
MINUTES
of the
ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
held
9.30 am, Thursday, 15 February 2018
at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

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

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

Part Attendance: Senior Engineer Utilities (J Cuthbertson)

1 OPENING, WELCOME

Cr Bryant welcomed everyone to the first Engineering Services Committee meeting of 2018.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved Cr McNamara/Cr Hawkes
ESC18-02-1

**That apologies from Cr Sue Brown and Cr Mark Greening and for lateness from Mayor
Richard Kempthorne be accepted.**

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Mik Symmons and Gavin Pettersen spoke about the proposed restructure of the Hamama Water Supply Scheme. They noted that the Hamama residents support running the scheme themselves but will need help from the Council and the Ministry of Health. Mr Pettersen and Mr Symmons asked for patience from the Council as they work through the process to transfer ownership of the scheme to the community.

Evan Baigent and Roy Bensemenn spoke on behalf of the Tapawera & Districts Community Council regarding safety concerns on the Moutere Highway between Kohatu and Tapawera and the proposed intersection upgrade at Olivers Road. They noted that emergency services have attended 11 accidents in the area with some requiring people to be hospitalised. They spoke about a deep ditch on the side of the Moutere Highway where the shoulders have fallen away. Four of the accidents at this spot have involved tourists.

They asked that safety issues on this stretch of road be addressed prior to the proposed upgrade of Olivers Road.

Mr Baigent and Mr Bensemenn also spoke about the proposed extension of Tasman's Great Taste Trail which is a top priority for the Tapawera community. They voiced their concerns about ratepayer money being used for the proposed sports park which they believed should be better used for road safety. They noted that one property owner has indicated they will not support the cycleway through their property if the Olivers Road intersection upgrade gets priority.

Barry Dowler spoke about the poor state and lack of maintenance of Tasman's Great Taste Trail through Motueka and asked that the Council bring this issue to the attention of the Cycle Trails Trust.

Mr Dowler also spoke about Paxster vehicles and asked that the Council obtain feedback from the Marlborough District Council regarding the use of Paxster vehicles in Blenheim.

Mr Dowler congratulated the Councillors on their decision to progress the Waimea Dam.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 LATE ITEMS

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Moved Cr Sangster/Cr Maling
ESC18-02-2**

That the minutes of the Engineering Services Committee meeting held on Thursday, 23 November 2017, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

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Cr Bryant invited Mr Kirby to introduce two new Engineering Services staff, Robert Deck and Bob Bartlett.

7 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Nil

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 REPORTS

9.1 Chairman's Report

The Chairman spoke to the report contained in the agenda which was taken as read.

The Chairman invited Mr Kirby to report on a recent meeting with the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) regarding proposed improvements to SH60 through Motueka. Mr Kirby noted that staff are reasonably happy with what NZTA is proposing for this section of road but added that any work will not proceed until the new financial year.

Moved Cr Maling/Cr Ogilvie ESC18-02-3

That the Engineering Services Committee receives the Chairman's Report, RESC18-02-01.

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9.2 Hamama Water Supply

Mike Schruer and Jeff Cuthbertson spoke to the report contained in the agenda which was taken as read.

Mr Schruer advised that if the Hamama water supply users take over ownership of the scheme, the Medical Officer of Health will be responsible for ensuring that the water is safe for drinking.

Mr Schruer noted that the scheme serves less than 200 households which means it can be considered for transfer of ownership under local government legislation.

In response to a question, Mr Schruer noted that any pipeline that was situated in the road reserve would require a Licence to Occupy.

In response to a question, Mr Schruer confirmed that water supplies are classified through the Ministry of Health.

Mr Schruer advised that staff will report back on progress of the consultation with the Medical Officer of Health and Hamama residents.

Moved Cr Sangster/Cr Hawkes ESC18-02-4

That the Engineering Services Committee:

- 1. receives the Hamama Water Supply report, RESC18-02-02; and**
- 2. instructs staff to undertake consultation with the Medical Officer of Health with a view to transfer the Hamama Water Scheme to the Hamama water supply users; and**
- 3. instructs staff to consult with the Hamama water supply users to determine if they are in favour of transferring the Hamama Water Supply Scheme to them; and**
- 4. requests that the outcome of the consultation with the Medical Officer of Health and the Hamama water supply users be reported back to the Engineering Services Committee.**

CARRIED

9.3 Paxster Vehicles - Next Steps

Jamie McPherson spoke to the report contained in the agenda which was taken as read.

In response to a question, Mr McPherson confirmed that the Council would be undertaking footpath surveys not only for Paxster use but so that staff can generally understand the real issues on our footpaths. Mr McPherson added that he had not talked to New Zealand Post about any possible funding of the surveys.

Mayor Kempthorne arrived at 10.40 am

Cr Ogilvie suggested that the Council should agree for Paxsters to be used on the footpaths in Tasman District. He noted that health and safety with the Paxsters is a NZ Post issue and the service is a minor activity on our footpaths.

**Moved Cr Wensley/Cr Turley
ESC18-02-5**

That the Engineering Services Committee

- 1. receives the Paxster Vehicles - Next Steps report, RESC18-02-03; and**
- 2. defers any decision regarding approval for NZ Post to operate Paxster vehicles on Richmond footpaths until the outcome of the Hamilton City Council trial has been assessed and feedback from Marlborough District Council about their Paxster service has been received and reported back to the Engineering Services Committee.**

CARRIED

9.4 Engineering Services Activity Update

Minor Improvements Programme/Olivers Road Intersection Upgrade

Mr McPherson spoke to the Olivers Road intersection upgrade issue and noted that staff had investigated the recent crashes on this section of road between Kohatu to Tapawera.

He noted that he intends to follow up the staff investigation with residents who have local knowledge regarding where the unsafe areas are on this stretch of road. He suggested that the curves can be improved with signage and delineation to help reinforce to drivers that the road needs careful attention. There may also be an opportunity to widen the road seal.

Regarding the Kohatu Motorsports Park Trust, Jamie advised that staff have been negotiating with the Trust and the Trust has a number of contractors who have offered their support in terms of materials, gear and in-kind support towards the intersection upgrade. The Trust has agreed that if the Council caps its contribution at \$300,000, the Trust will meet the rest of the costs.

Mr McPherson noted that if the project to upgrade Olivers Road meets the minor safety improvement programme requirements, the Council would receive the normal funding subsidy

from the New Zealand Transport Agency.

Cr King arrived at 10.16 am

Mr McPherson advised that staff are waiting for funding approval from MBIE to do further development of the cycleway at Tapawera. He noted that while planning for the project is proceeding, there are challenges in finding an alignment for the trail that suits everyone and which landowners can accommodate.

It was agreed that the Olivers Road intersection upgrade and the development of the cycleway to Tapawera were two separate projects funded by different methods and were not in any way linked.

Mr Kirby advised that staff will provide a further report and recommendation regarding the proposed Olivers Road intersection upgrade after discussions with the Kohatu Motorsports Park Trust have been completed.

Engineering Activity Update

Mr Kirby spoke to the report contained in the agenda which was taken as read. He spoke about a meeting held on Tuesday night with Mapua residents regarding the recent storm event in that area and how the Council is helping residents.

Mr Kirby spoke about the alternate inland state highway route. He noted that the NZTA has reached the funding limit for the route with \$40 million of the \$60 million programme being spent in Tasman District. He advised that now that SH1 is open, NZTA have deferred works on the inland route because of funding limits. NZTA has undertaken to continue to operate and maintain the route to keep it safe but rehabilitation works won't commence until next summer. He noted that NZTA recognise that SH1 could be closed intermittently and that the internal route needs to be maintained in the event it is required for traffic.

After discussion it was agreed that Mr Kirby should write a letter to the Member of Parliament for Tasman, Damien O'Connor asking for his help in ensuring that the stretch of uncompleted works on the inland route at Lake Rotoiti be completed as soon as possible.

In response to questions about the 1 February 2018 storm event, Mr Kirby noted that the Recovery Manager, Adrian Humphries is coordinating a report which will be presented to the Full Council as soon as possible.

Activity Planning Update

Mr Fletcher spoke to the Activity Planning section of the report which was taken as read. Mr Fletcher noted that his team has been very busy with both the Long Term and Activity Management planning processes. He acknowledged the Councillors input into the many workshops held to discuss these plans.

Mr Fletcher noted that the activity planning team is in the process of developing the Activity Planning business plan which will be reported to the next Engineering Services Committee meeting.

Mr Fletcher advised the committee that the draft car parking strategy for Richmond and

Motueka is now out for public consultation. Public sessions will be held at the Richmond Library on 19 February and after the Motueka Community Board meeting on 20 February.

Mr Fletcher noted that the asset data team is currently working with Stantec to evaluate our assets in Lower Queen Street as a result of the recent water supply pipeline break.

Programme Delivery Update

Mr McGuigan spoke to the Programme Delivery section of the report contained in the agenda which was taken as read. He noted that the Queen Street upgrade work has recommenced.

Cr King left the meeting at 11.10 am

Mr McGuigan spoke about the outdoor dining areas that have been installed on Queen Street and which have been well received by both café owners and the public.

In response to a question about people parking on the footpath in the new part of Queen Street, Mr McGuigan said that driver education about this issue is ongoing. He noted that a recent speed count showed that most vehicles are travelling at less than the posted speed limit of 30 kmh and that the interaction between cars and bicycles was very good.

In response to a question, Mr McPherson noted that the District-wide footpaths project was on hold because costs were higher than budgeted. It was agreed that staff would report on the funding split for rehabilitated and new footpaths in the next activity update.

A number of Councillors congratulated the Engineering Services staff on the comprehensive update report which they find very useful in keeping them up to date with day-to-day infrastructure projects.

In response to a question regarding the recent wastewater overflows at Mapua School, Mr Kirby advised that he will be recommending that the pressure main upgrade project be accelerated.

Cr King returned to the meeting at 11.34 am.

In response to a question about the proposed water main upgrade in Mapua, Mr Kirby advised that staff would report on this project at the next meeting.

Utilities Update

Mr Schruer spoke to the Utilities section of the report contained in the agenda which was taken as read.

He noted that there had been some issues with people running out of water during the recent dry weather; the issue is often when people are developing more land and therefore requiring more water than is provided in their allocation. Staff are working with affected landowners to help them understand the issue.

Mr Schruer noted that staff had received good feedback from a meeting with Eighty-Eight Valley water users this week. Further meetings with water users on other rural water supply schemes will be held in the next few weeks.

Mr Schruer reported that there had been an asbestos disposal incident at the Mariri Resource Recovery Centre where some asbestos had been mixed with a load of metal. Staff followed

normal procedures and all went according to plan.

Mr Schruer noted that staff are looking at the option of installing security cameras at the resource recovery centres.

Cr Bryant thanked Mr Schruer, the Utilities team and the Council contractor for their prompt repairs to the recent Dovedale pipeline break.

Mayor Kempthorne left the meeting at 12 midday.

Transportation Activity Update

Mr McPherson spoke to the Transportation section of the report contained in the agenda which was taken as read.

Mr McPherson noted that initial estimates to clean up and restore roading assets after the recent storm event are around \$330,000 for roading and \$60,00 for coastal structures including the Ruby Bay seawall. A report will be presented to the next committee meeting.

Mr McPherson said that staff had commenced discussions with NZTA regarding an emergency application for additional funding to help with these costs.

He noted that staff are still working on the costs to repair the damaged sections of Tasman's Great Taste Trail. Staff will be sharing this information with MBIE who may be able to help with funding for the repairs.

In response to a question about the street lighting improvements programme, Mr McPherson noted that as part of its "dark sky" commitment, the Council uses the best LED technology available resulting in very little up-spill of light.

Moved Cr Maling/Cr Hawkes ESC18-02-6

That the Engineering Services Committee receives the Engineering Services Activity Update report, RESC18-02-04.

CARRIED

10 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

The meeting concluded at 12.18 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: