

# MINUTES

**TITLE:** Tasman District Council Draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022 Submission Hearing  
**DATE:** Tuesday 24 April 2012  
**TIME:** 9.40 am  
**VENUE:** St. John's Hall, Courtney Street East, Motueka

**PRESENT:** Mayor R G Kempthorne (Chair), Crs M L Bouillir, S G Bryant, B F Dowler, J L Edgar, B W Ensor, G A Glover, J L Inglis, T B King, Z S Mirfin, C M Maling, T E Norriss, P F Sangster, E J Wilkins

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Strategic Projects Adviser (M Tregurtha)  
Executive Assistant (V Gribble)

## **1 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2012/2022**

### **1.1 Motueka i-SITE Visitor Information Centre**

Mrs Walker, Manager, was in attendance to speak to the submission. She supports:

- The continuation of Tasman District Council's funding commitment to Nelson Tasman Tourism (NTT)
- The proposed spread of ratepayer contribution in support of that objective
- Continuation of the destination marketing component of NTT funding
- Continuation of traditional funding support for the region's information centres.

They do not support the way NTT's funding split is portrayed in the Newline Long Term Plan summary and in the draft document and asked for clarification on the amounts provided to each i-site be provided..

Cr Bouillir arrived at 9.41 am.

In answer to a question about better utilisation of the targeted rate, Mrs Walker said there are some large operators who would expect to pay, but she's not so sure about a pensioner being asked to pay.

### **1.2 Mr Allan Sims (1567) (1601)**

Mr Sims was in attendance to speak to his submission. He is concerned about the state of Kaiteriteri Road and asked Council to upgrade it.

Mr Sims raised questions about the sewerage line under Tapu Bay.

Council has a resource consent for 2015 and that was approved on the basis that it would be shifted at the end of the period.

### **1.3 Mr Roger Waddell (1564) Corru Gate Accommodation & Corru Gate Cycles**

Ms Adele Smith spoke to the submission on behalf of Mr Waddell. They have invested in building up their accommodation in anticipation of people using the Great Taste Trail. They have also invested in cycles for hire and believe it is important that the full Great Taste Trail goes ahead.

### **1.4 Mr Tom Rowling (1605)**

Mrs Rowling, speaking on behalf of Mr Rowling, said residents have been submitting for nine years about the state of Kaiteriteri Road. They pay \$11,000 annually in rates. She pleaded with Council to upgrade the road. She said there is poor communication with what is happening at Turners Bluff.

Cr Norriss said Council is still working through the issues at Turners Bluff. It was suggested that a newsletter be provided to residents on the project.

### **1.5 Mr Brian Lister (1635)**

Mr Lister was in attendance to present his submission and commented as follows:

- the 4.7% general rates increase is too high and should be lower to reflect the income levels of the ratepayers.
- Motueka people do not want a reticulated water supply and Council should delete it.
- Coastal Tasman pipeline should be removed unless there is no additional charge to Motueka ratepayers.
- The tourism targeted rate should be removed and revert back to the current funding plan.
- Supports an extension to the Motueka library but it should be deferred until costs are known.
- Council debt is too high. Rather than looking at increasing debt, Council should be taking active steps to pay off debt.

In answer to a question he said he believes there is a lot of fat in Council and Councillors and staff should be working more efficiently. He suggested the tendering basis should be looked at to ensure Council gets the best deal. He believes Council's budget should be done on a zero-based system.

### **1.7 Mr Steven Fullmer (1683)**

Mr Fullmer spoke about flooding issues on the corner of Baldwin Road and Aporo Road, Tasman Village. He said the culvert which deals with a huge catchment of water is the problem.

Cr T B King arrived at the meeting at 10.51 am.

Mr Fullmer said the flood waters were knee-deep and occurred three times in 2004, within 11 months. He asked that the culvert be upgraded urgently.

### **1.8 Mrs Pamela Holyoake (1767) Sandy Bay FireSmart Trust**

Mrs Holyoake spoke on behalf of the Sandy Bay FireSmart Trust applying to the Biodiversity Condition Fund to remove wilding pines from private land in the Marahau/Sandy Bay area. For this application to succeed, Tasman District Council will need to deal with the wilding pines on its road edges and within its reserves. She asked for sufficient funds to be provided in the long term plan for the project. \$75,000 for 2012 – 2015 and \$200,000 2015 – 2020.

### **1.9 Mr Graeme Knapp (1804)**

Mr Knapp spoke to his submission in which he asked for the immediate upgrade of Kaiteriteri Road. He also spoke about the large amount of money that has been wasted on the Tapu Reserve which has now been washed away by the sea.

Councillors suggested that Mr Knapp write to the government departments and agencies who are holding up the work.

### **1.10 Mr Timothy Rich (1807)**

Mr Rich spoke about Kaiteriteri Road and said he has watched Turners Bluff corner crumble away and is concerned about buses and tourists using the road in its present dangerous condition.

### **1.11 Mr Donald Horn (1888)**

Mr Horn said Council is trying to do too much for too many at too much cost. He said Council needs to resist the demands for increases in facilities and borrowing that add to rates increases and ongoing maintenance and operating costs. Mr Horn also suggested that community contributions for facilities be increased.

### **1.12 Motueka Valley Association (1965)**

Ms Lesley Hadley was in attendance to present the Association's submission which concerned the withdrawal of funds for the Great Taste Trail. She believes the trail is a core service. In answer to a question she supported the tourism rate being used to continue the trail. She said the Cycle Trust is already proposing to set up funding for maintenance of the trail and is not wanting to be looking to the councils for financial assistance.

### **1.13 Ms Gillian Pollock (1954)**

Ms Pollock said she believes the Council should complete the three stages of the cycle trail as was originally planned in the application for funding from the government.

### **1.14 Mr Michael Steed (1969)**

Mr Steed spoke about the condition of Kaiteriteri Road and said urgent action must be taken now.

### **1.15 Mr Richard Hayward (2048)**

Mr Hayward said that not enough information had been provided to residents of Tapu Bay on the Kaiteriteri Road upgrade and suggested that a one-way traffic light system be used.

### **1.16 Mr Robin Reeve (2049) Motueka Power Boat Club & Motueka Port Users**

Mr R Reeve, K Leppien and K Knapp requested on behalf of the Motueka Power Boat Club and Motueka Port Users that Council include in the Long Term Plan the construction of a comprehensive vessel service area on the south side and to the west of, the culvert on Wharf Road. They suggested it could be funded from a loan from the Motueka Endowment Fund. They invited the Council to discuss this proposal further with the submitters.

Luncheon adjournment was taken at 12.23 pm.  
The meeting resumed at 1.10 pm.

### **1.17 Mr Peter Besier (2067)**

Mr Besier said he is opposed to the proposal to levy a tourist tax on all rateable properties and that the library should not provide free internet access to tourists. Mr Besier also suggested that the Abel Tasman National Park should charge an entry fee.

### **1.18 Mr Philip Peters (2069)**

Mr Peters said he doesn't believe a large extension to the Motueka Library is necessary. He said there is a trend for less books being taken out now because of e-books and iPads. He also stated that Motueka needs an aerodrome plan which is transparent, open to scrutiny, drafted for the benefit of the residents as well as the aerodrome users. Councillors asked for Mr Peters name to be added to the mailout list for the Aerodrome Plan.

### **1.19 Mr R Nuttall (2143)**

Mr Nuttall objects to any tourism rate being placed on the general ratepayer. He also objects strongly to any consideration that the general rate or targeted rate be placed over the whole Taman District for the proposed Lee Valley dam.

### **1.20 Mr David Ogilvie (2318) Motueka Community Board**

Mr Ogilvie presented the submission on behalf of the Motueka Community Board.  
The submission commented on:

- Debt levels
- Project funding mechanism
- Wharf Road Motueka reclamation project
- Statistics
- Lower Motueka River Flood Control
- Motueka Aerodrome
- Library
- Transportation

- Water supply
- Motueka swimming centre
- Wastewater
- Stormwater
- Community Board rate

Mr Ogilvie suggested going to iwi and saying Council wants a road to go from Riwaka – Kaiteriteri and ask for their suggestions for the route the road should take.

**1.21 Mr Fred Hickling (2314) GoodSports Motueka Swimming Pool Committee**

Mr Hickling was in attendance to ask Council to reinstate the Motueka Swimming Pool in the Long Term Plan. He gave examples of how costs could be lowered a lot more than what was promoted by Tasman District Council as the proposed cost of the pool.

He tabled costings that the Committee has put together.

**1.22 Mr Andrew Gray (2316) Motueka Swim Club**

Mr Gray also spoke in support of having the Motueka Swimming Pool reinstated into the Long Term Plan on behalf of the Motueka Swim Club. They were disappointed they were not consulted before it was deleted. The school site is still an option. The Ministry of Education has made a blanket decision not to fund any swimming pools. He read a letter from the Board of Trustees of Motueka High School which alluded to the closing of the High School pool because of the expense of maintaining it.

**1.23 Mr Jim Butler (1942)**

Mr Butler presented his submission which covered many topics, in particular Mr Butler was concerned about the proposed debt levels and the Motueka stop bank.

Cr Bouillir left the meeting at 3.00 pm.

**1.24 Mr John & Mrs Betzy Kelly**

Mr Kelly considered the draft long term plan summary brochure was heavy on graphics and light on text. He said the concept of “to the highest standard” needs to be modified to “the highest standard we can afford”.

**1.25 Mr John Kelly (2337) Motueka Grey Power**

Mr Kelly and Mr Butler presented the Motueka Grey Power submission. Mr Kelly tabled and spoke to a paper about the UAGC and other separate rates being eliminated and incorporated into the general rate.

**1.26 Mr Kevin Palmer (2320) Motueka Bays Masonic Hall Co Ltd**

Mr Palmer said the rates on the Masonic Hall property were \$4,086 of which \$3,008.96 are wastewater charges. He suggested there should be a casual occupancy rate for halls which could be adjustable in negotiation with the Council.

It was suggested to Mr Palmer that he talks to Council's Parks and Reserves Department about the water the Masonic Hall property is supplying for watering Pethybridge Gardens.

**1.27 Mr Jacob Linn (2339) Tasman Youth Council**

Jody Maru from Motueka Recreation Reserve oversees the Tasman Youth Council. She was in attendance with four members of the Tasman Youth Council.

The Youth Council requested Council to reinstate the Motueka Pool back into the Long Term Plan.

The meeting concluded at 3.45 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair:

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