

## **Notes from Meeting –23 October 2024 – KCSRA, Council and Marlborough Roads – HQ Marlborough Roads at 11.00am.**

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

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**Attendees;** Steve Murrin (secondment to MDC from NZTA), Amanda Smith (MR - Principal Network Manager), Andrew Adams (MR- MDC Project Manager), Jim Galloway (MRRT project manager on secondment from FH)), Andrew Caddie, Scott Watson, Richard Stewart, (KCSRA) –, Vivien Bell (Communications) and Hani Faraj (Kenepuru Recovery Zone Manager- FH).

**Virtually –** Stefan Schulz (KCSRA) - Councillors Raylene Innes and Barbara Faulls joined part way through the meeting.

**Apologies:** Richard Coningham (MDC), Alistair Cameron, Kevin Bright (KCSRA), and Councillors Ben Minehan and Brian Dawson.

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

Scott Watson took the chair and opened the meeting by welcoming Jim, Hani and Vivien and making the appropriate introductions. What follows is not necessarily in chronological order and attempts to focus on outcomes.

**1. Update re Torea Bay Barge/Boat ramp revamp:** Steve Murrin advised - the design work from Shearwater Ltd (J. Duffy) was 90% complete and looking good; on site Iwi consultation was set down for early November; prefabrication work would hopefully start prior to Xmas; rock to be sourced and shipped in: commencement of on site construction work targeted for post Waitangi weekend. Scott requested a copy of the latest design and Steve agreed to supply.

**2. Discussion and Review of WIP Register:** Richard Stewart and Scott took the meeting through various line items of the latest version of the WIP spread sheet. Scott noted the number of line items was considerably reduced due to the removal of completed matters. Richard noted the clean up on Torea Road following the slips resulting from the recent heavy rain had been done competently and quickly and thanked Steve accordingly.

KCSRA noted with approval the advice that Hani was combining the role of BAU manager from Linkwater to the Heads with his zone recovery repair role. Hani was asked to supply and input any comments on the WIP register using the link and let Richard know. In relation to the line item concerning the replacement convex mirror, Steve hoped this would happen in November. Scott reinforced the importance of the

maxim that preventative maintenance was better and cheaper than waiting till the road needed repair.

Some discussion, led by Richard, took place around a concern that the floating dock at Portage Jetty was no longer floating and needed some digger work to clear the accumulation of gravel/mud around the piles. Steve noted this may require a resource consent application (earthworks in the sensitive foreshore and sea bed area) and agreed to check the Jetty consent conditions to see if they extended to cover this type of proactive maintenance work.

KCSRA also noted that the contractor (Mr Ferguson) working on the Torea/Portage drop out site was doing a good job and fitted in well with the community.

Councillors Faulls and Innes joined the meeting about this point.

**3. MR/JV BAU Maintenance Schedule:** This was being prepared by Hani and would be supplied to KCSRA. Some discussion took place around the need to communicate re these works noting the idea of regular drop in sessions on a rotating basis at Portage and Linkwater raised at the last meeting by Steve.

**4. Update re implementation of Phase Three Kenepuru Road Recovery works:** The meeting acknowledged that it was great that the NZTA and Council funding for Phase Three was now confirmed and all were looking forward to preparing and implementing a program of recovery repair road works for the Kenepuru.

Jim Galloway gave an overview of the work taking place, stressing that Construction would lead design – this philosophy met with strong approval from Scott. Jim noted that the identification of complex, simple sites was well advanced, as was the development of a program of works. Jim stressed the size of the task ahead given the number of event sites.

Steve took the meeting through the proposed approach to matters by way of a screen presentation using “Scott’s Corner “ as an example. From this work a package of design and construction program would be prepared, allocated a job number and inserted into the GIS database. KCSRA noted with approval that this approach seemed real progress.

MR confirmed that the initial works would target high profile sites like Portage Heights and design work would hopefully be completed by Xmas. Jim would supply more detail at the next meeting.

**5. Liaison with KCSRA representatives via on site meetings:** KCSRA confirmed that Scott and Richard would be the initial liaison people for onsite catch ups with Hani. Steve suggested that as he and Hani were going out to the Kenepuru for a field visit next week be great if Richard could be present. KCSRA was hoping that a useful outcome from the liaison with KCSRA was the MRRT team seeing KCSRA (Richard) as a useful on site resource. Steve would arrange for Hani’s details to be circulated.

## 6. Other Business

**6.1: Waitari Wharf Repair:** Steve confirmed the resource consent for the repair had been notified. MR suggested a supportive submission from KCSRA would be most useful. Scott took the meeting through a proposed design enhancement. Steve suggested this be attached to the KCSRA consent submission. KCSRA agreed.

**6.2 Road use - Health and Safety issues:** Some discussion led by KCSRA took place over road safety concerns some road users were expressing in relation to speeding contractor vehicles/trucks - KCSRA noting locals were not immune from criticism on this front. Jim wondered if KCSRA had a log of such events noting how this would fit into the H & S triangle approach. KCSRA advised it did not keep a log of such events. KCSRA suggested that it might be timely for MR to use an educative approach and reinforce a “slow down” communication to all the contractors. **Agreed.**

Some discussion led by Richard took place re the H and S concerns raised by various “blind corners “on narrow road areas and the need to bring forward remedial repair works for these areas. Hani and Richard to look at this on next weeks site visit. Pothole maintenance would also be covered.

**6.3 Weather Event coming? :** KCSRA noted the concerning rain forecast for the coming long weekend and sought assurances that MR was getting ready for it. Supplied. Stefan suggested that some thought be given to advising Contractor vehicles not be parked on the soft seaward side of the road in anticipation of heavy rain events.

**6.4 Vandalism of Road Signs:** Barbara raised the recent spate of road sign vandalism. Andrew Adams noted some 16 signs had been knocked down from about Mahau Rd turn off to Linkwater and this represented a real expense. Barbara was sure someone would have an idea of who the culprit was. Scott agreed that this flagrant vandalism, albeit by only one individual, was never the less a most unfortunate look for the Kenepuru community at large. Perhaps some more camera placements might be a good idea. Steve confirmed the Police had been notified.

**6.5 Update from MR re basic road maintenance schedule:** Amanda took the meeting through a screen presentation as to the program of upcoming basic road maintenance activities (mowing and grading operations) in the Kenepuru. Hani and Amanda would meet to coordinate their respective maintenance operations. Raylene asked Amanda if she and Barbara could meet to discuss this and related matters at another time. Agreed.

**5.6 Access to Kenepuru road by Public:** Steve confirmed that the target to open up the road prior to Xmas was still seen as viable. Steve noted length and weight restrictions would still remain in place notwithstanding the easing of access restrictions for some time. Steve confirmed irregular longer, heavier vehicle access would be considered on a case-by-case basis via a permit system.

The meeting concluded at 11.56 am.

Andrew Caddie - President KCSRA