

MINUTES

TITLE: Council meeting to hear LTCCP submissions
DATE: Wednesday 13 May 2009
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
PRESENT: Mayor R G Kempthorne, Crs N Riley, E J Wilkins, T E Norriss, M J Higgins, J L Inglis, G A Glover, S G Bryant, J L Edgar, T B King, S J Borlase, B F Dowler
IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (P Wylie), Environment and Planning Manager (D C Bush-King), Strategic Development Manager (S Edwards), Executive Assistant (V M Gribble)

APOLOGIES

**Moved Crs Borlase/Bryant
CN09/05/03**

**THAT apologies from Crs B W Ensor and R G Currie for absence and Cr B F Dowler for lateness be received.
CARRIED**

1 SUBMISSIONS

5224 Staig and Smith (on behalf of 14 clients)

5225 Gibbons Holdings Ltd

J McNae presented the submission which was concerned about development contributions, limitations to the imposition of development contributions, units of demand, assessment of non residential development and reduction/waivers policy review of decisions.

Cr King said Council has had to allow for the possibility of development in a whole range of areas because of requests from developers, hence the quantum is large and within ten years they have to have reasonable possibility of being done. Now developers are coming back saying it's too big.

Mayor Kempthorne asked Ms McNae to come back with her views on the apportionment of costs to growth in the roading development contribution table.

3254 R H Symes-Earle

Mrs Symes-Earle was opposed to the changes to the refuse/recycling system. She was concerned about how people are going to afford the increases in rates. She supported private enterprise.

5288 Richmond Unlimited

P Taylor and P Williams were in attendance to present the submission on behalf of Richmond Unlimited.

Mr Taylor said the greater community is the beneficiary of the Richmond CBD and the proposed targeted rate for Queen Street upgrade should be spread more widely than just the business community. The rebuilding of Queen Street is the top priority project for Richmond Unlimited and they would like to see the linkage between the Mall and Queen Street with a broad painted crossing, temporary kerbing/pathing and possibly installation of relocatable works of art. They support a growth plan for the Richmond CBD and would like to work with Council on that.

Cr Bryant said the group was keen to promote Sundial Square, and questioned the group about running Last of the Summer Fare and the Santa Parade.

Ms Williams said Richmond Unlimited applied for charitable status and were turned down, because we're a business group. We have had to rethink what we'll do about the Santa Parade because we're ineligible to apply for grants, so we are planning a children's Christmas party in Sundial Square.

Cr Bryant asked about the Group's request for planting trees down the centre of Queen Street. He asked if the Group is advocating for pedestrian only and if they have the support of business people?

Mr Taylor said they are not talking about traffic calming and making it a more shopper-friendly environment.

Cr King asked if all businesses are members. How much consultation have you done with businesses over this submission?

Mr Taylor said we're a small organisation and can't do extensive consultation. This submission represents view of the management committee and we endeavour to make it match with the general view of the business community.

Cr Dowler arrived at 10.25 am.

5303 Mapua Districts Cycle and Walkways Group

Mr D Mitchell was in attendance to present the submission on behalf of the Cycle and Walkways Group. Their top priority is the Seaton Valley stream walkway from the causeway across the Leisure Park following up behind the school and then up to SH 60. It links Ruby Bay to the north and the area to the south.

Cr Norriss asked if the group's views have changed following an earlier presentation on the rowing complex.

Mr Mitchell said the group hasn't had a discussion following the presentation. He said there are a lot of unknowns about the proposal, at large expense.

Cr Riley asked if the group has considered voluntary community input to some of the projects that might assist in lowering costs.

Mr Mitchell said the group has already made input into projects. The Group is working with Parks and Reserves staff on a plan for the development of the western side of Aranui Park and possible walkway routes. If the Seaton Valley stream project went ahead there is considerable opportunity for partnership. Looking at an application for DOC community funding for planting Aranui Park.

5311 Federated Farmers of New Zealand

Mr E Newport was in attendance to present the submission on behalf of Federated Farmers of New Zealand. Farmers are concerned about the revaluation resulting in huge increases in rates. They support the move to targeted rates. He asked why Council needs to be involved in tourism. Federated Farmers appreciates Council's support and contribution to TB vector control. Recycling/waste management should be contracted with a user pays system. Council's increase in expenditure is of concern.

Mr Newport said TB programme support has a beneficial affect to the whole community and control of possums that are destructive to our forests and vegetation.

Cr Bryant asked if Mr Newport knew of other local authorities that had a remissions policy to cover large increases in rates in relation to revaluation increases.

Mr Newport said Central Otago District Council has a policy (included in Federated Farmers submission).

1003 S Jones

Mr Jones was in attendance to present his submission. He spoke on the proposed development contributions increases.

1130 D McManus

Mr McManus represented Star and Garter Wheelers and spoke in support of the Saxton Field cycling track. He said the track is needed for safe development of both junior and senior riders to achieve local and national success.

3879 P Griffith (on behalf of petitioners)

Ms Griffith said the petitioners are seeking a review of the accommodation and staffing needs for heritage collections of the Nelson Provincial Museum. They ask that the review include recommendations for adequate funding so that appropriate staffing levels, accommodation and services can be provided to reflect the value of the collections.

Cr Edgar asked if the current Board could give adequate recommendations as to the needs.

Ms Griffith said there is no increase in funding for the museum in the ten year plan. She said there would be an advantage, because there is a perceived issue with funding, in getting an external review to present a plan for a way forward.

Cr King said over the last ten years we've increased funding to the museum, but accepted we didn't fully fund the budget requested by the Museum Trust. He noted that Council has to consider funding increases requested by the Trust against all other demands on Council resources and funding.

Ms Griffith said the limited funding affected services at Isel Park.

Cr King said 90% of the petitioners are from Nelson. Is there a greater interest in Nelson than the wider region?

5319 Native Habitats Tasman Oversight Group

Mr L Vaughan was in attendance to present the submission on behalf of the Native Habitats Tasman Oversight Group. They are seeking \$20,000 for next two years, \$30,000 for following two years and then to \$50,000 to the end of the decade.

Cr Norriss said landowners already have some of the areas protected, can it be rolled out over a longer period.

Mr Vaughan said the funding is designed to help property owners look after their properties. One ecologist is being employed which is the minimum level to run the project. It would be possible but difficult to extend the period.

Cr Glover asked what happens to the land.

Mr Vaughan said the land still belongs to the owner and they want to keep those areas as they are.

5341 Friends of Mapua Wetland Inc

Janet Taylor and David Mitchell were in attendance to present the submission on behalf of Friends of Mapua Wetland Inc.

Ms Taylor highlighted the need for assessment, management and protection of aquifers particularly where they are being used for residential water supplies. They urged Council to undertake environmental assessment of land before given designation of "residential".

Cr Inglis left the meeting at 11.30 am.

5347 C Garnett

Mr Garnett was in attendance to present his submission. He is concerned about rates increases and debt levels.

5686 Dr E Kiddle

Dr Kiddle spoke about global warming and climate change and to ensure it is factored into the LTCCP. We need to work with our community to mitigate climate change and develop resilience to climate impacts. He believes Civil Defence should be involved in planning.

5706 W Hall (on behalf of Trass Valley residents)

Mr J Fitzgerald and Mr B Stanaway were in attendance to speak on behalf of the Trass Valley residents who sought a seal extension of 2.1 kilometres of Trass Valley Road. They are concerned about health and safety issues for both people and animals. The road is used by forestry trucks and has a lot of traffic using it.

Cr Riley left the meeting at 12.25 pm.

Mayor Kempthorne reminded Mr Fitzgerald about the local roads sealing policy.

Mr Fitzgerald said they are aware of it and asked for a road counter to be put on the road. He asked Council to look at the seal extension as an ongoing project. They would look at the policy if the BC rating wasn't high enough for subsidy.

Cr King said dust is an issue and asked if they had looked at other options, eg oiling.

Mr Fitzgerald said they oil the road each year at a cost of \$400 each annually which is on top of the rates paid.

5715 C Mildon
1200 R Ford

Mr Mildon and Mr Ford were in attendance to speak about the cycle track proposal for Saxton Field. They asked that the project be brought forward to 2012 at the latest. The new track needs to be built before the old one is removed.

5887 B Hirst

Mr Hirst was in attendance to speak to the recycling and waste collection. He said there is a need to reduce waste but was concerned Council was developing a plan going around the wrong way to reduce that waste. He believes it should be user pays. He supported the education programme and thinks that TDC doesn't have a waste problem. He supports the rowing facility proposed for Rabbit Island.

5725 L H & S K Cook

Mr Cook spoke to his submission and sought reserve status for native bush-clade Reservoir and Jimmy Lee Creeks surrounded by forestry activity which has adversely affected and continues to threaten these wonderful local walking areas and the general backdrop to Richmond.

Cr King asked whether leaving a gap between the top of the native bush and the sky line may be sufficient for native bush regeneration.

Mr Cook said 50 metres would give a clearance from trees. He said the road put through for forestry could have been put through with more care for the environment.

5808 Transition Town Mapua Group

H Blundell was in attendance to speak to the submission on behalf of Transition Town Mapua Group. The group does not support the rowing and water sports project on Rabbit Island or the Motorsports facility.

6008 Monaco Boat Club

A Morris, B Bartlett and T Chittenden were in attendance to present the submission on behalf of the Monaco Boat club. They support the proposed rowing and water ski course at Rabbit Island.

6009 H & T Chittenden

T Chittenden said the top of the south region has the highest number of boats per capita in New Zealand and there are a lot of people who ski competitively or recreationally. The proposed rowing and water ski course will be ideal for those people training for competitions and recreational users in a safe and controlled environment.

Cr Edgar asked why Lake Rotoiti isn't suitable and why some of those issues about multiple and conflicting users wouldn't be issues in the new facility.

Mr Morris said the water ski lane at Lake Rotoiti is in the roughest part and the sailing part is where there is no wind.

Ms Chittenden said we envisage there will be a boom over the water ski area. It will be a one boat at a time facility and it will be controlled. Monaco Boat Club will be promoting the course and the ability to be able to come and learn at times available.

Cr Bryant asked if the Monaco Boat Club would assist the funding of the ramp in the new development.

The Monaco Boat Club is financially secure and is prepared to put in what it takes for this to happen.

Mr Morris said most members of the Club are looking at it as competitive. We see it being a calm area where children can be trained. The one in Christchurch has its own boat that the public can use.

6128 J D Corboy

Mr Corboy supports an aquatic flat water park, but not on Rabbit Island. He suggested consideration be given to the area between Rabbit and Rough Islands.

Cr Norriss said the proposal is in the plan for the group to further progress it. They don't want to own the facility and want it to remain in Council ownership.

6151 REJ Wylie

Mr Wylie was in attendance to present his submission. He tabled and read a supplementary submission. He is concerned about rates increases and debt levels.

5285 Debs Martin, Royal Forest and Bird

Debs Martin was in attendance to present the submission on behalf of Royal Forest and Bird. Royal Forest and Bird asked Council to include in the TRMP the identification of outstanding natural features and landscapes as a matter of planning priority over the next few years and to allocate appropriate funding for the research to be done on a robust professional basis, whilst providing for community input.

6186 E Collier and K Bowie

Mr Bowie asked for a management plan for Waimea Estuary. He said the estuary deserves to have funding and a body that will discuss all issues and come up with something that is balanced.

Crs Higgins and King left the meeting at 3.15 pm.

6199 K Heasman

Mr Heasman spoke on behalf of the Tasman Aquatic Multisport Development Trust Concept Proposal April 2009 for a flat water rowing/kayaking/skiing course at Rabbit Island. He said they have had discussions with Mr Schruer of Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit and believe any concerns can be addressed.

Mr K Strickland spoke about the economic benefits the facility is expected to bring.

Mr S Odinet spoke about fundraising efforts to date.

6228 Nelson School of Music

Mr Robins and Mrs McElhinney were in attendance to present the submission on behalf of the Nelson School of Music. They requested continued financial support (of around \$15,000 to \$20,000) from the Council starting mid-2010 and active involvement by the Council with the Nelson City Council in developing plans for support of the School of Music in the longer term.

Mrs McElhinney said the school is at 30% growth at the moment and expects gradual growth in revenue streams.

Cr Bryant left the meeting at 3.35 pm.

6244 R Simpson

Ms Simpson was in attendance to present her submission. She supports Council managing growth of areas.

6284 D J Win

Mr Win expressed concern about rates increases and the ability of people to pay. He also spoke about the beach replenishment at Torrent Bay.

6297 Action Sports and Ten Pin Bowling Centre (V Collis)

Mr Hughes and Carla were in attendance to present the submission. They asked for Council support in their venture through grants, rates rebate or signage.

Cr King said that as it is a commercial business it can be difficult for it to meet the criteria for grants, etc.

6299 Nelson Tasman Connections

C McKenzie and N Robb were in attendance to present the submission on behalf of Nelson Tasman Connections.

Ms McKenzie requested that the current level of funding (\$10,000) be maintained for the 2009/2010 financial year.

Cr Higgins returned to the meeting at 4.20 pm.

Ms Robb said Connections has a good relationship with youth service providers in the region.

6301 Nelson Branch National Council of Women – Tasman Local Issues Group

Mrs A Heslop presented the submission on behalf of the Group. She said it is essential that a management plan be put in place for the Waimea Estuary. The Group is not in favour of the rowing/watersports facility being built at Rabbit Island.

6314 Tinline Properties

Mr M Lile was in attendance and presented the submission on behalf of Tinline Properties. They are concerned about the effect of development contributions payable upon subdivision and development. They consider the proposed increases to the development contributions are significant. Tinline Properties is opposed to the tourism rate. They also believe planned expenditure on public parking is inadequate.

Mayor Kempthorne asked for Mr Lile's views on the apportionment of costs to growth in the development contribution tables.

Cr King said there have been requests from developers to zone land and Council has allowed for infrastructural development in a lot of places. Infrastructure needs to be put in place to enable the development to occur and such infrastructure is costly.

Mr Lile said if people in Richmond South want their land rezoned for growth then they should pay for it.

6315 VPCL Trustees Ltd

Mr M Lile presented the submission on behalf of VPCL Trustees Ltd. They are strongly opposed to the increases in development contributions payable upon subdivision and development.

6316 Camden Properties Ltd

Mr M Lile presented the submission on behalf of Camden Properties Ltd. They are strongly opposed to the increases in development contributions payable upon subdivision and development.

Cr Glover said if Council reduced the contributions required as requested, it may have to take stuff out which would impact on your clients.

Mr Lile said changes have consequences for other people. He has asked that Council be fully aware of those consequences.

Cr Edgar asked would you prefer a system where it's split into smaller area, like ward, or district wide or what it currently is.

Mr Lile as far as possible it should be user pays.

6017 P Petrie

Mr Petrie was in attendance to present his submission which was concerned with the recycling and waste collection. His concern is that we have issues with waste and appreciates that Council is trying to reduce what goes to landfill.

4068 I Kearney

Mr Kearney was in attendance to speak to his submission. He is concerned with proposed increases in development contributions. He asked Council to reconsider all the percentages attributed to growth in the items contained in Schedule 2 and remove projects which should be funded by targeted rates and reallocate projects which provide general benefit to all ratepayers so these are funded only from general rates.

Mayor Kempthorne said a lot of the projects due to be done, would not be needed if it wasn't for the demand created by growth. When we went through Richmond South you instructed we should rezone more land for development because we weren't allowing enough. Now there is a question of supporting DCs for growth.

Mr Kearney was questioning the percentages attributed to growth. Growth will occur but if percentage charges in development contributions are wrongly allocated, it means the wrong people are paying.

Cr King said if these percentages are as wrong as you're saying and more than half of all this can't be funded by development contributions, should we take them all out or should we find someone else to pay for it?

Mr Kearney said Council, if they are saying the charges in development contributions are only those that arise as a result of growth, then they need to be sure they're applying that policy.

Cr Glover asked do you think there is a strong correlation between areas Council is rezoning for growth and costs relating to that for infrastructure.

Mr Kearney has no difficult with the concept that areas with growth should be paying.

The meeting concluded at 5.30 pm.

Chair:

Date: