

# MINUTES

**TITLE:** Community Services Committee  
**DATE:** Wednesday 18 October 2006  
**TIME:** 10.00 am  
**VENUE:** Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond  
**PRESENT:** Cr P K O'Shea (Chair), Mayor J C Hurley, Crs E E Henry, S G Bryant, R G Currie, M J Higgins, T E Norriss, J L Inglis, E J Wilkins, E M O'Regan, N Riley, S J Borlase, R G Kempthorne  
**IN ATTENDANCE:** Community Services Manager (L L Kennedy), Property Manager (J K Frater), District Librarian (B Paterson), Community Recreation Advisor (M Tasman-Jones), Minute Secretary (V M Gribble)

## APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Bryant/Borlase  
CS06/10/01

THAT apologies for absence from Cr King and for lateness from Mayor Hurley and Cr Kempthorne be sustained.

CARRIED

## 1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

### 1.1 Community Services Committee – 6 September 2006

Moved Crs Norriss/O'Regan  
CS06/10/02

THAT the minutes of the Community Services Committee held on 6 September 2006 containing resolutions CS06/09/01 to CS06/09/16 be confirmed as a true and complete record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED

### 1.2 Grants and Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee – 19 September 2006

Moved Crs Henry/Riley  
CS06/10/03

THAT the minutes of the Grants and Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee held on 19 September 2006 containing resolutions CS06/09/17 to CS06/09/18 be confirmed as a true and complete record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED

**2 ACTION SCHEDULE**  
**2.1 Motor Sports Venue**

An inspection will be held on a future Saturday which will include all interest groups and Councillors to see if the Hira site is suitable and whether we want to progress it.

Cr Kempthorne arrived at 10.05 am.

**3. MANAGER PROPERTY**

**3.1 Emergency Management**

Cr Riley asked if the discussion in Takaka with the local and alternate controller, fire chief and other fire staff, included fire protection at Mangarakau.

Mr Frater advised that co-ordination of the event was discussed, rather than problems with fire protection.

**3.2 Takaka Library**

Cr Currie queried the item about the Takaka Library.

Mr Frater advised that it was approved at the last Community Services meeting with a request that consideration be given to design and build. Mr Paterson, District Librarian, has been in touch with Whangarei City where they had undertaken a design and build project successfully. There are registrations of interest coming in already and staff are hoping to get something closer to the budget.

Cr O'Shea reminded Councillors that design of the new library was to proceed subject to final approval and for the Property Manager to investigate feasibility of design and build and report to a future meeting was approved at the last meeting.

Mr Frater said if tenders come through and it is unaffordable it will be brought back to the meeting.

Cr Norriss asked if the concept plans were made available to all those registering interest.

Mr Frater said a decision hasn't been made on that, because there could be other ways of doing it. It is a drawing owned by Council and could be put out as an example.

Mr Frater said the proposal document will state the overall area and individual areas will be detailed.

**Moved Crs Borlase/O'Regan**  
**CS06/10/04**

**THAT the Property Manager's report dated 10 October 2006 be received.**  
**CARRIED**

#### **4 INTENTION TO LEASE LAND AT COLLINGWOOD**

Mr Frater spoke to the report contained in the agenda on the local consultation process for the intention to lease land at Collingwood to the Golden Bay Heritage Aorere Trust.

Cr Borlase commented on the problem between the Museum and Heritage Trust. Extensive efforts have been made for reconciliation between the Museum and Heritage Trust but have not been successful as yet. He said the two activities complement each other very well.

**Moved Crs Henry/Riley  
CS06/10/05**

**THAT the intention to issue a sublease of land on the corner of Elizabeth and Tasman Streets, Collingwood to the Golden Bay Heritage Aorere Trust be confirmed.  
CARRIED**

#### **5 DISTRICT LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

Mr Paterson was in attendance for discussion on his report which was contained in the agenda.

Cr Borlase made mention that boys read to by their fathers are better readers and that this should be talked about more and made public.

Mr Paterson said there was publicity around books for boys in September 2006 encouraging them to read and parents to read to them, but research wasn't included. He undertook to include that research.

Cr O'Shea asked about measurement of outcomes of programmes, eg books for boys and never ending story.

Mr Paterson said the never ending story was not part of the Library's activity. With regard to books for boys it would be useful to look at the October issue figures for this and last year to see how they match up.

Cr Inglis commented about door count statistics going down at libraries.

Mr Paterson said a lot of people renew their books via the website. Because information is available online, people don't need to come into the library. It doesn't add to the work, but changes the nature of it.

**Moved Crs Bryant/Norriss  
CS06/10/06**

**THAT the District Librarian's Report for October 2006 be received.  
CARRIED**

Mayor Hurley arrived at the meeting at 10.30 am.

## **6 PROPOSED TASMAN AQUATIC MULTI SPORT DEVELOPMENT AT RABBIT ISLAND**

Kevin Strickland and Ben Burger gave a powerpoint presentation on the proposal to establish a rowing course on the traverse between Rabbit Island and Rough Island.

Mayor Hurley noted it was of utmost importance for the local bodies to get behind the Trust to help all it can and support them.

The Regional Funding Forum has discussed this proposal and semi-supports the idea and it is noted in Tasman District Council LTCCP.

Cr Higgins supported the concept but noted that in removing the forest estate there will be cash flow removed from Tasman District Council which needs to be factored in to what it will cost Council.

**Moved Mayor Hurley/Cr Currie  
CS06/10/07**

**THAT the Community Services Manager prepare a report for Council on the implications and pros and cons of the development of a Tasman Aquatic Multi Sport Development at Rabbit Island.  
CARRIED**

## **7 COMMUNITY AND RECREATION ADVISOR'S REPORT**

Mr Mike Tasman-Jones was in attendance for presentation of his report.

Cr O'Shea advised that the Motueka and Golden Bay Museums will have Memorandums of Understanding with Council giving them security of funding for three years.

**Moved Crs Henry/O'Regan  
CS06/10/08**

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

## **8 RURAL FIRE NETWORK ANNUAL REPORT**

T Broderick, D Ashford, R Thomson and C Millson from Rural Fire Network were in attendance at the meeting.

Mr Broderick gave a powerpoint presentation which included an overview of Waimea Rural Fire Authority, its stakeholders and their contributions, voluntary rural fire force organisations, significant fire events and the Department of Internal Affairs review.

Mr Broderick said the review process started 3 or 4 years ago.

Cr Currie asked who is in charge when the voluntary rural fire forces and urban people both attend.

Mr Broderick said that for structure events, urban forces are in charge and for vegetation fires rural fire forces take control.

Cr Higgins asked if there was any action Tasman District Council can take to assist with the review.

Mr Broderick said formal action through Mayor Hurley, Community Services Manager Lloyd Kennedy and Cr Tim King will provide us with all the support we need from Council.

## **9 TASMAN YOUTH COUNCIL**

Cindus Colonna (Community Recreation Officer) introduced four members of Waimea Cluster of Tasman Youth Council. Eliana Glover, Cameron Leslie were attendees at Youth Conference. Claire Stanaway and Kelly Rogers were here in support and could answer questions about Jam Magazine.

Eliana and Cam reported on the Youth in Local Government Conference 2006 and thanked Council for their sponsorship.

Cr Riley congratulated the Youth Councillors on the production of the Jam magazine.

Mayor Hurley welcomed the Youth Councillors to the meeting.

Cr O'Shea asked that the Youth Councillors keep in touch with local government and look to the future and consider being more involved with local government. She hoped that the Youth Councillors would come to meetings with Council more frequently.

Ms Colonna said Tasman District Council is a very supportive Council and has a great Youth Council.

## **10 CUSTOMER SERVICES**

S Westley (Customer Services Manager) was in attendance for presentation of the report which provided an update to the Committee on the Customer Services section.

**Moved Crs O'Regan/Bryant  
CS06/10/09**

**THAT the Customer Services Manager's report dated 12 October 2006 be received.  
CARRIED**

## **11 RESERVE MANAGER'S REPORT**

Cr Kempthorne noted that Richmond is well served by walking tracks that are extremely popular.

In response to a comment in the report about the vandalism problems at the Wakefield BMX track, Cr Higgins said Wakefield Recreation Reserve and Community Council are reluctant to see the track moved and would rather try and manage it better where it is.

In response to a question from Cr Norriss, Mr Kennedy advised that funds have been allocated for extending the car park at the Motueka Cemetery.

Cr Norriss asked about the Pohara Hall tennis courts and the removal of the mezzanine floor in the hall.

Mr Kennedy said the tennis courts at Pohara have little use and were deteriorating. When it came to upgrade them it was found that only two courts could be done because of the wet nature of the ground. The Golden Bay Community Board had previously approved a basketball hoop to go on one court, but now there are only two it has caused a problem. Staff are going to talk to the basketball people and look at putting the basketball hoops at the school where there are netball courts.

With regard to the mezzanine floor in the Pohara Hall, this was removed after staff meet with the Building Inspector and a local builder on site. The mezzanine floor and stairway required a lot of work to meet the building code and therefore it was decided to remove it. Locals there on the day advised that it was rarely used and for most events it was blocked off because of the safety issues. Since it was removed staff have received positive feedback from hall users.

### **Moved Crs Henry/Wilkins CS06/10/10**

**THAT the Reserve Manager's report dated 21 October 2006 be received.  
CARRIED**

## **12 REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE RICHMOND LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS**

The working party met on 4 October 2006 and recommended that a public consultation process should be undertaken regarding the proposal which would involve selling the existing building in Queen Street, Richmond and constructing a new library on the ASB Bank Aquatic Centre site. A resource consent would be required because the area of the building substantially exceeds the limits provided for in the zone.

The other option considered was to expand the existing library within the building as originally intended and to create a small area of retail space with Queen Street frontage in addition to improving access to the first floor of commercial space.

Cr Henry said the working party decided it would like to see a consultation process undertaken with Richmond residents, either looking at a new building on land at the

pool and to find out what their preference is, either the aquatic centre site or the existing site.

Cr Kempthorne agreed with Cr Henry. The working party didn't have a preference for the aquatic centre site but wanted to explore the views of the community to measure their response to build a new purpose-built library building. The annual cost of doing the new building would be \$163,000 and the net cost of upgrading the old building was \$28,000 so it would cost \$135,000 extra annually to relocate and it is shifting out of the CBD to the aquatic centre.

Cr Currie said the present library was never designed as a library and has a lot of restrictions and the figures given have only been gauged by estimates.

Mr Paterson said that if the library was to move it needed to be a site that had room for expansion. The aquatic centre site is out of the centre of town and conventional planning says libraries should be in the centre of town, but there are advantages to the position as a site for the library.

Cr Norriss said the cost of this project, if you take into consideration the value of the land, would be considerably higher than the figures provided.

Cr Bryant asked how many people walk as compared to travelling by car to the library and if car parking is an issue on the present site. He also asked what sort of area would be needed for car parking on the new site.

Mr Paterson said staff had carried out a survey to look at the parking issue. 40% came by foot, the remainder by car. Parking is no longer an issue because of restricted parking in the car park. He didn't know the area that would be required for parking at the new site.

Cr Higgins said that Council should be upgrading the existing Richmond Library.

Cr O'Shea asked whether the Committee wanted the working party to do some more work and bring back another report.

Cr Kempthorne said the working party has done its work and the question was do we go to the community and ask them what they prefer. We need to flag the cost difference as people need to know it.

It was noted that there is no provision for a new library in the LTCCP but there is provision for upgrading the present library.

Cr Norriss said that as the meeting had the figures and the effect it will have on rates, that a decision should be made.

Cr Borlase supported going ahead with reconstruction of the existing building.

Moved Crs Kempthorne/Norriss  
CS06/10/

THAT Council survey the community as to their preference of library development, either at the existing or aquatic centre sites, subject to amended, corrected figures for the Aquatic Centre site being provided.

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Cr Currie asked that it be recorded that he voted for this resolution.

**Moved Crs Higgins/Borlase  
CS06/10/11**

**THAT an updated staff report on the redevelopment of the Richmond Library at the current site be presented to the next Community Services Committee meeting.**

**CARRIED**

### **13 KINA BEACH RECREATION RESERVE**

The agenda contained a report which proposed an extension for camping from a maximum of two nights to a maximum of four nights.

**Moved Crs Norriss/Borlase  
CS06/10/12**

**THAT the short-stay camping at the Kina Reserve be increased from a maximum stay of two nights to a maximum stay of four nights for a trial period ending 28 February 2007, at which time the trial will be reviewed in consultation with the Tasman Area Community Association and a further recommendation forwarded to the Community Services Committee.**

**CARRIED**

### **14 POKORORO PUBLIC HALL**

The agenda contained a report from the Administration Advisor asking the Committee to consider a request from the Pokororo Public Hall Inc for funding towards painting the exterior walls of the hall. The hall is not a Council-owned facility, and is therefore not entitled to the dollar for dollar rental subsidy.

**Moved Crs Norriss/Higgins  
CS06/10/13**

**THAT Pokororo Public Hall Inc be given \$1,000 from the Council halls subsidy.**

**CARRIED**

### **15 MOTUEKA RECREATION CENTRE**

Cr Higgins left the meeting at 2.15 pm.

Mr Kennedy said Leisure Management Services are reviewing the structure of the Motueka Recreation Centre and how it is run so Council can get ideas of where indoor facilities are headed over the next 10 to 20 years.

Cr O'Shea said now that the Motueka pool project is not going to proceed, the Recreation Centre that needs modifications might need some funding, perhaps even under the Community Facilities rate.

Cr Norriss left the meeting at 2.20 pm.

Mr Kennedy suggested looking at ways of assisting people in Motueka to have access to the ASB Bank Aquatic Centre, and suggested investigating an arrangement with a bus company which would allow people to travel by bus and enter the ASB Bank Aquatic Centre in Richmond for a set price.

Cr O'Shea suggested the manager of the Motueka Recreation Centre, in conjunction with the ASB Bank Aquatic Centre, look into the proposal.

Cr Inglis said it would benefit the pool and also the people of Motueka.

Cr Wilkins said it might be appropriate to consult with the pool committee in Motueka.

Cr Henry said that if transport is provided, this could also call into Mapua so that it is a service available for all the people on the coastal route from Motueka to Richmond.

**Moved Crs Wilkins/Borlase  
CS06/10/14**

**THAT the Community Services Manager write to Brent Maru thanking him for the report on the Motueka Recreation Centre.  
CARRIED**

**Moved Crs Wilkins/Borlase  
CS06/10/15**

**THAT the Motueka Recreation Centre and the Tasman Recreational Resource Centre reports be received.  
CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 2.25 pm.

Chair:

Date: