

MINUTES

TITLE: Community Services Committee
DATE: Thursday 26 February 2009
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
PRESENT: Crs S G Bryant (Chair), T B King, S G Bryant, R G Currie, B F Dowler, J L Edgar, B W Ensor, M J Higgins, N Riley, J L Inglis, T E Norriss

IN ATTENDANCE: Community Services Manager (L L Kennedy), Libraries Manager (L Oldham), Reserves Manager (B Wilkes), Community and Recreation Advisor (M Tasman-Jones), Executive Assistant (V M Gribble)

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Dowler/Edgar
CS09/02/01

THAT apologies for absence from Mayor R G Kempthorne and Crs S J Borlase and E J Wilkins be sustained.
CARRIED

1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1.1 Community Services Committee – 4 December 2008

Moved Crs Inglis/Currie
CS09/02/02

THAT the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 4 December 2008 containing resolutions CS09/12/01 to CS09/12/20 be confirmed as a true and correct record.
CARRIED

2 NELSON SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Peter Robins and Frances McElhinney were in attendance to update the Committee on the Nelson School of Music.

Mr Robins said they are encouraged with the good progress being made and support received from sponsors.

Mrs McElhinney reported on the projects and programmes being undertaken by the School.

Mr Robins said sponsor support for events is dropping off because of the economic situation. He is concerned about the endowment trust set up, because interest rates have halved and the target has now risen from \$2 million to \$4 million. He said the School may need to come back to the Councils and the Trust in a year's time asking for help.

3 REPORTS

3.1 Chair's Report

Cr Bryant tabled his report. He commented on the passing of Mr A C (Tony) Fry and the activities that Community Services staff have been involved in over the summer period.

Cr Higgins said that "The Last of" has been dropped from the Summer Fayre event in some advertising and he would like to see it reinstated.

Cr Currie expressed concern about Nelson City Council running the Saxton Field facilities as it is jointly-owned by Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council and asked for a formal committee to be formed.

Mr Kennedy said the Saxton Field Working Party was formed a long time ago. Agreement was reached that a joint plan would be implemented for the area. Tasman District Council had two councillors on the committee. He advised he is meeting with Nelson City Council staff to look at the running of the whole Saxton Field, how facilities are managed, who owns them and how future maintenance will be managed. This will be reported back to the Community Services Committee.

Cr King said the success of the libraries has been that Lisa Oldham the District Librarian has brought a lot of other skills to the job. He asked that the mix of skills being looked at for Lisa's replacement be more than just librarian.

Cr Glover asked for clarification on the legality of walking around where Council intends the walkway to be around the Waimea Estuary.

Mr Kennedy said from Sandemann Reserve to Headingly Lane is Council-owned land, and from Headingly Lane to Beach Road the majority is on private land and is being used by arrangement with the owners. Most titles go out into the tide.

Cr Riley reported on the Bikewise bike ride held in Takaka where 120 people participated.

Moved Crs King/Edgar CS09/02

**THAT the Chairperson's report dated 25 February 2009 be received.
CARRIED**

3.2 Community Services Manager

3.2.1 Collingwood Tennis Courts

Crs Borlase and Riley, in conjunction with staff, were asked to have discussions with the Collingwood Tennis Club with the aim of having new courts built on a new site. Agreement was reached to relocate the courts within the existing camp boundaries with only one court being provided until such time as there is a need for a second court, but the matter was being discussed at the Club's special meeting on 18 February 2009. Funds have been allocated in the current budget for construction of a new court.

Cr Riley said the Club is worried that it might lose their land. They want to make sure they can still build a second court if they need it.

**Moved Crs Riley/Currie
CS09/02/03**

THAT:

- (a) subject to agreement from the Collingwood Tennis Club, a new court be constructed along the William Street boundary of the Collingwood Camping Ground and that appropriate leases be entered into for the area of land owned by the Tennis Club and for the area of land that would be leased by the Tennis Club from Council;**
- (b) an agreement be entered into to construct a second court should the public use increase to such an extent that a second court is required.**

CARRIED

4.2.2 Tower Bay Access

At the last meeting the decision was made to take no further action to obtain access from Venture Cove to Tower Bay as access is available from Split Apple Rock Beach at low tide to mid tides. Mr Nelson has since requested that the decision be revisited.

**Moved Crs Norriss/Edgar
CS09/02/04**

THAT the matter of Tower Bay access be left to staff to continue to investigate other options.

CARRIED

4.2.3 Rural Fire Issues – Recent Visit by Minister of Internal Affairs

Dr Richard Worth, Minister of Internal Affairs, along with Murray Dudfield Chief Executive of the National Rural Fire Authority met with the Waimea Rural Fire Committee to find out more about the operation of rural fire in the area and also provided insight into the Government's thinking in this area. Dr Worth indicated that it was proposed that all Rural Fire Authorities need to be operating at the same level which will mean the need to improve some smaller authorities to the same level as the larger successful rural fire parties throughout New Zealand.

4.2.4 Neville Male, Chief Executive, Tasman Regional Sports Trust

Mr Male has been Chief Executive of the Tasman Regional Sports Trust for the last 10 years and is leaving in the near future. Tasman District Council staff and Councillors have had an excellent working relationship with him and wish him well for the future.

**Moved Crs Edgar/Riley
CS09/02/05**

THAT Tasman District Council officially acknowledge the excellent work that Neville Male has done as Chief Executive of the Tasman Regional Sports Trust and wish him all the best for the future.

CARRIED

**Moved Crs Glover/Ensor
CS09/02/06**

**THAT the Community Services Manager's report dated 16 February 2009 be received.
CARRIED**

4.3 Manager Property Services

Mr Kennedy spoke to the report contained in the agenda from Mr Frater, Manager Property Services.

Discussions are being held on the long term future, ownership and management of the Baigent Memorial Reserve which is currently owner by a forestry company.

**Moved Crs Riley/Currie
CS09/02/07**

**THAT the Manager Property Services dated 18 February 2009 be received.
CARRIED**

4.4 Libraries Manager

Libraries Manager, Lisa Oldham, was in attendance to present her report which was included in the agenda. She demonstrated The Prow website and spoke very highly of the work undertaken on the website by Cathy Vaughan, Information Services Librarian.

Ms Oldham tabled a report on Aotearoa Peoples Network and the impact on local internet cafes. She advised that in Motueka there are 15 minute time limits on some machines at the moment. She will be attending the Motueka Community Board meeting on Tuesday 10 March 2009 to discuss the issue with the Board.

Ms Oldham advised that she has resigned and has relocated to Auckland, but is commuting until a replacement is found.

**Moved Crs Ensor/Edgar
CS09/02/07**

**THAT the Libraries Manager's report dated 18 February 2009 be received.
CARRIED**

Cr King left the meeting at this stage.

4.5 Reserves Manager

Mrs Wilkes was in attendance for presentation of her report contained in the agenda.

Cr Higgins was opposed to shifting the Rabbit Island/Rough Island Road and asked for crushed limestone rock to be placed on it.

Mr Kennedy said the reason for shifting the road from the edge of the estuary is that runoff goes straight into the estuary and there is no planting on the edge of the road.

Mrs Wilkes said it was a forestry road which has never been formed properly. Gravel overlays of the whole road have been done several times. This work gives an opportunity to enhance the edge of the estuary and form the road correctly.

**Moved Crs Edgar/Glover
CS09/02/08**

**THAT the Reserves Manager's report dated 18 February 2009 be received.
CARRIED**

4.6 Community and Recreation Advisor

Mr Tasman-Jones was in attendance to present his report contained in the agenda.

**Moved Crs Edgar/Dowler
CS09/02/09**

**THAT the Community and Recreation Advisor's report dated 17 February 2009 be received.
CARRIED**

4.7 McKee Recreation Reserve Coastal Erosion

Mrs Wilkes spoke to the report which provided the Committee with an overview of coastal erosion which is occurring along the foreshore at McKee Recreation Reserve.

**Moved Crs Higgins/Glover
CS09/02/10**

**THAT Crs Bryant, Ensor and Currie visit McKee Recreation Reserve with staff to see the extent of the erosion and to discuss options available for protection.
CARRIED**

Cr Edgar left the meeting at 12.30 pm.

4.8 Nelson Motorcycle Club Beach Race Meeting

A late report from Community Services Manager had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Following on from an event the Club held at Rabbit Island while celebrating its centennial year, a request has been received to hold another event in January 2010 which would be a New Zealand Beach Racing Championship event.

**Moved Crs Dowler/Inglis
CS09/02/11**

**THAT the request from the Nelson Motorcycle Club to run a beach race meeting on the main beach at Rabbit Island on Sunday 3 January 2010, be approved subject to terms and conditions covering public safety, fire danger, facilities and services for competitors, and protection of the foreshore being agreed to between the Community Services Manager and the Club.
CARRIED**

5 INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Rural Fire Network

The agenda contained a report from Rural Fire Network Ltd dated 5 January 2009.

**Moved Crs Riley/Higgins
CS09/02/11**

**THAT the Rural Fire Network report contained in the agenda be received.
CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 12.42 pm.

Chair:

Date: