
MINUTES
of the
ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
held
9.30 am, Thursday, 23 May 2019
at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

Present: Councillor PF Sangster (Chair), Mayor R G Kempthorne, Councillors S R Brown, P L Canton, M J Greening, P H Hawkes, T B King, C M Maling, D E McNamara, D J Ogilvie, T A Tuffnell, A C Turley and D M Wensley

In Attendance: Engineering Services Manager (R Kirby), Activity Planning Manager (D L Fletcher), Programme Delivery Manager (R McGuigan), Transportation Manager (J McPherson), Utilities Manager (M Schruer) and Senior Executive Assistant (R L Scherer)

Part Attendance: Senior Transport Engineer (M van Enter) and Transportation Engineer (R Deck)

1 OPENING, WELCOME

In the absence of Cr Bryant, due to illness, Cr Sangster assumed the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved Cr Ogilvie/Cr McNamara

ESC19-05-1

That apologies from Cr S G Bryant and for lateness from Cr P M Hawkes and Cr T B King be accepted.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Ray Hellyer complimented the Council and thanked the Transportation Manager, Jamie McPherson for their assistance in resolving a long term issue with long grass at the corner of the Moutere Highway and Edwards Road. Mr Hellyer referred to the reported underspend of the Engineering Services capital budget. He referred to the former Waimea County Council and its roads and parks services which used to carry out the Council's contracting work. Mr Hellyer also voiced his concern for the health and wellbeing of Pakawau residents and urged the Council to assist them with their current beach erosion issues.

Maxwell Clark acknowledged the Council's input to the mixed business development in Lower Queen Street which he believes is of a high standard. He suggested that the Councillors should visit the site to view this new development. Mr Clark noted that he had spoken to the developer, who had commended the Council staff for their professionalism and help during development of the subdivision.

Mr Clark spoke about the new footpath programme on today's agenda. While he feels the programme is very good, he would like to see the proposed footpath for Lower Queen Street ranked as the primary project. He noted that Lower Queen Street is a very busy road and currently lacks a footpath.

Matthes Bender spoke on behalf of the Moutere Hills Community Association regarding the footpath priority list. Mr Bender used photos to show the current situation and the new footpath development from the Moutere Hills Community Centre to the village that the community has partially funded. He noted that the Association supports the planned footpath programme and the ranking of this particular footpath.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 LATE ITEMS

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Cr Wensley asked for an amendment to the minutes regarding Simon Horrocks statement in the public forum.

Cr Greening also asked for an amendment noting that Cr McNamara had seconded his amendment to the resolution regarding the use of Paxster vehicles in Tasman District.

**Moved Cr Wensley/Cr Hawkes
ESC19-05-2**

That the minutes (as amended) of the Engineering Services Committee meeting held on Thursday, 11 April 2019, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Cr McNamara asked that his vote against acceptance of the minutes be noted.

7 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Nil

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 REPORTS

9.1 Chairman's Report

Cr Sangster read the Chairman's report from notes prepared by Cr Bryant. He spoke about the update of the Motueka High Street safety improvements project which had been presented by the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) at the Tasman Regional Transport Committee on 15 April 2019. He noted that a report on this project would be presented to the Council in June 2019.

Cr Sangster noted that Cr Bryant had provided the address at the ANZAC day ceremony held in Tapawera.

Cr Sangster reported that Cr Bryant had asked that his congratulations and thanks be passed on to everyone who was involved in the development of the Nelson Tasman Land Development Manual.

In response to a question, Activity Planning Manager, Dwayne Fletcher advised that the Transport Agency is currently modelling and investigating solutions for a proposed bypass of Gladstone Road. This project is likely to be included in the 2021 Regional Land Transport Programme.

Transportation Manager, Jamie McPherson also noted that the two designations on the land required for a bypass of Gladstone Road expire in 2021 and 2023.

Several Councillors spoke of their frustrations with the congestion issues in Lower Queen Street and Gladstone Road in Richmond. It was reported that similar frustrations are being felt by local trucking firms who are experiencing significant delays in getting their loads to the Nelson port.

It was suggested that staff need to ensure that the Transport Agency is aware of these concerns and that the Council urges them to find a solution as soon as possible. It was noted that while the Council has relieved congestion on local roads, the state highway network has reached a critical point in traffic numbers and we need to urge investment in the state highway network.

Mayor Kempthorne left the meeting at 9. 55 am.

It was also suggested that driver's confusion about how to use roundabouts efficiently added to the congestion issues.

Moved Cr Sangster/Mayor Kempthorne

ESC19-05-3

**That the Engineering Services Committee receives the Chairman's Report,
RESC19-05-01.**

CARRIED

9.2 New Footpaths Programme 2019/20 and 2020/21

Mr McPherson spoke to the report contained in the agenda which was taken as read. He outlined the process for the new footpaths programme and the timing of each project.

In response to a question about the different costs per metre for each project, Mr McPherson said that the footpath on Motueka River West Bank Road includes a bridge which will add extra cost.

In response to a question about the size of footpaths, Mr McPherson said that each footpath project is built fit-for-purpose.

Mayor Kempthorne returned to the meeting at 10.06 am.

In response to a question about the timeline for the proposed footpath on Collingwood Quay Corner, Mr McPherson said he was not aware of any feedback from the community regarding this particular footpath. Mr McPherson said that he would request written feedback regarding the project and will adjust the priority matrix to reflect that.

In terms of timing for each footpath project, Mr McPherson said that timeframes are included in the footpath matrix table.

In response to a question about the relationship between the new footpath programme and the low cost-low risk programme, Mr McPherson said that both programmes follow a process to ensure that projects are ranked for the greatest benefit. Mr McPherson also noted that if a particular project is moved up the priority list, another project will be taken off the programme. He also spoke about how the different types of projects fit under the New Zealand Transport Agency's funding rules. Mr McPherson said that having a separate new footpath programme enables staff to meet the levels of service for footpaths agreed in the Transportation activity management plan.

Engineering Services Manager, Richard Kirby noted that the new footpath on Lower Queen Street will be completed in the 2019/2020 financial year.

Cr McNamara asked that the minutes record his compliments to the Moutere Hills Community Association for their presentation during today's public forum and for taking the initiative in starting the new footpath from the Moutere Village to the Recreation Centre themselves.

The Ministry of Education's new rules regarding how far school children are expected to walk to and from school was noted and it was agreed that new footpaths can help to ensure the safety of those children.

Moved Cr Turley/Cr Canton ESC19-05-4

That the Engineering Services Committee:

1. receives the New Footpaths Programme 2019/20 and 2020/21 report, RESC19-04-02; and
2. approves the delivery of the following new footpaths projects during 2019/20 and 2020/21:

Adjusted Rank	Road Name	Area	Length (m)	Description	Estimated Cost
1	Moutere Highway	Upper Moutere	1,250	Village to Rec Centre	\$187,500

2	Mapua Drive	Mapua	500	Higgs Reserve to residential area	\$100,000
3	Lower Queen Street	Richmond	500	Polytech to Headingly Lane	\$50,000
4	Motueka River West Bank Road	Brooklyn	300	Old Mill Road to Mickell Road	\$95,000
				Total	\$432,500

CARRIED**9.3 Low Cost-Low Risk Roding Improvements - Progress Summary**

Senior Transportation Engineer, Mike van Enter and Mr McPherson presented the Low Cost-Low Risk Roding Improvements report which was taken as read.

The Councillors discussed the increasing number of vehicles using Wensley Road and the subsequent safety issues for people using active transport modes on this route. It was noted that many people in the community walk or cycle because they cannot afford the cost of running a vehicle.

In response to a comment regarding the active transport strategy, Mr Fletcher advised the meeting that due to other urgent projects and limited staff resources, completion of the active transport strategy has been delayed for a few months.

The Councillors discussed the proposed pedestrian refuge on Wensley Road and the mid-block crossing on Salisbury Road. It was suggested that the increasing traffic flows on both roads could be a by-product of the current congestion on Gladstone Road.

In response to a question, Mr van Enter confirmed that the Champion Road underpass project is not included in the low cost-low risk programme.

In response to a question, Mr van Enter confirmed that the professional fees for low cost-low risk projects are included in the project budget. He also noted that the overspend in the intersection upgrade budget was due to higher than budgeted design costs.

Cr Tuffnell exited the meeting at 10:33 am.

The Councillors discussed the Council's investment in local roads which surround the state highway network. It was suggested that while we continue to invest in our local roads, it allows NZTA to buy time for their investment on the state highway network. It was agreed that staff need to ensure that this inequity is raised with the Transport Agency.

Cr Tuffnell returned to the meeting at 10:36 am.

In response to questions, Mr McPherson confirmed that staff time is included in the claim for NZTA subsidy of road projects. He also advised that any subsidy from NZTA is part of a co-funding arrangement which means that the Council also needs to provide its share of investment in subsidised projects.

In response to a question, Mr McPherson confirmed that some roading work is outsourced when our own staff resources are unavailable and where the budget allows that arrangement.

Moved Cr Wensley/Cr King

ESC19-05-5

That the Engineering Services Committee receives the Low Cost-Low Risk Roading Improvements - Progress Summary, RESC19-05-03.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10.45 am and resumed at 11.04 am.

9.4 Engineering Services - Activity Update

Mr Kirby introduced the Engineering Services activity update report which was taken as read.

He provided an update on the Pigeon Valley fire recovery work and noted that the welfare work is now winding down while land remediation continues. He said that staff are working through the Mayoral Disaster Relief Fund applications. He also noted that work to reseed land that was burnt was being funded by the Lottery Grants Board as well as the application of polymer in steeper areas.

The Mayor noted that administration of the Mayoral Disaster Relief Fund had required a number of resources and a full report on how the fund was allocated would be provided to the Council in the next few months.

In response to a question regarding the Health & Safety indicators table included in the Engineering Services activity update report, Mr Kirby noted that “observations” refers to Council staff who observe health and safety practices while they are at a particular work site.

Mr Fletcher presented the Activity Planning update which was taken as read. He noted that he and other staff will be meeting with NZTA on 29 May 2019 to discuss the growth in Richmond West and the resulting issues in terms of access to the state highway. Mr Fletcher said that he would raise the Council’s concerns with NZTA staff regarding congestion on the state highway network within Richmond.

Mr Fletcher noted that the Transport Agency has provided feedback on the Champion Road improvements business case. He said that to gain NZTA subsidy, the project will need to have very high strategic alignment. In response to a question, Mr Fletcher confirmed that staff are on track with the project and, that while there are still some steps to be completed, we are planning for construction to start in the coming summer. He agreed that if NZTA decline to invest in the project, staff will need to report to the Council on the next steps. Mr Fletcher will update the Council on this project as information is received.

Mayor Kempthorne exited the meeting at 11:12 am.

The safety issue where people who walk or cycle wearing dark clothing was discussed. It was also noted that some cyclists are not using the cycle lanes on the bridge at Brightwater. In response, Mr McPherson agreed that it was timely to get some messaging in Newline and on the Council’s social media pages around safe cycling and walking especially during the winter months. He also noted that staff work with the Police to provide bicycle lights for cyclists and hi-vis vests for motorcyclists.

Programme Delivery Manager, Russell McGuigan presented the Programme Delivery update which was taken as read. Mr McGuigan noted that work has started on the Headingly Lane wastewater project. He also advised that the contract for the Mapua Water and Wastewater project has been awarded and work will commence in the first week of June. This project will

take 16 months to complete and affects a number of properties. Staff are planning an active communications programme to ensure all affected property owners are kept informed.

In response to a question about the urban stormwater strategy, Mr Fletcher said that the strategy had been consulted on in parallel with the Richmond catchment management plan and staff will be presenting a decision report on this project to the Council.

In response to a question about possible roundabouts on High Street in Motueka, Mr McPherson said that NZTA had presented to the April Regional Transport Committee regarding the Motueka High Street safety improvements business case. While this work is on hold, staff are working with NZTA on what safety improvements might be advanced in the interim under the low cost-low risk roading programme. Mr McPherson said that staff will continue to meet with NZTA to get their commitment for these improvements that meet our communities' need.

Mr Kirby noted that roundabouts would not qualify for the low cost-low risk programme as they cost over \$1 million which is the low cost-low risk investment cap.

Mayor Kempthorne returned to the meeting at 11:21 am.

In response to a question, Mr McGuigan said that water quality testing was continuing in Wakefield to determine the right water treatment option for that water supply. He noted that the turbidity of the water supply will determine the best treatment option.

He also said that the Bird Lane water pipe upgrade is proceeding while other projects in Wakefield are on hold. Mr McGuigan said that he will provide an update on Wakefield water supply projects to the next Engineering Services Committee meeting.

Mr McGuigan noted that the Bateup Road project is progressing well with some road sealing being completed now. The Council is also providing some plants to property owners to help with the visual effects of the new road height. The project is scheduled for completion at the end of June and the Council will recover some costs as a result of the late completion. The Councillors asked that their thanks be passed on to the staff who have helped to address the resident's concerns during this project.

In response to a question about stormwater in Richmond, Mr Fletcher said that staff would meet with the Richmond Ward Councillors to discuss any areas of concern they have.

Cr King exited the meeting at 11:26 am.

In response to a question about the hydraulic modelling for the Motueka and Riwaka flood mitigation project, Mr Fletcher confirmed that he would provide an update and timeline for this work to the next meeting.

Cr King returned to the meeting at 11:27 am.

In response to a question, it was noted that the issue with stormwater in Wilding Road was being managed and the property owner was happy with how the system coped in the recent rain event.

In response to a question about a possible roundabout at the High Street/King Edward Street intersection in Motueka, Mr Kirby said that any funding would require the approval of both the Council and NZTA. He suggested that improving safety on High Street is not an easy fix and it would be advisable to look at the solutions for the whole of High Street as one project.

Utilities Manager, Mike Schruer presented the Utilities activity update which was taken as read. He noted that the *E. coli* issues at the Champion Road reservoir have not been resolved and it appears that two Paradise ducks have taken up residence on the reservoir roof which is

contributing to the water contamination issue.

Mr Schruer said that work on the stormwater diversion swale near Lake Killarney in Golden Bay had commenced this morning.

He also advised that the Rototai rock armouring work has now been completed and staff are looking at options to extend the work if funding is available.

In response to concerns regarding rubbish and recycling at the Takaka resource recovery centre being compacted together as rubbish, Mr Kirby suggested that community education encouraging people to recycle would alleviate the problem. He noted that there is a health and safety issue with material being retrieved near the compactor.

It was suggested that the operations at the Takaka resource recovery centre operations could be modelled on the Motueka resource recovery centre which works very well to ensure that recycling is properly managed before any material is compacted.

In response to a comment about odour issues from the Takaka wastewater system, Mr Schruer said he was not aware of any issues but he will follow up with staff and report back to the Golden Bay Ward Councillors.

In response to a question about the contractor carrying out broadband installation in Motueka causing damage to wastewater laterals, Mr Schruer confirmed that if the Council can prove they were responsible for the damage, the Council charges them for it.

Staff confirmed that they are taking a “wait and see” approach to the Government’s recent announcement of a series of initiatives to improve recycling in New Zealand.

In response to a question about the chlorination of the Kaiteriteri water supply, Mr Schruer confirmed that residual disinfection is the only way to ensure that the water is safe to drink at all times. He also noted that one cross-connection or backflow failure or birds resting on a tank can result in contamination of the water supply.

Mr Kirby noted that central government is closely looking at public water supplies. He suggested that it is inevitable that new regulations will require more rigorous scrutiny and testing regimes in the future.

In response to a question about mandatory disinfection of water supplied for drinking to residents on rural water supplies, Mr Schruer said that this issue had been discussed at a recent Department of Internal Affairs workshop. However, he suggested that it would be a challenge for local authorities to enforce this requirement. It was also noted that such a regime could become onerous and bureaucratic.

Mr McPherson spoke to the Transportation activity update which was taken as read.

In response to a question about the new streetlight poles in Sundial Square, Mr McPherson agreed that the poles could be used for mounting a camera.

An issue with damage to the pavement edge on River Terrace Road was raised. Mr McPherson agreed that he would investigate and report back to the Brightwater Community Association and the Ward Councillors.

It was suggested that the bus shelter on Queen Street could be used in rural areas when it is dismantled. Mr McPherson agreed that while the shelter might not best fit in a rural area, staff will identify the best location to re-establish it.

Mr McPherson noted that staff are working with Parklands School in Motueka regarding a solution for school children crossing the road in Pah Street. Staff will update the committee as

we progress with this work.

Moved Cr Ogilvie/Cr Wensley

ESC19-05-6

That the Engineering Services Committee receives the Engineering Services - Activity Update report, RESC19-05-04.

CARRIED

10 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil

The meeting concluded at 12.02 pm

Date Confirmed:

Chair:

Confirmed Minutes