MINUTES

TITLE: DATE: TIME: VENUE:	Extraordinary Council Meeting Tuesday 19 July 2011 2.07 pm Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.
PRESENT:	Mayor R G Kempthorne, Crs T B King, S G Bryant, J L Inglis, B F Dowler, B W Ensor, T E Norriss, J L Edgar, G A Glover, C M Maling, Z S Mirfin
IN ATTENDANCE:	L Gamby, Chief Executive (P Wylie), Environment and Planning Manager (D C Bush-King), Corporate Services Manager (M W Staite), Executive Assistant (V M Gribble)
APOLOGIES	

Moved Crs Inglis/Maling CN11-07-01

THAT apologies from Crs M L Bouillir and E J Wilkins for absence be sustained. CARRIED

Moved Crs Edgar/Norriss CN11-07-02

THAT Golden Bay Community Board Member, L Gamby, be granted speaking rights. CARRIED

1 GOLDEN BAY BY-ELECTION – REPORT RCN11-07-01

Deputy Electoral Officer, Sandra Hartley, was in attendance to speak to the report contained in the agenda. The report was prepared to provide statutory guidance to Council with regard to the extraordinary vacancy that has occurred in the Golden Bay Ward from the recent resignation of Cr Noel Riley.

Moved Crs Norriss/Inglis CN11-07-03

THAT Tasman District Council:

- a) receives report RCN11-07-01 on the Golden Bay By-election;
- b) in accordance with the Local Electoral Act 2011 Section 117(1) Council resolves to fill the extraordinary vacancy in the Golden Bay Ward resulting from the recent resignation of Cr N Riley;
- c) resolves that the candidates' names on the voting papers for the byelection be in alphabetical order by surname;

d) pursuant to Section 79 of the Local Electoral Act 2001, the returned voting documents for the 2011 Golden Bay Ward by-election be processed during the voting period.

CARRIED

2 LETTER TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION ON REPORT ERRORS – RCN11-07-02

Chief Executive, Paul Wylie, spoke to the report contained in the agenda which outlined a large number of errors, omissions and unsubstantiated assertions contained in the Strateg.Ease report prepared for the Local Government Commission reports on the proposal for a union of Nelson City and Tasman District.

The report sought Council's agreement to a letter being sent to the Commission outlining those matters and seeking that the Commission takes action to rectify the situation to enable the public to submit on the proposal in the context of correct information contained in the report.

Councillors considered that the public should be able to make their decision based on factual information.

Moved Crs Edgar/Bryant CN11-07-04

THAT the Tasman District Council:

- a) receives the report Letter to Local Government Commission on Report Errors – Report RCN11-07-02;
- b) approves the letter to be sent to the Local Government Commission as attached in the agenda as Appendix 1, as an open letter;
- c) notes that the letter asks the Local Government Commission to withdraw the Strateg.Ease report on the union of Nelson City and Tasman District which contains inaccuracies; correct the errors, omissions and unsubstantiated assertions contained in the report; then re-issue the report, undertake publicity that the corrected report is available and extend the submission deadline.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 3.07 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: