

Extract from KRC minutes of meeting held May 7th 2006;

Funding of the causeway and ford access to the beach.

Ron Voss presented a brief history of the development of the causeway and ford. He noted that all the development and maintenance costs have so far been met by residents' voluntary labour, donated machinery and materials and fundraising by the Koitiata residents.

As more and more visitors and tourists come to Koitiata, lured by easy access to the beach, residents feel that the RDC should cover the on-going maintenance costs of up-keeping the causeway and ford, which are estimated at \$500 per annum. Volunteer labour would continue to be provided by Koitiata residents. Residents have unsuccessfully sought financial assistance from the RDC twice before.

Councillor Jill Strugnell replied. She explained that in response to a survey of Koitiata residents conducted last year, \$61,000 has been allocated in the Draft Long Term Council Community Plan (DLTCCP) to building a permanent causeway and ford crossing for Koitiata. She pointed out that residents had to understand that this new funding would be generated through rates increases.

She suggested that the Residents' Committee use the DLTCCP Submission process to express their short term and long term funding needs.

Peter Fraser noted that the Council would need to consult with Horizons, DOC, land transport and iwi before any decision was made on allocation of funds for a permanent structure. He added that it was unlikely that DOC would agree, given the expectation that the lagoon will dry up within the next five years.

Motion.

That if the Council ever did allocate the \$61,000 for the construction of a permanent causeway and crossing, that the cost would be levied across all Rangitikei District ratepayers, and that the sub-committee prepare a separate submission to this effect.