



# **MINUTES**

## **Engineering and Services Committee Meeting**

**11 August 2020**

**MINUTES OF MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
ENGINEERING AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FAIRLIE  
ON TUESDAY, 11 AUGUST 2020 FOLLOWING THE COUNCIL MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Cr Stuart Barwood (Chair), Mayor Graham Smith, Deputy Mayor James Leslie, Cr Anne Munro, Cr Murray Cox, Cr Emily Bradbury, Cr Matt Murphy

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Suzette van Aswegen (Chief Executive), Paul Numan (GM Corporate Services), Tim Harty (GM Operations), Alexis Gray (Manager People and Culture), Chris Clarke (Communications Advisor), Bernie Haar (Asset Manager), Angie Taylor (Solid Waste Manager), Scott McKenzie (Roading Manager), Geoff Horler (Utilities Manager), Arlene Goss (Governance Advisor), Reporter Alice Geary from the Timaru Herald

**1 OPENING**

The chairperson opened the meeting.

**2 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

**3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4 VISITORS**

There were no visitors.

**5 REPORTS**

**5.1 MINUTES OF ENGINEERING AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING - 11 FEBRUARY 2020**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ENG/2020/2**

Moved: Cr Anne Munro

Seconded: Cr Emily Bradbury

That the Minutes of the Engineering and Services Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 11 February 2020 be received and confirmed as an accurate record of the meeting.

**CARRIED**

**5.2 ASSET MANAGERS MONTHLY REPORT**

Bernie Haar took the report as read and asked for questions. The following matters were included in the discussion:

- Landco Subdivision – 200 sections are at the final stage. Talking about doing this in five stages but it will depend on the market. Eastern side near camp ground would be the first stage with 35-40 sections. Good to see projects are carrying on post Covid.
- Water supply pipe into Pukaki Airport – pipe almost finished to be followed by the building of the pump station. Pipe laying has come in on budget.
- Chairman said it was good to see the Twizel treatment plant working well. Scada has helped staff with management.
- Cr Leslie thanked staff for their work on the Twizel water system and reduction in load. Cr Murphy asked if issues around chlorine had been solved. This was a work in progress, getting levels down. Consultants are working through a computer problem. Chlorine is down to an acceptable level now.
- Has the gravel supply shortage improved? Ecan are saying it's not readily available anymore and are encouraging council staff to look for other sources in smaller streams. The roading manager has a meeting with Ecan next week on how to proceed. Could lead to an increase in cartage costs in future.
- Allandale Water – Are leaks an ongoing issue? Yes, when the upgrade was done there was poor workmanship by the contractors and now some butt welds are failing.
- The roading manager was congratulated on spending his budget wisely.
- Fibre rollout in Twizel – the Mayor is getting complaints about the poor job of restoring footpaths in Twizel following fibre rollout. The roading manager said he has been discussing this with Chorus and BROADSPECTRUM. Will only sign-off this work once the asset is up to scratch.
- Road grading – Council has prioritised the grading cycle with Whitestone so this has had a positive impact on unsealed road maintenance. The Mayor said he has not had many complaints about unsealed road grading this year.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ENG/2020/3**

Moved: Mayor Graham Smith

Seconded: Cr Anne Munro

That the report be received.

**CARRIED****5.3 COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES OFFICER REPORT**

Tim Harty answered questions on this report. Discussion included the following matters:

- Cr Munro asked if the lighting on the Fairlie Village Green complied with Dark Sky regulations. Tim Harty said he would check.
- The chairman asked for an update on the rollout of LED lights. The roading manager updated the committee on this. He has drawn up a new contract to manage street lighting in-house. That contract includes the procurement of the fittings.

- Alps2Ocean Cycle Trail – now recognised as one of the top 50 cycle trails in the world. Is work on improvements underway? Tim Harty said Charlotte Borrell was working with the Alps2Ocean group on this.
- Cr Munro said a number of people noticed work at the cemeteries during Covid19. New beams were installed. No graves were dug.
- Cr Murphy said there was concern at the Tekapo community board meeting about delays in community projects. Tim Harty said he got that message. He hoped to get the community board together on the 24<sup>th</sup> August to work through concept plans.
- Cr Murphy would like to recognise the work Charlotte was doing and also the quality of her report.
- Cr Cox noted a comment from the Tekapo Community Board meeting that pathways needed to be suitable for disabled use. Did Council have a policy on this? Will all pathways be constructed to this standard? There hasn't been a real discussion on this. Tim Harty said there were standards for the construction of pathways and structures. Cr Cox said consistency was needed. Tim Harty said there was a need for a trails plan that covered this issue, plus signage.
- The Mayor asked about the status of the Opihi Gorge track. The roading manager said he was aware there were a number of structures on the track that might impact financially on council in the future. An engineer has been asked to check these and will come back with a report. A few urgent issues have been remediated. Bernie Haar said the Lions Bridge in the gorge has been added to the council asset list to ensure it is maintained.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ENG/2020/4**

Moved: Cr Emily Bradbury

Seconded: Cr Murray Cox

That the report be received.

**CARRIED**

**5.4 COMMUNITY AND WASTE SERVICES UPDATE**

Angie Taylor noted the Mackenzie Solid Waste graph on page 27 of the agenda was incorrect.

She said the way the district managed kerbside recycling during Covid19 was very good, with low contamination. Larger centres were still having problems with contaminated recycling during that period.

**The Meeting closed at 11.39am.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Engineering and Services Committee Meeting held on 15 December 2020.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**