MINUTES

TITLE: Engineering Services Committee

DATE: Thursday 17 March 2011

TIME: 9.32 am

VENUE: Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

PRESENT: Cr T E Norriss (Chair), Mayor R G Kempthorne,

Crs M L Bouillir, B F Dowler, J L Edgar,

B W Ensor, G A Glover, J L Inglis, T B King, C M Maling,

Z S Mirfin, N Riley, E J Wilkins

IN ATTENDANCE: Engineering Manager (P W Thomson), Transportation

Manager (G Clark), Utilities Manager (J C Cuthbertson), Development Engineer (D Ley), Administration Officer

(J A Proctor)

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Ensor/Glover ESC11-03-01

THAT apologies from Cr S G Bryant for absence, Cr T B King and Cr J L Edgar for lateness be received by the Engineering Services Committee.

CARRIED

Cr Edgar arrived at the meeting 9.35 am.

1 PUBLIC FORUM

1.1 Cr J Inglis

Cr Inglis spoke about Mr George Sturgeon spending four days installing the seating for the recent rugby football match held at Trafalgar Park. Cr Inglis requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Sturgeon acknowledging his efforts.

1.2 Mr L Davey – Fish and Game

Mr Davey spoke about the Tasman Cycleway and expressed concerns regarding the proposed route. He continued that Neiman Creek and Pearl Creek were particularly important areas for hunters. Mr Davey stated that Fish and Game would oppose the cycleway if it followed the proposed route but that it was willing to be involved in discussions to progress alternative routes.

1.3 Mr W Cook

Mr Cook spoke about his concerns regarding the proposed route for the Tasman Cycleway. He congratulated those involved in producing the Waimea Inlet Management Strategy document and asked that Council make use of the document.

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1.4 Mr B Sinclair

Mr Sinclair spoke about the Waimea Inlet and of work undertaken by a number of volunteer groups actively involved in its indigenous biodiversity recovery. All groups had expressed concern regarding the proposed route of the Tasman Cycleway but were supportive of its concept.

Cr Bouillir arrived at the meeting at 9.50 am.

1.5 Mr D Melville

Mr Melville spoke about the Waimea Inlet Management Strategy and stated that activities around the Inlet should be viewed in conjunction with the document. He spoke about the abundance of birdlife in the area and of the potential impact the cycleway may have on the environment.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Engineering Services Committee – 3 February 2011

Moved Crs Glover/Dowler ESC11-03-02

THAT the minutes of the Engineering Services Committee meeting held on 3 February 2011 containing resolutions ESC11-02-01 to ESC11-02-22 be confirmed as a true and complete record by the Engineering Services Committee. CARRIED

3 REPORTS

3.1 Chairman's Report RESC11-03-01INF

Cr Norriss spoke to the report contained in the agenda.

Cr Glover left the meeting at 10.01 am.

Cr Glover returned to the meeting at 10.10 am.

Moved Crs Edgar/Bouillir ESC11-03-03

THAT the Chairman's Report RESC11-03-01INF be received by the Engineering Services Committee.

CARRIED

3.2 Transportation Monthly Report RESC11-03-02INF

Transportation Manager Mr Clark was in attendance to speak to the report contained in the agenda.

The purpose of the report was to update the Committee on various transportation issues.

Staff advised that Ferguson Brothers had declined to extend its rivers maintenance contract and that it would not be re-tendering. Tender documents were being prepared to ensure that a new contractor would be in place before 30 June 2011.

Staff spoke about the impact of recent fuel price increases on construction costs. A report on the Construction Cost Index and Consumer Price Index would be presented to the Committee in due course.

Moved Crs Glover/Dowler ESC11-03-04

THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Transportation Monthly Report RESC11-03-02INF.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10.44 am.

The meeting resumed at 11.00 am.

3.3 Salisbury/Arbor Lea Intersection Signalising (Waimea College New Entrance) Report RESC11-03-03INF

Transportation Manager Mr Clark was in attendance to speak to the report contained in the agenda.

The purpose of the report was to inform the Committee of the proposal to install traffic signals at the intersection of Salisbury Road and Arbor Lea Avenue due to a new entrance planned for the expansion of Waimea College.

Moved Mayor Kempthorne/Cr Maling ESC11-03-05

THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives report RESC11-03-03INF Salisbury/Arbor Lea Intersection Signalising (Waimea College New Entrance). CARRIED

3.4 National Code of Practice for Utilities Access to the Transport Corridor Report RESC11-03-04INF

Engineering Manager Mr Thomson was in attendance to speak to the report contained in the agenda.

The purpose of the report was to inform the Committee of a new code which affects the installation of utility assets in both local authority roads and state highways.

Mayor Kempthorne left the meeting at 11.16 am.

Moved Crs Riley/Maling ESC11-03-06

THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives report RESC11-03-04INF National Code of Practice for Utilities Access to the Transport Corridor. CARRIED

3.5 New Zealand Transport Agency Technical Audit of Local Roading Final Report RESC11-03-05INF

Transportation Manager Mr Clark was in attendance to speak to the report contained in the agenda.

The purpose of the report was to receive and accept the recommendations of the New Zealand Transport Agency audit report on the inspections carried out on the Tasman District roading network in July 2010.

Mayor Kempthorne returned to the meeting at 11.30 am.

Moved Crs Riley/Wilkins ESC11-03-07

THAT the New Zealand Transport Agency Technical Audit of Local Roading Final Report RESC11-03-05INF be received by the Engineering Services Committee. CARRIED

3.6 Utilities Management Report RESC11-03-06INF

Utilities Manager Mr Cuthbertson was in attendance to speak to the report contained in the agenda.

The purpose of the report was to update the Committee on various issues.

Note amendment to report paragraph 4.7 to read "All in-stream works were completed *within* consenting timeframes..."

A discussion ensued regarding urban reservoir systems and the installation of seismic control valving.

Moved Crs Glover/Dowler ESC11-03-08

THAT the Utilities Management Report RESC11-03-06INF be received by the Engineering Services Committee.

CARRIED

3.7 Takaka Water Supply Subsidy Application Report RESC11-03-07DEC

Utilities Manager Mr Cuthbertson was in attendance to speak to the report contained in the agenda.

The purpose of the report was to inform the Committee of the outcome of the public consultation and the status of the Takaka water subsidy application.

Staff tabled a letter titled "Reticulated Drinking Water for Takaka".

It was noted that if in the future the Ministry of Health forced Tasman District Council to provide a fully reticulated water supply scheme for Takaka, that the current subsidy scheme may not be available.

Moved Crs Bouillir/Riley ESC11-03-09

THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the report RESC11-03-07DEC Takaka Water Supply Subsidy Application.

THAT as a consequence of the consultation with the Takaka water supply community, Tasman District Council does not apply to the Ministry of Health for a Drinking Water Subsidy for the Takaka township as noted in the report RESC11-03-07DEC Takaka Water Supply Subsidy Application.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12.29 pm.

The meeting resumed at 1.07 pm.

Cr King arrived at the meeting at 1.07 pm.

3.8 Tasman Cycle Trail Loop Update Report RESC11-03-08INF

Development Engineer Mr Ley was in attendance to speak to the report contained in the agenda.

The purpose of the report was to inform the Committee of progress with Stage 1 construction of the Tasman Cycle Trail.

A discussion ensued and it was noted that Mayor Kempthorne had recently met with a number of interested parties to discuss a pathway to progress unresolved issues and concerns relating to the proposed cycleway route. A meeting was scheduled for 21 March 2011.

Staff advised that if in the future the designated transport corridor were to be used for a new highway, then it was likely that the cycleway would need relocating.

A discussion ensued regarding the maintenance costs and life of the cycleway.

Moved Crs Edgar/Bouillir ESC11-03-10

THAT the Tasman Cycle Trail Report RESC11-03-08INF be received by the Engineering Services Committee.

And;

THAT a recommendation from the Waimea Forum and Tasman Cycle Trails Trust Working Party for a proposed Tasman Cycleway be reported back to the next Engineering Services Committee meeting.

And:

THAT risk mitigation measures addressing the concerns of where the Cycle Trail crosses Waimea Estates be reported back to the next ESC meeting CARRIED

4 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Moved Crs Edgar/Bouillir ESC11-03-11

THAT the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.

Contract 652 – Murchison RRC Operations – Extension of Contract

Appointment of "cultural interests" representative to Tasman Regional Transport Committee

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The general subject of the matter while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each 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:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Contract 652 – Murchison RRC Operations – Extension of Contract	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a)
Appointment of "cultural interests" representative to Tasman Regional Transport Committee	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 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:

Reason to withhold information under Section 6 or 7	Section
Enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	Section 7(2)(i)
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CARRIED

(Refer to Confidential Minute Book resolutions numbered ESC11-03-12 to ESC11-03-13)

5 RESOLUTION TO RESUME PUBLIC MEETING

Moved Cr Glover/Mayor Kempthorne ESC11-03-14

THAT open meeting be resumed. CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 2.05 pm.	
Date Confirmed:	Chair: