

# Marlborough District Council

**Report and Minutes of a Meeting of the ASSETS & SERVICES COMMITTEE held in the Council Chambers, District Administration Building, Seymour Street, Blenheim on THURSDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2007 commencing at 8.30 am**

## **Present**

Clrs F D Maher (Chairman), N W Weetman, W O Brice, G A Hope, P J O'Sullivan, Mr R Hunter (iwi representative) and Mayor A T Sowman.

## **Also Present**

Clrs J L Andrews (9.20 am), G S Barsanti, T R Harrison.

## **In Attendance**

Mr M S Wheeler, Manager – Assets and Services Department and Ms J R North, Committee Secretary.

## **NB:**

Chairman, Clr Francis Maher presented Gavin Smith (Parks and Gardens staff member) with his National Certificate Horticulture – Amenity Horticulture level 4.

## **P.07/08.208 Recreation Marlborough Stadium Trust M110-03**

The Annual Report of the Marlborough Stadium Trust for the year ended 30 June 2007, which included its audited annual accounts and a report on its activities for the past financial year, (as per the Trust's Funding Deed with Council) along with a report on whether it achieved the outcomes and objectives set out in the Asset Management Plan for the relevant period was presented by Trust Chair, Luke van Velthooven, and Treasurer, Matt Kerr.

This was followed by a presentation by Paul Tredinnick, Stadium 2000 Manager on issues relating to the aquatic facilities. The Marlborough Stadium Trust recently completed a condition report, funded by the council, on the existing aquatic facilities. With the outdoor pool and plant nearing 50 years old and leaking, and the indoor pool facilities now 20 years old, the report showed that the pools were in need of major re-development or replacement.

Due to the over-crowding and limited opportunities for aquatic activity for all ages that the current pools provide, it was considered that the most appropriate option was to redevelop.

Paul Tredinnick advised that just to replace what is at the Aquatic Centre would be in the vicinity of \$3 million plus. With regard to redevelopment of the complex, in comparison with other facilities around the country, costs range from \$10 million to \$20 million.

### **Clrs Weetman/Brice:**

**That the Marlborough Stadium Trust's report and audited annual accounts for the year ended 30 June 2007 be received.**

### **Carried**

### **Clrs Maher/Hope:**

**That the Council endorse the Marlborough Stadium Trust's process to scope the future requirements for the Blenheim Aquatic Centre facilities.**

### **Carried**

**P.07/08.209**     *Council*

**Assets and Services Committee – Functions**  
*C135-A01*

In order for individual committee members to utilise their skills and experience by having a particular involvement with individual functions of the Committee's work, Clr Maher recommended the following allocation of responsibilities:

Clr Francis Maher	Stopped Roads Forestry Roothing Land Transport Committee Water (with Clr Gerald Hope) Waste Management/Recycling (with Clr Warwick Brice) Sewerage (with Clr Nigel Weetman)
Clr Nigel Weetman	CBD (Picton) Sewerage (with Clr Francis Maher) Reserves Parking (Picton)
Clr Pat O'Sullivan	Halls Rivers & Drainage Roading Stormwater Civil Defence/Emergency Management
Clr Warwick Brice	Cemeteries Footpaths Public Conveniences Waste Management/Recycling (with Clr Francis Maher)
Clr Gerald Hope	CBD (Blenheim) Parking (Blenheim) Water (with Clr Francis Maher) Swimming Pools Finance

**Clrs Hope/Weetman:**  
**That the information be received.**

**Carried**

**P.07/08.210**     *Finance*     **Financial Report for Period Ended**  
**30 September 2007**     *F045-07*

A detailed financial report for the Assets and Services Department for the period ended 30 September 2007 was presented by David Craig, Finance and Information Supervisor.

**Clrs Weetman/Brice:**  
**That the report be received.**

**Carried**

**ATTENDANCE:** Frank Porter of Marlborough Roads for the following roading items.

**P.07/08.211**      *Jetties*                      **Queen Charlotte Sound Jetties/Strategic Study**                      *B090-01*

Frank Porter's report to the Committee advised of the methodology to undertake a study of jetties servicing the Queen Charlotte area.

Marlborough Roads is project managing a report to be prepared for Council and has engaged assistance from Opus International Consultants.

The brief is - to review the existing Council owned and operated jetties (Tirimoana; Grove; Onahau; Momorangi; Torea; Waikawa) in Queen Charlotte Sound with regard to their current usage and future requirements considering growth in commuter and tourist traffic.

They will review the current operating and future maintenance costs and determine the appropriate strategy from an Asset Management view point and a "fit for purpose" assessment to provide for future use.

Schematic drawings and estimates for each jetty based on the above analysis for further consultation by Marlborough District Council will be prepared.

A draft Management Strategy can then be prepared for submission to Council management.

At that stage, Council will then need to implement a consultation strategy prior to committing any funding for future works. The allocation of funding would need to be included as part of council's LTCCP process.

**Clrs O'Sullivan/Maher:**

**That Marlborough Roads proceed with the Queen Charlotte Jetties Strategy Study.**

**Carried**

**P.07/08.212**      *Roads*                      **2008-09 Annual Plan Submission**                      *R900-01*

Council was required to submit a Draft Land Transport Plan to Land Transport NZ for the 2008-09 financial year on 2 November 2007. The programme is assessed by LTNZ and Council's programme approved for financial assistance.

The Committee was advised that the draft plan was publicly advertised, posted on Council's website and comments sought. No responses were received.

The significant points were summarised in Marlborough Roads' report to the Committee.

Kaituna-Tuamarina works have been included as an R funded project.

The intention is the works will be funded at a subsidy rate of 78.5% with the local share recovered from charges applied to gravel supply, ie; a nil effect on general rates otherwise the plan is basically unchanged from previous years and forecasts. It allows for a nominal inflation cost of 4% offset by a reduction in resurfacing forecast to occur at this time.

Both Land Transport NZ and Council have the opportunity to review and amend the draft document prior to formal acceptance.

**Clrs Weetman/O'Sullivan:**

**That Council receive and endorse the draft submission to the 2008-09 Land Transport programme.**

**Carried**







**P.07/08.219**    *Parking*                      **Workingmen’s Club Carpark – Wynen Street**                      *P045-01*

It was reported that Council has purchased the former Blenheim Workingmen’s Club property situated in Wynen Street, Blenheim, and associated with the property are 44 marked car spaces.

Council operates the McMurtry carpark immediately to the west of the former Workingmen’s Club. This carpark contains 77 spaces and is controlled as a “pay and display” carpark.

Councillors were advised that the opportunity was now available to amalgamate the 44 spaces with the existing 77 spaces in the McMurtry carpark to establish parking for 121 vehicles.

**Clrs Maher/Weetman:**

**That Council operate the 121 space McMurtry carpark as a “pay and display” park.**

**Carried**

**P.07/08.220**    *Reserves*                      **Reclassification – Local Purpose (Access) – Between Jeffries and Giffords Roads**                      *L135-S40C & R810-W20*

Subsequent to the Assets & Services Committee meeting on 19 July 2007 Council gave approval in principle for staff to commence the processes involved in a road stopping of land adjacent to the Wairau River in between Jeffries and Giffords Roads.

A road stopping proposal, which included an access strip being established along the stop bank on the other side of the block of land, was approved by Council following the Assets & Services Committee meeting on 30 August 2007.

A plan presented to the meeting showed as area ‘A’ the strip intended to be reclassified from Local Purpose (River Control) to Local Purpose (Access).

It was not intended to vest the strip as legal road since it was along the stop banking system and obviously Council must control usage to ensure damage to the stop banking system is mitigated.

It was felt that it would be important to have the reclassification action underway so it could be clearly seen by anyone checking the road stopping action that Council is putting in place an alternate access way.

That is also consistent with the decision of Council on the road stopping recommended by the Assets & Services Committee on 30 August to ensure pedestrian access to the Kanuka Reserves be maintained.

**Clr O’Sullivan/Mr Hunter:**

**That Council authorise pursuant to the Reserves Act the procedure for reclassification of the strip marked area ‘A’ on the plan presented from Local Purpose (River Control) to Local Purpose (Access).**

**Carried**

**P.07/08.221**    *Roads*                      **Marlborough Roads Role in Resource Consent Processes**                      *R855-01*

Mark Wheeler’s report to the Committee clarified the role Marlborough Roads has in commenting on applications for resource consent made to Council.



**Cirs O’Sullivan/Weetman:**

- 1. That pursuant to Section 342 of the Local Government Act 1974 and subject to the prior consent of the Minister of Lands, Council authorise the procedures associated with the stopping of the road adjoining the applicant’s property, shown on the plan presented.**
- 2. That such approval be on the basis that the applicant be responsible for all survey, legal, administrative and other costs even if the road stopping does not proceed by reason of objection.**
- 3. That once stopped the applicant purchase the road land at a price to be determined by a registered valuer appointed by council the cost of which is payable by the applicant.**
- 4. That the valuation be obtained when the road stopping has been finalised.**
- 5. That it be acknowledged at this stage Council can give no commitment that the road stopping will be completed given the objection rights available under the said Section 342.**
- 6. That a condition of the approval be that the land once stopped be amalgamated with the adjoining properties so that the titles are held within the one relevant title, this being in terms of Section 342 of the Local Government Act 1974.**
- 7. That within 14 days of notice that the titles are available, settlement is to be completed with interest charged at 14% for any delayed settlement.**
- 8. That if the survey documentation to initiate the road stopping process is not completed within a year of Council consent then the application for road stopping lapses.**

**Carried**

**P.07/08.223 Roads**

**Road Stopping and Road Vesting –  
Exchange Proposal – Tunakino Valley  
Road, Rai Valley R810-H08**

The Committee was informed that in 2005 a subdivision occurred of a property on the corner of Tunakino Valley and Kotuku Roads, Rai Valley in the name of Brian and Judith Todd. The subdivision involved the legalisation by way of road vesting of the Kotuku Road as formed.

Before the subdivision the actual formation of Kotuku Road did not follow the legal alignment as it passed through Lots 2 and 4 on the subdivision plan.

The physical route was vested as legal road. A consequence was that three sections of old legal road were made redundant because of the road vesting.

The intention in 2005 was that the matter would be dealt with by way of exchange, the costs involved to be split 50/50 landowner and council and the land exchange to occur at no cost to either party.

For some reason completion of the exchange was not undertaken at the time.

Therefore Ward Property Services, accredited LINZ agent was involved; Mr Ward will make submissions to LINZ for approval to complete the legalisation under the Public Works Act since it is simply completing an arrangement previously agreed.

**Cirs Maher/O’Sullivan:**

**That Council consent pursuant to Part VIII Public Works Act 1981 to the declaring of portions of road described in the Schedule to this notice stopped pursuant to sections 116 and 117 and pursuant to section 120(3) amalgamating those portions of land as stopped with the land in CPR 233614.**

**Schedule - Road to be stopped and amalgamated.**

**1922m<sup>2</sup> being Section 1 SO 358363; 567m<sup>2</sup> being Section 2 SO 358363;  
6372m<sup>2</sup> being Section 3 SO 358363.**

**Carried**

**P.07/08.224 Roads**

**Road Stopping Proposal – Off Masons  
Road, Anakoha Bay, Outer Pelorus Sound  
R810-S29**

An application to stop road either side of Masons Road, Anakoha Bay had been received from Mr John Hart (trustee) on behalf of the Mark and Mary Walker Whanau Trust whose property the road adjoins.

Mr Hart stated that the paper road comes straight down a steep hill zoned ‘slip hazard’ then crosses Masons Road, over a 2 – 3 metre drop, into a flood prone zone and finishes on the southern bank of the river (substantial stream). The Trust’s property was changed to Maori reserve in 2004, and their intention is to develop a Marae on the property.

Mr Hart had asked that if the road was stopped, would Council consider waiving its standard requirement that the applicant buy the land at valuation (in other words Council gift the road land) to the Mark & Mary Walker Whanau Trust, as if the Marae reserve was developed, it would benefit the local community. They were in the process of applying to Internal Affairs for a grant to develop the property.

The paper road leads to the stream and then links with other paper roads. There is public access to the waterway, just downstream where Masons Road adjoins it. Also potential alternative public access could be obtained via other legal (paper) roads in the area which form continuous routes over the terrain. However, if the road was stopped it would remove one of those access points with direct linkage with other access ways and down to Kinders Road and the bay.

Mr Hart had submitted that if the road was stopped, the area could still be accessed by means of traversing the Maori reserve. Access via that means however would not be secure as the property was privately owned.

It was noted that parts of Masons Road and Anakoha Road were not on legal road but crossed private land. Marlborough Roads did not support closing the portion of legal (paper) road between Anakoha Road and Masons Road (marked ‘B’ on the plan presented). Anakoha Road is on legal road up to the point where the road was proposed to be stopped and then it crosses private land. The paper road is the only legal connection with Masons Road.

Due to access issues the Committee declined the application to stop the road adjoining the Trust’s property. In particular the Committee did not support the stopping of the portion of road marked ‘B’ as that portion of road is the only legal connection with Masons Road.

**Cls Maher/Brice:**

**That the application from the Mark and Mary Walker Whanau Trust to stop road (marked ‘A’ and ‘B’ on plan presented) adjoining Masons Road, Anakoha Bay be declined.**

**Carried**

**P.07/08.225** *Reserves*

**Picton Marina – Reserves Act 1977 –  
Proposed Revocation and Change of  
Classification or Purpose** *R495-02*

Council at its meeting on 14 December 2006 resolved that public notification be given of various proposals; (a) to revoke the reservation over part of the recreation reserve being Section 5 Survey Office Plan 351950 and for this area to be disposed of to the adjoining owners for amalgamation into the existing title; (b) change in classification to purpose of the reservations over part of recreation reserve being Section 6 Survey Office Plan 351950 to local purpose reserve (esplanade) and to vest such part of the reserve in the Marlborough District Council; (c) revoke the reservation over part of the local purpose reserve (esplanade) being Sections 2, 3 and 4 SOP 351950 and for those areas to be disposed of to the adjoining owners for amalgamation into the existing title.

It was reported that public notification had been undertaken.

As no submissions were received, Council needed to pass a resolution declaring the reserves revoked/reclassified as intended by the notice.

Following the Council resolution the matter would then be referred to the Department of Conservation so the proposal could be processed and gazetted.

**Clrs Weetman/Brice:**

**That Council resolves pursuant to Section 24 Reserves Act 1977 to:**

- **Revoke the reservation over part of the recreation reserve being Section 5 Survey Office Plan 351950 and for this area to be disposed of to the adjoining owners for amalgamation into their existing title.**
- **Change the classification/purpose of the reservation over part of the recreation reserve being Section 6 Survey Office Plan 351950 to local purpose reserve (esplanade) and to vest such part of the reserve in the Marlborough District Council.**
- **Revoke the reservation over part of the local purpose reserve (esplanade) being Sections 2, 3 and 4 Survey Office Plan 351950 and for these areas to be disposed of to the adjoining owners for amalgamation into their existing titles.**

**Carried**

**P.07/08.226** *FireControl*

**Marlborough District Council Rural Fire  
Management Plan** *F090-01*

Ross Hamilton, Emergency Manager sought re-approval of the Marlborough District Council's Rural Fire Management Plan.

In accordance with section 39 of the Forest and Rural Fire Regulations 2005, fire authorities must review their Rural Fire Management Plan not more than two years after the plan was first adopted and then every two years thereafter.

The Marlborough District Council's Rural Fire Management Plan was first adopted by Council under the new Forest and Rural Fire Regulations 2005, in September 2005.

The plan had undergone three minor changes relating to contact details, rest policies and training standards.

To ensure Council was eligible for grant assistance it was recommended that Council approve the plan which had been formulated in accordance with the requirements set down in the Forest and Rural Fire Regulations 2005.

**Clrs O'Sullivan/Maher:**

**That the Fire Plan for Marlborough District Council be approved for a further two years.**

**Carried**

**P.07/08.227**    *Water*

**Drinking Water Standards – Health  
(Drinking Water Amendment Act) W270-00**

Mark Wheeler's report to the Committee updated councillors on recent changes to the Bill (which has now been passed into law) and its expected impacts on Council.

Council submitted to the Health Select Committee in September 2006 expressing concerns with the Health (Drinking Water) Amendment Bill. Council has consistently submitted in opposition to aspects of the proposed tougher legislative regime from its inception some years prior to that.

The Select Committee considered a wide range of submissions and debated these at length. Of particular concern to many submitters were the forecast upgrade costs which were much greater nationally than originally estimated by Health officials. Amendments were recommended by the Select Committee, however, Council's submission concerns have not been altered by the amendments made.

In November 2006 the long awaited criteria for funding from the Drinking Water Assistance Programme was finalised. The fund includes \$117.8 million (excluding GST) over 10 years for capital project assistance to ensure safe drinking water (CAP). A supply must service less than 5000 people and have a deprivation index of greater than 4 to qualify. Once the pre-requisite Public Health Risk Management Plan, Sustainability Plan and supply optimisation analysis is completed a supplier can apply for CAP.

Nationally applications will be ranked so that the most deserving are funded first. Scores are given for ability to pay, supply size (smaller supplies score more highly) and public health risks. Funding will be allocated to applications from the highest scoring to the lowest until all funding for the application period (one year commencing 2006/07) is fully allocated.

Following consultation with Awatere community representatives and Council recommendations, staff have applied for CAP funding for an Awatere Water Supply Treatment System. To achieve maximum subsidy the application is based on achieving full compliance with the NZDWS. It is expected to be several months before a decision on Council's subsidy application is made.

A summary of Council schemes, water quality issues (real or a result of the amendment) and budgeted costs were presented to the meeting by Mark Wheeler.

The Committee supported a recommendation that staff include a Council subsidy of \$2 million in the draft budget for Awatere Water Treatment funded from the district at large except Clr Pat O'Sullivan. He stated that at a meeting he attended with Awatere residents, it was decided that a government subsidy be applied for first.

Mr Wheeler commented that the funding would be included in the draft budget for discussion at the February 2008 budget meeting with all other projects so that they can be prioritised.

**Clrs Hope/Maher:**

**1. That staff include a Council subsidy of \$2 million in the draft budget for Awatere Water Treatment funded from the district at large.**

2. **That priority be given to developing Public Health Risk Management Plans for Blenheim, Picton and Renwick and consultation on treatment costs and funding for Picton and Renwick continue.**

**Carried**

NOTE: Cllr Pat O'Sullivan voted against recommendation 1.

**P.07/08.228    *Services*                      **Grovetown/Spring                      Creek                      Sewerage**  
*S180-G01***

A report to consider Council assistance for the proposed Grovetown/Spring Creek Sewerage Scheme was presented to the Committee by Mark Wheeler. His report gave background information; along with design and costings.

Mr Wheeler reported that an option for Council to consider was to incorporate the upgraded Grovetown and Spring Creek Schemes within the Blenheim sewer rating area for ongoing operating and capital costs. This was done for Renwick and treats the area as part of one large network from a future operations viewpoint. On a \$138,000 (land value) property in Grovetown this would be an annual rate of \$373 (Blenheim Sewage Capital Works Rate and Blenheim Sewage Charges) and in Spring Creek the average \$93,000 (land value) property would pay \$311.

The effect of that using the cost estimates above is to eliminate the Operating Costs of \$947 per annum for Grovetown and the existing works rate and operating costs of \$460 for Spring Creek.

In summary, the Blenheim sewage charge would be less than the estimated annual operating costs by \$574 per property per annum in Grovetown and \$149 per property per annum in Spring Creek. This has a minor effect on Blenheim with its size and the extent of its costs (approximately \$92,300 per annum).

The Committee was advised that the Grovetown community in particular is very keen to get a sewerage scheme constructed. They are concerned at costs, but more concerned about the environmental and health impacts of the current unsatisfactory septic tank systems.

There are several applications before Council at present for residential subdivisions in Grovetown. Applicants are proposing "package" on-site treatment systems for these developments. Based on experience with some of these and the information obtained from the Pattle Delamore and Woodward-Clyde studies, Council is concerned that these systems may not produce acceptable results. They are also typically well in excess of the \$13,961 per property cost of a subsidised grinder pump network.

In the case of Spring Creek, the effluent discharge consent process is at an early stage. However, a five year resource consent term was proposed for the additional pond discharge before reticulating to Blenheim. There are also significant cost benefits to both communities in the joint project compared with other options to achieve high standards.

It was recommended that the Committee propose inclusion of a 50% subsidy from Council in the 2008/2009 Annual Plan Budgets to be further considered by Council in February 2008. Additionally, it was proposed that once a scheme was operational, the two communities be included in the Blenheim sewage rating area. This would give some certainty to the communities and enable meaningful consultation to progress.

Preliminary budgeting indicates that district wide funding sources - dividend income and property realisations - would be sufficient to provide this subsidy of \$2.4 million as a priority (with Awaterere water another high priority for assistance). A more complete picture could be considered during budget considerations in February 2008.

**Cllrs Hope/Weetman:**

1. **That staff include a Council subsidy of \$2.4 million in the draft budget for the Grovetown/Spring Creek Sewerage Project funded from the district at large.**
2. **That the budget also include the Blenheim sewerage rates and charges levied on Grovetown.**

**Carried**

ATTENDANCE: Stuart Donaldson, Planning and Development Engineer for the following three items.

**P.07/08.229    *Services*                      **Picton Sewerage**                      *S180-P03***

Stuart Donaldson reported that the existing outfall to Picton Harbour at Kaipupu Point is in poor condition and has failed several times in recent years. It has also been recognised the pipeline is under capacity. Council has budgeted for the replacement of the outfall.

Given the resource consent for the discharge from the Picton Sewage Treatment Plant (PSTP) expires in 2011, Council has decided to go through a process of identifying the issues and options and consulting with the community before deciding on a course of upgrading. A resource consent application must take account of the whole sewerage scheme and alternative options for discharge which includes application to land.

Mr Donaldson advised a consultative working group (CWG) has been established. The group includes organisations from a wide cross section of the Picton and Waikawa community and also the Queen Charlotte Sound. The current study and planning is limited to the outfall and the trunk sewer network, including pump stations and treatment.

Consultant CH2M Beca has completed two reports to date; ie; Picton Sewerage Upgrading, and Picton Sewage Treatment Plant – Briefing Report on Effluent Disposal Options. The latter report was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and the sewerage upgrading report was summarised in Stuart Donaldson's report to the Committee. The main issues with the current scheme were also reported on in his report, along with options.

The Committee was informed that a long-term approach had been taken to upgrade proposals. Depending on the future rate of growth, this could be a 70 year or more timeframe. There are complications determining the current population and it was estimated that the number of people in town in the summer holiday period could increase over that normally resident by a third.

The population figures provided to Beca were conservatively high, which would have led to upgrading proposals being earlier than they would likely be needed. The sewage treatment plant could be upgraded at modest cost to increase capacity to keep pace with growth before a full duplication of the process is needed. New technologies are being investigated. Indicative capital cost estimates for disposal, ie; outfall or land treatment, are – sea outfall - \$1.9M to \$5.4M; and land treatment - \$12M to \$30M. Trunk sewer, pump station, storage and treatment upgrading is estimated to cost \$19.4M over six years with additional major treatment upgrading beyond that (in the order of 15 years out).

For reasons of affordability, it was probable the upgrading would have to be done over a longer timeframe.

**Clrs Weetman/Maher:**  
**That the report be received.**

**Carried**

It was reported by Stuart Donaldson that at its meeting on 28 April 2005, the Assets and Services Committee recommended (subsequently approved by Council) that the Riverlands Irrigation Scheme be extended in the Redwood Pass Road area, subject to a number of conditions.

Since then staff have designed the extension, obtained a new resource consent U070295 (expires May 2014) to include the land to be irrigated and provided landowners draft agreements, easement documents and estimated costs.

Staff have re-designed the scheme to take account of the change in landowners indicating they wish to join the scheme. Capital cost is in the order of \$8,300 per hectare (GST excl). The revised design means a change in the planned pipeline route which will mean changes in easements and agreement needed for crossing SH 1 and rail.

Although the resource consent to take water from the Hardings Road (ex-PPCS) wells expires in 2014, the Malthouse Road well take consent expires 30 June 2009.

Malthouse is the primary source for the Riverlands and Cloudy Bay industrial areas, with the Hardings Road wells acting as back-up and to supplement Malthouse in the vintage period. If the Malthouse Road resource consent could not be renewed in 2009 or was renewed at a lesser rate of abstraction, Council would need to take more water from the Hardings Road wells thereby potentially limiting the irrigation output. The original part of the scheme had a five year agreement.

Landowners wishing to join the scheme extension have been advised of these limitations and furthermore it has been stated that it may be that in the future the irrigation scheme supplies treated pond effluent rather than groundwater.

It is proposed to offer this extension for a term ending 1 May 2014 subject to (amongst other things) resource consents.

There are other landowners in the general area interested in water or treated effluent for irrigation, therefore if treated pond effluent was available to a standard that it could be used for irrigation, it is likely the design would be for a greater flow and larger pipes would be installed.

Staff will consider the implications of future potential use of treated effluent on the sizing of pipes in this scheme and report to the committee prior to tendering construction.

**Mayor Sowman/Clr Maher:**

- 1. That Council continue with the proposal to extend the Riverlands Irrigation Scheme towards Redwood Pass, Utawai Creek area provided there is sufficient interest from landowners and if the users meet the operating cost to construct the works.**
- 2. That any extension to the scheme be subject to resource consents being obtained and the District Solicitor's approval of the agreement between landowners and Council.**

**Carried**

Stuart Donaldson advised the Committee that a new resource consent for discharge from the Seddon Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) was granted on 4 July 2007. Although the consent does not expire until 31 July 2017, there are specific conditions requiring investigations and increased monitoring. These investigations and increased monitoring will require expenditure which is not currently budgeted.

A flow meter is required to be installed on the pond discharge. This will cost in the order of \$6,000.



The low water pressure problems occurred when demand exceeded approximately 430 cubic metres per day. The peak daily demand over the summer 2006/07 was approx 7 cubic metres per property. If those figures were used as a guide the maximum number of properties that could be connected is 60.

**Clrs Maher/O'Sullivan:**

- 1. That the moratorium remain in place until after the March water meter readings and if demand continues at the lower levels and properties do not have very low water pressure during peak demand the moratorium can be lifted.**
- 2. That after lifting the moratorium Council limit the total number of connections that can be made to the Wairau Valley Water Supply to 60 connections until additional demand information from using water meters is available which supports further connections being made or the network is upgraded.**

**Carried**

**P.07/08.233    *Services*                      **Out of District Sewer Connection Request  
for Lot 1 of Resource Consent U070918  
S180-01****

Stephen Rooney reported that Council had received a request for an out of district sewer connection to serve Lot 1 of resource consent U070918. This is a three lot subdivision; the other two lots have existing sewer and water connections.

The sewer is proposed to pass through the right of way to Queen Charlotte Drive, connecting to the main opposite the 'Lookout'. Mr Rooney advised that an additional connection in this location would not affect the capacity for neighbouring properties nor the sewer network.

The sewer connection from the main to the property boundary would remain in the ownership of the property. As such any maintenance required of that section of pipe would be the property owner's responsibility.

The owner would be required to obtain a licence to occupy road reserve and a road opening notice before the connection was installed. The installation would be completed by contractors employed by the property owner. Their construction method would be required to meet Council's Subdivision Code of Practice. The owner would meet all costs. Picton sewer upgrade levies would apply.

The new lot is outside of the Picton water supply area. Water sources for Picton do not have capacity to meet any additional demand outside of the existing supply area, as such Council would not approve out of district water connections in Picton and Waikawa.

The subdivider advises the property would source water from rainfall.

**Clrs Weetman/Maher:**

- 1. That a 100 mm sewer connection be approved for the new lot.**
- 2. That the sewer upgrade levies of \$5,461.00 (GST incl) (CCI June 2007) per site be paid. The amount to be paid will be recalculated to the current CCI figure at time of payment.**

**NB: This is the value of the proposed Picton sewer levy as calculated for 2008 as part of the subdivision levy review.**

- 3. That prior to installation the property owner gain a road occupation licence for the portion of sewer which will be in road reserve and a road opening notice to complete the construction.**

4. **That construction is to meet Council's Subdivision Code of Practice and a plan and long section at appropriate scales is to be submitted for approval prior to construction commencing.**
5. **That the proposed lot pay sewer rates as per Council's out of district connections rating policy.**

**Carried**

**P.07/08.234    *Services*                      **Out of District Sewer Connections for  
Lots 5 & 8 DP 3176 and Lot 1 DP 323439 – Moana View  
Road, Waikawa S180-01****

The abovementioned property is subject to resource consent U070214 which is for a three lot subdivision.

A request had been received to connect to the Waikawa Sewer reticulation for one new lot with the second lot being serviced by an out of district connection already. The proposed connection would be to the existing sewer service line within the ROW. No new connection to the sewer mains would be required therefore no sewer connection fee.

There is deemed to be no impact to the sewer reticulation network or existing users by the addition of this connection. Both Picton and Waikawa sewer upgrade levies would be applicable to this property.

It was noted that there is a moratorium on out of district water connections in the Waikawa area due to capacity issues. No out of district water connections can be granted until such time as this is lifted. The effect of this is that the applicant would need to establish a private water supply.

**Clrs Weetman/Hope:**

1. **That a 100mm diameter sewer connection be allowed to the new lot.**
2. **That sewer network upgrade levy of \$5,461 incl GST (CCI June 2007) per site be paid; the amount to be paid will be recalculated to the current CCI figure at the time of payment. NB: This is the value of the proposed Picton sewer levy as calculated for 2008 as part of the subdivision levy review.**
3. **That the proposed lot pay sewer rates as per Council out of district rating policy.**

**Carried**

**ATTENDANCE:** Willi Borst, Solid Waste Manager for the following item.

**P.07/08.235    *Recycling*                      **Kerbside Recycling – Issues and Options  
W090-10****

It was reported by Willi Borst that in May 2007 Council engaged Good Earth Matters (GEM) Consulting Limited to investigate the options available for the delivery of a kerbside recyclables collection. She advised there are many different collection and handling methods employed in the resource recovery industry with a wide range of associated costs.

Access to 'drop-off' recycling facilities in Marlborough will soon be much improved with the upcoming commissioning of the Resource Recovery Centre in Wither Road. This facility will also in time provide the storage, sorting and baling infrastructure needed for efficient delivery of a kerbside collection.

The GEM report examines the feasibility of a collection in Blenheim and Picton to coincide with the current blue bag collection, as well as examining the feasibility of establishing collections throughout wider Marlborough. The recyclable materials included in the study are: paper, cardboard, plastics (only 1 and 2),

glass bottles, aluminium cans and steel cans. Greenwaste and putrescibles were not included. The report also briefly describes emerging issues in the resource recovery industry such as Health and Safety factors and Energy (carbon) footprints.

For a collection of residual rubbish and recyclables in Blenheim and Picton the estimated costs range from \$10,000 to \$30,000 per week. This equates to between \$39 and \$117 per household per year. The \$39 method involves continuing with rubbish bags for residual waste and using plastic supermarket bags for recyclables, whereas the \$117 method involves a 120 litre wheelie bin for residual waste and crates for recyclables.

Cost estimates for the outlying urban centres throughout Blenheim typically show that those communities with significant travel time to and from Blenheim are those which are more expensive to service.

**Clrs O'Sullivan/Maher:**

**That Council conduct a consultation process in the first half of 2008 to ascertain:**

- 1. The level of kerbside collection service (and associated cost) which the residents of Blenheim and Picton/Waikawa would be comfortable with.**
- 2. The level of kerbside collection service (and associated cost) which the residents of the wider Marlborough urban centres would be comfortable with.**

**Carried**

**P.07/08.236 Cemeteries Upper Wairau Cemetery C045-04**

The Upper Wairau cemetery is situated on the Waihopai Valley Road and is administered by a Board of Trustees. By Gazette Notice dated 21 September 1993 Council was delegated to appoint and remove trustees for the cemetery.

Current trustees are Alex MacIntyre, Michael Newman, Graham Brooks, Cynthia Brooks, Myles Emanuel, Linton Miller and Christopher Newcombe.

The trustees sought approval for the appointment of a further trustee to assist ongoing cemetery operations as Michael Newman has now retired as a trustee since he is now living out of the district.

They proposed as an appointee Jeffrey Hammond. His family has been in the district for a very long time. He will soon be living near the cemetery and has offered the use of his farm machinery and other assets to help with the working bees and general maintenance.

**Clrs O'Sullivan/Maher:**

- 1. That the information about the retirement of Michael Newman be noted.**
- 2. That Council appoint Jeffrey Hammond as an additional trustee on the Upper Wairau Cemetery Board of Trustees, such appointee being pursuant to s24 Burial and Cremations Act 1964.**

**Carried**

**ATTENDANCE:** Annie McDonald, Education Officer for the following item.

**P.07/08.237 WasteMgmt Sustainable Living Programme W090-03**

Annie McDonald reported that information has been provided to the committee in the past about Council's involvement in the Sustainable Living Programme. The arrangement is that the Marlborough District Council

acts as the lead agency on behalf of other participating councils. There is a contract in place with the Ministry for the Environment recording Council's involvement.

**Clrs Weetman/Brice:**

**That authority be given for Council to act as the lead authority in the Sustainable Living Programme conducted under the auspices of the Ministry for the Environment.**

**Carried**

ATTENDANCE: Brin Williman, Rivers and Drainage Engineer for the following four items.

**P.07/08.238      *Rivers*                      **Taylor and Lower Opawa Rivers Weed  
Cleaning**                                      *R780-02 & R780-04***

It was reported that the Rivers and Drainage Engineer is required to report annually to Council regarding weed removal operations in the Taylor River of the prior 12 months any issues encountered and thus to refine proposed works for the coming year. It was opportune to cover all maintenance activities including the town streams.

A comprehensive report was presented to Council on 22 April 2004 regarding habitat values siltation, weed growth, and works operations and techniques with a further brief report in November 2004. Further works reviews were undertaken in September 2005 and October 2006 and results of maintenance activities to date were reviewed in Rivers Development Engineer, Roger Fitzgerald's report to the Committee.

**Clrs O'Sullivan/Maher:**

**That the report be received.**

**Carried**

**P.07/08.239      *Rivers*                                      **Wairau Flood Early October**                                      *R765-01***

In a report presented by Brin Williman, Rivers and Drainage Engineer, approval was sought for flood damage repair funding to river control works due to October Wairau floods. The recommended repair works were costed at \$240,000.

Mr Williman also gave a report on the lower Wairau pumping stations and hydrological monitoring. In the latter matter he advised that a recently purchased NIWA flood forecasting model based on rainfall was used to predict the expected flood size. Being based on headwater rainfall it should give a 24 hour advance warning.

The model predicted a flow of 2400 m<sup>3</sup>/sec for the Wairau at Tuamarina. This is 40% higher than the 1750 m<sup>3</sup>/sec flow that actually occurred. He remarked that the result was disappointing, and they would continue working with NIWA to try to fine tune the model.

The recently purchased (\$40,000) flow gauging equipment was used to measure the flow, which proved highly successful. The flow was gauged on separate occasions by 'double' gaugings of the Diversion and lower Wairau from the Rarangi and Dicks Road road bridges. The gaugings were at 1620, 860 and 490 m<sup>3</sup>/sec.

The flow gauging of 1620 m<sup>3</sup>/sec – close to the peak – was one of the highest gaugings ever carried out. With the new equipment the logistics of doing so were remarkably easy, and the total 'double' gauging was done by two men in only three hours without any prior organisation of cumbersome equipment as had previously been the case.

**Cirs Hope/Weetman:**

- 1. That Council approve \$240,000 from the flood emergency reserve to fund repair works.**
- 2. That Council note the continuing effort put into hydrological monitoring of floods.**

**Carried**

**P.07/08.240    *Rivers*                      **Annual Drainage Report 2006/07    R585-01****

Steve Bezar, Drainage and Floodways Reserves Officer prepares an annual drainage report. His report for the 2006/07 year, which will be circulated to interested parties, was presented by Brin Williman.

**Cirs Weetman/Maher:**

**That the report be received.**

**Carried**

**ATTENDANCE:** Rosie Bartlett, Reserves and Amenities Manager.

**P.07/08.241    *Reserves*                      **Restriction of Vehicles in the Taylor  
Riverbed Upstream of Burleigh Bridge  
R495-T01****

A report, prepared by Rosie Bartlett and Brin Williman proposed controls on motor vehicle access to the Taylor River above Burleigh Bridge to reduce risks to walkers and cyclists.

Brin Williman advised that Council manages river control reserve land from the Burleigh Bridge for 3 km upstream. The width of the river control land and LINZ river bed is typically 500 metres but this varies considerably. The width of land needed for river control purposes is now considerably less than historically. This is due to the detention dam having reduced flood flows, gravel extraction and other river control works. Over the years some of the land has been leased out but the majority has been left virtually as waste land.

Most recently (over the last 2 years) Council has been carrying out controlled gravel extraction so as to confine the flood flows to a central approx 50 metre wide channel. On the flanking berms surplus clay and soil has been brought in, spread over it and planted with grass. The overall result is much more attractive; it no longer looks like waste land and is being increasingly used by the public for recreation.

There is quite an area of reserve land. Decisions on land use for much of this land still needs careful consideration. A long term vision for the Taylor River is to have a Dam to Ocean connection with walkway/cycleway paths stretching the length of the Taylor and Opawa Rivers. While this will require a robust management plan including the challenge of affordable staging, ongoing policy will need to be created as development continues.

The continued increase of use by members of the public of the Lower Taylor River is creating pressure on exit points and undeveloped areas of the Upper Taylor River. Those using the lower section are continuing their journey through the Burleigh area into the Upper Taylor creating conflict and hazards for existing users of this upper area such as cars, 4WDs and, to a lesser extent, the Riverside Railway. This is of concern for both the Rivers and Reserves Sections staff.

The danger is primarily from the increasing trend for 4WDs and older cars to use this area as a race-track/obstacle course. It is common now to see 4WD vehicles hurtling through the water at speed, or suddenly appearing over the top of the stop bank, startling pedestrians/walkers etc. Younger user groups are taking old 'paddock-racers' down to the Reserve in increasing numbers and racing them around the general

area. This has seen at least eight cases of cars being dumped on the reserve this year. Overnight camping which often is associated with dumping (see photos) is now occurring more regularly on the Reserve.

The Reserves Ranger stops offending vehicles whenever he comes across them however the increasing amount of vehicle use in the reserve suggests that this is insufficient and a more formal policy statement and action is required.

Trail bikes going up and down the riverbed – sometimes at high speed – are also a problem. They like to use the sawdust pit “area”, along with utilising the whole riverbed area. The six hectare area of “sawdust pit” land has been used by motorcyclists for many years, but there is no formalised Council decision regarding this use.

The trail bikes have been the cause of fires in the sawdust ignited by contact with the hot exhausts of the bikes. These fires can smoulder in the sawdust for days requiring several trips each summer by fire crews to control – all at cost to Council. This regularly happens every summer. The New Zealand Fire Service volunteers have asked Council to consider removal of the sawdust due to the resources required to control the fires and the risk of those fires spreading.

With stone and gravel progressively becoming mixed in with the sawdust there is less difference in the surface provided compared to the gravel riverbed. Observations have been that the area is used more by experienced riders at high speed rather than learners.

If an area was required for learner motorcyclists, a lesser area would be acceptable. One preferable site for a smaller area is off Wither Road beside the Transfer Station. Here access to and from the site could be easier to control by a fenced off dedicated track without conflict with walkers and cyclists.

When this issue was last considered by Council there were few other trail bike options available. Since then, the Diversion has been made available for trail bikes and the Motocross Club has developed tracks and learner facilities in co-operation with a Northbank farmer. Overall it was considered that motorbikes should generally be excluded from the Taylor Riverbed Reserve.

With regard to the current sawdust pit area it was desirable that the sawdust be scraped up into stockpiles which would be fenced off. The cost of scraping up was estimated at \$10,000. There were possibilities that this could later be sold if there was a market.

Proposed actions were presented and discussed by the Committee.

**Cls Maher/Weetman:**

- 1. That cars, 4WDs, motor cycles and other vehicles be prohibited on River Control Reserve and LINZ riverbed upstream of Burleigh Bridge; exceptions must be pre-approved by Council.**
- 2. That the sawdust in the sawdust pit area be scraped off and stockpiled into a fenced-off area.**
- 3. That a new small learner motorcycle area be created close to Wither Road.**
- 4. That Council uses signs, barriers and bollarded car parks to implement this policy.**
- 5. That consultation with affected parties be carried out to determine details of the proposals.**

**Carried**

**P.07/08.242** *Reserves*

**Chilean Needle Grass – Endeavour Park**

*R505-E01*

Rosie Bartlett reported that in March 2007 top soil from a farm property at Blind River possibly contaminated with seeds of CNG was trucked to Endeavour Park for formation of the upper sports field.

On becoming aware of this potential weed contamination council contracted AgResearch to carry out thorough botanical and soil seed bank surveys to determine if Chilean needle grass had established in the playing field and surrounds or was present in the soil. No CNG plants or seeds were found in the playing fields, its surrounds or soil stockpile areas.

CNG is a very poor competitor with other more vigorous grasses which will be promoted with good turf management. AgResearch has recommended that the area is managed with appropriate mowing, irrigation and fertilising practices. AgResearch has been contracted to undertake a further inspection; if those are also clear a very low probability of infestation would be confirmed.

Irrigation of the area will need to be carefully designed and managed given water capacity issues in Picton/Waikawa. It was considered that irrigation could only occur until restrictions are needed across the water scheme. At that point irrigation would stop and the level of service could be maintained to existing users. It could also be necessary to have controls on instantaneous flow to the irrigation system (eg; irrigate in grids rather than across the whole site).

Staff are considering the recovery of costs from the soil supplier.

**Cls Hope/Maher:**

**That Council accept AgResearch's recommendations and implement appropriate management of the area.**

**Carried**

**P.07/08.243** *Reserves*

**International Charter for Walking –  
Recommendation to Sign Charter** *R505-10*

The International Charter for Walking was set up by John Butcher in 1999 and identifies the needs of people on foot and provides a common framework to help authorities refocus their existing policies, activities and relationships to create a culture where people choose to walk.

This charter was signed by The Minister of Transport, Honourable Annette King on behalf of the government at the Living Streets Conference in November last year. It is being promoted by Living Streets Aotearoa, a national organisation that promotes the benefits of walking for transport and leisure, and advocates for pedestrian-friendly streets and communities.

Signing of this charter by the Marlborough District Council was endorsed at the Bike Walk Marlborough Group at its August meeting. It was believed that this was another opportunity for Council and Marlborough Roads to build on the Cycle Walk Strategy, the Access and Mobility Forum and other Council initiatives, whilst working with other community stakeholders to achieve high quality public spaces and a healthy, efficient and socially inclusive and sustainable community.

**Cls Maher/Weetman:**

**That Council pass a resolution to adopt the International Charter for Walking by signing the document presented and sending a copy to Living Street NZ for listing on their website.**

**Carried**

**P.07/08.244 Council Information Package** -

The Information Package for the Assets and Services Committee dated 22 November 2007 and circulated separately was received and noted.

**P.07/08.245 Public Exclud Decision to Conduct Business with the Public Excluded**

**Clr Weetman/Mayor Sowman**

**That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:**

- Land purchase – Giffords/Jeffries Roads
- Leeds Quay

**The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:**

<b>General Subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>
<b>Land Purchase – Giffords/Jeffries Roads  Leeds Quay</b>	<b>In order to protect the privacy of natural persons, as provided for under Section 7(2)(a).</b>	<b>That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under Section 7 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.</b>

**Carried**

The meeting closed at 12.30 pm.

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