

MINUTES

TITLE: Matakitaki Recreation Reserve and Hall Hearing
DATE: Friday 17 October 2008
TIME: 2.30 pm
VENUE: Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street,
Richmond
PRESENT: Crs S G Bryant and M J Higgins
IN ATTENDANCE: Community Services Manager (L L Kennedy), Executive
Assistant (V M Gribble)

1 MATAKITAKI RECREATION RESERVE AND HALL

Mr Kennedy spoke to the Property Services Manager's report which considered objections to the proposal to revoke the status of the Matakitaki Recreation Reserve and Hall. He pointed out that the land first became a Reserve in 1951 and was vested in Tasman District Council in 1989.

2 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS

2.1 Mrs E L Thomas

Mrs Thomas was in attendance to present her submission in which she requested that the status of the hall land area and the reserve remain as is. She said the land must remain for the purpose it was vested into the community for. She agreed that the hall is in a poor state of repair and hasn't been used for possibly 20 years. She said they would be happy to include the land in their property which is adjacent to it.

2.2 Mr E L O'Regan

Mr O'Regan did not consider it advisable to consider revoking the status of the land because of the Network Tasman hydro proposal.

Cr Higgins said the Murchison and Districts Community Council agreed that they would like a tidy up of the site. If a hydro project goes ahead there will inevitably be a land swap between Department of Conservation and Network Tasman.

Mr O'Regan said at this particular site, one of the attractions was that if it is a run-of-the-river scheme there would be no necessity to involve any DOC land. In the event of any scheme there is likely to be provision for recreation facilities and he asked Council to hold the land in the meantime.

Mr Kennedy said if Council retains the land and decides to lease it and if one of the neighbours doesn't lease it, it would have to be fenced right around the boundary which would be very expensive in relation to the rent that would be received.

Cr Higgins said the request from the Murchison and Districts Community Council was that they preferred the land to be put into an existing boundary, rather than be sold to a third party.

Mrs Thomas said she was at the meeting of the Murchison and Districts Community Council and objected strongly to that decision and she wanted the land retained.

Mr O'Regan said the decision was made prior to any knowledge of the possibility of the power scheme.

**Moved Crs Higgins/Bryant
CS08/10/01**

THAT the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.

Consideration of Matakītaki Recreation Reserve and Hall Submissions

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 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	Consideration of Matakītaki Recreation Reserve and Hall Submissions	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	To enable the Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations	Section 7(2)(i)

CARRIED

(Refer to Confidential Minutes resolution number CS08/10/02)

**Moved Crs Higgins/Bryant
CS08/10/03**

THAT open meeting be resumed and the business transacted while the public was excluded be confirmed in open meeting.

CARRIED

**Moved Crs Higgins/Bryant
CS08/10/02**

THAT the Council recommend to the Minister of Conservation that the reserve status of Sections 26 and 28 Block VI Matakītaki Survey District known as the Matakītaki Recreation Reserve, be revoked with the recommendation that the buildings on the reserve be tendered for removal. That the reserve status of Lot 27 Block II Matakītaki Survey District also be revoked and it be offered to the Department of Conservation as a reserve to adjoin the land currently owned by the Department.

CARRIED

Reasons for Decision:

- **In 1997 Council considered this and made a similar recommendation.**
- **The Subcommittee is of the opinion that the transfer of this property to Department of Conservation will not adversely affect the proposed hydro project or the existing community.**

The meeting concluded at 3.10 pm.

Chair:

Date: