

Report of a meeting of the Operations Committee, held in the Council Chambers, 29 Bowler Avenue, Gore, on Tuesday 1 May 2018, at 4.36pm

Present His Worship the Mayor (Mr Tracy Hicks, JP), Cr Davis (Chairman), Crs Beale, Bolger, Dickson, Gardyne, D Grant Highsted, Phillips, Reid and Sharp.

In Attendance The Chief Executive (Mr Stephen Parry), Chief Financial Officer (Mr Luke Blackbeard), General Manager Regulatory and Planning (Dr Ian Davidson-Watts), General Manager Infrastructure (Mr Ramesh Sharma), Parks and Recreation Manager (Mr Ian Soper), Transport Manager (Mr Peter Standing), 3 Waters Asset Manager (Mr Matt Bayliss), Project Manager Infrastructure (Mr Hashem Ramezan-zadeh) Communications/Promotions Manager (Sonia Gerken), Principal Planner/Consultant (Mr Keith Hovell), Building Control Manager (Mr Russell Paterson), H/R Manager (Susan Jones) Corporate Support Officer (Mrs Suzanne Lucas) Animal Control Officer (Mr David McKewen), and Junior Planner (Ms Fran Davies).

Apology Cr P Grant apologised for absence.

1. 3 WATERS OPERATIONS REPORT

A report from the 3 Waters Asset Manager had been received.

Cr Davis asked if the Pleura dam was recharging.

The Manager confirmed that it was and had been since the start of April due to a steady fall of rain which hopefully means water shortages should be over.

The Manager asked that it be noted that the chlorination date of the Otama water scheme had been deferred to 15 May due to communication to scheme users going out later than anticipated. He said instalment of the equipment was all but finished and would be carefully monitored over next few weeks.

Cr Phillips asked if the chlorination was via gas, liquid or powder.

The Manager confirmed that a gas cylinder was to be used.

Cr Sharp asked what the impact on stock would be with chlorine in the water.

The Manager said it was not a concern.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr D Grant, seconded by Cr Highsted, THAT the report be received.

2. REPORT FROM TRANSPORT MANAGER

The Council perused a report from the Transport Manager.

Cr Davis asked if funding was still available for the installation of LED streetlights.

The Manager confirmed that it was.

Cr Davis enquired as to when the lights were likely to be installed.

The Manager replied that installation would be undertaken as soon as possible. He said that NZTA have increased the time allowed for the subsidy and had given a three year extension.

The General Manager Infrastructure introduced the Council's new Project Manager Infrastructure Mr Hashem Ramezan-zadeh and commented that there would be a significant increase in delivering efficiency in project management.

Cr Beale raised a concern about Clinker Hill and the impact it had on the roading budget due to damage caused by logging trucks. He enquired whether there was any indication from the logging companies about their activity for the coming spring.

The Transport Manager confirmed he had spoken informally with the lumber companies, but at this stage no formal policy was in place to limit activity.

The General Manager Regulatory and Planning commented that the Clutha District Council had incorporated rules into its district plan, and that logging companies needed a consent for logging activity. He suggested that the Gore District Council look at this as part of its district plan.

Cr Beale suggested that perhaps a user pays system would be a possibility.

The Manager said it would be worth looking into a bylaw to address this type of activity and at the request of Cr Davis agreed to provide a report in due course.

Cr Dickson asked how many bridges had restrictions on heavy vehicles and require upgrading.

The Transport Manager explained a review was conducted every four years by NZTA.

Cr Highsted commented that a number of repairs had meant the budget had been exceeded and he asked how it would be recovered.

The Manager explained that the environmental budget had been exceeded but in other areas the budget had been underspent and there was a not a holistic picture portrayed in the report. He further explained that the urban budget was tracking well but the unsealed roading and environmental budgets were an issue. A report would be provided at the next meeting.

Cr D Grant commented on the poor state of Avon Street and asked if it was the responsibility of the Council or NZTA.

The Manager said the Council was responsible and that NZTA believed that it did not warrant a total rework. Sections of the road were within next year's budget to correct which involved approximately 50m of road.

Cr Highsted noted the inclusion of the crash report and commented that it was good to have these statistics.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Sharp, seconded by Cr Gardyne, THAT the report be received.

3. PYRAMID BRIDGE COLLAPSE/OTAMA SCHEME TEMPORARY PIPELINE REPAIR (SC0671)

A report from the 3 Waters Asset Manager had been received about the cost incurred for the emergency restoration and funding as well as consideration of potential interim and long-term solutions for the river crossing to ensure continued water supply to Otama Water scheme users.

The Manager noted that the report from Opus considered that a pipeline independent to the existing bridge structure was the best option to ensure continuation of water supply in the interim.

Cr Davis asked if that could this be a permanent solution regardless of the future of the bridge.

The Manager said an independent structure would need to be maintained separately and at an additional cost. He commented that this was something to consider, but at this stage attaching the pipeline a replacement bridge was the preferred option.

Cr Phillips asked what the cost of an individual structure was expected to be.

The Manager replied \$390,000.

The General Manager Infrastructure commented that all options would be considered at the Water Scheme committee meeting later in the month.

The Project Manager Infrastructure advised that further investigation would allow a more solid way forward following consultation with Opus and the Scheme committee.

Cr D Grant raised the issue that funding for the repairs was to be financed from the Otama water scheme reserves.

The 3 Waters Asset Manager confirmed that emergency repair would be funded by the scheme. The Manager explained that options for funding were being considered for the pipeline during construction as there was potential for cost sharing during bridge replacement.

Cr Beale asked if the excess of the 3 Waters asset insured was specifically for the pipeline.

The Chief Executive pointed out that insurance under the LAPP programme provided cover for catastrophes such as underground infrastructure. Bridges and roads are 50% funded by NZTA so they were not insured. Insurance would cover a major flood for 40% of the cost and the government would cover 60%.

Cr Gardyne asked if the cost of the temporary line could be claimed under insurance and should the Council look at claiming costs from Environment Southland as responsibility for the collapse potentially lay with it.

The Chief Financial Officer confirmed that LAPP had been notified of the event and was being kept up to date with progress.

His Worship declared his interest in LAPP.

Cr Gardyne asked for clarification from NZTA and contributing partners for clarification as to the funding arrangement of the pipeline.

The Chief Executive confirmed that clarification in writing would be sought.

The Chief Executive stated a further report would be prepared for an interim solution until the bridge was completed and that Council staff look at insurance for loss of water supply.

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Cr Beale, seconded by Cr Sharp, THAT the report be received,

THAT the cost of \$79,000 excl GST, of the emergency repair to the Otama Pyramid Bridge pipeline be funded from the Otama scheme reserves in the interim,

THAT a further report be prepared outlining options for a robust solution for supply pending construction of the bridge;

AND THAT staff be requested to investigate an insurance claim for costs associated with the loss of water supply,

AND THAT Council staff work with Calibre to investigate expediting the pipeline relocation as part of the Pyramid Bridge replacement project.

The meeting concluded at 5.32pm

