
MINUTES
of the
ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
held
9.30am, Thursday, 25 July 2019
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 (J Jar)

1 OPENING, WELCOME

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE - for lateness

Recommendation

That apologies be accepted.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Katerina Seligman spoke about recently holding an intergenerational strategy meeting with the three Top of the South Councils, and was invited by Cr David Olgivis to speak at the Public Forum. She discussed the need to promote regenerative farming and the potential to stabilise soils. She spoke of the need to draw carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere and lock it away safely into the soil. She promoted the use of bio-char and said Council should be actively involved in helping farmers make the transition.

Larry Lumdsden spoke to a submission tabled at the meeting on behalf of Linda Jenkins for a request to Council to implement a review of the Dog Control Bylaw 2014 rather than wait for the 10 year cycle to elapse. He expressed concern around the lack of dog control on some beaches and an early review would provide the opportunity to provide much-needed, increased protection of wildlife, in particular ground-dwelling birds, threatened by uncontrolled dogs.

The Mayor and Richmond Councillors joined the meeting at 9.48am

Barry Dowler spoke about the Gambling venues policy and argued against the proposed sinking lid policy. He highlighted how several voluntary organisations and charities in the district rely heavily on funding grants from the organisations that run these gambling machines. Losing

access to these funds puts pressure on these community groups. He agreed with the capped policy. He commented on the move to internet gambling and this was outside of Council control. He also referred to a consent lodged to continue drag racing, 4 times a year at Motueka Airport was was concerned that this would be publicly notified.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 LATE ITEMS

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Moved Cr Wensley/Cr Sangster
EP19-07-1**

That the minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday, 30 May 2019, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

**Moved Cr Sangster/Mayor Kempthorne
EP19-07-2**

That the minutes of the Animal Control Subcommittee meeting held on Wednesday, 19 June 2019, be received.

CARRIED

**Moved Cr Sangster/Mayor Kempthorne
EP19-07-3**

That the minutes of the Animal Control Subcommittee meeting held on Thursday, 15 November 2018, be received.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Nil

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 REPORTS

9.1 Draft Gambling Venues Policy for Commencement of Public Consultation

Graham Caradus, Team Leader – Environmental Health, spoke to his report contained in the agenda, which was taken as read.

Councillors welcomed the consultation process and receiving feedback from the public on the proposed shift to a sinking lid policy on gambling devices.

**Moved Cr McNamara/Cr Turley
EP19-07-4**

That the Environment and Planning Committee:

- 1. receives the Draft Gambling Venues Policy 2019 report; and**
- 2. approves the statement of proposal for the Draft Gambling Venues Policy 2019 for consultation as included in Attachment 1 to REP19-07-1; and**
- 3. approves the Summary of Information for the Draft Gambling Venues Policy 2019 for consultation as included in Attachment 1 to REP19-07-1; and**
- 4. agrees the commencement of the special consultative procedure to the draft Gambling Venues Policy 2019 shall be commenced by public notice in newspapers, including Newsline, and on Council's Website on 9 August 2019; and**
- 5. agrees the submission period shall commence on 9 August 2019 and will end at 4.30pm on 13 September 2019: and**
- 6. agrees to the hearing of submissions on the draft Gambling Venues Policy 2019 by a hearing committee on 6 November 2019 with a date for deliberation to be decided by the hearing panel; and**
- 7. notes that appointment of a Councillor as the chairperson, and Councillors to the hearing committee will be undertaken at the full Council meeting of 31 October 2019; and**
- 8. notes staff will report to the Environment and Planning Committee on 28 November 2019 with a recommendation for adoption of a Gambling Venues Policy.**

CARRIED

9.2 Takaka FLAG Recommendations and Process Report

Lisa McGlinchey - Team Leader, Natural Resources, spoke to her report, which was taken as read. Ms McGlinchey said the report follows the handover of reports at Onetahua Marae in June 2019.

Ms McGlinchey advised a media release was posted on 23 July 2019 and an article will go in the next Newsline, TDC website has been updated and the interested parties list has been advised on the availability of the FLAG report.

Councillors discussed the delay in the Special Tribunal releasing its report on the Te Waikoropupu Springs Water Conservation Order. The Mayor was tasked to write to the Environmental Protection Authority seeking an indication of the timing of any release.

**Moved Cr Greening/Cr McNamara
EP19-07-5**

That the Environment and Planning Committee

- 1) receives the Takaka FLAG Recommendations and Process Report REP19-07-2; and**

- 2) **receives the Takaka Freshwater and Land Advisory Group Recommendations Report dated 21 June 2019;**
- 3) **receives the Manawhenua Mātauranga Report for the Takaka Catchments dated June 2019;**
- 4) **notes that staff will progress with further work to inform a future Environment and Planning Committee meeting on a proposed plan change for better managing water in the Takaka water management zone.**

CARRIED

9.3 2018-2019 Farm Dairy Compliance Survey

Kat Bunting, Compliance and Investigations Officer, spoke to her report which was taken as read. Ms Bunting provided an update advising it was the 14th season of carrying out the district wide monitoring programme. She highlighted some trends in the sector in terms of stock numbers, herd sizes, and stocking rates and noted changes in technology.

Overall she was pleased with the performance of famers in Tasman. She noted that our survey had a very high level of confidence as a result of our systems having been audited and that Tasman was the only Council to obtain 100% clearance.

Ms Bunting responded to questions around ponding issues, milking trends and the reducing numbers of permitted discharges.

Ms Bunting was thanked by the Committee for her comprehensive report.

**Moved Cr King/Cr McNamara
EP19-07-6**

That the Environment and Planning Committee receives the 2018-2019 Farm Dairy Compliance Survey REP19-07-3

CARRIED

9.4 Annual District Wide Water Monitoring Report

Compliance and Investigations Officer, Neil Green, spoke to his report which was taken as read.

Mr Green noted the challenges of this year's drought and the implementation of water restrictions. Overall, he said compliance behaviour was good but there was significant contact between Council staff and consent holders. He identified where enforcement action was necessary.

In response to a question around incidents of exceeding permitted allocations, he noted that some were obviously deliberate and that those permit holders would come in for closer scrutiny next year if there was a reoccurrence of similar drought conditions.

Mr Green noted the demands on compliance staff will increase as Council phases in the new monitoring framework as part of the transition to the Waimea Community Dam. The affiliation status, methods of return and stricter water rationing triggers in affected zones will create extra pressures but staff were alert to what was now needed.

There was discussion around more hops growing in the region. Mr Green said staff were aware of this and meetings are to be arranged to work with growers.

Discussion around stock drinking water took place and it was noted there needs be more clarity around this when restrictions were in place.

Moved Cr Maling/Cr Brown
EP19-07-7

That the Environment and Planning Committee receives the Annual District Wide Water Monitoring Report REP19-07-4

CARRIED

9.5 Resource Consents Manager's Annual Report

Resource Consent Manager - Phil Doole spoke to his report and acknowledged his section has had a high workload and that there were continuing staff shortages.

Mr Doole responded to questions around the Waimea zone permit renewals and it was noted that well-sharing arrangements can be accommodated.

Councillors discussed the challenges of staff recruitment and retention but also the need to rise to the challenge of providing good and timely service to customers.

Mr Doole responded to questions about the drag racing proposal, gravel extractions activities and the proposed Marahau SHA.

Moved Cr Maling/Cr Brown
EP19-07-8

That the Environment and Planning Committee receives the Resource Consents Manager's Annual Report REP19-07-5

CARRIED

9.6 Environment & Planning Committee Chair's Report

In response to the matter of the Public Forum item on the Dog Bylaw, Mr Bush-King advised members that he expected the Committee may receive advice from the Golden Bay Community Board. Councillors indicated that they could consider an amendment to the Bylaw but that a full review was not needed until 2024.

There was brief discussion around gravel crushing plants and how does Council ensure the riverbed is returned to a satisfactory state. Mr Bush-King was asked to report back after checking conditions of any lease.

Cr Bryant left the meeting at 11.37am.

Moved Cr McNamara/Cr Turley

EP19-07-9

That the Environment and Planning Committee receives the Environment & Planning Committee Chair's Report 30 April 2019 REP19-07-6;

CARRIED

9.7 Environment and Planning Manager's Report

Environment and Planning Manager, Dennis Bush-King, spoke to his report which was taken as read.

Mr Bush-King noted the results of the Annual Customer Survey. There was discussion around the costs of consents, building consent information requirements, and the local variations in the satisfaction rates. Councillors asked to see the full report.

There was discussion around the Remuneration Authority's determination which involves payment for consent and plan hearings. Mr Bush-King was asked to see if the claim form could be automated. It was noted the new Council will have to consider composition of hearing panels in order to manage costs.

Mr Bush-King was also asked to provide an update on the forward plan for the earthquake prone building assessment project.

Councillors asked to see a copy of any draft submission on the Dam Safety regulations. A question was asked as to whether Council could alert dam owners to the regulations.

The Committee discussed the submission on the Building Act reforms and considered that the reform package missed the mark in dealing with cost, complexity, managing risk averseness, product standards, and considered the submission too timid.

Cr Bryant returned at 12.06pm

It was agreed the Mayor should write to the Minister of Building and Construction expressing disappointment about the changes.

Councillor Greening asked when staff would be reporting back on the land area under affiliated permit status and considered it was an action item from the 9 May meeting. Mr Bush-King will review whether this will come through Council or the Committee.

Moved Cr Greening/Cr Brown

EP19-07-10

That the Environment and Planning Committee

- 1. receives the report REP19-07-06; and**
- 2. notes the submission lodged on proposed Building Act reforms contained in Attachment 2 of Report REP 19-07-06 and agree a further letter should be written to the Minister expressing concerns about the reform package: and**
- 3. The Environment and Planning Committee agrees to amend the Delegations Register adding a new power under the Food Act as follows:**

57A	Section 59 Power to determine and advise date of registration	RegM, CEH, EHO, AO
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CARRIED

Date Confirmed:

Chair:

Confirmed