
MINUTES
of the
ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
held
9.30 am, Thursday, 14 June 2018
at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

- Present:** Councillor T King (Chair), Mayor R Kempthorne, Councillors S Brown, S Bryant, P Canton, M Greening, P Hawkes, K Maling, D McNamara, D Ogilvie, P Sangster, A Turley, T Tuffnell, D Wensley
- In Attendance:** Environment and Planning Manager (D Bush-King), Executive Assistant (G Crichton)
- Part Attendance:** Regulatory Services Manager (A Humphries), Growth Coordinator (M Croxford), Environmental Policy Manager (B Johnson), Coordinator Compliance Monitoring (C Cheeseman), Principal Planner – Environmental Policy (S Markham)

- 1 **OPENING, WELCOME**
- 2 **APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Moved Cr McNamara/Cr Turley
EP18-06-1

That apologies be accepted for Cr Bryant
CARRIED

- 3 **PUBLIC FORUM**
No items raised.
 - 4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
Nil
 - 5 **LATE ITEMS**
Nil
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6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Moved Cr Ogilvie/Mayor Kempthorne
EP18-06-2**

That the minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday, 3 May 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Nil

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 REPORTS

9.2 Regulatory Manager's Report 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018

The Regulatory Services Manager spoke to this report, which was taken as read, and responded to questions.

Councillors raised their concerns on the parking issues in central Queen Street caused by the road reconstruction work which has been ongoing and discussed ways in which Council could promote and encourage better parking by the public. The Regulatory Services Manager agreed to talk to the Richmond Unlimited Group to float some ideas on the matter. He advised that a new contract was being negotiated with Council's compliance contractors which now included parking enforcement on Saturdays.

In response to questions about dog registration, Mr Humphries was able to clarify that a dog does not get registered until it is three months old.

Councillors discussed the various hazards on the Martin Farm Road at Kaiteriteri and how access, parking and foot traffic could be improved with the various public and private facilities in the area. Mr Humphries advised that staff were always seeking new ways of improving access and safety and last year had put 'no stopping' signs every three or four metres along that road. He agreed to speak to the Engineering and Community Development Departments and would report back to the Environment and Planning Committee at the next meeting.

Councillors discussed the Food Act and the cost implications it had on small businesses and retailers, using a coffee cart operator as an example. It was noted that this is not just a local problem, but that the same pattern of concern was being raised by Councils throughout the country. It was agreed that the Team Leader - Environmental Health would report back to the Committee and provide an opportunity to reassess Council's position regarding the National Programme.

In response to Councillors suggesting the registering of small boats, Mr Humphries advised that to achieve this, national legislation would be required and that it was not part of the bylaw.

Councillors thanked the Regulatory Services Manager for his leadership during the two recent cyclones and for helping to address the concerns of the people at various public meetings.

Councillors discussed freedom camping and offered different solutions to the problems of

overcrowding in places such as Decks Reserve and Taupata Bay. Mr Humphries advised that signs at Taupata Point would be going up shortly and that enforcement of the two-day stay was sometimes difficult. He advised that having honorary wardens was a positive solution, but that any applicant would need to be very highly scrutinized before being selected and granted a warrant.

In response to a question on the outstanding \$140K parking infringements, Mr Humphries explained that every unpaid infringement notice goes through the court process which can cause delays in receiving reimbursements.

Councillors noted that Tasman is being included in an inquiry by the Productivity Commission into high tourism areas.

**Moved Mayor Kempthorne/Cr McNamara
EP18-06-3**

That the Environment and Planning Committee receives the Regulatory Manager's Report 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018 REP18-06-01 report

CARRIED

9.1 Special Housing Areas

The Growth Co-ordinator and the Environmental Policy Manager were present to speak to this report and answer questions.

Councillors raised an issue that affected people in the area under question and it was suggested by the Chair that discussions should take place In Committee.

Moved Cr Wensley/Cr Ogilvie

That the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.

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 follows.

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

CARRIED

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Particular interest(s) protected (where applicable)	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for	s7(2)(b)(ii) – Protect information where the making available of the information would be likely	s48(1)(a) The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in

which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.	unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.	the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.
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The meeting moved to confidential session at 10.25am and resumed in open meeting at 10.30am.

Moved Cr Wensley/Cr Hawkes

EP18-06-4

That the Environment and Planning Committee

- 1. receives the Special Housing Areas REP18-06-04 report; and**
- 2. declines to recommend to the Associate Minister for Housing and Urban Development an amendment to the criteria for qualifying developments in Schedule 4 Richmond (Highland Drive) special housing area to reduce the minimum number of dwellings from 32 to four.**

CARRIED

The meeting broke for morning tea at, 10.55am and was reconvened at 11.00am.

Mayor Kempthorne returned to the meeting at 11.10am.

9.3 Compliance Monitoring Six Monthly Report - 1 July to 31 December 2017

This report was taken as read and the Co-ordinator Compliance Monitoring took questions.

Councillors sought clarification on the issuing of abatement notices and when these could be lifted. Mr Cheeseman advised that technically if staff believe that compliance has been met they will advise the party by letter or formal notice under the Resource Management Act.

Councillors discussed if staff would consider a new APP which Nelson City Council had started using for Service Requests. Mr Cheeseman agreed to follow this up with Nelson City Council to see if it would be suitable for Tasman District Council to adopt.

Moved Cr Tuffnell/Cr Maling

EP18-06-5

That the Environment and Planning Committee receives the Compliance Monitoring Six Monthly Report - 1 July to 31 December 2017 REP17-02-04.

CARRIED

9.4 Ramsar Application: Whanganui, Mangarakau and Otuhie

The Environment and Planning Manager spoke to this report in the absence of the Environmental Information Manager.

Councillors discussed the application and were in full agreement of the benefits gained by being a co-nominator with DOC to the Ramsar proposal.

Moved Mayor Kempthorne/Cr Wensley

EP18-06-6

That the Environment and Planning Committee

- 1. receives the Ramsar Application: Whanganui, Mangarakau and Otuhie REP18-06-02 report;**
- 2. agrees to renew the letter of support for the Ramsar nomination; and**
- 3. agrees to support the application prepared by the Department of Conservation as a co-nominator**

CARRIED

9.5 Environment and Planning Manager's Monthly Report

The Environment and Planning Manager was joined by the Environmental Policy Manager to explain the National Planning Standards and implications for Council and staff. Staff will review the standards and Councillors may wish to signal any interest in reviewing any submission.

Councillors discussed their concerns about the Richmond Air Shed and also air quality in Motueka and how Council could become more involved in the control of burning. With the growing complaints reported, it was suggested that Council talk to the growers about best practice for burning before bringing in further rules.

The topic of Microplasma Bovis was discussed and Councillors aired their frustration at the lack of information for biosecurity management partners. Mr Bush-King advised that MPI had taken the lead on this and that Council staff were taking relevant biosecurity hygiene precautions when visiting rural properties. He agreed to talk to Council's Communications team to see if they could promote Microplasma Bovis information on Newsline.

Councillors raised their concerns around the freedom camping problems experienced over the past months in Motueka and challenged the costs to convert the old tip site at Mariri. Mr Bush-King agreed to the Regulatory Manager having further conversations with the Engineering and Community Development Departments to review the site as a freedom camping option.

Mr Bush-King noted the difficulty Councillors had in reading the financial reports and agreed to provide these in hard copy in future.

Councillors discussed the NES on production forestry. The Principal Planner – Environmental Policy spoke at this point, providing an explanation that the forester has up to six months to lodge any consent applications or provide notice of any new activities. He agreed to provide a report to Councillors.

In response to questions around water metering the Environment and Planning Manager agreed to provide a water monitoring report on in-house management of telemetry data collection on water usage for irrigation.

**Moved Mayor Kempthorne/Cr Greening
EP18-06-7**

That the Environment and Planning Committee receives the Environment and Planning Manager's Monthly Report REP18-06-09 report.

CARRIED

9.6 Environment and Planning Committee Chair's Report

It was noted that the Chair had nothing to report at this meeting.

10 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

10.1 Procedural motion to exclude the public

Moved Cr Sangster/Cr Turley

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The meeting moved to confidential session at 11.55am and resumed in open session at 12.20pm.

The meeting concluded at 12.30pm

Date Confirmed:

Chair:

Confirmed