

MINUTES

TITLE: Council Enterprises Subcommittee
DATE: Wednesday 4 May 2005
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

PRESENT: Crs S G Bryant (Chair), J L Inglis, M J Higgins, N Riley, E E Henry

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (R G Dickinson), Reserves Manager (B Wilkes), P Wilks (P F Olsen & Co Ltd), Manager Property (J K Frater), Corporate/Engineering Administrator (V M Gribble)

1 PUBLIC FORUM

Cr Bryant asked if the Subcommittee considered a public forum should be included on the agenda.

Mr Dickinson said it is the Chairperson's prerogative to accept a deputation at any meeting.

2 RECEIPT OF MINUTES – 30 MARCH 2005

Moved Crs Inglis/Riley
FN05/05/01

**That the minutes of the meeting Council's Enterprise Subcommittee held on 30 March 2005 and containing resolutions numbered FN05/03/25 to FN05/03/37 be received as a true and complete record of the proceedings of that meeting.
CARRIED**

3 FORESTRY

3.1 Quarterly Report – 1 January 2005 to 31 March 2005

Mr Wilks was present and spoke to the Forestry Quarterly Report contained in the agenda.

Mr Wilks suggested that perhaps school children or community groups could plant part of the Kingsland Forest (around 4 ha).

Mr Dickinson suggested the Subcommittee be taken on a tour of the Council's southern forestry estate.

Mr Wilks considered Spring would be a good time to go on a tour.

Moved Crs Higgins/Henry
FN05/05/02

That the Forestry Quarterly Report for 1 January 2005 to 31 March 2005 be received.

CARRIED

3.2 Harvesting Report – 1 January 2005 to 31 March 2005

Mr Wilks spoke to the Harvesting Report contained in the agenda. He said some testing of logs has been done with a sonic unit. He intends to present a good business case to the Subcommittee at a future meeting in support of purchasing a sonic unit.

**Moved Crs Higgins/Riley
FN05/05/03**

That the Harvesting Quarterly Report for 1 January 2005 to 31 March 2005 be received.

CARRIED

Mr Wilks said the cartage rates have been renegotiated with an average of 4% price increase from 1 July 2005, due to fuel increases. Discussions with harvesting contractor have concluded and it has been agreed to keep the same harvesting rate through to 31 December 2006.

Mr Riley thanked Mr Wilks for his comprehensive report.

Mr Wilks and Mrs Wilkes left the meeting at 10.00 am.

4 MOTUEKA AIRPORT

4.1 Nelson Drag Racing Association

Mr Dickinson presented the report contained in the agenda.

The report noted that the Nelson Drag Racing Association has applied for four dates for the 2005/2006 year. Council has received them as tentative bookings because the licence document has not yet been finalised and signed.

Cr Bryant said the airport users are not happy about the drag racing being allowed to continue and have asked for a reduction in rental.

**Moved Crs Higgins/Inglis
FN05/05/04**

That the Council Enterprises Subcommittee approve the tentative bookings for Nelson Drag Racing Association for 2005/2006, but reserve the right to cancel the bookings should the Nelson Drag Racing Association not meet all the licence conditions and agreements.

CARRIED

The Subcommittee noted that they were acting under instructions from full Council in this matter.

4.2 H & J M Jurke – Noise Complaint

The agenda contained a letter of complaint from Mr & Mrs Jurke concerning aircraft noise with some suggested options to alleviate the problems.

Mr Dickinson commented on the memo from Council's Environmental Health Officer contained in the agenda which noted that once an aircraft is airborne, it is exempt from any of Council's noise control provisions. He said in the past where a particular aircraft has been able to be identified as being very noisy, Council has been able to negotiate with the aircraft owner to reduce the noise.

Cr Henry noted that the Motueka Community Board does not support Mr & Mrs Jurke's suggestions and believes the subcommittee should concur with the Board.

**Moved Crs Henry/Riley
FN05/05/05**

That Mr & Mrs Jurke be thanked for their letter and be advised that Council has no power over aircraft noise once aircraft are airborne and the options contained in their letter dated 15 April 2005 be declined.

CARRIED

**Moved Crs Henry/Higgins
FN05/05/06**

**That the Executive Officer's report be received.
CARRIED**

Cr Henry said the Motueka Aerodrome needs to be able to stand alone and not involve any general rate.

5 NELSON DRAG ASSOCIATION

The agenda contained a report from Mr Dickinson.

Cr Higgins had raised the question about whether Council should advise the Nelson Drag Association that it will not renew the licence beyond December 2008. He said that they are about to incur considerable expense to meet the safety requirements and believed they would use that cost as a lever to get approval to continue racing post-December 2008.

Mr Riley noted that the Nelson Drag Association would need to apply for another resource consent. He said the Airport Management Plan needs to say that the airport is to be used only for airport-related activities.

Cr Henry supported Cr Higgins recommendation and suggested at the next meeting the Motueka Aerodrome Management Plan should be reviewed.

Cr Higgins said it is in the next three months that the Nelson Drag Association will be committing to large expenditure.

Mr Dickinson said in buying the safety net they know that drag racing could finish in 2008.

Cr Inglis agreed that the Nelson Drag Association should be advised about the non-renewal of their licence before they spend a lot of money. He said it gives them four years to find an alternative venue.

Cr Henry said if she was a member should would appreciate knowing upfront that in 2008 another venue would have to be found and equipment bought now should be portable to be able to be used on another site. She said Community Services is going to hold a meeting with all motor sports to see what their requirements are.

Cr Riley said he had attended a Takaka Aerodrome Committee meeting and the meeting had requested that Nelson Drag Racing Association be asked to consider transferring their meetings to Takaka Airport.

Mr Dickinson said he could write to Nelson Drag Racing Association advising them that they need to clearly understand that they will need a new resource consent in 2008 and that as Motueka Airport is growing we may not be able to accommodate drag racing after 2008.

**Moved Crs Higgins/Henry
FN05/05/07**

That the Nelson Drag Racing Association be advised that it is not the intention of the Enterprises Subcommittee to renew their licence beyond December 2008.

CARRIED

6 MAIN OFFICE BUILDING PROJECT

Manager Property, Mr J Frater, was present for discussion on this item. He spoke to the report that was contained in the agenda.

Mr Frater advised that building is still on track with the main part being ready for occupation around Christmas 2005 and the rest of the project completed by June 2006.

**Moved Crs Higgins/Riley
FN05/05/08**

That the report on the Main Office Building Project be received.

CARRIED

Cr Henry asked that the public be advised via Newsline – The Mag about the energy efficient measures that are being included in the new office building. She also asked that Councillors be consulted on Councillors facilities.

7 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

**Moved Higgins/Henry
FN05/05/9**

That public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

**Motueka Airport
Salisbury Road Property**

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the 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:

Subject	Reasons	Grounds
Motueka Airport	Tenders	To enable the Subcommittee to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial negotiations.
Salisbury Road Property	Development Options	To enable the Subcommittee to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial negotiations.

CARRIED

(Refer to Confidential Minute Book Resolutions numbered FN05/05/10 to FN05/05/12)

**Moved Crs Henry/Riley
FN05/05/13**

That public meeting be resumed and the business transacted while the public was excluded be adopted in open meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 12.30 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: