

Notes from Meeting –12 February 2024 – KCSRA, Council and Marlborough Roads – HQ Marlborough Roads at 2.00pm.

Kenepuru Road - Operational roading matters and other roading recovery related matters

Attendees; Amanda Smith, Andrew Adams, (MR), Andrew Caddie, Kevin Bright, Richard Stewart, Alistair Cameron (KCSRA) – Richard Coningham (MDC), Steve Murrin (secondment to MDC from NZTA) - Councillors Raylene Innes, Ben Minehan.

Virtually - Scott Watson, Stefan Schulz, Adrian Harvey (KCSRA).

Apologies: Marianne Aitken (MDC recovery manager), Councillors Brian Dawson and Barbara Fauls.

Introduction: The purpose of the meeting was to discuss various operational Kenepuru roading matters. KCSRA had prepared and circulated an agenda earlier as well as a revised WIP Register spread sheet showing various work operations/event sites and colour coded as to state of progress (red no progress, green completed or nearly so etc).

What follows is not necessarily in chronological order and attempts to focus on outcomes.

A. Discussion and Review of WIP Register

1. Stefan Schulz was able, remotely, to post the WIP Register spread sheet up on the video screen and Richard Stewart guided the meeting through it, noting that the intent of the WIP Register was to assist all parties by enabling consolidation of matters into a central location, smoother communication and monitoring of progress on matters set out in the Register.

Review and discussion of the latest version of the WIP Register followed. What follows is comment on some selected items. Richard will circulate a revised WIP spread sheet in due course.

2. **Location Details:** As a general comment KCSRA agreed it would continue to endeavour to find and insert more precise RP location points on some of the older site matters and going forward. Andrew Adams noted the exercise of better marking culvert locations was about to commence in the Kenepuru. This development was welcomed by KCSRA.

3. **December follow-up Field Visit:** The meeting noted with great regret the departure from MR of Lucan Orchard. However prior to his departure he had met with Alastair Cameron and Richard Stewart on 14 December to follow up on various matters arising from the last (23 November) meeting. Richard confirmed these matters were entered into the WIP spread sheet as appropriate.

4. Portage/Torea Bay road Drop Out Repair: Andrew Adams confirmed that the contract for this work had been let to Glacier Holdings Ltd (a Mr Fergusson was the principal). Andrew noted that the contractor would shortly supply a construction program with work commencing, hopefully, in early March. Andrew advised the complete tender pricing had resulted in some keenly priced bids. Andrew noted that as GH was a new Contractor for the area. Andrew assured the meeting that very careful due diligence had been insisted on. WSP (the consultant designer engineers) would be providing regular supervision over the projected 10-week construction period. KCSRA welcomed this development and stressed the positive impact that work beginning on repairing this July 2021 storm event site would engender in road users.

5. Soloman Event Site: The meeting noted with approval that the contractor (Leslie brothers) had commenced repair work on this site.

6. Island point – line 51: Richard appraised the meeting that this important road safety device for a tricky corner – a concave mirror that had been installed on this site as agreed at the last meeting - had been hit by a vehicle, snapped off and disappeared. Discussion ensued. KCSRA made some suggestions, as to how the replacement safety mirror could be slightly better located with a steel pole. Duly noted by Steve. Scott also noted that the mirror whilst much appreciated but reiterated the need for a bund at the northern end of the slip to further improve safety outcomes.

7. Titirangi Road condition- line 68: Following a road inspection by Alistair and Richard in this area, strong concerns were raised by KCSRA at the parlous state of the road Alistair noted the unreasonable consequential difficulties locals were experiencing getting kids to school etc. Discussion ensued. Steve agreed that this section of the network was not a good advertisement for the JV in terms of BAU delivery. MR would be meeting with the FH HEBs JV next week to try and sort this matter out and confirm a remedial work program.

8. Deteriorating seal past the Heads. Vigorous discussion occurred as to the poor state (potholes, breaking up etc) of this section of the seal completed only a few years back with a special area rate contribution. Steve advised that a complicating factor here was the lack of a proper pavement leading to a more rapid deterioration. Steve noted the financial costs of maintaining seal in locations like this was such that strong consideration was been given to letting this section “revert “ to gravel.

This advice met with significant concern and alarm from KCSRA. Stefan made the point that the so-called savings needed to be offset against the expense of properly turning this section back to gravel. Just letting it revert was a road real safety concern for users. Scott pushed back on the stated average cost of gravel (\$1500 per km) v’s seal (\$8000 per km) maintenance figures posited. Scott also noted it seemed a waste of the investment by Council and local ratepayers in putting this section into seal. After more discussion Steve noted a decision had yet to be made by Council. KCSRA to discuss further.

Councillors confirmed that the current Kenepuru Road rate would cease as from July 2024.

9. Seal repair Program - Lower Kenepuru road: Steve and Andrew announced that a program of seal repairs from at least Linkwater to Portage (around 62 repairs) using the road recovery budget was being prepared for open tender. Work expected to be underway by Easter. This would include addressing the trenches left by the like of the culvert repair program. KCSRA noted it was very pleased to be advised of this encouraging development for smoother, safer travel on the road.

10. Agenda Item Four – Stage three road recovery work planning: Steve's advice that around \$15 million was left from the stage 1 (the July 2021 event budget) and stage 2 (the non of Sounds road recovery work budget) and moves were underway to use that on the critical repair list eg water tank and two sites in Moetapu road - was greeted with applause by KCSRA. Steve cautioned that this reallocation was still subject to NZTA/WK approval. He was hopeful that would be forthcoming shortly.

Councillors were open to discussing the work of the Long Term Plan Working Group and thinking around ratepayer contributions to stage three funding. Steve also noted that the public road shows re consultation with the public as to how Council sees setting ratepayer contributions to fund its share of the stage three Road Repair (29 %) and Road improvement (49 %) program. Steve advised that public consultation meetings would most likely commence around mid April (16 April).

Andrew Caddie thanked Steve and Councillors for raising this. Andrew **emphasised** KCSRA was also keen to have this conversation with Sounds Ward Councillors around the thinking of the Councils Long Term Plan Working Group but suggested that not at this venue right now as time was marching on. The KCSRA focus for this meeting was on getting clarity on progress by MR re completing detailed planning, design and cost estimates following the last meeting's update. Andrew Adams and Steve provided that clarity by advising this work was about 85 % complete and early March should see it finished. Discussion ensued as to aspects of detail. KCSRA saw this progress as most encouraging.

11. Agenda Item 5 – General business- Staff Changes: Amanda Smith noted that, in terms of MR staffing changes, in addition to Lucan's departure the other MR Network Manager (Haidee Soares) had also resigned. Amanda advised the recruitment process was underway and a number of encouraging applications had been received.

In terms of staff changes at the HEBs /FH JV one of the JV Recovery team (Mr T Allen) had left and been replaced by a Mr R Lobker. KCSRA expressed a wish to meet with the JV's BAYU manager. However, Amanda advised no such position currently exists in the FH/HEBs JV structure. After discussion, Steve offered that perhaps it might be useful if he could see if a senior manager from FH could attend a future meeting to discuss KCSRA desire to see BAU delivery enhanced. The meeting agreed this was a good idea and Steve would enquire further. KCSRA indicated its willingness to assist here if required.

The meeting concluded at 3.15 pm.

Andrew Caddie -President KCSRA