

MINUTES

TITLE: Community Services Committee
DATE: Wednesday 29 November 2006
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

PRESENT: Mayor J C Hurley, Crs P K O'Shea, E E Henry, R G Currie, J L Inglis, S G Bryant, N Riley, T E Norriss, E J Wilkins, M J Higgins, R G Kempthorne, E M O'Regan, S J Borlase

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (R G Dickinson), Community Services Manager (L L Kennedy), Minute Secretary (V M Gribble)

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Riley/Kempthorne
CS06/11/2

THAT apologies for absence from Cr T B King and for lateness from Crs E M O'Regan and S J Borlase be sustained.

CARRIED

1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1.1 Community Services Committee – 18 October 2006

Moved Crs Henry/Riley
CS06/11/3

THAT the minutes of the Community Services Committee held on 18 October 2006, containing resolutions CS06/10/01 to CS06/10/15 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED

1.2 Creative Communities – 24 October 2006

Moved Crs Henry/Bryant
CS06/11/4

THAT the minutes of the Creative Communities Subcommittee held on 18 October 2006, containing resolutions CS06/10/16 to CS06/10/19 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED

**1.3 Grants and Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee –
21 November 2006**

**Moved Crs Bryant/Inglis
CS06/11/5**

THAT the minutes of the Grants and Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee held on 21 November 2006, containing resolution CS06/11/1 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

CARRIED

2. ACTION SCHEDULE

2.1 Marahau Fire Station

Cr Wilkins asked that the Marahau Ratepayers Association be advised of the site for the fire station.

2.2 Motor Sports

A meeting will be held tonight of the Motor Sports group and they will either make a recommendation to the two Councils to obtain the site or move on to look for something else.

2.3 Waimea West Recreation Reserve

Agreement has been reached over the land swap and the surveyor appointed to carry out the work. Department of Conservation have been informed of the issues of the reserve status to be addressed.

2.4 Tata Beach Reserves Management Plan

The plan will be advertised over the Christmas period so holiday makers can make submissions to have input into the plan.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Community Services Chairperson's Report

Cr O'Shea reported on the Motueka High School prize-giving. She also commented on the attendance at Motueka Arts Council workshops and the huge range of courses they run.

Cr Henry said the Motueka Arts Council receives financial support through the Creative Communities scheme and they do a great work.

Cr Henry said National Council of Women organised an information evening for people who may be interested in local government prior to elections. She suggested Council arrange information meetings prior to the elections next year. Such meetings to be held in the wards for people who may be interested in standing for Council.

Mayor Hurley was concerned about the high degree of ignorance as to how local authorities work and said we need an educational programme. He noted the degree to which Tasman District Council participates with Nelson City Council is not well known.

**Moved Crs Henry/Norriss
CS06/11/6**

**THAT the Community Services Chairperson's Report dated 22 November 2006
be received.
CARRIED**

4. CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

A citizenship ceremony was held for the following candidates:

Mr Robert Anthony Bassford	Ms Charlotte Louise King
Mrs Ann Carol Bassford	Mr David McAlister
Mr Alfred George Birnur	Mrs Christine McAlister
Dr Carmen Birnur	Mrs Lorene Gail Palmer
Mr Ambrish Vrajlal Chauhan	Mrs Shelley Jo-Anne Paton
Mr Paul Richard Dennis	Ms Sothy Pich
Mr Paul Robert Gray	Mr Alexander Samuel Pressman
Mrs Karen Michelle Gray	Mrs Leanne Grace Epley-Pressman
Miss Lucilla Bryony Gray	Master Joshua Edward Pressman
Miss Emily Melantha Gray	Miss Hannah Elizabeth Pressman
Miss Mollie Amelia Gray	Mrs Victoria Piloton Reardon
Mrs Maureen Harris	Mr Peter Owen Rickards
Mr Porlym Houy	Mr Ioan-Lee Saramet
Mr Sopharet Houy	Mr Theodorus Andreas Maria Zondag
Mr Sopharoum Houy	Mrs Marianne Petronella Gerarda
Mrs Evellen Craig Drysdale Jackson	Henrica Zondag-Boumas
Miss Charlotte Piper Jackson	Master Julius John Zondag
Mrs Helen Kay Kilvington	Miss Isabelle Dorianne Zondag
Mr Mark Hayward Kilvington	

A group of children from Richmond School entertained with the National Anthem and another song.

Following the ceremony the candidates and school children joined the Committee for morning tea.

5. LARRY CHING – WAIMEA COLLEGE – EDUCATION FOR ENTERPRISE

Mr Ching, Principal Waimea College spoke on Education for Enterprise. It is based on a single issue – making schooling and learning more relevant for children. He asked for Council's support for this endeavour.

Mayor Hurley thanked Mr Ching for addressing Council on the Education for Enterprise initiative.

Cr O'Shea said she would like to hear from Mr Ching on achievements in this scheme.

6. RICHMOND CITY SOCCER – PHIL WHITLEY

Mr Whitley gave a powerpoint presentation and asked for a commitment from Tasman District Council to work together with Richmond Soccer to provide facilities that meet the growth and service requirements of the Region. He pointed out the last season the Club had approximately 780 players and this could grow to 1,000 next year.

Richmond Athletic AFC propose:

- the development of a multi-purpose facility at the Avery Sportsfield
- an estimated investment of \$1.8 million plus GST
- a financial partnership of 80% Tasman District Council and 20% Richmond Athletic AFC

Mr Whitley said Richmond currently owns its clubhouse and would be keen to own the new clubhouse and administer it on behalf of any community group that wishes to use it. He said the academy caters for children from age 4 through to representative senior soccer.

Moved Crs Henry/Inglis CS06/11/7

THAT Crs Kempthorne and Higgins, along with the Community Services Manager consider the options for the Richmond City Soccer Club development at Avery Sportsfields and report back to a Community Services Committee no later than April 2007.

CARRIED

Cr Currie abstained from voting.

3. REPORTS CONTINUED

3.2 Proposed Exchange of Land – Jubilee Park, Richmond

Mr Kennedy spoke to the report from the Manager Property which was to consider a proposal to undertake an exchange of land pursuant to the Reserves Act 1977 at Jubilee Park, Richmond.

Moved Crs Henry/Higgins CS06/11/8

THAT the proposal to exchange part of the land known as Part Section 100, Waimea East District for part of the land in Part Section 104, Waimea East District be notified as a proposal to exchange land in accordance with the

provisions of the Reserves Act 1977 and that Crs Currie and Kempthorne be appointed to hear any submissions to the proposal and be delegated authority to make a recommendation to the Minister of Conservation on those submissions.

CARRIED

3.3 Reserves Manager's Report

The report was an update on capital projects and items of interest.

In response to a question from Cr Higgins, Mr Kennedy said there is an issue with the Old Mill Walkway where there are two hard surfaces at each end being the two seawalls. He said staff would like to try some spinifex planting on a shingle beach like that to see how it would work.

Cr Higgins considered the hard surfaces were not very significant and was of the view that reserves staff should be taking a firmer stand on the issue if they want the walkway to look attractive. He would like to see them having more detailed discussions with Engineering staff.

Cr Currie said at the Richmond "Meet the Councillors" meeting, they were asked to look at putting some lighting in Jimmy Lee Walkway and Washbourn Gardens.

Mayor Hurley commented on the Saltwater Baths carpark and said he was disappointed that a garden plot was put in the middle of it, which compromised the design. He also said there doesn't appear to be any water available for future planting.

Cr O'Shea said it was mentioned in the public forum at the Motueka Community Board that the Saltwater Baths carpark is more elaborate than what was needed.

**Moved Crs Henry/Kempthorne
CS06/11/9**

**THAT the Reserves Manager's Report dated 22 November 2006 be received.
CARRIED**

3.4 Customer Services Report

Ms S Westley, Customer Services Manager, was in attendance for discussion on her report which updated the Committee on the Customer Services section.

3.5 District Librarian's Report

Mr B Paterson, District Librarian, was in attendance for discussion on this report.

Cr Kempthorne asked if consideration has been given to having joint library membership between Nelson and Tasman.

Mr Paterson said librarians from both councils meet regularly and the topic was raised at a recent meeting. They are planning to look at the range of possibilities there may be and will present them to the two councils for consideration. He said a different fee structure could be looked at for Nelson residents using TDC libraries

**Moved Crs Norriss/Henry
CS06/11/10**

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

3.6 Rough Island – Partial Closure of Connington Road to Vehicles

The report from the Reserves Manager outlined the requests from the Tasman and Districts Equestrian Trust and members of the Ornithological Society to close part of Connington Road on Rough Island to vehicles.

Cr Higgins said there are safety issues relating to vehicles using the Equestrian Park and from the foreshore. This would increase the safety and the use of the area.

**Moved Crs Henry/Norriss
CS06/11/11**

**THAT public notice be given of Council's intention to close part of Connington Road adjacent to the Equestrian Park on Rough Island to vehicles calling for comment.
CARRIED**

3.7 Community and Recreation Advisor's Report

The report highlighted the number of activities the Recreation Advisors are involved in at this time of the year.

Cr Henry advised that the Washbourn Gardens Fair will be held on Monday 29 January 2007.

Cr Inglis advised the Motueka Wine and Food Scallop Festival and the Golf Classic are being held on 6 January 2007.

**Moved Crs Kempthorne/Riley
CS06/11/12**

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

3.8 Kids Voting 2007 and Beyond

Mrs S Hartley, Administration Advisor, was in attendance to present this report.

Mrs Hartley outlined that the objective of Kids Voting is to provide students at Year 9 with an authentic election experience, which will hopefully demystify the voting process and encourage interest in elections amongst kids and their parents/caregivers. School students will vote for the real Tasman District Council candidates on a real ballot paper.

Cr Bryant was concerned about the proposal as there are a lot of ill-informed people in the community who will believe that there are now kids voting for local body politicians.

Mr Kennedy said it was trialled in Auckland for the last election and didn't cause any problems. Its aim is to encourage kids to take more interest in local government.

Cr Borlase arrived at the meeting at 1.50 pm.

Moved Crs Riley/Wilkins

CS06/11/13

THAT the Kids Voting 2007 and Beyond report be received.

CARRIED

3.9 Synopsis of CHRANZ Study on Affordable Housing in the Nelson, Tasman and Marlborough Regions

Mr Kennedy said the information contained in the reports is very important.

Cr Borlase reminded Councillors that the reports apply to three regions, Nelson, Tasman and Marlborough and some of the recommendations do not relate to Tasman.

Cr O'Regan said our plan has very high expectations of people who are building anything. He pointed out that building consent fees had increased to over 100% higher than what they were two years ago to meet government regulations and added that if Council insists on having staff regulate colours of houses and natures of gardens, nobody will have an affordable house.

Moved Crs Henry/Wilkins

CS06/11/14

THAT a working group be formed consisting of the Housing Policy Committee plus Cr Kempthorne (as Chair of Environment and Planning), Cr Currie and a relevant Environment and Planning staff, to consider the findings of this study and to prepare recommendations and actions.

CARRIED

3.10 Pensioner Housing Issues

Mr Kennedy spoke to the Pensioner Housing Issues report contained in the agenda which recommended that the draft Pensioner Housing Policy (as attached to the agenda) be adopted and that consideration be given to increasing the number of cottages owned by Council.

Cr Higgins said Council should provide fair value housing, not subsidised housing. He said Council, being the landlord, has a lot of stability for tenants and he would charge them market rental.

Mr Kennedy said Council has previously made the decision to go to a percentage of market rent.

Cr O'Shea said most of the older units were built with subsidies and low interest money from government.

Cr Inglis said the problem in Motueka is the Maori lease properties with some leases being \$10,000 per year. He said people can't afford to stay in their houses and they have to find somewhere they can afford to live.

Mr Dickinson suggested the following wording be included in the policy under 7.8, "based on 80% of market rentals, reviewable no more than bi-annually".

Cr Currie said Council is providing accommodation for people who are in a position where they cannot afford the full market rental.

Cr Riley said there will always be some people who cannot afford market rentals. He supported the continuance of 80% of market rental which had built up a considerable credit balance.

Cr Kempthorne asked staff to look at how trusts are used around the country to provide low cost housing.

Mr Kennedy said he would do a listserv request to find out about housing trusts.

**Moved Crs Bryant/Kempthorne
CS06/11/15**

**THAT the draft Pensioner Housing Policy, as amended, be approved for public consultation.
CARRIED**

**Moved Crs Inglis/Riley
CS06/11/16**

THAT:

- a) **staff be authorised to investigate suitable sites of approximately 2,000 m² in Motueka and to report back to an appropriate meeting of Council, and that these investigations include the option of adding more units at Mears Haven and other Council land.**
- b) **Staff research possible plans for new cottages;**
- c) **Enquiries be made of the Housing Innovation Fund as to the availability of funds over the next 12 to 24 months.**

CARRIED

7. RURAL FIRE NETWORK

**Moved Crs Norriss/Henry
CS06/11/17**

**THAT the Rural Fire Network report for September – October 2006 be received.
CARRIED**

8. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

**Moved Crs Borlase/Inglis
Cs06/11/18**

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:

Item	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
1	Richmond District Library	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a)
2	Takaka Library	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:

Item	Reason to withhold information under Section 7	
1	Would be likely unreasonable to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of information	Section 7(2)(b)(i)
2	Would be likely unreasonable to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of information	Section 7(2)(b)(i)

CARRIED

(Refer to Confidential Minute book resolutions numbered CS06/11/19 and CS06/11/20).

**Moved Crs Riley/Borlase
CS06/11/21**

**THAT public meeting be resumed and the business transacted while the public was excluded be adopted in open meeting.
CARRIED**

1. RICHMOND LIBRARY

**Moved Mayor Hurley/Cr Bryant
CS06/11/19**

**THAT staff enter into negotiations with State Cinema Six for an agreement in principle over the proposal to build a cinema complex on the District Library property at Richmond, subject to Council approval, with any agreement being subject to public consultation and with no additional costs to Council over and above the alternative option of not building a cinema complex.
CARRIED**

2. TAKAKA LIBRARY

**Moved Crs Borlase/Inglis
CS06/11/20**

**THAT a working party of Cr Riley, the Chief Executive, Community Services Chair, Community Services Manager and Property Manager be authorised to conclude negotiations and report back to Council on a preferred tender.
CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 3.55 pm.

Confirmed:

Date: