

MINUTES

TITLE: Engineering Services Committee
DATE: Thursday 4 August 2011
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

PRESENT: Cr T E Norriss (Chair), Mayor R G Kempthorne,
Crs S G Bryant, M L Bouillir, B F Dowler, J L Edgar,
B W Ensor, G A Glover, J L Inglis, C M Maling,

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (P Wylie), Engineering Manager
(P W Thomson), Motueka Community Board Chair
(D J Ogilvie), Transportation Manager (G Clark), Utilities
Manager (J C Cuthbertson), Development Engineer
(D Ley), Executive Assistant (V M Gribble)

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Bryant/Edgar
ESC11-08-01

**THAT apologies for absence from Cr E J Wilkins and for lateness from
Cr Z S Mirfin, be sustained.**
CARRIED

Moved Crs Edgar/Inglis
ESC11-08-02

**THAT Community Board Chair, D J Ogilvie be granted speaking rights for the
Engineering Services Committee.**
CARRIED

1 PUBLIC FORUM

1.1 Mr L Faullkner

Mr Faulkner spoke about the removal of crack willow and said it is needed in the Upper Motueka River. He said they are deep-rooted and also essential to the bee industry.

1.2 L Davey, Fish and Game

Fish and Game has concerns over how and where crack willow is being removed from the Motueka River. He believes Council should be starting at the top of the catchment to remove it. Crack willow provides habitat for trout fishery. He also spoke of his concerns about works on the Mangles River and comments that have been made to the landowner that Fish and Game have been preventing the works being undertaken. Mr Davey said Fish and Game is not opposed to the cycleway but believes they will oppose it because of concerns about people hunting in the Waimea Estuary. He expressed concern that a fair length of the cycleway will not be notified which means the public will

not have a chance to have a say. He is concerned about the proposed bridge in Lower Queen Street, and flooding that occurs regularly in that area. He suggested building it closer to the Appleby Bridge.

1.3 D Gallagher

Mr Gallagher spoke about the lack of sand gravels at Ruby Bay. What is done in the rivers environment affects the coast and coastal environment and asked that Council integrates how it deals with the rivers and replenishing shorelines.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Engineering Services Committee – 23 June 2011

**Moved Cr Inglis/Mayor Kempthorne
ESC11-08-03**

**THAT the minutes of the Engineering Services Committee meeting held on 23 June 2011 containing resolutions ESC11-06-01 to ESC11-06-17 be confirmed as a true and complete record.
CARRIED**

3 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – RESC11-08-01

Cr Norriss spoke to his report which was contained in the agenda.

**Moved Crs Bryant/Bouillir
ESC11-08-04**

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Chairman's Report, RESC11-08-01.
CARRIED**

4 TRANSPORTATION REPORT – RESC11-08-02

Transport Manager, G Clark, was in attendance to present the report contained in the agenda.

Mr Clark advised the Rivers Z contract will be out for tender next week.

Concern was expressed at contractors leaving road signs and cones out long after work has been completed.

Cr Norriss asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Powertech for achieving completion of the entire mercury vapour upgrade on time and to budget.

**Moved Crs Ensor/Glover
ESC11-08-05**

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Transportation Report
RESC11-08-02.
CARRIED**

Mr Thomson commented on the new Government Policy Statement on Land Transport Funding 2012/13 – 2021/22. The three focus areas are economic growth and productivity, value for money and road safety.

**5 PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT AND INTERSECTION CHANGES – MAPUA
DRIVE AND STAFFORD DRIVE, RUBY BAY**

Crs T B King and Z S Mirfin arrived at the meeting.

Mr Clark was in attendance to present the report contained in the agenda. The purpose of the report was to seek approval to proceed to public consultation on the proposal to lower the speed limits on several roads near Mapua in Ruby Bay and close off the south-bound slip lane from Stafford Drive into Aranui Road.

Cr Norriss asked that the Proposed Speed Limit and Intersection Change – Mapua Drive and Stafford Drive Ruby Bay be sent to the Mapua Ratepayers Association for their comment.

**Moved Crs Edgar/Maling
ESC11-08-06**

THAT the Engineering Services Committee:

- a) receives the report Proposed Speed Limit and Intersection Change - Mapua Drive and Stafford Drive Ruby Bay, RESC11-08-03 and;
- b) approves public consultation being undertaken for the following proposed speed limit. (as per the attached plan):
 - (i) Aranui Road – Lower the existing speed limit from 70km/h to 50km/h from the existing speed limit change point to Stafford Drive.
 - (ii) Mapua Drive – Lower the existing speed limit from 70km/h to 50km/h from the existing speed limit change point east of Seaton Valley Road to Aranui Road.
 - (iii) Stafford Drive – Lower the existing speed limit from 70km/h to 50km/h between Aranui Road to a point 30 metres north of Warren Place.
 - (iv) Mapua Drive - Lower the existing speed limit from 100 km/h to 80 km/h from near the intersection of SH60 to the existing speed limit change point east of Seaton Valley Road (See attached map appended to this report).
 - (v) Stafford Drive – Lower the existing speed limit from 70 km/h to 60 km/h from 30 metres north of Warren Place to Pinehill Road.
 - (vi) Stafford Drive – Lower existing speed limit from 100 km/h to 80 km/h from Pinehill Road to Aporo Road.

CARRIED

**6 MOTUPIPI – EFFECTIVENESS OF ACTIVE SCHOOL WARNING SIGNS
– RESC11-08-04**

Mr Clark spoke to the report which informed the Engineering Services Committee of the performance to date of the active school warning signs installed on Abel Tasman Drive at Motupipi.

Cr Norriss asked that a copy of the report go to the Golden Bay Community Board for their information.

**Moved Crs Glover/Maling
ESC11-08-07**

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the report RESC11-08-04, Motupipi – Effectiveness of Active School Warning Signs.
CARRIED**

7 MOTUEKA FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT – RESC11-08-05

Mr Clark, Transportation Planning Officer Sarah Downs, and Don Clifford MWH were in attendance for discussion on this item. The report contained in the agenda sought a decision from the Engineering Services Committee on whether it wishes to proceed with public consultation on the shortlist of reasonable and practicable options regarding the Motueka Flood Control project.

Mr Clark gave a powerpoint presentation on the start of Stage C Motueka Flood Control Project.

Cr Norriss asked that the figures that are provided to the public for consultation both include and exclude the Brooklyn stopbanks.

Mr Clark said the flood and rainfall models are being peer-reviewed. He said if a long flood event occurred in the Motueka River the stopbanks will fail as they don't have the strength to hold back the river.

Mr Ogilvie left the meeting at 11.57 am.

Concern was expressed about people further up the river who already pay for river works on their properties who could be expected to pay for the works on the Lower Motueka River also.

Cr Dowler noted that a reticulated water supply was being looked at for Motueka and he was concerned that Motueka ratepayers could not afford to pay for both a water supply and the flood protection works.

Mr Clark acknowledged the work that Sarah Downs has done on the Motueka flood control project.

**Moved Mayor Kempthorne/Cr Maling
ESC11-08-08**

THAT the Engineering Services Committee:

- a) receives the Motueka Flood Control report, RESC11-08-05; and
- b) approves that the rebuild, refurbishment and status quo practicable options are carried forward for public consultation on 23 and 25 August 2011 as noted in the report, RESC11-08-05; and
- c) approves the discarding of the spillways and secondary stopbanks as practicable options as noted in the report, RESC11-08-05; and
- d) acknowledges that further modelling works has been undertaken on gravel extraction that was raised in the submissions. Gravel extraction does not become a separate option but could be considered as an important part of the river maintenance programme as noted in the report, RESC11-08-05; and
- e) approves the use of the current rating model outlined in the 2009 Long Term Plan as the model to be used to inform the community of costs during the next round of consultation at stage 'c' of the Section 78 process of the Local Government Act as noted in the report, RESC11-08-05.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.30 pm.
The meeting resumed at 1.10 pm.

**8 CRACK WILLOW REMOVAL/MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME –
RESC11-08-06**

Mr G Clark spoke to the report which provided information on the management of crack willow and on recent concerns about the removal of this plant from the Sherry and Motueka Rivers.

Mr Clark advised that crack willow is on the National list of unwanted organisms but it is not in the Tasman Pest Management Strategy. It causes problems in terms of long term maintenance. Riparian planting is put back in a manner that is sustainable and ensures that a certain percentage are growing after a specific time.

Mr Clark said staff have been working with consents staff concerning helicopter spraying and trials will be done which will be monitored. The trial will be undertaken on the Aorere River when the crack willows are growing.

**Moved Mayor Kempthorne/Cr Ensor
MESC11-08-09**

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Crack Willow Removal –
Management Programme Report, RESC11-08-06.
CARRIED**

9 UTILITIES REPORT – RESC11-08-07

Utilities Asset Manager, Jeff Cuthbertson, was in attendance for presentation of the report which provided a summary of the Utilities activities for the period May – June 2011.

**Moved Crs Edgar/Maling
MESC11-08-10**

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Utilities Report
RESC11-08-07.
CARRIED**

10 PRESSURE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS – RESC11-08-08

Mr Cuthbertson spoke to the report which sought approval from the Engineering Services Committee to investigate a policy regarding pressured wastewater pumping systems for inclusion in the next issue of the Tasman District Council Engineering Standards.

**Moved Crs Dowler/Mirfin
MESC11-08-11**

THAT the Engineering Services Committee:

- a) receives the Pressure Wastewater Systems Report, RESC11-08-08;**
- b) approves the development of a pressure wastewater systems policy for inclusion in the review of the Engineering Standards in relation to the installation, ownership and maintenance of the pressure wastewater system as noted in the report RESC11-08-08.**

CARRIED

11 BUDGET REALLOCATION – SOLID WASTE – RESC11-08-09

Mr Cuthbertson spoke to the report which sought approval from the Engineering Services Committee to reallocate capital budgets in the Solid Waste Activity for the 2010 – 2011 financial year.

**Moved Mayor Kempthorne/Cr Ensor
ESC11-08-12**

THAT the Engineering Services Committee:

- a) receives the Budget Reallocation, Solid Waste Report, RESC11-08-09; and**
- b) approves the transfer of funding to offset unscheduled capital works as noted in report RESC11-08-09.**

CARRIED

12 TASMAN CYCLE TRAIL UPDATE – RESC11-08-10

Development Engineer, D Ley, was in attendance to speak to the report contained in the agenda. The report informed the Engineering Services Committee of progress with Stage 1 construction.

It was suggested the cycle trail be closed around the Waimea Estuary for specific weekends to allow hunting to be undertaken.

Mr Ley said the offer has been made to close the cycle trail for the opening day of duck shooting.

Cr Bryant left the meeting at 2.43 pm.

Discussion was held on the signage/branding for the Tasman Loop Trail and the need for a name/identity to be included.

Mayor R G Kempthorne, Crs C M Maling, J L Edgar and M L Bouillir to meet to discuss the signage/branding and report back to the Nelson-Tasman Cycles Trails Trust.

Moved Crs Bouillir/Inglis ESC11-08-13

**THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Tasman District Council Cycle Trail Report RESC11-08-10.
CARRIED**

Cr J L Inglis left the meeting at this stage.

13 TASMAN LOOP TRAIL BYLAW – RESC11-08-11

Mr Ley and Regulatory Manager Mr A Humphries were in attendance for this item.

The report provided background information to the Engineering Services Committee regarding the proposed Tasman Loop Trail Bylaw (or new name to be developed) 2011. It recommended that the special consultative procedure as defined in Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 be proceeded with.

Councillors reviewed the proposed Tasman Loop Trail Bylaw and made amendments as considered necessary.

**Moved Crs Edgar/Maling
ESC11-08-14**

THAT the Engineering Services Committee:

- a) receives the Tasman Loop Trail Bylaw report, RESC11-08-11;**
- b) agrees that the Tasman Loop Trail Bylaw is appropriate under Section 155 of the Local Government Act 2002 as outlined in report RESC11-08-11; and**
- c) approves that under Section 156 of the Local Government Act 2002 the Tasman Loop Trail Bylaw be circulated for public consultation under the special consultative procedure as set out in Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 and noted in report RESC11-08-11.**

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 3.51 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: