

MINUTES

TITLE: Tasman District Council
DATE: Thursday 15 May 2008
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

PRESENT: Mayor R G Kempthorne (Chair), Crs T B King (Deputy Mayor), S J Borlase, S G Bryant, R G Currie, B F Dowler, J L Edgar, B W Ensor, G A Glover, M J Higgins, J L Inglis, T E Norriss, N Riley and E J Wilkins.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (P J Wylie), Engineering Manager (P Thomson), Resource Scientist (E Verstappen), Manager Property Services (J K Frater) and Administration Officer (B D Moore).

1. PUBLIC FORUM

1.1 Drag Racing

Mr J Gourdie, Track Representative for Nelson Drag Racing Association, spoke in support of the continuance of the Nelson Drag Racing Association activity at Motueka Airport and the renewal of this licence to occupy and associated resource consent. Mr Gourdie tabled copies of a letter dated 14 May 2008 from CEO NZ Drag Racing Association, Mr C Tynan, seeking Council support for the continuance of the Nelson Drag Racing Association's activity at Motueka Airport.

Mr T Skellman, President of the Nelson Drag Racing Association, sought that Council continues allowing this Club's activity at Motueka Airport and spoke about how this Club was working with the Aero Club users to minimise the impact and referred to the positive effects of the event that attracts people to Motueka and Tasman District.

Mr I Gourdie, Patron of Nelson Drag Racing Association Club, asked that Council rescind its decision not to renew the licence to occupy the Motueka Airport by this Club and sought that Council agrees to a new resource consent. He spoke about the safety features which had been installed including a catch net and that this Club has spent \$50,000.00 in 2004 including work to widen the sealed runway and provide the drag strip warmup area. He said that other users have 361 days per year of unfettered use of Motueka Airport and after 5 pm on every drag racing day.

Mr D Collier, a supporter and commentator for events for the Motueka Drag Racing Days explained how an event was halted three times to allow landing and take off by aircraft users. He spoke of the positive effects of the drag racing events including attracting visitors from other regions and keeping youth off the streets.

Mr G Whitney of Nelson Aviation College, which operates extensively from Motueka Airport, expressed concern about rubber left on the runway from drag racing tyres

and that the white strips at the end of the runway become obscured and areas having a buildup of rubber from drag racing tyres become slippery when wet. He expressed concern about damage done to the grass runway and ends of the sealed runway were also cut up. He related an incident where a foreign object had burst an aircraft tyre and was concerned about potential for rubbish and food which can go into an engine intake.

Mr J McGuire, President of Motueka Aero Club, said that the Aero Club has been a tenant of Motueka Airport since 1934 and he acknowledged the support given by the Nelson Drag Racing. Mr McGuire said the potential growth of the Motueka Aero Club is restricted by the activity of the Drag Racing Club carried out at this airport.

Mr S Bean, owner/operator of Skydive Abel Tasman, referred to the risk assessment report which had been compiled regarding the use of Motueka Airport by Nelson Drag Racing Association. He spoke about the issues of loss of income to aviation operators over eight days of the busiest summer months. Mr Bean spoke about the restriction to the potential growth of the Airport and that the Drag Racing Club had almost completed a 10 year tenure of licence to occupy. He said that there should be no activity that conflicts with the operation of the Airport. Mr Bean said that Council's Enterprise Subcommittee and resolved in 2007 to inform the Nelson Drag Racing Association that its licence at Motueka Aerodrome will not be renewed when it expires on 20 December 2008. He said that it is inevitable that the Drag Racing Association will have to find another venue away from Motueka Airport.

Mr V D'Ath of Able Tasman Air said there are eight days a year when passenger bookings cannot be confirmed on his aircraft which results in a loss of income. He said that luckily there has been no serious injuries as a result of the Drag Racing activity. He said that none of the aviation operators needed improvements to the runway which had cost \$116,000.00. He said that the proposal for the construction of hangars in the north of the Airport were shelved as it was impractical as their continuous usage could not be guaranteed because of the drag racing activity. He said that the rent on the hangar would have provided a financial return greater than that from the Drag Racing Association.

Mr D Elley, President of the V8 Social Club, tabled a letter of support for the continuance of the drag racing meetings held at Motueka Airport. A further letter from Golden Bay Rodders was tabled expressing support for the drag racing events held at Motueka Airport to be continued.

1.2 Torrent Bay Beach Erosion

Mr R Gibbons spoke for the Torrent Bay Ratepayers Committee saying that erosion has occurred along the Beach and that very little has been done to assist the situation. He said the Torrent Bay Ratepayers provide a lot of rate income to Council and get very little services in return.

He said that sand refurbishment work is not a viable remedy as it soon gets washed away.

Mr Gibbons said that some Torrent Bay residents are prepared to pay for and install a timber retaining wall at no cost to the Council. Mr Gibbons noted this matter was in the Council agenda for this meeting.

1.3 Council and Community Board Cooperation

Mr P K Foster of Collingwood sought that Council and its community boards work more closely together. He suggested that the Annual Plan also include some examples relating to Council debt.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Moved Crs Currie/Inglis
CN08/05/01**

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Tasman District Council held on 3 April 2008, containing resolutions CN08/04/01 to CN08/04/15, be approved as a correct record.

CARRIED

3. DRAG RACING, MOTUEKA AERODROME

The agenda contained report 41111 of 2 May 2008 from the Manager Property Services, J K Frater. Mr Frater spoke to this report and responded to questions from Councillors.

He said that the existing resource consent expires on 21 December 2008 and the licence to occupy the Motueka Aerodrome for the purpose of drag racing, expires on 20 December 2008. Mr Frater said that the most recent drag racing event occurred on Saturday 28 March 2008 and an inspection of the runway on 30 March 2008 showed a substantial build up of rubber caused by activity from drag racing.

Mr Frater met with the user group from the Motueka Aerodrome on 23 April 2008 and the group raised concerns about damage to the runway and the inconvenience and loss of income and flying time as a result of drag racing activity. The report advised that the Nelson Drag Racing Association was given 18 months' notice that Council would not be renewing its licence to occupy.

Following considerable discussion, Mayor Kempthorne suggested a pathway for action on this issue.

**Moved Crs Borlase/Glover
CN08/05/02**

THAT:

- i) Report 41111 of 2 May 2008, Drag Racing Motueka Aerodrome, lies on the table and that Council requests a report to an extraordinary Council meeting within one month on an alternative venue with timeframe identifying when it could be operational;**
- ii) Council requests an explanation of future requirements of drag racing;**
- iii) the risk assessment report be circulated to all Councillors;**
- iv) Crs Norriss, Higgins, Currie and Airport Manager J Frater, meet with all parties to investigate resolving joint management issues and if possible, establishing an agreed timeframe for the drag racers to leave Motueka Airport.**

CARRIED

4. TORRENT BAY EROSION REPORT – C400, 6 MAY 2008

Resource Scientist E Verstappen spoke to this report contained within the agenda. He displayed a series of photographs to show the extent of erosion beginning in about November 2004 and following replenishment work carried out in August 2005, and the present eroded situation.

Mr Verstappen said that beach re-nourishment is only successful in eroding areas, if top up maintenance works are programmed.

Mr Verstappen said that amenity and public access issues are considered to be significant in this area adjacent to the national park and he warned against both doing nothing and also hard engineering solutions such as retaining walls and rock revetment.

The report explained that most of the erosion was caused by easterly wind driven wave action.

Mr Verstappen used illustrations to show how the force of waves reflected off a wooden wall had removed the surrounding land and sand.

Following some debate by Council of the proposed recommendations within the report, Cr King suggested that more negotiation with all parties should be led by the Chief Executive.

Mr Wylie summarised the issues and suggested that Council's decision be deferred for another four weeks to allow for negotiations to be carried out.

**Moved Crs King/Dowler
CN08/05/03**

**THAT the Council requests the Chief Executive to produce a report within four weeks on the issue of the Torrent Bay foreshore protection works, giving consideration to the options, the costs and consents to achieve property protection and amenity.
CARRIED**

Cr Edgar left the meeting at 12.40 pm

5. PROPOSED TOP OF THE SOUTH LAND TRANSPORT LIAISON FORUM

Engineering Manager Peter Thomson spoke to report R401 of 7 May 2008 contained within the agenda. Mr Thomson said in his report that each of the unitary authorities will be responsible for establishment of new land transport committees, new regional land transport strategies and new regional land transport programmes.

He said that the top of the South, would be well served by the joint liaison forum and could address the changing planning and funding policies being proposed and adopted by central government. He said that the forum could also respond to new government strategies, as well as the Ministry of Transport and the New Zealand Transport Agency, to be formed from 1 July 2008 from the merge of Transit NZ and Land Transport NZ.

The report included a draft terms of reference to be adopted by Council for discussion with the Nelson City and Marlborough District Councils, as part of the establishment process for the liaison forum.

**Moved Crs Bryant/Norriss
CN08/05/04**

**THAT Council approves the proposed terms of reference, as in report R401 of 7 May 2008, for the top of the South Land Transport Liaison Forum and that it be forwarded to Nelson City Council and Marlborough District Council and that subject to their approval, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chair of Engineering Services Committee, attend the first liaison forum meeting with other councils within the next three months.
CARRIED**

6. MAYOR'S REPORT FOR MAY 2008

Mayor Kempthorne tabled and spoke to his report of 15 May 2008. The report referred to the attendance of the Mayor and Chief Executive at the Zone 5 and 6 Local Government New Zealand meeting in Dunedin.

The Chief Executive, Mr Wylie, then reported on issues discussed at that meeting.

**Moved Crs Norriss/Borlase
CN08/05/05**

**THAT the Mayor's report of 15 May 2008 be received.
CARRIED**

7. MACHINERY RESOLUTIONS

**Moved Cr Higgins/Norriss
CN08/05/06**

THAT the execution of the following documents under the seal of Council be confirmed:

EASEMENT

G and P Bainbridge – surrender of Easement in Gross for sewer line gifted to landowner at 93 Brabant Drive, Ruby Bay.

Bay Vista Developments (RM040283) – easement in gross for right to drain water and sewerage, and surrender of Easement Instrument 723577.1.

Coastal Vineyards (RM030141) – easement in favour of council for right to convey water.

Network Tasman – easement to allow boundary adjustment for trench – 141 Salisbury Road, Richmond.

Pitfure Close Syndicate (RM020816) – easement in favour of Council for right to drain sewerage.

N S Ward and SMA Trustees (RM060928) – easement in favour of Council for right to drain sewage and water, and surrender of easement 379405.2.

DEEDS OF LICENCE

D Hodgson – Licence to Occupy - business carparks – Iwa Street, Mapua

Hope Tennis Club – Licence to Occupy - renewal for area containing tennis courts and clubhouse.

Mont E Mar Ltd – Licence to Occupy - road reserve for outdoor seating for Café.

DEEDS OF LEASE

Blue Sky Microlight – Lease at Motueka Aerodrome

Gordon Hugh Challies – 31012L1 – review of lease of Waimea Inlet for farming purposes.

Rowse Partnership and Others – variation of lease at 65 Commercial Street, Takaka

S J and J M Vickery – variation of lease – Waimea River berm lease.

COVENANT

C Gibbons Ltd (RM070594) – traffic engineering requirement for upgrading access

A and W Gibbs (RM060871) – amalgamation covenant to hold two parcels of land together as required by condition of subdivision consent .

D and A McKenzie (RM070691) – Section 220 Covenant to hold two lots land together, and Easement Strip Instrument.

Beloe and Neal (RM071035) – covenant condition of consent to prevent subdivision and limit use of second dwelling in Rural Zone.

ESPLANADE STRIP INSTRUMENT

Stonehurst Farms (RM051049) – creation of esplanade strip along Roding River.

GRAZING LICENCE

H E B Undrill – Lease 22006L7 – licence to graze in Howard Valley forestry area.

R and Y Bensemman – Lease 22007L1 – licence to graze at Slippery River forestry area.

CARRIED

8. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

**Moved Crs King/Higgins
CN0805/07**

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

The general subject of the matter 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 passing this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Golden Bay Medical Centre	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a)

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

Reason to withhold information under Section 7	
To enable the Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations	Section 7(2)(i)

CARRIED

9. RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

**Moved Crs King/Ensor
CN08/05/09**

THAT the open meeting be resumed and the business transacted during the time the public was excluded be confirmed in open meeting.

CARRIED

**Moved Crs King/Higgins
CN08/05/10**

THAT the Golden Bay Medical Centre Community Trust, the District Health Board and the Integrated Services Project be informed that Council is willing to give notice of an intention to sell the Golden Bay Medical Centre buildings, on the basis that the proportion of funds realised, would be provided towards new medical facilities.

CARRIED

Mayor Kempthorne thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 3.10 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Mayor: