

TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE DISTRICT SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, DISTRICT COUNCIL BUILDING, KING GEORGE PLACE, TIMARU ON THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 11.40.AM

PRESENT Clrs Oliver (Chairman), Kennedy, and Mulvey, and the Mayor

APOLOGIES Clrs Jack and Bradley

IN ATTENDANCE Clrs Barker, Bennett, Bowan, Coughlan and Lyon

Chief Executive (WA Isaacs), District Services Manager (AA Harper), Land Transport Manager (A Dixon)(for items 2 – 6), Senior Waste Management Officer (R Clarke) (for item 7), Committee Secretary (MA Jump)

NZTA Colin Knaggs
Colin Hey

ECan James Ryan
Clr Mark Oldfield
Clr Jo Kane
Shannon Usher
Tony Henderson

1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Proposed Clr Kennedy
Seconded Clr Mulvey

"That the minutes of the District Services Committee meeting held on 16 June 2009, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

MOTION CARRIED

2 TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF MOUNT HORRIBLE ROAD (3KM TO END OF ROAD) (File T1/13)

The Committee considered a report regarding the temporary closure of Mount Horrible Road (3km to end of road) by Roading Engineer Mark Crowe.

Proposed The Mayor
Seconded Clr Mulvey

" That pursuant to Sections 319 and 342 of the Local Government Act 1974 and the 10th Schedule thereto, and for the purpose of permitting the South Canterbury Car Club Inc to conduct a bent sprint event, the District Services Committee hereby resolves to temporarily close Mount Horrible Road, to ordinary vehicular traffic between 09:00 to 17:00 on Saturday 31 October 2009."

MOTION CARRIED

3 TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SUTHERLANDS ROAD BETWEEN ROLLING RIDGES ROAD AND TAIKO HALL CORNER (File T1/13)

The Committee considered a report by Roading Engineer Mark Crowe, regarding the temporary closure of Mount Horrible Road (3km to end of road).

Proposed Cllr Mulvey
Seconded The Mayor

"That pursuant to Sections 319 and 342 of the Local Government Act 1974 and the 10th Schedule thereto, and for the purpose of permitting the South Canterbury Motorcycle Club to conduct a gravel sprint event, the District Services Committee hereby resolves to temporarily close Sutherlands Road, to ordinary vehicular traffic between 9.00am to 4.30pm on Saturday 24 October 2009."

MOTION CARRIED

4 NZ HIGHWAYS ACTIVITIES UPDATE (File R3/40)

The Committee considered a report by Land Transport Manager Andrew Dixon regarding the NZ Highways Activities update.

The new NLTP was announced on Thursday 27 August 2009. The NLTP is based on the new Government Policy Statement (GPS) and sets funding priorities for works. The NLTP focus is on roads of national significance (State Highways). Christchurch in particular has a number of these roads.

There has been an increase in State Highway funding, with a lesser focus on maintenance. The funding is less than requested and there have been no inflation allowances for years two and three. There has also been a reduction in road safety funding and there is no provision for the Christchurch bus exchange for the next three years.

The Regional funding of 5 cents per Litre fuel tax, which is used for regional projects has changed and will now be allocated to national projects with the highest priority. Priority ranking will be based on strategic fit and economic efficiencies.

Further detail will be provided to the Committee at the next District Services meeting.

Colin Hey and Colin Knaggs from NZTA introduced themselves and spoke to the PowerPoint presentation regarding funding for State Highways. The presentation gave information on projects planned for the Canterbury region, including Christchurch, and gave an overview of NZTA management.

There is sufficient funding to design and investigate all Roads of National Significance (RONS).

Canterbury also has a reduced allocation for maintenance.

Completion of the upgrade of the intersection of SH 1/SH 8 is expected to be June 2010. There are very few activities planned for over the Christmas/New Year period and there is expected to be little disruption to traffic.

Clr Oliver queried whether the Te Weka Street lights project can be brought forward due to the completion of the Aquatic Leisure Centre being expected in mid-2012. Mr Knaggs advised that the Regional Transport Committee may need to prioritise this project.

The Te Weka traffic management during construction was discussed, with NZTA advising that Council can consider temporary traffic lights. This project is currently in the process of having a Resource Application approved due to the historic lighthouse and requires a traffic assessment, which is currently underway. Mr Harper will talk to the NZTA about the options for traffic management once the assessment is complete as the results are due in a matter of weeks and will update the District Services Committee and Council as needed.

Clr Oliver advised that both NZTA and Timaru District Council can work together in order to bring this project forward as required.

Proposed Clr Oliver
Seconded Clr Kennedy

“That this update report be received.”

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12.40pm for lunch and reconvened at 1.20pm.

5 REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT STRATEGY REVIEW (R3/17/7)

The Committee considered a report by Land Transport Manager Andrew Dixon regarding the Regional Land Transport Strategy Review.

James Ryan of ECan made a presentation on the Regional Land Transport Review 2011 – 2030. Completion of the review is planned for 2011.

The Regional Transport Committee is to endorse the transportation document, analysing feedback received prior to the end of the year. The Committee will review the feedback. Timaru District Council is to collate local issues to be ready for the Regional Committee meeting in October. The ECan meeting date is 19 October with consultation planned to take place following this. Should there be a need there is a possibility to delay the consultation until early 2010.

Proposed Oliver
Seconded Kennedy

“That this update report and presentation be received.”

MOTION CARRIED

6 TIMARU PUBLIC PASSENGER TRANSPORT STRATEGY REVIEW (R3/17/2)

The Committee considered a report regarding the Timaru Public Passenger Transport Strategy Review by Andrew Dixon, Land Transport Manager.

Shannon Usher from ECan gave a presentation on the metro bus service. ECan are currently in the second round of public consultation with the consultation process nearing the end. The Passenger Transport Strategy is a joint document

with ECan and Timaru District Council and the goal is to establish targets for improvement of the Timaru bus service.

The result of the consultation is a new brochure with 24 public suggestions, including increased frequency and earlier/later times.

Possible options from this consultation include making existing routes shorter, which will make the existing service more attractive to potential patrons. The Mayor expressed some concerns of the public being promised more than can be delivered, particularly if some items will cost significantly more to implement and stressed the importance of realistic consultation and the need for increased costs to be made very clear.

Proposed Clr Kennedy
Seconded Clr Mulvey

“That this update report and presentation be received.”

MOTION CARRIED

7 WASTE MANAGEMENT STATUS REPORT (R2/22)

The Committee considered a report by Senior Waste Management Officer Ruth Clarke.

Ashley Harper advised that the Waste Contract with Transpacific Industries Ltd (TPI) is required to be reviewed every three years. The most recent review commenced two weeks ago, with more issues to be addressed, including the disposal of glass.

Ruth advised that the main item to highlight the ongoing success of the role of Phil Burridge, especially with the media campaign. Phil very successfully talks to people on the street whilst reviewing bins and has influenced improvements through this one-on-one communication and by keeping people informed.

There is still a concern of contamination of public rubbish bins and Ruth is to review this difficult issue and establish what options are available.

The details of revenue sharing between TPI and Timaru District Council were discussed, with a minimum return to Timaru District Council for the first five years for recyclables, which currently has two years to go. The budget has been adjusted to allow for revenue reduction after year five. The first four years of revenue from compost goes to TPI to participate in field trials and marketing, after that there is a revenue-sharing regime, which will be implemented from June 2010.

There is still an issue with glass being contaminated. A possible solution may require a change in process at the beginning of the sorting line, or possible even kerbside sorting. There is a need to look at costings for monthly collection. The system works very well the majority of the time.

Ashley Harper advised that there is also a concern with building contractors now using tandem trailers to minimise their costs and weight investigations were being undertaken. A second weigh bridge would be a good investment at an approximate cost of \$60,000. Another option is for types of trailers to be

categorised to make disposal charges fairer, particularly as the Government waste levy needs to be covered. Fairness and equity needs to be addressed.

Clr Oliver congratulated Ruth and the Solid Waste Unit on their effort over three years.

Proposed Kennedy
Seconded Mulvey

“That this report be received and noted and used as an input to the tri-annual review of Contract 1635.”

MOTION CARRIED

8 DOWNLANDS WATER SUPPLY JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE

Proposed Mayor
Seconded Mulvey

“That the unconfirmed minutes of the Downlands Water Supply Joint Standing Committee be noted.”

MOTION CARRIED

9 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

The Chairman reported on duties he had attended since the last meeting, including road maintenance contract presentations and a Tenders Subcommittee meeting, Caroline Bay Image and Operational Enhancement Working Party meetings, two Regional Transport Committee meetings and is now a member of subcommittee for this group.

The Deputy Chairman reported on duties he had attended since the last meeting, including the Wastewater Working Party meeting and South Canterbury Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee meeting.

The meeting concluded at 3.06pm.

Chairman