

MINUTES

TITLE: Grants and Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee
DATE: Wednesday 27 February 2008
TIME: 1.00 pm
VENUE: Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

PRESENT: Crs S J Borlase (Chair), S G Bryant, B F Dowler, J L Edgar, T B King

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor R G Kempthorne, Crs G A Glover, E J Wilkins, N Riley, R G Currie, B W Ensor, Community Services Manager (L L Kennedy), Corporate Services Manager (M W Staite), Community and Recreation Advisor (M Tasman-Jones), Executive Assistant (V M Gribble)

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Bryant/Dowler
CS08/02/19

**THAT apologies for lateness from Cr T B King be received.
CARRIED**

1 PROJECT UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO FULL COUNCIL

1.1 District Facilities

Mr Kennedy spoke to his report contained in the agenda.

Moved Crs Bryant/Edgar
CS08/02/20

**THAT a District Facilities Rate of \$30.97 (exclusive of GST) be recommended to Full Council for inclusion in the draft 2008/2009 Annual Plan.
CARRIED**

1.2 Regional Facilities

1.2.1 Saxton Field

The work is detailed in the development plan for Saxton Field. Council's total cost to date is \$1.9 million.

1.2.2 Theatre Royal Restoration

This project has received funding from the Department of Internal Affairs and work is now underway. Tasman District Council has been asked to pay its contribution of \$195,000 on 1 April 2008.

**Moved Mayor Kempthorne/Cr King
CS08/02/21**

That the Grants and Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee recommends that approval be given for the payment of the allocated \$195,000 to the Theatre Royal restoration on 1 April 2008.

CARRIED

1.2.3 Temporary Seats

\$456,000 has been paid for the seats and storage and it is anticipated another \$30,000 (approximately) will be required for cradles and for storage. That rate shown for 2008/2009 of \$2.30 is based on a total expenditure of \$500,000.

1.2.4 All Sports Complex, Saxton Field

A sum of \$3.2 million has been committed to this project which was estimated to cost just over \$9 million over two years ago. Council's expected share of costs would now be \$3.5 million on a project cost of \$12 million. The project provides a four-court indoor stadium, a dedicated table tennis facility, offices, changing rooms, toilets and viewing area. The stadium will be a well used facility seven days a week and especially between 3.00 pm and 9.30 pm.

Cr Edgar declared an interest as the Saxton Stadium Society Incorporated had approached her to help with fundraising.

Cr King asked for a report back from the Community Services Manager that he has confidence the Trust can raise the necessary funds.

Cr Bryant was concerned about fundraising capabilities and asked what the fallback position would be if the Trust couldn't meet their fundraising target.

Cr Borlase was concerned that Council is duplicating a lot of sports with what is happening at Trafalgar Centre.

Mr Kennedy said Trafalgar Centre is more the team senior levels and regional-type facility, Saxton Field complex is not for events, but more for day to day activities for the younger people in the sports.

**Moved Mayor Kempthorne/Cr Bryant
CS08/02/22**

THAT the Grants and Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee recommends that approval be given to increase the Tasman District Council share of the All Sports Complex at Saxton Field to up to \$3.5 million, subject to Saxton Stadium Society Incorporated reporting back on a satisfactory fundraising plan.

CARRIED

1.2.5 Athletics Track

The two Councils have agreed to contribute a total of \$1.0 million towards this \$1.5 million project and it is expected that the work will be completed during 2008/2009. The impact of this is \$1.15 in 2008/2009 and \$2.30 in 2009/2010 onto the Regional Facilities Rate.

1.2.6 Motorsport Park

A sum of \$0.6 million has been allocated towards this project. However, with the land issues still to be sorted out any rating impact is not likely until the 2009/2010 financial year.

1.2.7 Headingly Centre

Council agreed to provide \$0.5 million to the project subject to a heads of agreement or legal agreement being put in place. In the meantime an additional request for \$800,000 was noted in the 2007/2008 Annual Plan. In trying to meet expectations of the public outside what the Church would need, some alterations were made to the plans and costings have been put to those changes which total \$1.3 million.

Moved Cr King/Mayor Kempthorne CS08/02/23

THAT the Grants and Community Facilities Committee recommend that approval be given to increasing the contribution to the Headingly Centre from \$500,000 to \$750,000.

CARRIED

1.2.8 The Brook Waimarama Sanctuary

A request has been received from the Sanctuary Trust for funds towards the cost of fencing 700 hectares, the cost of which will be \$3.5 million. The sanctuary, once fully fenced, will be of national importance and therefore should qualify for regional funding from the two local Councils.

Cr King said the contribution Tasman District Council has been asked for is modest and the impact on the rate is not high. He was concerned about putting it in regional facilities, particularly with it not having been through the funding forum. He asked for discussion with Nelson City Council on Tasman District Council's proposed contribution.

Cr Riley asked to see the criteria for regional facilities.

Cr Riley left the meeting at 2.38 pm.

**Moved Mayor Kempthorne/Cr Borlase
CS08/02/24**

THAT the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Trust be requested to make an application to the Regional Funding Forum and it be recommended that the sum of \$275,000 be included in the draft 2008/2009 Annual Plan.

CARRIED

**Moved Cr King/Mayor Kempthorne
CS08/02/25**

THAT a Regional Facilities Rate of \$39.97 (exclusive of GST) be recommended to Full Council for inclusion in the draft 2008/2009 Annual Plan.

CARRIED

Cr Wilkins left the meeting at 2.47 pm.

2 ASB BANK AQUATIC CENTRE OPERATIONAL RATE

Mayor Kempthorne left the meeting at 3.00 pm.

Mr Staite spoke to the report contained in the agenda which considered an increase in the ASB Bank Aquatic Centre operational rate. The proposal is to increase the targeted rate by \$3.00 which will generate an additional \$28,851 (GST inclusive). This additional amount will be put aside into a special depreciation account and used only for the renewal of existing assets.

**Moved Crs Edgar/Bryant
CS08/02/26**

THAT an increase of \$1.00 to \$26.00 (GST inclusive) in the ASB Bank Aquatic Centre rate be recommended to Council for inclusion in the draft 2008/2009 Annual Plan and to increase by \$1.00 for each of the next two years and be included in the LTCCP.

CARRIED

3 GRANTS FROM RATES APPLICATIONS

3.1 Request for funding to initiate Migrant Services in Motueka

Mr Tasman-Jones spoke to the report contained in the agenda.

The Nelson/Tasman region is the provincial area with the highest number of residents born overseas. To ensure these residents feel welcome and are able to become part of and contribute to our communities, services are required to assist their integration.

**Moved Crs Bryant/Edgar
CS08/02/27**

THAT the Tasman District Council allocate \$500 to the Motueka Migrant Support and Information Service to allow this service to begin as soon as possible.

CARRIED

Cr Currie left the meeting at 3.29 pm.

3.2 Tasman Aquatic Multisport Development

The Tasman Aquatic Multisport Development had requested \$2,400 plus GST to allow test drilling so water movement through a number of tide cycles can be tested and also to see what material will be extracted from the course once digging starts.

**Moved Crs King/Bryant
CS08/02/28**

THAT \$2,400 plus GST be approved for Tasman Aquatic Multisport Development for the drilling of test holes on the proposed rowing site and that this be funded from the regional Facilities Rates Account.

CARRIED

3.3 Murchison District Historical and Museum Society

The Society is requesting \$2,000 towards a record of settlement and social history of the Braeburn settlement and celebration and reunion of descendants.

Cr Bryant said he and Cr Edgar had met with Nicola Blakemore and they believe she has unrealistic expectations for the book.

**Moved Crs King/Dowler
CS08/02/29**

THAT the application from Murchison District Historical and Museum Society for \$2,000 be declined.

CARRIED

3.4 Tapawera Pony Club

An application had been received from the Tapawera Pony Club for funds to spray and direct drill a 4 acre area of land they have secured on a three-year lease for use by the Pony Club.

**Moved Crs King/Edgar
CS08/02/30**

**THAT the Tapawera Pony Club be granted \$1,800 for spraying off an area of land to be used by the Pony Club.
CARRIED**

Cr Edgar expressed concern at the number of late applications being received and the lack of adherence to the grants process. She said the Committee needs to consider whether two rounds are needed each year.

Mr Tasman-Jones said in the last round a number of applications were declined which left unallocated money which needs to be spent by 30 June 2008.

Cr King questioned whether any surplus in the grants account could be transferred to the District-wide DILs account.

Mr Kennedy agreed that could happen by resolution of Council.

Cr Glover left the meeting at 3.45 pm.

3.5 Festival of Lights

Mr Tasman-Jones said an application had been received from Festival of Lights, Motueka, for up to \$1,000 to replace lights damaged and to purchase new ones.

**Moved Crs King/Bryant
CS08/02/31**

**THAT the Festival of Lights application be declined.
CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 3.48 pm.

Chair:

Date: