

# MINUTES

**TITLE:** Tasman District Council Draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022 Submission Hearing  
**DATE:** Friday 27 April 2012  
**TIME:** 9.30 am  
**VENUE:** Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

**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, T E Norriss, E J Wilkins

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Strategic Projects Advisor (M Tregurtha)  
Strategic Development Manager (S Edwards)  
Administration Officer (G Woodgate)

## APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Ensor/Inglis  
CN12-04-02

THAT apologies from Crs C M Maling, P F Sangster for absence and Cr King for lateness, be received.  
CARRIED

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

### 1.1 Mr Rob Ford (2176) and Saxton Velodrome Trust (2227)

Mr Ford circulated a handout that thanked the Tasman District Council for confirming their funding for the Saxton Field velodrome and cycle safety arena.

Mr Ford advised that the main funder was the Lotteries Commission and that a number of Trusts were to be approached shortly for further funding. The Trust would be applying for over \$610k of funding in the hope of raising \$400k. At present, the Trust required a building consent for the project.

### Questions and Answers

Cr Ensor asked how would this velodrome and cycle safety arena sit in the national scene and was advised that national events currently go to Invercargill, that Cambridge was currently building an indoor velodrome and that the Dutch Olympic team is currently very interested in coming to a Nelson facility if one was built.

Cr Glover asked how many members the Trust had and was advised between 500/800.

Cr Inglis stated that the Nelson City Council should put more funds into the Saxton Field velodrome and cycle safety arena and asked what number of youth would use the facility? He was advised by Mr Ford that currently, youth cannot compete on local roads and that the Saxton facility would be the only safe venue for them. He added that Trafalgar Park is no longer safe to use.

Mr Ford further advised that no on-going maintenance would be required at the new Saxton Field velodrome and cycle safety arena for at least 30/40 years.

## **1.2 Ms Paula Muddle (1460) Nelson Marlborough Rescue Helicopter Trust**

Ms Muddle was accompanied by Mr Tim Douglas-Clifford, Rescue Helicopter Pilot and she circulated a handout that included the Operating Region and Mission Growth of the Trust.

Ms Muddle advised that over the past 7 years, rescue missions have increased from 40 to nearly 400pa and that 60% of all rescue missions are in the Tasman region. The associated funding requirements have risen from \$500k to \$1.2m pa. There is no cost recovery for the service in the case of death.

The Nelson Marlborough Rescue Service now requires \$50k for training alone and there is now a need to go to paid crew (at approximately \$150k pa).

Mr Douglas-Clifford advised that 2 pilots are now required and 4 winch operators (2 x Police Officers and 2 x volunteers) to run the service. He added that running costs included a winch overhaul every 5 years at a cost of \$200k, night vision goggles are \$12k US each and they need servicing every 6 months.

### Questions and Answers

Cr Glover asked if the service received funding from the Dept. Of Conservation or the Buller District Council and was advised no.

Cr Edgar noted that 40% of all missions were covered by ACC and was advised that the other 60% of funding was required for overheads.

Cr Edgar also asked if the service received anything for fire fighting and was advised no.

Cr Bryant asked if the service canvasses the rural community and community groups was advised yes. Cr Bryant to advise several contacts.

Cr Inglis asked if the service did an envelope appeal and was advised that people just do not give until the service has affected them personally in some way.

## **1.3 Mr Simon Pascoe (1465)**

Mr Pascoe objected to the increase in low flow restricted water supply rate of 64.7%. He noted a factual error in the Draft LTP that stated that low flow restricted water supply rates had increased over the past 3 years by the rate of inflation but he tabled those figures at 176.6%, 3.7% and 2.6%.

#### Questions and Answers

Cr Ensor asked if Mr Pascoe supplemented his water supply with rain water and was advised that he did not but that he was seriously thinking of doing this.

Cr Glover asked Mr Pascoe's what his low flow restricted water supply rate increase was to be and was advised it would rise from \$688(11/12) to \$1,033(12/13).

#### **1.4 Mr Nick Marer (1467) Ducati Owners Club, Nelson and Nelson Road Racing Association**

Mr Marer fully supported Council retaining the funding for the proposed new motor sport park and requested Council add the funding back into the Long Term Plan at the previous levels.

#### Questions and Answers

Cr Norriss gave a history of the funding to Mr Marer. He added that the funding was not for the Park itself but to upgrade the roading to it and asked Mr Marer if he was aware of this. Mr Marer said he was not and added that the dropping of any money for the proposed new motor sport park would limit it coming to fruition.

#### **1.5 Mrs Paulina Broady (2191)**

Mrs Broady's submission was with regard to the increasing of rates following re-zoning of land for development ie from rural to mixed business or industrial - which then increased the value of the land resulting in a substantial rates increase.

Mrs Broady requested Council consider a policy whereby rates do not increase following re-zoning until the property is used for the rezoned purpose. She followed this up by giving examples of a rates remission policies where changes from rural to urban operating in Western BoP, Gisborne and Whakatane.

Cr Glover asked if Mrs Broady's mother had considered applying for a rates rebate and was advised that they had understood that the rates would not increase unless the property was affected. Cr Glover then stated that the land value would have doubled or even tripled. Mrs Broady replied that that was the heart of the problem as this had affected her mothers' rates and that her mother did not want to sell her home.

#### **1.6 Mrs Catherine Robinson (1559)**

Mrs Robinson was accompanied by her husband Mr Tim Robinson.

The Robinson's advised that they were both bio-chemists and were concerned with both water quality and the cost of water supply to Mapua residents.

### Water Quality

The water quality to Mapua/Ruby Bay from Waimea is rated 'unsatisfactory' as it is not treated for protozoa. They recommended a change from disinfecting the water with chlorine to UV disinfection. The water also has a high concentration of nitrates.

### Cost

The proposed change in annual cost for supply of per cubic metre/day was from \$344.15 to \$566.66 (for low flow restricted/trickle feed supplies) that represented a 65% increase. This was compounded for Mapua residents who are on a trickle feed as this type of water supply does not enable a normal water meter to be fitted.

### Questions and Answers

Cr Bryant noted that the nitrates came from an historical land use and asked if you could filter nitrates from water and was advised you could.

Cr Glover asked if the Robinson's were aware of the cost of implementing the Government's drinking water standards - \$10m. She then asked 'Do we ask the Government to defer these standards and can we afford them'? The Robinson's replied that this was a health issue that is dangerous. Mr Robinson called for nitrate levels to at least be monitored.

Cr Mirfin asked what do nitrates do to you and was advised they mainly affect small children causing respiratory problems and they cause stomach cancers in adults.

Cr Bouillir asked if Council should encourage residents to collect their own rain water and the Robinsons felt this was a very good idea.

## **1.7 Mr Peter Butler (1580) HealthPost Ltd**

Mr Butler circulated a handout and called for Council to re-zone one hectare of land around his business and near the Collingwood School from Rural 2 to Commercial so that he could expand his HealthPost business.

Mr Butler advised the following:-

- His business had doubled in size over the past two years
- His new building now needs to be expanded
- His neighbours support his submission
- His business boosts the local Collingwood economy and offers employment.

### Questions and Answers

Cr Ensor asked if Collingwood had any empty shops and was advised that HealthPost Ltd was not a retailing business.

Cr Edgar asked if Mr Butler had looked into doing a private plan change and was advised that this 'costs a fortune, takes years to achieve' and he 'would not go there'.

Mayor Kempthorne advised Mr Butler that this was an Environment and Planning matter and that he should immediately talk to the CEO. Council would follow it up from there.

### **1.8 Mrs Susan Pryde (1689)**

Mrs Pryde requested Council re-consider their proposal to discontinue funding the Great Taste Trail cycleway and outlined the physical, mental and family health benefits of it.

Mrs Pryde noted wasteful Council spending on:-

- Rob Roy's land and building
- Barricades at Mapua
- Round-a-bout at Mapua

when this money could have gone to the Great Taste Trail cycleway.

Mrs Pryde asked Council to re-consider this matter and to make the Trail a priority.

Cr Norriss stated that Council funding had not been discontinued – the issue was over Council no longer receiving the Government subsidy.

Mayor Kempthorne added that Council is committed to the first stage of the Trail.

### **1.9 Mr John Ward (1927)**

Mr Ward advised that he strongly objected to the cutting of funding for the Great Taste Trail cycleway.

Mr Ward advised that he part-owns the cycle ferry at Mapua which has huge support from locals and added 'no cycleway, no ferry'.

Mr Ward asked Council to re-consider this issue.

#### Questions and Answers

Cr Inglis noted the cycleway is all around the sea front.

Cr Norriss restated that Council funding has not been discontinued – the issue was over Council no longer receiving the Government subsidy. He added that Council needed to get something in the press to clarify this asap as well as in Council's Newslines.

11.00 – 11.20 am: Morning Tea.

### **1.10 Ms Brigid Ryan (1634) Mapua Tennis Club**

Mr Andrew Earlme spoke on behalf of Ms Ryan whose submission requested an upgrade of the Mapua Tennis Courts to astroturf. The submission further advised that the Mapua Tennis Club's pavilion was destroyed by fire in 2011.

The Mapua Tennis Club had received a quote of \$50k for new courts and that their fundraising had now reached \$19.5k. The submission requested Council fund the balance.

### Questions and Answers

Cr Bouillir asked what the life of a tennis court was and was advised well over 10 years. The oldest court at Mapua is over 20 years and is now beginning to crack – Astroturf was considered to be ‘a more forgiving surface’.

Cr Ensor asked if the Club had looked at any other surfaces and was advised no. Cr Ensor added that this was well worth doing.

Cr Wilkins asked ‘How many children are learning tennis in Mapua?’ and was advised 70 school children along with 25 or so Club members plus members of the public.

#### **1.11 Ms Fleur Roberts (1650)**

Ms Kim Pope spoke on behalf of Ms Roberts. Ms Pope tabled and read Ms Robert’s request that Council continue to fund the development of the region’s cycle trails.

### Questions and Answers

Cr Bryant asked if locals from Mapua would do the loop over a weekend and was advised yes but that they had become bored with what they have got at present ie. Rabbit Island.

#### **1.12 Mr Malcolm Saunders (1669)**

Mr Saunders advised that he too was all for the development of the region’s cycle trails. He wanted the Great Taste Trail cycleway to continue as was originally outlined and also wanted the Tapawera to Glenhope section.

Mr Saunders added that Council should concentrate on the rail link of the trail as this would be sought after by enthusiasts. He also called for the Information Centre to be relocated to the original railway station site.

### Questions and Answers

Cr Glover asked if the old Appleby rail bridge should be retained and was advised ‘definitely’.

#### **1.13 Mr Garry Adcock (1656)**

Mr John Gourdie spoke on behalf of Mr Adcock who requested Council reinstate the \$630k budgeted for the proposed Motorsport facility in Rabbit Gully.

Mr Gourdie noted that a consent decision is pending and ‘that a lot of work had been achieved behind the scenes’.

#### **1.14 Mrs Beth Bryant (2231)**

Mrs Bryant circulated a handout and read from it. The handout contained nine biodiversity issues she wished Council to support including keeping cats indoors at night. Mrs Bryant suggested that the street scaping expenditure be reduced to support cycleway expenditure.

#### **1.15 Ms Rachel Reese (2241) Nelson Biodiversity Forum**

Ms Reese was accompanied by Mr Peter Lawless.

Ms Reese's submission identified eight marine environment actions that the Nelson Biodiversity Forum recommended as joint initiatives to be pursued with the Tasman, Nelson and Marlborough communities and their councils.

Their key submission is that TDC, NNC and MDC should commit resources to the integrated management of Tasman Bay through the Long term Plan and suggested a specific project be constituted with committed staff time (500 staff hours) and sufficient operating funding (\$20k) to participate in shared initiatives in the Bay.

#### Questions and Answers

Cr Glover asked if the NCC was getting the same submission to their LTP and was advised that it was.

Cr Glover then asked if the Forum had any commercial buy-in regarding the state of the Tasman Bay seabed and was advised NIWA, several commercial stakeholders and iwi were all interested in participating.

Cr Inglis advised that what had changed in the Bay over the years was that the sand had turned to mud from hills and rivers.

Cr Bouillir asked where in the Bay are your physical parameters and was advised that they had not been fixed yet. Ms Reese added that the initiatives included ecological and commercial interests and included fish, shellfish, oil, gas, dredging and trawling.

12.25 – 1.10 pm: Lunch.

His worship the Mayor departed and Cr Bryant assumed the Chair.

#### **1.16 Mr Gary Neale (1861) Brightwater Vineyards**

Mr Neale circulated a handout and read from it. He was opposed to the Lee Valley Dam due to the proposed method of financing.

#### **1.17 Mr Barry McKee (1875) Idesia Bed & Breakfast and (1876) Nelson Tasman Bed & Breakfast Association**

Mr McKee advised that he was opposed to the Targeted Tourism rate because it was unreasonable particularly to small non-commercial operators like himself. He

added that he supported a small levy on all properties as this was more equitable and that tourism benefits a wide range of the community.

#### Questions and Answers

Cr Ensor asked what was the connection/benefit between a bed and breakfast and the i-site and was advised that the service is poor for operators like himself. Mr McKee recommended Nelson Tasman Tourism run the i-site and put out regular statistics on placements (how many and where). He added that the i-site is more valuable to tourists and visitors to the area.

Cr Norriss asked should Council promote the area itself or fund the infrastructure of the district and was advised Council should do both.

Cr Mirfin asked if Mr McKee felt that tourism operators should contribute more and was advised that the big operators who benefit the most should pay the most. Retailers such as Pak'n'Save and Sea Shuttle should also pay more as they benefit from tourists and visitors to the area.

1.30 – 2.00 pm: Hearing adjourned.

Cr King arrived and assumed the Chair. Cr Bouillir departed.

#### **1.18 Mr Roy Bensemman (1782) Animal Health Board and William McCook (1939)**

Mr Bensemman was accompanied by Mr Matthew Orr and Ms Bronwyn Monopoly.

Mr Bensemman circulated three handouts that were maps entitled AHB Tasman Possum Control 2012-12, 13-14 and 14-15.

Mr Bensemman then advised that Tasman has a huge possum problem (with TB) emanating from the Kahurangi National Park which is under DoC control. The Animal Health Board covers the National Park boundaries with farms. The current funding will only cover half the problem possum area.

Mr Bensemman added that the TDC was one of the more supportive councils of its programmes and noted that for every \$1 received from Council, the Board received \$9 from other funding sources.

#### Questions and Answers

Cr Ensor asked how long an aerial 1080 operation kept possum numbers down and was told 7 or 8 years.

Cr Ensor then asked if the Board worked in conjunction with DoC and was advised they did - as well as a number of flora and fauna groups.

Mayor Kempthorne and Cr Bryant advised that the maps would have been more useful if the DoC blocks had been included in them and in a different colour.



Cr Glover noted that the Animal Health Board is to receive \$220k pa and that this will increase each year with the rate of inflation. Mr Bensemam advised that the Board wants to eradicate possums from nearly 3 million hectares in the Tasman region. 1080 also eradicates stoats and weasels but kiwi don't like the bait and are generally not affected.

#### **1.19 Mr Cornelius du Pau (1936)**

Mr du Pau requested a walkway from the swimming pool and Arbor-Lea area to the north end of Croucher Street. He added that the footpath along Salisbury Road is narrow and dangerous.

#### **1.20 Mr Hugh Challies (1948)**

Mr Challies advised that his was a joint submission with Mr Graeme Taylor.

Mr Challies submission was in regard to the Delta Zone irrigators covered by the proposed Lee Valley Dam and he advised that the current formula for funding of the Dam was not acceptable. He then added that a 290% increase in rates to fund the Dam was unaffordable and would ruin his family financially – he added that 'doing nothing is always an option'.

#### Questions and Answers

Cr Edgar asked do we need the Lee Valley Dam and was advised 'not at any price' but we do need it.

Cr Ensor asked what rate could you afford and was advised if you are not making the money, you can't afford it.

2.35p pm: Mayor Kempthorne arrived and assumed the Chair.

Cr Glover asked if Mr Challies had noticed a change in river flow rates and was advised that they had decreased over the years.

#### **1.21 Mr Anthony Mark Quinn (1945)**

Mr Quinn felt any increase to the low flow restricted water supply rate was totally unfair and felt that charging 50% of the town rate or upgrading Best Island residents to a town level of service and charging 100% were fairer options.

Mr Quinn added that he has to pay for his own pump, lines and maintenance on top of the proposed 90% low flow restricted water supply rate and asked Council to reconsider this rate increase.

#### Questions and Answers

Cr Norriss advised that all the water comes from the same supply and asked what did Mr Quinn think was a fair rate. He was advised 50% of the town rate was fair.

Cr King added that the low flow supply still needed to be pressurized and it was just as reliant on the costly infrastructure. Mr Quinn countered by stating if he was to pay 90% of the town rate, Council should therefore give Best Island a fully pressurized water supply flow and charge 100%.

2.50 – 3.05 pm: Afternoon Tea.

## **1.22 Mr Stuart Hughes (1957) Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust**

Mr Hughes was accompanied by Mr Darrell Wilson.

Mr Hughes circulated a handout and read from it.

The Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust wishes to work with the TDC in adjusting the commitments of the Feasibility Study on the Tasman Great Taste Trail to achieve five goals listed in the submission.

### Questions and Answers

Cr King asked why was there such a drive to have a loop completed asap and was advised that this was more political than anything else.

Cr Edgar noted that Stages 2 and 3 were to be progressed over the next 5 or 6 years but Mr Hughes advised that the Trust wants to complete the entire programme in six years. He added that they were 'miles behind on Stage 1'. Resource consent alone took six months longer than expected.

Cr Wilkins asked if the Trust would want money for maintenance of the Trail and was advised that the Trust will work with Council on this as a joint approach is required. The estimated yearly cost of maintenance was placed at \$45k.

Cr Norriss advised that the TDC was committed to Stage 1 but that it didn't include Kaiteriteri, that there are issues at Turners Bluff and that the Marehau Hill is an option to Kaiteriteri.

Mayor Kempthorne noted that the Trust, TDC and the Ministry of Economic Development needed to get together and 'nut this out'.

3.40 pm: Mayor Kempthorne departed and Cr King assumed the Chair.

## **1.23 Miss Isabelle Jones (1972) Richmond Park Bridge & Croquet Centre**

Miss Jones' submission requested Council pay for the sealing of part of the Richmond Park Bridge and Croquet Centre car park (227sq.m).

Miss Jones advised that the lowest quote received had been from Fulton Hogan for \$7,170 and added that the complex is used daily by local groups, schools, Probus, Lions etc.

Cr Edgar asked if the car park was road designated and was advised it was not.

Cr Norriss asked if the two groups had tried raising the funds themselves and was advised no as this was an unexpected and unforeseen cost.

#### **1.24 Mr Ian Miller (1979) Hamilton Miller Partnership**

Mr Miller advised that he was opposed to the Lee Valley Dam and listed six reasons for his opposition.

3.50 pm: Mayor Kempthorne returned and assumed the Chair.

#### Questions and Answers

Cr Inglis asked if Council borrowed the money for the Dam over a 30 year period, would this be a good investment and was advised that user pays would be a fairer system.

Cr Edgar asked was the funding model wrong or is the project not necessary and was advised the Dam was not necessary.

#### **1.25 Mr Grant Rutledge (1953)**

Mr Rutledge wanted Council to continue to fund the region's cycle trails.

#### Questions and Answers

Cr Mirfin asked who would benefit from the cycle trails and was advised locals and tourists alike.

#### **1.26 Mr Richard Inglis (1982) JS Ewers Ltd & Blackbyre Horticulture Ltd**

Mr Inglis advised that J S Ewers and Blackbyre Horticulture both supported the construction of the Lee Valley Dam but that the funding model needed to be carefully considered.

Mr Inglis added that Central Government needed to contribute to the Dam and that Mapua and its surrounding hills needed to be considered also.

#### Questions and Answers

Cr Bryant asked if the per hectare rate was considered too high and was advised that for some crops it was okay but for others it was far too high.

Cr Ensor asked where do you see land use going on the plains and was advised that we need to find products that we have a competitive edge in and this involves exporting to Asia and Australia. Mr Inglis saw more glasshouses being erected in the future for intensive horticulture of high priced products. He added that ready to eat meals were the future. More processing, less waste was now required.

Cr Edgar asked what percentage of your current water allocation do you use and was advised at present 100% but that normal use was between 60 and 70%.

Cr Glover asked if travelling irrigators were efficient and was advised they were about 90% efficient. Mr Inglis added that everything his company grows is grown hydroponically.

### **1.27 Mr Murray King (1983) Waimea Water Augmentation Committee**

Cr Tim King deputised for Mr Murray King and was accompanied by Mr Steven Sutton.

Cr King advised that the Waimea Water Augmentation Committee (WWAC) supported the inclusion of the Lee Valley Dam proposal in the TDC Draft LTP.

Cr King added that Council now needs to take the next step for the Dam and that was its design. He noted that two things would happen if the Dam was built and providing water:-

1. Land use will change with irrigation
2. Change of land ownership will occur.

He added that the wider community benefits with the better use of the Waimea Plains.

Mr Sutton advised that the opposition to the Dam will come from the proposed price per hectare. He added that the land needs water and therefore the Dam is necessary. The critical time is when there is no water and that the main issue is the security of supply.

#### Questions and Answers

Cr Bryant asked is the future dairying which is reliant on water or will land use change and was advised that dairy farmers are picked on because you see their water being used. Water security will change land use to something more intensive.

Cr Bryant then asked is everyone keen to see a reduction in the per hectare rate and was advised that no-one is happy with the rate as it is proposed.

Cr Edgar stated that without water, people on the Plains could change to crops requiring less water or even change methodology. She was advised that every crop needs water and travelling irrigators are efficient these days.

Cr Edgar then asked for funding model feedback and was advised that all the money for the Dam will need to be borrowed, the biggest cost will be just paying the interest back each year. The administration of a user pays scheme is horrific.

Cr Glover noted that the EDA report obviously had got some figures wrong. She then asked if there was any update from Central Government regarding funding and was advised there was none.

Cr Mirfin asked why not go to the Environment Court to get a ruling regarding the minimum flow in the river and was advised cost was the factor.

Cr Norriss asked how confident are you with the costings on the Lee Valley Dam and was advised that the management of the overall costs is the Committees biggest concern.

Cr Ensor asked if there was enough money for the next stage ie. design and was advised that that allocation is in the Long Term Plan. The capital cost required in 2015/16 was the problem.

The Hearing concluded at 5.00 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair:

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