that meeting.
CARRIED**

4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

**Moved Crs Henry/Inglis
WK06/08/03**

**THAT the Chairman's Report for August 2006 be received.
CARRIED**

Cr O'Regan noted that the Murchison community is appreciative of the wastewater system upgrade.

Cr Norriss commented on the Local Government Conference, North Nelson to Brightwater Corridor Study and Road Safety Workshops being held around the country.

5 RICHMOND TOWN CENTRE

R Firth, R Palmer, W Robertson and R Johns from MWH NZ Ltd were present for discussion on this item and gave a powerpoint presentation of the proposed Richmond Town Centre Development.

Cr King supported the design, which will have good useable space to be used for different events and is also pedestrian friendly.

Cr Higgins saw it as a people place, and a great design and hoped the project would be adopted today.

Cr O'Regan asked about servicing businesses alongside the area and also about the provision for public toilets.

Mr Palmer said there will be short term parking which will enable businesses to be serviced, and noted there is servicing areas behind.

Mr Johns said public toilets weren't included in the brief.

Cr Henry said there are two lots of public toilets within three minutes walk of the area.

Cr Currie asked if Council has documented evidence of stormwater going into shop premises in recent times. He was not in favour of trees being planted because of the mess they make. He is not in favour of the project at all.

Mr Thomson said within the last two years there has been stormwater in the Richmond Mall and stormwater has also been an issue in Queen Street.

Cr Kempthorne supported the design. He asked if the plants use up the pollutants. Realistically it is a huge amount of money, but it is a great concept. He suggested treating it as two stages, starting with Croucher Street.

Mr Johns said the pollutants are absorbed by the plant material, but they need to be cleaned out and replanted about every ten years.

Cr Inglis liked the concept, but was concerned about the costs involved, especially for underground infrastructure.

Cr Wilkins supported the plan.

Cr Borlase supported the plan. He was concerned about the cost and was also concerned that Collingwood streetscaping will never be completed.

Cr Henry supported the plan and said the people who have developed it should be complimented.

Cr Bryant said there is no real view from the area and wondered whether Cambridge Street would be a better area. He commented on the reduction of parking spaces in Queen Street.

Mr Palmer said Queen Street will get a drop in traffic because there will be a quicker route with the ring-road system.

Cr Norriss was supportive of the plan concept.

Mr Ashworth spoke to the report entitled Richmond Town Centre Development which was tabled at the meeting.

The estimate for the work is \$2.32 million, which could be reduced by \$650,000 made up of \$300,000 subsidy from Land Transport New Zealand, water feature sponsorship of \$50,000, reserves \$100,000 and utilities \$200,000. He suggested \$200,000 for Hart Road and \$200,000 for Wensley Road be reallocated to the Croucher Square project. The estimate for the Queen Street section of the work is \$2.71 million. He recommended deferring the Queen Street stage. He also recommended advancing \$632,000 for McGlashen Avenue/Talbot Street intersection to this financial year.

It was suggested the McGlashen/Talbot Street upgrade take place from February/Mach 2007 to June 2007; Croucher Square construction July 2007 – November 2007 and the McGlashen Avenue/State Highway 6 upgrade (including Queen Street/State Highway 6 intersection and Oxford Street/State Highway 6 intersection) be advised.

Mr Ashworth said the McGlashen/Talbot Street and Croucher Square would be tendered with the option being available for both projects.

Cr Borlase had concerns about shifting McGlashen/Talbot Street forward to this year, because of costs.

Cr O'Regan was concerned about losing 34 car parks. He asked if the cost of car parks was built into the funding. He asked for assurance that Council is covering its own cost for car parking.

Mr Thomson said in isolation there is a net loss of car parking. If you look over the longer span of time within the Richmond CBD we have maximised car parking on land that Council owns, ie Warring and Petrie Car Parks, with reconfiguring those car parks and have added 100 additional car parking spaces. This is an overall concept design within the CBD. We've done other works to provide public car spaces. There is an issue with car parking levies which the Chief Executive Officer has raised with Engineering and Environment and Planning Departments and there is ongoing strategic discussion to find a better and equitable solution for commercial developers.

Cr Henry asked if part of this work qualified for DILs funding from reserves. She undertook to check it out with Community Services.

Cr Currie asked if the cost of the design work is included in the figure.

Mr Ashworth said all the work done to date has been paid for. There is a component for supervision and tendering included.

Cr Kempthorne asked if it went out to tender now would it be expected to come in under estimate.

Mr Ashworth said the estimates are sharply priced, but this involves a lot of different type of works and furniture that has a fixed price. We would be hopeful it would come in under estimate.

Mr Firth said we have looked at the estimate of items that have unknown variables and taken that into account. We think the estimate is close, but there is flexibility in terms of materials.

Mr Thomson said McGlashen/Talbot realignment has struggled because of land acquisition issues. It was hard to pinpoint when the project would be delivered. Transit is making good progress with State Highway/McGlashen/Queen and Oxford Streets and the realignment is important to be done before the State Highway work and before the Town Centre work.

Cr Norriss is happy with staging, but is concerned about funding for the next stage. He asked for care to be taken over street furniture. He said some of the street furniture in Motueka is now falling to bits because of vandalism problems. He asked what's been deleted from Hart Road to not now need \$200,000.

Mr Ashworth said when estimates were prepared for Hart Road design work had not been done. We've now done full design and the new estimate is \$500,000 which includes a contingency.

**Moved Crs Kempthorne/O'Regan
WK06/08/04**

THAT:

- a) **\$400,000 is reallocated within the LTCCP roading budget to give a total town centre development allocation of \$1.72 million;**
- b) **The McGlashen Avenue funding of \$632,000 be advanced to the 2006/2007 financial year.**

CARRIED

6 TRANSPORT ASSET MANAGEMENT REPORT

Mr Ashworth said the tender for seal extension of Central and Old House Roads has been awarded to Concrete and Metals.

Cr Borlase asked if a review of the Takaka car parking study could be done to look at the old Sicon area and the Waitapu area.

Mr Ashworth undertook to talk to the Property Manager about the two areas.

7 CHURCH/PIG VALLEY ROAD RENAMING

Cr King advised that petitioners had not been able to attend the public forum and he requested that debate on this item be deferred to the next Engineering Services Committee meeting.

**Moved Crs King/Currie
WK06/08/05**

**THAT the Church/Pig Valley Road renaming report be received, to be considered at the next Engineering Services Committee meeting.
CARRIED**

8 LORD RUTHERFORD ROAD SOUTH – SPEED LIMIT AND BRIDGE SAFETY REVIEW

Mr Ashworth spoke to the report on the speed limit review previously undertaken on Lord Rutherford Road South which also reviewed the safety at Telenius Bridge in terms of signage and markings.

Cr King said we don't necessarily need the warrant to reduce the speed limit. If the continuing push to reduce the speed on the State Highway happened, Higgins Road would be used as an alternative route.

Mr Thomson said the report noted the impending three lot subdivision where there is a requirement to replace the upstream parapet on the bridge. Instead of getting the developer to do the work, they will give a contribution and Council will do the other side at the same time.

**Moved Crs Bryant/Henry
WK06/08/06**

**THAT the current speed limit of Lord Rutherford Road South remain unchanged, and that the proposed improvements to markings and signs at Telenius Bridge be undertaken as well as investigation into replacing the downstream parapet with guardrail and end terminals.
CARRIED**

9 AOMP RIVERS: SUSTAINABLE GRAVEL MANAGEMENT

Mr P Drummond was in attendance to speak to his report which was included in the agenda. The report informed the Committee on how the Engineering Department will proceed with managing the AOMP Rivers, including the gravel management schedule, as presented by the Asset Engineer Rivers.

There are very few areas where River Scientists are prepared to support gravel extraction from the system.

The compliance group have advised that if we authorise or carry out any extraction from the gravel bed we will receive an abatement notice. A meeting will be held tomorrow with the compliance group to work through the issues. The global consent

says we can take up to 40,000 cubic metres out of rivers each year, subject to sustainable limits. Their contention is that we must heed what has been written by the Resource Scientist – Rivers and Coast in a report to Council.

Cr O'Regan advised that the report referred to has been received in committee by the Policy Committee. It appears that Environment and Planning staff are being told that that report which has not been adopted, is policy. You cannot serve an abatement notice on work being carried out within a consent. He is concerned about the process and will be taking these matters up with the Chief Executive.

Cr Kempthorne said the report shouldn't be being used as a tool. There was very little, if any, support for the in committee report that said no gravel be taken from rivers. Most Councillors felt there could be targeted removal of gravel from rivers.

Mr Thomson said staff have undertaken everything they needed to do under the consent and will carry on with business as usual. There is legal provision for the consent conditions to be reviewed by the Environment and Planning Manager. We believe we are entitled to carry out the work under the AOMP.

Cr Higgins raised a point of order. We are part way through considering the issue and need to be careful what we say now. We need to have the policy debate.

Cr Norriss said the contractors are faced with using land-based quarry gravel which is not the quality needed for roads. Those contractors are coming under considerable pressure every time they go for a consent to remove gravel. He is concerned that the in committee report is being seen as policy.

Mr Thomson said the River Scientist has received and made comment on the draft AOMP and he has done his job and given his professional view.

Cr Bryant said we need to have gravel extraction allowed in targeted places.

**Moved Crs Norriss/O'Regan
WK06/08/07**

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

10 RIWAKA RIVER – STOP BANK REVIEW

Mr Drummond spoke to his report which informed the Committee on the results of the public consultation process and how the project should progress from here.

**Moved Crs King/Henry
WK06/08/08**

THAT:

- a) the findings of the public consultation be received;**
- b) there being no public acknowledgement that upgrading of the current banking system is justified, the current level of standard maintenance works should continue in the foreseeable future;**

- c) a maintenance process be developed that could be implemented in future years and funded from a rate to be levied over the properties in the defined area to renovate sections of the stopbank system to restore equal protection the full length.

CARRIED

11 UTILITIES MANAGEMENT REPORT

Cr Norriss expressed some sympathy for properties that are vacant sections being charged a recycling rate, but the simple answer is, if they are excluded those costs need to be borne by other property owners.

Cr Borlase spoke about a farmer who lives on one road and has a property on another road without a house on it, which is within the refuse recycling area. He asked if there was any way dispensation could be granted in this case.

Mr Thomson said any property that falls within the refuse recycling route is obliged to pay the rate. He said the way the rate is applied could be changed through the LTCCP/annual plan process and could exclude unimproved properties next year if Council supported this approach.

**Moved Crs Henry/Borlase
WK06/08/09**

THAT staff be asked to prepare a report for a subsequent meeting to deal with the issues of refuse/recycling rate.

CARRIED

**Moved Crs Currie/O'Regan
WK06/08/10**

THAT the Utilities Report be received.

CARRIED

12 TEAPOT VALLEY WATER RETICULATION EXTENSION

**Moved Crs Higgins/Borlase
WK06/08/11**

THAT the Engineering Services Committee support Utilities staff in declining this project, due to the lack of funding.

CARRIED

13 REFUSE COLLECTION, KAITERITERI – HOLIDAY PERIOD

The agenda contained a report from the Utilities Manager on proposals for extra refuse collection services for Kaiteriteri over the Christmas holiday season.

Mr Thomson said the recommendation specifies a period from 21 December 2006 to 15 February 2007. He said extra pickups over Easter weekend could be included.

**Moved Crs King/Kempthorne
WK06/08/12**

THAT option 4 (a daily refuse collection), as contained in the report, be implemented for the period 21 December 2006 to 15 February 2007 and Easter weekend, between Stephens Bay and Honeymoon Bay, Kaiteriteri.

CARRIED

14 MURCHISON LANDFILL – OPTIONS UPDATE

Mr David Stephenson was in attendance to present the report which informed the Committee of the ongoing review of options for the Murchison landfill.

Cr O'Regan said the landfill has the capacity to last 15 to 20 years more. The alternative is to take refuse to Eves Valley. The Murchison landfill is legally designated and zoned and to get that on any other land would be very expensive.

Mr Stephenson said the intent was to call for tenders with options for either a), b) or c).

**Moved Crs Higgins/King
WK06/08/13**

THAT Council prepare documents and call tenders for:

- a) construction of a new landfill cell, and relocation of the existing leachate pump station,**
- b) construction of a two bay transfer station, and**
- c) general site improvements.**

THAT Council prepare documents and call tenders for transport operations between Murchison and the Eves Valley landfill.

THAT Council negotiate with the existing contractor to determine a rate to operate the site as a transfer station only.

**THAT Council staff report back to this Committee with a recommended option.
CARRIED**

15 HEALTH (DRINKING WATER) AMENDMENT BILL

A report included in the agenda provided information to the Engineering Services Committee on the Health (Drinking Water) Amendment Bill.

Mr Thomson tabled a draft submission from the Council on the Health (Drinking Water) Amendment Bill. He said it needs some reviewing and suggested a couple of Councillors work with staff to finalise it.

**Moved Crs Henry/King
WK06/08/14**

THAT the Health (Drinking Water) Amendment Bill report be received and the Chair and Deputy Chair of Engineering Services Committee work with the Engineering Manager on the submission on the Bill.

CARRIED

16 BUDGET CARRY-OVERS FROM 2005/2006 FINANCIAL YEAR

Mr Cuthbertson spoke to his report which sought approval to carry over the under-expended budget for some utilities projects which have been required to be extended beyond the end of the financial year.

Cr King said we want to avoid having too many projects in a budget that aren't going to happen.

**Moved Crs King/Currie
WK06/08/15**

THAT:

- a) the Engineering Services Committee approve the carrying over of the project budgets as listed to the total value of \$2,675,000 from the 2005/2006 financial year to the 2006/2007 financial year;
- b) accruals be prepared for Council's 2005/2006 financial statements to reflect funding sources and proposed expenditure to be transferred to the 2006/2007 financial year.

CARRIED

17 RECOMMENDATION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

**Moved Crs King/Kempthorne
WK06/08/16**

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

Jeffries Creek Upgrading

The general subject of the matter 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 the passing of this resolution, are as follows:

Item	General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Grounds under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
1	Jeffries Creek Upgrading	Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Item No	Reason to withhold information under section 7	
1	Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	Section 7(2)(a)

CARRIED

(Refer to Confidential Minute Book, resolution number WK06/08/17).

**Moved Crs Currie/Kempthorne
WK06/08/18**

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

CARRIED

1 JEFFRIES CREEK UPGRADING

**Moved Crs Bryant/Borlase
WK06/08/17**

THAT the Jeffries Creek Upgrading report be held over until the next meeting of the Engineering Services Committee, or another suitable time.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 2.00 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: