

MINUTES

TITLE: Community Services Committee
DATE: Thursday 8 March 2012
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

PRESENT: Crs J L Edgar (Chair), M L Bouillir, S G Bryant, B W Ensor, B F Dowler, G A Glover, J L Inglis, C M Maling, Z S Mirfin, T E Norriss, P F Sangster and E J Wilkins

IN ATTENDANCE: Motueka Community Board Member (D Ogilvie), Community Services Manager (L Kennedy), Manager Property Services (J Frater), Senior Property Officer (R Cant), Reserves Manager (B Wilkes), Libraries Manager (G Coote), Customer Services Manager (S Westley), Executive Assistant (T Cater)

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Ensor/Mirfin
CS12-03-01

THAT apologies for lateness from Cr Bryant and for absence from Mayor Kempthorne and Cr King be received by the Community Services Committee. CARRIED

1 PUBLIC FORUM

1.1 Terry Fry

Mr Fry spoke on behalf of Ray Drummond (Chair of the Riwaka Cemetery Trustee Committee) with regard to the running of the Riwaka Cemetery. He said at present there are four trustees and they wish to relinquish the running of the cemetery due to lack of funds and interest from the community to be involved with the running of the cemetery. He also said it has very high maintenance costs.

1.2 Sharon Goodall

Mrs Goodall also spoke in regard to the Riwaka Cemetery and said there are five trustees and four wish to retire. She said she wouldn't mind carrying on as a trustee but funding is a major issue.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Grants and Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee – 23 November 2011

**Moved Crs Wilkins/Mirfin
MCS12-03-02**

**THAT the minutes of the Grants and Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee meeting held on 23 November 2011 containing resolutions CS11-11-01 to CS11-11-07 be received by the Community Services Committee.
CARRIED**

2.2 Tasman Creative Communities Subcommittee – 28 November 2011

**Moved Crs Wilkins/Norriss
MCS12-03-03**

**THAT the minutes of the Tasman Creative Communities Subcommittee meeting held on 28 November 2011 containing resolutions CS11-11-01 to CS11-11-06 be received by the Community Services Committee.
CARRIED**

2.3 Community Services Committee – 1 December 2011

**Moved Crs Maling/Norriss
MCS12-03-04**

**THAT the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 1 December 2011 containing resolutions CS11-12-01 to CS11-12-07 be confirmed by the Community Services Committee.
CARRIED**

3 REPORTS

3.1 Chair's Report – RCS12-03-03

Cr Edgar spoke to her report contained in the agenda.

**Moved Crs Glover/Norriss
CS12-03-05**

**THAT the Chair's Report (RCS12-03-03) be received by the Community Services Committee.
CARRIED**

3.2 Community Services Manager's Report – RCS12-03-01

Community Services Manager, Mr Kennedy, spoke to his report which provided information from the Principal Rural Fire Officer for the Waimea Rural Fire Committee, ASB Aquatic and Fitness Centre and Motueka Recreation Centre. The report also contained information regarding the control of wilding pines at Tokongawa.

Mr Kennedy updated the Committee in regard to the damage to the Wainui fire appliance during the December 2011 flood event. The insurance monies have now been received and the fire appliance will be replaced within the next few weeks.

In regard to the control of the wilding pines at Tokongawa, it was suggested that help from periodic detention workers may be of some benefit.

Moved Crs Ensor/Inglis CS12-03-06

**THAT the Community Services Manager's Report (RCS11-12-04) be received by the Community Services Committee.
CARRIED**

3.3 Manager Property Services Report – RCS12-03-07

Manager Property Services, Mr Frater, spoke to his report which provided the Committee with an update on various property services activity.

Discussions ensued regarding the Motueka Library upgrade and a suggestion was to defer refurbishment until the economy picks up. It was stated that more community involvement would be appreciated and that it could be beneficial if the Motueka Community Board engaged in Long Term Plan discussions in regard to the Motueka Library upgrade. Mr Frater said the appointment of the architect was to supply a concept plan that would meet 80% of New Zealand Library Standards.

In regard to Hoddy Estuary Park, concerns were raised in respect of taking on a reserve that may not be used. It was also noted that access to the Park is not very safe.

Cr Bryant arrived at the meeting at 10.28 am.

Morning tea adjournment was taken from 10.30 am to 10.45 am.

Crs Bouillir, Sangster and Bryant left the meeting at 10.45 am.

4 ASB AQUATIC CENTRE UPDATE

Vaughan Hope, Manager of the ASB Aquatic Centre, was in attendance and gave a Powerpoint presentation to Councillors on the Wave Rave.

It was suggested that the Aquatic Centre could perhaps work with either the Tasman Youth Council or Hype-GE in regard to the age of the participants at the Wave Raves. The younger people attending may stop the participation of teenagers going along to these events.

Cr Bryant returned to the meeting at 10.54 am.

Mr Hope gave an update on the fitness facility at the Aquatic Centre. He said the overall feedback had been fantastic and that they were now hosting Les Mills programmes.

5 FIRESMART PRESENTATION

Ian Reade from Rural Fire Network and Martin Rodd from Department of Conservation were in attendance and gave a presentation on Fire Smart. They also gave an introduction on the functions of the Rural Fire Network.

3 REPORTS CONTINUED

3.4 Rainbow Sports Club \$90,000 Loan Report – RCS12-03-02

Mr Kennedy spoke to this report which informed the Council of the request from the Rainbow Sports Club Inc for a remission of the loan repayments for the 2010-2011 financial year.

Mr Kennedy believed that the request met the requirements of the Loan Agreement. Crs Glover and Inglis both said they would not support forgiveness of the loan but would support deferral for another year. It was noted that Rainbow Sports Club applied for a grant for \$90,000 but Council offered them an interest free loan instead.

It was mentioned that both Nelson City Council and Marlborough District Council gave the Club a loan with the requirement of no repayment.

Mr Kennedy read parts of the financial section of the Agreement to Councillors. It was noted that the loan was funded out of the District Wide Contributions account and there was ample funding at that time.

A motion was proposed by Cr Glover and seconded by Cr Inglis.

THAT the Community Services Committee agrees to defer the repayment schedule for a year subject to the Rainbow Sports Club's financial ability to pay.

LOST

**Moved Crs Bryant/Dowler
CS12-03-07**

THAT the Community Services Committee:

- 1 Receives the Rainbow Sports Club Incorporated \$90,000 Loan Report RCS12-03-02; and**
- 2 Agrees to the remission of the \$12,857 loan repayment for the 2010-2011 financial year.**

CARRIED

Cr Glover left the meeting at 11.54 am.

3.5 Libraries Manager's Report - RCS12-03-04

Libraries Manager, Mrs Coote, spoke to her report contained in the agenda.

Cr Inglis left the meeting at 12.00 pm.

Cr Inglis returned to the meeting at 12.02 pm.

It was mentioned that there were floor space issues at the Motueka Library mainly due to the wifi service.

**Moved Crs Norriss/Wilkins
CS12-03-08**

**THAT the Libraries Manager's Report (RCS12-03-04) be received by the
Community Services Committee.
CARRIED**

6 PRESENTATION ON SPORT NZ MARKET SURVEY

Nigel Muir from Sport Tasman gave a presentation on the Sport NZ Market Survey.

3 REPORTS CONTINUED

3.6 Proposal to Sell Murchison RSA Hall Report – RCS12-03-10

Robert Cant, Senior Property Officer, spoke to the report contained in the agenda. The purpose of the report was to inform Council on the outcome of public notification of the intention to sell the Murchison RSA Hall, and recommend the best way to progress the matter.

Cr Bryant said that he was aware that the submitters had now found an alternative site and that he is going to approach them and ask whether they were willing to withdraw their objection and whether they were happy to not have a hearing.

**Moved Crs Dowler/Maling
CS12-03-09**

THAT the Community Services Committee receives the Murchison RSA Hall Report (RCS12-03-10) and delegates the Chair of the Community Services Committee and Cr Bryant to hear the submissions to the proposal to sell the Murchison RSA Hall, if necessary, and that the delegates be given authority to make the final decision.

CARRIED

Cr Bryant left the meeting at 12.33 pm.

Cr Ensor left the meeting at 12.34 pm.

3.7 Reserves Manager's Report – RCS12-03-05

Reserves Manager, Mrs Wilkes, was in attendance to present her report which updated the Committee on the Parks and Reserves department projects.

It was noted that there was a complaint regarding dogs exercising through headstones at the Motueka Cemetery.

Cr Bouillir returned to the meeting at 12.39 pm.

Cr Ensor returned to the meeting at 12.40 pm.

It was asked if the material (AP20 gravel) on the Woodlands Canal walkway/cycleway could be looked at as it is a bit loose for biking on.

Cr Bryant returned to the meeting at 12.42 pm.

**Moved Crs Wilkins/Inglis
CS12-03-10**

THAT the Reserve Manager's Report (RCS12-03-05) be received by the Community Services Committee.

CARRIED

3.8 Riwaka Cemetery Trustees – RCS12-03-09

Cr Norriss declared a conflict of interest and took no part in the discussion.

Mrs Wilkes spoke to the report contained in the agenda. The purpose of the report was to inform Council of the request from the trustees of the Riwaka Cemetery for Council to take over the care and management of the Riwaka Cemetery.

Cr Sangster returned to the meeting at 12.46 pm.

It was suggested that a Committee could be formed by asking members of the community if they wished to become trustees.

**Moved Crs Bryant/Bouillir
CS12-03-11**

THAT the Community Services Committee:

- 1 Receives the Riwaka Cemetery Report (RCS12-03-09); and**
- 2 Agrees that the decision be held over until the April 2012 meeting to provide time for Cr Inglis and Chair of Motueka Community Board to discuss the future operation and management of the Cemetery with the local community.**

CARRIED

3.4 Continuation of Manager Property Services Report – RCS12-03-07

A discussion ensued regarding the Spooners Tunnel Group and their financial situation. It was suggested that the group could apply to the funding schemes Grants from Rates or the Community Development Fund. Publicity by the Group could be beneficial via the media seeking financial support.

A legal opinion has been received regarding the current situation on Baigent Memorial Reserve at Kina and is being passed onto the Crown Law Office for their consideration.

The Chair, on behalf of Council, thanked Mr Frater on his efforts as Controller during the Civil Defence storm event in December.

**Moved Crs Dowler/Norriss
CS12-03-12**

THAT the Manager Property Services Report (RCS12-03-07) be received by the Community Services Committee.

CARRIED

3.9 Customer Services Manager's Report - RCS12-03-08

Customer Services Manager, Mrs Westley, spoke to her report which was included in the agenda.

It was noted that the Customer Services staff did an amazing job during the Civil Defence storm event in December.

Cr Sangster did not agree with Nelson being the sole location for the practical driver licensing test as it takes away a service in the Bay/outlying areas, is a big cost on families to travel over the hill (if parents have to take a day off work), and said that the majority of young people who are dying in accidents die when driving in rural areas.

Mrs Westley is waiting on a response regarding trying to get Motueka reinstated as a place for practical driver testing.

**Moved Crs Norriss/Bouillir
CS12-03-13**

**THAT the Customer Services Manager's Report (RCS12-03-08) be received by the Community Services Committee.
CARRIED**

3.10 Community and Recreation Advisor's Report - RCS12-03-06

The report contained in the agenda provided an update on activities of the Community and Recreation department.

**Moved Crs Sangster/Maling
CS12-03-14**

**THAT the Community and Recreation Advisor's Report (RCS12-03-06) be received by the Community Services Committee.
CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 1.14 pm

Chair:

Date: