

MINUTES

TITLE: Council Enterprise Subcommittee
DATE: Wednesday 12 October 2005
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
PRESENT: Mayor J C Hurley, Crs S G Bryant (Chair), J L Inglis, N Riley, E E Henry

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (R G Dickinson), Service Centres Manager (B Askew), Corporate Services Manager (D G Ward), Manager Property (J K Frater), Corporate/Engineering Administrator (V M Gribble)

**Moved Crs Riley/Henry
FN05/10/01**

**THAT the apology from Cr M J Higgins be sustained.
CARRIED**

1 DEPUTATION FROM MOTUEKA AIRPORT USERS

Mr V D'Ath said the airport users are not anti drag racing. He said there was lack of consultation during the licence issue with the airport users and he spoke of the huge inconvenience and expense of moving aircraft off the airfield. He asked for discussion to sort out a way that the aircraft can be left on the airfield until 10.00 am when drag racing make a decision about whether they are racing or not.

Mr S Bean said as airport tenants they are trying to establish some lines of communication. They want to be able to discuss issues that they have. He concurred with comments that Mr D'Ath made. He submitted that airport users can't go anywhere else and they have commitments with tourism operators that they want to be able to honour. He said they should be able to operate on a limited basis during the drag racing.

Cr Inglis asked if the users would be happy being able to fly up until 10.00 am and then again after 4.00 pm.

Mr Bean said if they were able to operate as Cr Inglis suggested a lot of the other problems would be alleviated.

Mayor Hurley arrived at the meeting at 10.00 am.

Mr Askew noted the parties have become polarised over the issue.

Mr Bean said it is the Council's decision whether the other parts of the airport can be used and it has nothing to do with the Drag Racing Association.

Mayor Hurley considered there was sufficient room for skydiving operations.

2 MINUTES – 31 AUGUST 2005

**Moved Crs Inglis/Henry
FN05/10/02**

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Council's Enterprise Subcommittee held on Wednesday 31 August 2005, containing resolutions numbered FN05/08/01 to FN05/08/17 be received.

CARRIED

3 MOTUEKA AIRPORT

3.1 Manager's Report

Mr Askew noted that Shell Oil is preparing an application for resource and building consents for the fuel installation. He suggested a "Welcome to Motueka Aerodrome" sign which would be erected at no cost to Council.

3.2 Grass Taxiway Contract

The refurbishment of the grass taxiway has been let to Concrete and General and is well under the available capital budget carried over from last year.

3.3 Grass Runway

Following discussions with the airport tenants it has been decided to defer any work on the grass runway until after the end of the drag racing licence period as vehicles skewing off the runway may cause significant damage to the grass runway.

Cr Henry said the Motueka Airport account should be independent of ratepayer funds. She agrees with the idea of accumulating money to do the grass runway as long as the money is not from general ratepayer funds.

Mayor Hurley was reluctant to leave the upgrading three years but asked if there was some worthwhile benefit that could be achieved by minor maintenance.

Mr Askew said the airport tenants were not in favour of a patch up job. It requires re-levelling and resurfacing.

3.4 Financial Status

Salaries and wages are over budget which is due to more accurate reporting of staff time against airport work.

3.5 Nelson Drag Racing Association

Airport tenants had requested that the matter of "concurrent" racing and aerodrome usage be investigated to see if some limited aircraft movements would be acceptable

when racing was not actually in progress. Discussions were held with Mr P Coker whose company prepared the risk assessment report.

Mr Dickinson said if the Subcommittee was of a mind to consider altering the concurrent operations procedures the Council would have to rescind or amend a previous resolution. He said if consideration was given to altering the complete ban on race day, it would be unwise to do it without consulting with the Drag Racing Association and getting their agreement because of liability issues. We should attempt to facilitate discussion between the Drag Racing Association and airport users. There are degrees of difficulties in what is suggested, but with discussion the issue of having to move aircraft before 10.00 am may be able to be amended.

Cr Riley said there have been accidents on the airport previously, not just with the drag racing and said Council needs to consider how far it takes the element of risk. He asked how much of the grassed area is mowed and is it essential to mow that amount or are they only mowing taxiway and grass runway?

Mr Askew said basically the operational areas are mowed and other areas are locked up for hay.

Mayor Hurley indicated he was prepared to facilitate a meeting between the parties along with Mr Dickinson.

**Moved Crs Henry/Inglis
FN05/10/03**

**THAT the Chief Executive and Mayor facilitate a meeting between the various parties, including Chair Enterprise Subcommittee, Service Centres Manager, Nelson Drag Racing Association and airport tenants.
CARRIED**

3.6 Airport Tenants Meeting

Mr Askew reported on an airport tenants meeting held on 30 September 2005. A letter received from two Motueka residents regarding noise was discussed, in addition to a letter from the Parliamentary Commission for the Environment.

After discussion the airport tenants agreed to provide written voluntary protocols that they would endeavour to adhere to which would involve avoid flying over urban areas whenever possible and also keeping to higher flight paths whenever possible and these protocols will be available for the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment when they come to check airport-related noise complaints early in the new year.

The matter of airport landing charges was also discussed at the meeting.

Cr Inglis said the airport users consider they pay far more than the Aviation College.

Mr Dickinson said a report was previously tabled to this Subcommittee which showed what the tenants paid, including the Aviation College. He said the fee includes a monthly amount that allows them to land as many times as they like.

Mr Askew proposed that he undertake a 2 - 3 day tour of other South Island Council-owned aerodromes having similar issues to Motueka.

**Moved Crs Riley/Inglis
FN05/10/04**

**THAT the Motueka Aerodrome Report be received.
CARRIED**

**4 PORT TARAKOHE
4.1 Port Tarakohe Administration Manager's Report**

Mr Askew spoke to his report contained in the agenda and noted he has just commenced his role with Port Tarakohe this week. He intends to provide a five year strategic financial plan to the next Council Enterprises Subcommittee outlining ways of improving income streams and any low cost initiatives that may provide further income opportunities. He reported on a meeting he had held with the port users group and also the proposal to realign the road.

4.2 Port Tarakohe Financial Report

Mr Ward spoke to his report contained in the agenda.

Mr Ward noted that the Harbour Manager's new contract took effect from 1 October 2005.

Mayor Hurley reported on discussions held with the proprietors of the Mt Burnett dolomite quarry.

Cr Riley expressed concern about the person who is not paying the mussel levies and said pressure should be put on him to pay what is owed.

Mr Ward concurred with Cr Riley and said the matter will be pursued.

**Moved Crs Riley/Inglis
FN05/10/05**

**THAT the Port Tarakohe Financial Report be received.
CARRIED**

**Moved Crs Henry/Bryant
FN05/10/06**

**THAT Corporate Services Manager, Mr Ward, be thanked for his work and involvement in Port Tarakohe.
CARRIED**

5 PROPERTY

5.1 Former Tapawera Transfer Station

The report contained in the agenda considered the retention or disposal of the former Tapawera Transfer Station property. In September 1998 the Council closed the transfer station which was subsequently leased to a private operator. The lease has been terminated and the property is vacant.

Cr Bryant was against the recommendation and said there are a lot of problems with fly dumping in the area. He said without the refuse facility in Tapawera there is nothing between Murchison and Richmond. The Tapawera Community Council has asked Council not to sell the land and to try and get somebody interested in running a recycle centre. He said he had been approached by somebody who wanted to lease the land for three years for a wood yard.

Mr Frater noted that the Engineering Department have said they don't want the land. He said he has received phone calls from people wanting to know where they take refuse that can't go into bags.

Cr Henry said the resolution will give the people of Tapawera, who will be the most affected, a say on what should happen to the land.

**Moved Crs Henry/Riley
FN05/10/07**

THAT the former Tapawera transfer station property being Lot 1 DP 16630 be subject to a local consultation process and proposals be reported back to the Council Enterprise Subcommittee.

CARRIED

Cr Bryant voted against the resolution.

6 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

**Moved Crs Henry/Riley
FN05/10/08**

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

**Development Submission Salisbury Road Site
Forestry Management Contract**

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution 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
Development Submission Salisbury Road Site	Consideration of Submission	Protect information which could unreasonably prejudice Council's commercial position
Forestry Management Contract	Change in personnel	To protect the privacy of a natural person

CARRIED

(Refer to Confidential Minute Book resolutions numbered FN05/10/9 to FN05/10/11).

**Moved Crs Inglis/Mayor Hurley
FN05/10/12**

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.

Chair:

Date: