



MINUTES

Infrastructure Committee Meeting Tuesday, 24 November 2020

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**Minutes of Timaru District Council
Infrastructure Committee Meeting
Held in the Council Chamber, Timaru District Council Building, 2 King George Place, Timaru
on Tuesday, 24 November 2020 at 9.46am**

Present: Cr Paddy O'Reilly (Chairperson), Cr Allan Booth – via Video Link, Cr Peter Burt, Cr Barbara Gilchrist, Cr Richard Lyon, Cr Gavin Oliver, Cr Stu Piddington, Cr Steve Wills, Mayor Nigel Bowen

In Attendance: **Community Board Representatives**
Temuka Community Board – Gaye Broker
Geraldine Community Board – Jan Finlayson

Council Officers

Group Manager Infrastructure (Andrew Dixon), Chief Executive (Bede Carran), Transportation Team Leader (Simon Davenport), Road Safety Coordinator (Daniel Naude), Drainage and Water Manager (Grant Hall), Land Transport Manager (Susannah Ratahi), Senior Programme Delivery Manager (Ashley Harper), Acting Sustainability and Climate Manager (Vincie Billante), Governance Advisor (Jo Doyle)

1 Apologies

Resolution 2020/35

Moved: Cr Barbara Gilchrist

Seconded: Cr Peter Burt

That apologies from Cr Sally Parker and Anne Lemmens of Pleasant Point Community Board be received and accepted.

Carried

2 Identification of Items of Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

3 Identification of Matters of a Minor Nature

There were no matters of a minor nature.

4 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest.

5 Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson reported that he has attended meetings in regard to coastal hazards at Rangitata, Milford and Waipopo Huts, Temuka and Pleasant Point Community Boards, Standing Orders/Chair training and the opening of the Temuka Swimming pool.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 13 October 2020

Resolution 2020/36

Moved: Cr Steve Wills

Seconded: Cr Barbara Gilchrist

That the Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 13 October 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting and that the Chairperson's electronic signature be attached.

Carried

7 Reports

7.1 Patiti Point Coastal Erosion

The Committee was presented with an update on the outcome of investigations on the erosion at Patiti Point and consider options for the future management of on-going coastal erosion, sea inundation and climate change effects.

Group Manager Infrastructure advised the Committee that this report closes the loop on the significant erosion event which has now slowed down. Investigations have shown that the reason is the aggregate moves up the coastline irregularly and when little aggregate is deposited on the beach this exposes the coast to high wave action.

The erosion has slowed down, but it is expected to continue to affect the coast from between 1 to 10 metres per year. It is not practical to stop the erosion, and this will need continue to be monitored and landowners may have to retreat as necessary.

Jacob Consultants have modelled the outlook at 50 and 100 years, this has showed that Patiti Point will recede to where the Velodrome is currently located.

It was noted that this is being faced by many areas of New Zealand and at this point Central Government are not interested in assisting with funding.

Resolution 2020/37

Moved: Mayor Nigel Bowen

Seconded: Cr Barbara Gilchrist

That the Infrastructure Committee supports:

1. The continuation of the monitoring of the Patiti Point coastline for erosion and public safety be ensured through restricting access to affected area's.
2. The further investigation of the Timaru District coastline study with a risk and vulnerability assessment being undertaken and funded from current approved budgets.
3. Further data collection and studies on the effects of climate change for Timaru District are undertaken and funding provision for this be considered as part of the Long Term Plan 2021-31.

Carried

7.2 Marine Parade Road Safety Options

The Committee was presented with options for perceived road safety issues on Marine Parade by the Group Manager Infrastructure, Transportation Team Leader and Road Safety Coordinator.

This report closes the loop on concerns raised about the safety and over speed used on this road. It is recognised this is an important access road and is used by many heavy vehicles, and through the proposed District Plan is intended to be upgraded to a District Arterial route.

There are limitations on what can be done, and there are mixed users with a small minority of drivers who are driving illegally and affecting the dusk viewing of the penguins. There is concern from the groups advocating for the penguins that children viewing are at risk of being hit by these cars.

The Police have advised that enforcement is difficult and have recommended that signage be upgraded as there is only a single warning sign which isn't appropriate. Data on vehicle speeds has been collected, and confirming that 5% of vehicles are exceeding 60kph.

The installation of speed cushions were discussed, these would be effective, but will cause a hindrance to heavy vehicles travelling with heavy containers. This could be an option if other suggestions don't improve the issue.

It was suggested that rather than bring options back to the Committee, delegation should be given to the Group Manager Infrastructure to progress this issue forward.

Speed limits were discussed, however these need to be set legally and comply with legislation, the road has to be engineered to the set speed, and public consultation would be required if changing a bylaw. Speed limits are being reviewed early 2021, so this could be considered at that time.

Committee Recommendation

Moved: Cr Steve Wills

Seconded: Cr Peter Burt

That the Infrastructure Committee support the following:

1. The upgrade of the signage in advance of the beach activity zone on Marine Parade and consult on the creation of a 'gateway' to the beach activity zone.
2. Continue to engage with and encourage the Police to both monitor and enforce poor driver behaviour in the Marine Parade location.
3. Continue to monitor vehicle speeds on Marine Parade through regular traffic counts.

Motion

Moved: Mayor Nigel Bowen

Seconded: Cr Richard Lyon

That an amendment be made to delegate authority to the Group Manager Infrastructure to further progress other options if the concern of dangerous driving is not resolved.

Resolution 2020/38

Moved: Mayor Nigel Bowen

Seconded: Cr Richard Lyon

That the Infrastructure Committee support the following:

- 1 The upgrade of the signage in advance of the beach activity zone on Marine Parade and consult on the creation of a 'gateway' to the beach activity zone.
- 2 Continue to engage with and encourage the Police to both monitor and enforce poor driver behaviour in the Marine Parade location.
- 3 Continue to monitor vehicle speeds on Marine Parade through regular traffic counts.
- 4 Appoint delegated authority to the Group Manager Infrastructure to further progress other options if the concern of dangerous driving is not resolved.

.Carried

7.3 Progress Report: Pareora Pipeline Renewal, Downlands Water Supply Scheme Upgrade and Winchester Geraldine Roundabout

The Committee was presented on the progress of three key infrastructure projects; the Pareora Pipeline Renewal, the Downlands Water Supply Scheme Upgrade, and the Winchester/Geraldine Roundabout projects.

Pareora Pipeline Renewal

Construction for section 1 has been awarded and is planned to start in January 2021 with the entire project completion expected September 2021.

It was noted that the consenting risk is considered very low.

Downlands Water Supply Scheme Upgrade

Stage one of construction is due to start in December with completion in June 2021.

Winchester/Geraldine Roundabout

Has been approved by the Tenders and Procurement Committee and work is expected to start in January/February 2021 and will be expected to be completed by end of April.

Resolution 2020/39

Moved: Cr Richard Lyon

Seconded: Cr Gavin Oliver

That this report be received and noted.

Carried

7.4 Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan – Notified Plan Change 7

The Committee was updated on the progress and status of the Environment Canterbury developed Plan Change 7 to the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan by the Senior Programme Delivery Manager.

Timaru District Council made a comprehensive submission on this subject, and this is now with the Commissioners and the determinations are expected in March/April 2021.

Resolution 2020/40

Moved: Cr Barbara Gilchrist

Seconded: Cr Peter Burt

That this report be received and noted.

Carried

7.5 Government 3Waters Reforms Stimulus Package - Progress Report at 5th November 2020

The Committee was updated on progress towards implementing the Governments 3Waters Reforms Stimulus package by the Senior Programme Delivery Manager.

This matter is moving quickly and changes weekly, the delivery plan has been approved, and \$3.43 million is expected to be deposited by the end of the month.

There are two main work streams, one consists of 16 projects which must start work by 31 March 2021. The second part is a request for information from the Department of Internal Affairs which is a 1200 line spreadsheet that must be populated by 1 February.

Webinars are held once a week nationally as well as one on one each week. There is a great deal of support and checking the information is gathered correctly as a stock take for possibly future entities.

It was explained that Ashley Harper will be leading this project for 2 days a week.

It was noted that these are the timelines provided from DIA and Council still has the option to opt in or opt out, and public consultation will be undertaken once further questions are answered.

Committee Recommendation

Moved: Cr Barbara Gilchrist

Seconded: Cr Stu Piddington

That this report be received and progress noted.

7.6 Peel Forest Closed Landfill Management Plan

The Committee was presented with the historical issues with Peel Forest closed landfill and present options to mitigate the short and long-term risks of further exposure of landfill material due to erosion of the river terrace by Rangitata River.

The Acting Sustainability and Climate Manager provided a summary with the flood from December 2019 which caused a washout on the banks of the Rangitata and exposed rubbish. These events are becoming more frequent and severe, and there is a need to mitigate against immediate events and a longer term plan for future events.

Council was advised to look at this issue critically and to front foot the issue and plan how to manage this long term.

This situation is not unique to Timaru.

The work can start once consultation has occurred with Mana Whenua and there are no consent constraints as ECan have the delegations to provide the consents.

It is expected this work will happen in the current financial year during the summer months and is dependent on how quickly a tender can be arranged.

This site is being actively monitored.

Resolution 2020/41

Moved: Mayor Nigel Bowen

Seconded: Cr Steve Wills

That the Infrastructure Committee approves:

1. Additional unbudgeted funding of \$500,000 to mitigate any further potential erosion of the closed Peel Forest landfill adjacent to the Rangitata River by:
 - (a) Commencing river engineering works to direct the main river channel away from the bank and forming a vegetated buffer at the base of the terrace;
 - (b) Recap the landfill area at the top of the cliff to cover exposed rubbish and remove exposed rubbish on the terrace face.
2. That the additional expenditure required for the landfill mitigation capital works be funded by loan.
3. The development of the long-term management plan for the closed Peel Forest landfill site and other closed landfills to reduce further risk exposure to be considered in the 2021-31 Long Term plan.

Carried

8 Consideration of Urgent Business Items

There were no items of urgent business.

9 Consideration of Minor Nature Matters

There were no matters of a minor nature.

The Meeting closed at 10.33am.

Minutes confirmed 2 February 2021.

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**Cr Sally Parker
Chairperson**