
MINUTES
of the
STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
held
9.30 am, Thursday, 4 March 2021
at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

Present: Cr K Maling (Chair), Cr C Hill (Deputy Chair), Crs D McNamara, S Bryant, D Ogilvie, C Butler, T Tuffnell, A Turley, B Dowler, T Walker, C Mackenzie, D Wensley (Via Zoom)

In Attendance: Motueka Community Board Member Armstrong, Community Development Manager (S Edwards), Engineering Services Manager (R Kirby), Acting Strategy and Policy Manager (J Neame), Activity Planning Manager (D Fletcher), Reserves and Facilities Manager (R Hollier), Environmental Policy Manager (B Johnson), Executive Assistant (T Fifield), Executive Support Officer (G Drummond)

1 OPENING, WELCOME

Cr Maling welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved Cr McNamara/Cr Turley
SPC21-03-1

That apologies for absence from Cr Greening and Cr Walker for lateness be accepted.
CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

3.1 Spencer Lawrey

Spencer Lawrey, a resident of Brightwater, spoke about Snowdens Bush and the land that is available for purchase to add to the Bush reserve. He talked about the Reserves Act and the

reserve financial contributions generated when land is subdivided. He expressed the view that reserve funds should be prioritised for the areas in which the contribution is generated. He requested that the reserve financial contributions generated from subdivisions in the Brightwater area should be used to bridge the gap in the funding held by the Snowdens Bush Trust for the purchase of the land to be added to Snowdens Bush.

Cr Walker arrived at the meeting at 9.49 am.

3.2 Chris Rowse

Chris Rowse, representing Project De Vine Environmental Trust, spoke about goal number one of the Long Term Plan (LTP) (a healthy and sustainable natural environment). He noted the importance of addressing the spread of weeds and pests that threaten the environment. The Trust has put in a submission to the LTP for an increase in funding to help support a project director to take over Mr Rowse's role.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 LATE ITEMS

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Moved Cr Tuffnell/Cr Dowler
SPC21-03-2**

That the minutes of the Strategy and Policy Committee meeting held on Thursday, 17 December 2020, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Nil

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 REPORTS

9.1 Chair's Report

Cr Maling presented his report which was taken as read.

Councillors acknowledged their appreciation of Francie Wafer (who is retiring soon) for all of her hard work over the years (including the halls, community facilities, pensioner housing, work on the Motueka grandstand and Anzac days). They noted the community have said she has been fantastic to work with and they really appreciated her.

Discussion ensued on the community housing providers workshop that was held recently and how useful it was – staff will be updating Councillors on the actions that came out of the workshop. In regard to intensification, Council has an Intensification Action Plan and staff are working through a lot of actions in the Plan including housing choices. There will be an upcoming Council workshop on 19 May to discuss these matters.

It was asked that staff circulate a copy of the list of work which will be affected by the range of changes staff need to make to the various Long Term Plan documents and due to the changes in the project timeline, as a result of the Waimea Community Dam cost overruns.

It was noted that the submission to the Climate Commission will be circulated to Councillors prior to it being submitted to the Commission.

In response to a question, under plan change 60, it enables additional housing in the rural area. A dwelling doesn't need to be lived in by a family member.

The affordability of housing was discussed.

Mr Johnson said that in July, staff will be commencing a review of the Future Development Strategy. Leading up to that, 800 people across Nelson/Tasman's urban area will be interviewed in regard to what people's housing preferences are.

It was noted that Council should discuss social housing issues with Kainga Ora and that the Government is responsible for social housing provision.

**Moved Cr McNamara/Cr Wensley
SPC21-03-3**

**That the Strategy and Policy Committee receives the Chair's Report RSPC21-03-1
CARRIED**

9.2 Reserve Naming Petition

Reserves and Facilities Manager, Richard Hollier, spoke to the report which was taken as read. The Committee noted that the matter of the naming of the reserve will be referred to Richmond Ward Councillors for a decision.

**Moved Deputy Mayor Bryant/Cr Dowler
SPC21-03-4**

That the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. receives the Reserve Naming Petition Report RSPC21-03-2; and**
- 2. receives the petition contained in Attachment 1 to this report, requesting that the Sabine Reserve be renamed Fawsley Reserve/Park; and**
- 3. notes that the decision on the naming of the reserve has been delegated to the Richmond Ward Councillors to make, using the process contained in the Reserves General Policies September 2015, section 3.9 Naming reserve.**

CARRIED

9.3 Moturoa Rabbit Island Game Bird Hunting

Cr Maling noted that he hunts Canadian geese but that he will never hunt at Moturoa/Rabbit Island.

Richard Hollier, Reserves and Facilities Manager, spoke to his report which was taken as read.

Mr Hollier noted that no complaints have ever been received about the hunting and the hunting trials have been well run events.

**Moved Cr Tuffnell/Deputy Mayor Bryant
SPC21-03-5**

That the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. receives the Moturoa Rabbit Island Game Bird Hunting report RSPC21-03-3; and**
- 2. approves, in accordance with Recreation Policy 24 of the Moturoa/Rabbit Island Reserve Management Plan, the continuation of annual game bird hunting events at Moturoa/Rabbit Island for the remainder of the term of the Plan.**

CARRIED

9.4 Strategic Policy, Environmental Policy & Activity Planning Report

Jenna Neame, Acting Strategic Policy Manager, Dwayne Fletcher, Barry Johnson, Richard Hollier presented the report which was taken as read.

Mrs Neame said that the dates relating to the Long Term Plan consultation included in the report were based on the original intention to have the Consultation Document adopted on 25 February. The consultation period is now proposed from 24 March to 24 April, with hearings in early May. The adoption date of the final Long Term Plan remains the same at 30 June 2021.

There was a discussion around the Waimea Inlet Action Plan funding and if there is any way we can extend the funding to wetland restoration in other areas of the District. The Committee asked for staff to report back on the Jobs for Nature funding and where the funding can be spent.

In regard to the purchase of land by Snowdens Bush, Ms Edwards said that staff will set up a meeting with the Ward Councillors to discuss what our policy is and how much money we have in the Reserves Contributions Fund account. The decision can be made by the Ward Councillors providing it's just reallocating funds in the existing budget.

Mr Johnson noted the awareness of the resource management reforms. The Minister for the Environment has released a Cabinet paper that contains high level information on the reforms. Staff are expecting a draft Bill in the next couple of months and are working as closely as they can with the Ministry for the Environment. Mr Johnson noted that the independent report the Government is using as the blueprint for the reforms proposes a single plan for the top of the south (for Tasman, Nelson and Marlborough councils).

There was a discussion on the deferred residential zones in Richmond South.

In relation to the Water Services Bill submission, there's a concern with the rural water supplies provisions. In situations where one property has a bore supplying a neighbour, the bore owner may decide they do not want to supply other properties anymore as if they do they will have to comply with the proposed water supply regulations. Such decisions could mean that the properties no longer supplied with bore water may have to resort to rainwater, which is likely to put them at a greater health risk. Mr Fletcher said this concern will be added into the submission. Councillors congratulated staff on including a video in the submission. It was noted that the video will be forwarded to Councillors.

**Moved Cr Ogilvie/Cr Dowler
SPC21-03-6**

That the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. receives the Strategic Policy, Environmental Policy & Activity Planning Report RSPC21-03-4; and**
- 2. receives the Uplift of Deferred Zone – Richmond South**
agrees to the removal of the ‘Rural 1 deferred Residential zone’ status and replace with ‘Residential zone’ status for the properties located in Richmond South between SH 6 and Paton Road, legally described as:
Lot 1 DP6754, Lot 1 DP361254, Lot 2 DP361254, Lot 3 DP361254, Lot 4 DP361254, Lot 2 DP17738, Lot 1 DP446793, Lot 2 DP446793, Lot 3 DP446793, Lot 4 DP446793, Lot 5 DP446793, Lot 1 DP4858, Pt Lot 1 DP17290
in accordance with the update to Tasman Resource Management Plan Schedule 17.14A and changes to the planning maps attached to this report, pursuant to TRMP Rule 17.14.2, and effective over that land from the date of this resolution; and
- 3. notes that the properties in 2. above may be eligible for rates remissions under the policy for rates remissions on land subject to zone changes; and**
- 4. agrees to extend the timeframe for the Snowdens Bush Trust to raise the balance of funds for the purchase of land for an addition to Snowdens Bush from the end of February 2021 until the end of November 2021; and**
- 5. approves the submission on the Water Services Bill (Attachment 2); and**
- 6. authorises the Chair of the Strategy and Policy Committee and Engineering Services Manager to amend the submission to reflect changes sought by the Committee, as recorded in the minutes.**

CARRIED

9.5 Action Sheet

The Action Sheet was taken as read.

**Moved Deputy Mayor Bryant/Cr Tuffnell
SPC21-03-7**

**That the Strategy and Policy Committee receives the Action Sheet RSPC21-03-5;
CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 11.02 am

Date Confirmed:

Chair: