

MINUTES

TITLE: Community Services Committee
DATE: Wednesday 22 March 2006
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Motueka Sports Pavilion, Pah Street, Motueka

PRESENT: Crs P K O'Shea (Chair), E E Henry, M J Higgins (until 2.30pm), N Riley, E J Wilkins, S J Borlase, E M O'Regan (from 9.50 am until 2.30 pm), J L Inglis, T E Norriss, R G Kempthorne (from 11.10 am until 2.19 pm), T B King (until 1.57 pm), S G Bryant, G Currie and His Worship the Mayor J C Hurley.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr L Kennedy (Community Services Manager) , S E Hartley (Administration Advisor), B Wilkes (Reserves Manager)

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs S J Borlase/T E Norriss
CS06/03/01

**THAT the apology from Cr O'Regan for lateness be received and sustained.
CARRIED**

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Jim Butler spoke about the cost of maintaining garden plots, deterioration of the old wharf at Motueka Quay, Pethybridge Rose Garden and the SPCA garden. He tabled his report.

1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1.1 Minutes of Community Services Committee – 8 February 2006

Cr Riley noted that it had not been recorded that he had departed from the meeting at 10.45 am and did not return until 1.15 pm.

Moved Crs E J Wilkins/E E Henry
CS06/03/02

**THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 8 February 2006 containing resolutions CS06/02/01 to CS06/02/12, as amended, be confirmed as a true and correct record.
CARRIED**

2 ACTION SCHEDULE AND PROJECT UPDATES

Mr L Kennedy reported that sites were still being investigated for the Marahau Fire Station and Motor Sports, and three more letters of thanks had since been received from Murchison Community Rooms (previously public toilets), Tasman & Districts Equestrian Trust for funds for shifting road and approval for a storage shed, and the Nelson Dressage Group for funds to upgrade the all weather arena.

His Worship the Mayor J C Hurley asked that the Tapu Bay access road be added to this list.

3 GOLDEN BAY HOUSING TRUST PROPOSAL

Mik Symmons (Secretary of the GBHT), Linda Barnes (Chair of GBHT), Keith Preston (Consultant) and Christine McQuillan (Housing New Zealand) were in attendance.

Mr Kennedy spoke to the report in the agenda, which included further information including the wellbeing of the community, community housing account, and concerns about the future of the cottages if the Trust was wound up.

Cr O'Shea reminded Councillors that they had recently requested a report on using Council equity for other purposes and a subsequent council policy, which could assist in this decision.

Cr Borlase advised that he was a Trustee of the Golden Bay Housing Trust, and would not be taking part in any voting.

In answer to Councillors questions, Keith Preston said the Trust could pay the Council a 5% fee for the management of the council cottages; the objective of the housing trust is to encourage younger families to move back into Golden Bay; they had received grants from Housing New Zealand to establish the Trust etc; the equity from the council flats would enable the Trust to access up to \$2,000,000.

Christine McQuillan also addressed questions and advised that Housing New Zealand's funding is for local government to upgrade and develop more housing, and for community organisations to grow the community housing sector; rentals of such housing had to be less than market; if the Trust was given permission to sell the housing stock and the mortgage was repaid, Housing New Zealand could give Council the first right of refusal to buy back the cottages. She was happy to have matters clarified by her Department's lawyers.

Moved Crs E E Henry/M J Higgins

THAT in relation to the request to sell four Golden Bay Council cottages to the Golden Bay Housing Trust, that the Special Consultative Procedure be initiated so that Council can gain public feedback before a decision is made.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12.30 pm and resumed at 1.20 pm.

Committee members expressed their opinions on this proposal.

Cr Henry, in her right of reply, pointed out that the Committee should not lose sight of the goal, which was the lack of affordable housing in Golden Bay, and she considered that the Special Consultative Procedure would fill in the gaps and be seen by the public as addressing concerns. In conclusion, Cr Henry said that if Council expanded its housing for the community it would add to the workload of Council, and they would not be able to provide as many houses in Golden Bay as a community partnership could.

A division was called for:

Cr King – against
Cr Higgins – in favour
Cr Kempthorne – in favour
Cr Bryant – against
Cr Riley – against
Cr Wilkins – against
Cr Norriss – against
Cr Currie – against
Cr O'Regan – against
Cr Inglis – against
Cr Henry – in favour
His Worship the Mayor – against
Cr O'Shea - against

The motion was therefore lost.

**Moved Crs T E Norriss/R Kempthorne
CS06/03/03**

THAT:

- 1 The Chief Executive provide a report to Council on implications of using council equity to assist the financing of outside organisations;**
- 2 A staff report be prepared addressing the following issues:**
 - (i) Trust Deed concerns;**
 - (ii) The protection of future ownership of these cottages should they be transferred to the Housing Trust;**
 - (iii) Pros and cons of Council keeping the cottages and uplifting Housing New Zealand funds for housing development.**

CARRIED

4 REPORTS

4.1 Chair

Cr O'Shea pointed out that this venue is called the "Motueka Sports Pavilion".

The Committee discussed the suggestion that the Community Facilities responsibilities of the Grants and Facilities Rate Subcommittee be transferred to this standing committee, and as opinion was divided, the matter was left on the table.

**Moved Crs T B King/E E Henry
CS06/03/04**

**THAT the Chair's report be received.
CARRIED**

4.2 Manager Property

Mr Kennedy spoke to this report in Mr Frater's absence, on general property issues throughout the district.

**Moved Crs T B King/E M O'Regan
CS06/03/05**

**THAT the Manager Property's report be received.
CARRIED**

4.3 District Librarian

Mr Kennedy spoke to this report in the Librarian's absence, on statistics and activities at Council libraries.

Members discussed the statistics, and noted significant changes taking place including internet usage for research.

**Moved Crs E M O'Regan/R G Currie
CS06/03/06**

**THAT the District Librarian's report be received.
CARRIED**

4.4 Reserve Manager

Mrs B Wilkes was in attendance and spoke to her report, which was an update on capital projects to be completed in the 2005/06 year.

It was noted that the reference in the report to the Tasman Community Council should be "Tasman Area Community Association".

**Moved Crs E M O'Regan/N Riley
CS06/03/07**

**THAT the Reserve Manager's report be received.
CARRIED**

4.5 Community Recreation Advisor

Mr Kennedy spoke to this report in the absence of the Community Recreation Advisor, which focused on various recreational and community activities taking place in the district.

Cr O'Shea pointed out that the local arts councils could advise what public art is around the area for inclusion in the Public Art Database.

Cr Higgins requested that the Celebration of Wakefield Forests be added to this list.

Cr Norriss asked for further information on how the artists retreat is funded, and expressed concern that there did not appear to be funds available for children to attend age group national sports events.

**Moved Crs R G Currie/E J Wilkins
CS06/03/08**

**THAT the Community Recreation Advisor's report be received.
CARRIED**

4.6 Takaka Library

Mr Kennedy spoke to this report, which outlined the reasons for the need for a new library in Takaka.

Committee members expressed concern about the necessity of a new library at this time, and the increase in costs. Members agreed that a site visit would be valuable.

**Moved Crs E E Henry/J L Inglis
CS06/03/09**

**THAT the report lie on the table until after a site visit.
CARRIED**

4.7 2006 – Year of the Veteran

Mrs Wilkes spoke to her report on the agenda which outlined the proposal from Rick Williams of the RSA for a Community Project to celebrate "2006 – Year of the Veteran".

**Moved Crs E M O'Regan/P K O'Shea
CS06/03/10**

**THAT approval be given for staff to plant a small area of poppies at the Motueka and Richmond Cemeteries for this particular year, but decline the request for large borders being planted.
CARRIED**

5 INFORMATION ITEMS

**Moved Crs T E Norriss/E E Henry
CS06/03/11**

THAT the Rural Fire Network Report for January 2006, the Motueka Recreation Centre Report to March 2006 and the Motueka Grandstand Progress Report # 7 be received.

CARRIED

6 CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.30 pm.