MINUTES

TITLE: Environment & Planning Committee

DATE: Wednesday, 6 December 2006

TIME: 9.30 am

VENUE: Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

PRESENT: Cr R G Kempthorne (Chair), Crs E M O'Regan, S J Borlase,

R G Currie, E E Henry, M J Higgins, J L Inglis, T B King, T E Norriss,

P K O'Shea, N Riley and E J Wilkins

IN ATTENDANCE: Environment & Planning Manager (D C Bush-King), Manager Policy

(G S Markham), Manager Consents (J Hodson), Policy Planner (S Leusink-Sladen), Utilities Asset Manager (D Stephenson), Policy Planner (S Trevena), Policy Planner (R Biss), Administration Officer

(B D Moore).

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Riley / Borlase EP06/12/04

THAT apologies from Cr Bryant for absence be sustained. CARRIED

1. PUBLIC FORUM

Shona Bradley and Jane Wickam expressed their concern regarding the red shade cloth that covers agricultural crops in the vicinity of Swamp Road, Riwaka and said that residents which overlook this area are concerned regarding this bright red coloured visual effect on rural amenity.

Cr T E Norriss distributed some wrist bands to promote motor cycling, on behalf of Mr Paul Searancke.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Environment & Planning Subcommittee – 13 November 2006

Moved Crs O'Regan / Borlase EP06/12/05

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee held on 13 November 2006, containing resolutions EP06/11/14 to EP06/11/16, be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

2.2 Environment & Planning Committee – 15 November 2006

Moved Crs O'Shea / O'Regan EP06/12/06

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee, containing resolutions EP06/11/01 to EP06/11/13, be approved as a correct record. CARRIED

3. PROPOSED VARIATION 55 - LAND NOW INCLUDED IN TASMAN DISTRICT AT TOPHOUSE - REPORT EP06/12/06

Policy Planner, S Trevena, referred to the proposed Variation 55 which referred to the receipt of a gazette notice which altered the boundary of Tasman District in the vicinity of Tophouse, where it adjoins Marlborough District. Attached were zoning maps to show the land subject to the proposed variation.

Moved Crs O'Regan / Norriss EP06/12/07

THAT proposed Variation No 55 to the PTRMP, for land at Tophouse, be publicly notified. CARRIED

4. ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING MANAGER'S REPORT - REPORT EP06/12/12

4.1 Staffing

Mr Bush-King advised of the retirement of Building Inspector Mr G Wood who joined Waimea County Council in January 1976 as a Building Inspector and retires on 6 January 2007.

4.2 Legal Proceedings

The Manager's report outlined legal matters which involved the Council.

5. PROPOSED VARIATION 48 DECISION - REPORT EP06/12/07

Policy Planner, R Biss, referred to the Commissioner's decision on Variation 48, for proposed rezoning of land at Motueka East, between Courtney Street East, Old Wharf Road and the Moutere Inlet. This rezones seven hectare of flat land, currently zoned Rural 1, to the new zoning of residential.

Moved Crs Norriss / Henry EP06/12/07

THAT the Environment & Planning Committee adopts the recommendations of the Commissioner on proposed Variation 48 and releases them as a decision.

CARRIED

6. ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS 2006 - REPORT EP06/12/08

This report from the Environmental Education Officer, C Webster, provided an outline of the awards programme including sponsorship, judging and the awards ceremony.

Cr Borlase expressed congratulations to Claire Webster for her efforts in making this a successful programme.

Moved Crs Borlase / Higgins EP06/12/09

THAT the Environmental Awards 2006 report EP06/12/08 be received. CARRIED

7. ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - REPORT EP06/12/11

Cr Kempthorne referred to the dwelling setback rules in the Rural 1 and 2 zones.

Moved Crs Henry / King EP06/12/10

THAT staff be requested to prepare a report on the issue of setbacks in the rural zones for the purpose of the protection of productive opportunity. CARRIED

Moved Crs Norriss / Borlase EP06/12/11

THAT the Environment & Planning Committee Chairman's report EP06/12/11, be received. CARRIED

8. AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENET - SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT - REPORT EP06/12/09

Policy Planner, M Baker, and Engineering Asset Manager, D Stephenson, were present to speak to this report. It is proposed that Variation No 51, dealing with air quality management, particularly in Richmond, is to be notified in January 2007. This report advised that a national agrichemical container recovery and recycling programme is expected to be launched in April 2007. Mr Stephenson said that the agrecovery foundation is expected to operate the programme for the recycling of agrichemical containers, on Council land associated with transfer stations.

Moved Crs King / Borlase EP06/12/12

THAT the Environment & Planning Committee makes the following additional amendments to the PTRMP as part of Variation 1:

Plastic Waste Management

i) Insert at the end of 36.3.4A clause (k):

"This exception does not apply where a national or regional product stewardship programme has been established."

ii) Insert at the end of 36.3.4A as a new note:

"Agrecovery" is an example of a national product stewardship programme for agricultural and horticultural chemicals."

CARRIED

8.1 PM₁₀ Emissions

Moved Crs King / Henry EP06/12/13

THAT the Environment & Planning Committee makes the following additional amendments to the PTRMP as part of Variation 51:

i) Insert into rule 36.3.9 as a new matter;

"The amount of PM_{10} discharged into the Richmond Airshed (if applicable) on its own or in combination with other authorised discharges from enclosed combustion processes and the extent to which it exceeds the quantities specified in schedule 36.3A"

ii) Insert at the end of section 36.3 the following new schedule;

Schedule 36.3A: Discharges of PM₁₀ as at 1 September 2013 into the Richmond Airshed

Refer to Rules 36.3.9, 36.3.10 and 36.3.12 and 36.3.13

The Council will take into account the following schedule when making decisions on any application involving the discharge of PM₁₀ into the Richmond Airshed.

The Council will aim to ensure that the amount of PM₁₀ being discharged on its own or in combination with other authorised discharges into the Richmond Airshed does not exceed the relevant allocation limit specified in 2013.

Schedule 36.3A: Allocation Limits for PM₁₀

Allocation Limits for the discharge of PM ₁₀ into the Richmond Airshed				
Source of PM ₁₀	PM ₁₀ Allocation (kg/day)			
Home heating	174			
Enclosed combustion sources (industry)	53			
Vehicle emissions	27			
Total	264			

CARRIED

9. ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING MANAGER'S REPORT - REPORT EP06/12/12 (continued)

9.1 Shade Cloth Controls

Mr Bush-King referred to resolutions received from the Community Boards. He asked if the Committee wished staff to produce an issues and options paper. Cr Kempthorne directed that Cr Inglis was permitted to debate the subject but not vote on the issue.

Moved Crs Henry / O'Shea

THAT staff be requested to prepare a report outlining the issues and options regarding shade cloth control.

LOST

Cr Inglis abstained from voting on this motion.

9.2 Te Waikoropupu Springs

Mr Bush-King said that the Department of Conservation has released a draft draft proposed bylaw and that it does not cut across any TDC responsibility, so can be supported.

9.3 Biodiversity Strategy

The Government recently announced that it has decided not to proceed with the preparation of a national policy statement on biodiversity. Government will take a non-statutory approach to biodiversity and leave the responsibility with local councils and their community.

9.4 1080 Sodium Floracetate Control of Possums

Submissions close on 31 January 2007 for the application from Animal Health Board and Department of Conservation to ERMA and the staff submission would support the controlled aerial use of 1080.

9.5 Departmental Progress Against Budget

Mr Bush-King spoke to the summary of accounts for October at 33% of the financial year. He noted the income variances and said staff were looking at resource consent recoveries, although Output 3 had a cost overrun, not recovered, in the compliance area.

Moved Crs Borlase / O'Regan EP06/12/14

THAT the Environment & Planning Manager's report EP06/12/12 be received.

10. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Moved Crs Riley / Currie EP06/12/15

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

Stormwater Management Proposed Variation 53 Waimea Plains Water Management Proposed Variation 52

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:

General s matter to be	•		Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Stormwater	Managemer	nt	To receive policy advice	Section 48(1)(d)
Waimea	Plains	Water	To receive policy advice	Section 48(1)(d)
Managemer	nt			

CARRIED

Moved Crs Henry / O'Regan EP06/12/16

THAT the open meeting be resumed and the following matters be confirmed in open meeting.

CARRIED

11. WAIMEA PLAINS WATER MANAGEMENT PROPOSED VARIATION NO 53 - REPORT EP06/12/13

Moved Crs Norriss/Riley EP06/12/17

THAT the report EP06/12/13, Stormwater Management Proposed Variation No 53, be received and the Engineering, Environment & Planning and Community Services departments work on an integrated review to be reported back to the Environment & Planning Committee.

CARRIED

12. WAIMEA PLAINS WATER MANAGEMENT PROPOSED VARIATION NO 52 - REPORT EP06/12/14

Moved Crs Henry / Borlase EP06/12/18

THAT the Environment & Planning Committee proceeds with notification of proposed Variation No 52 as amended for Waimea Water Management (interim). CARRIED

Cr Kempthorne thanked members for t	eir attendance and the	meeting closed at 2.10	pm.
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Date Confirmed:	Chair: