

# MINUTES

**TITLE:** Environment & Planning Committee  
**DATE:** Thursday, 23 August 2007  
**TIME:** 9.30 am  
**VENUE:** Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond  
**PRESENT:** Cr R G Kempthorne (Chair), Mayor J C Hurley, Crs E M O'Regan (Deputy Chair), S J Borlase, S G Bryant, R G Currie, E E Henry, M J Higgins, J L Inglis, T E Norriss, N Riley and E J Wilkins.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Environmental Information Manager (R Smith), Policy Manager (G S Markham), Co-ordinator Compliance Monitoring (C Cheeseman), Resource Scientist (T James), Policy Planner (S Trevena), Administration Officer (B D Moore)

## **APOLOGIES**

Moved Crs Riley / Wilkins  
EP07/08/24

THAT apologies for absence from Cr King and O'Shea, and lateness from Mayor Hurley and Cr Bryant be sustained.

**CARRIED**

## **1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **1.1 Environment & Planning Committee, 31 July 2007**

Moved Crs Riley / Borlase  
EP07/08/25

THAT the minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee meeting held on 31 July 2007, containing resolutions EP07/07/25 to EP07/07/27, be approved as a correct record.

**CARRIED**

### **1.2 Environment & Planning Committee, 1 August 2007**

Moved Crs Inglis / Higgins  
EP07/08/26

THAT the minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee meeting held on 1 August 2007, containing resolutions EP07/08/01 to EP07/08/17, be approved as a correct record.

**CARRIED**

## **2. ANNUAL COMPLIANCE MONITORING ENVIRONMENT AND INCIDENT REPORT 1 JULY 2006 TO 30 JUNE 2007 - REPORT EP07/08/13**

Co-ordinator Compliance Monitoring, Mr C Cheeseman, spoke to his report contained within the agenda, which summaries the Council's compliance monitoring programme of work and performance for the year to 30 June 2007. Mr Cheeseman responded to Councillors' questions. It was suggested that an article be drafted on the issue of noise control, to be included in Newline.

Mayor Hurley arrived at the meeting at 9.50 am.

**Moved Crs Borlase / Henry  
EP07/08/27**

**THAT report EP07/08/13, Annual Compliance Monitoring Environment and Incident Report – 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 be received.  
CARRIED**

## **3. RESOURCE POLICY PROGRAMME UPDATE REPORT - REPORT EP07/08/14**

Policy Manager, G S Markham, spoke to his report contained within the agenda to provide a six-monthly update on the progress with current resource policy projects. The report included a list of projects together with the proposed priorities.

Three new project priorities were included in the attached list for consideration by the Committee:

1. Golden Bay West Settlement Strategy;
2. Waimea West and Catchment Management Strategy;
3. Rural Futures, Rural Policy Review

Cr O'Regan suggested that the Waimea Estuary project should include the involvement of industrial users and potential and current recreational users.

**Moved Crs Henry / Currie  
EP07/08/28**

**THAT the Environment & Planning Committee:**

1. **Receives report EP07/08/14, Resource Policy Programme Update;**
2. **Endorses the proposed prioritising for late 2007 onwards of the three new projects lists in report EP07/08/14;**
3. **Recommends the Policy Programme incorporating the revised priorities to the incoming Council later in 2007.**

**CARRIED**

Mr Markham said that a briefing paper would be put to the Council following the October 2007 Council election.

#### **4. ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING MANAGER'S REPORT – REPORT EP07/08/17**

Mr R Smith spoke to the Manager's report, which included the issues of legal proceedings, Building Act accreditation, and the Waimea Water Augmentation Project Review.

##### **4.1 Appointment of Councillors as Planning Commissioners**

The report recommended that in order to allow consent hearings to be carried out that out-going councillors be appointed as Planning Commissioners.

**Moved Crs O'Regan / Norriss  
EP07/08/29**

**THAT in accordance with Section 34 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the existing Councillors be appointed as Planning Commissioners to hear and decide on resource consent applications as necessary.**

**CARRIED**

**Moved Cr Higgins / Mayor Hurley  
EP07/08/30**

**THAT the Environment & Planning Manager's Report EP07/08/17 be received.**

**CARRIED**

#### **5. STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORT – FRESH WATER FISH SURVEY – REPORT EP07/08/15**

The agenda contained a summary of the full report produced by Resource Scientist, T James. Mr James provided an illustrated report that followed a collaborative investigation, into how freshwater fish cope with varied degrees and types of stream habitat disturbance and water quality. The investigation also gathered baseline information that can be used to predict fish distribution and to measure the success of stream restoration projects.

Mr James provided a comprehensive report on the results of investigations. He concluded that in general, the results show similar patterns of habitat preference, to those found in other regions with highly disturbed streams, containing relatively low fish diversity in abundance. He said that the results confirm the need to continue to implement measures, that protect habitats of native fish from activities such as drain clearance, stream straightening, cattle trampling, fine sediment discharges, riparian vegetation removal and other land uses impacting the beds and riparian zones of small order streams in the Tasman district.

**Moved Crs Norriss / Riley  
EP07/08/31**

**THAT report EP07/08/15 State of the Environment Report, Fresh Water Fish Survey be received.**

**CARRIED**

## **6. TEMPERATURE EFFECTS IN RESERVOIR CREEK - REPORT EP07/08/16**

Cr Bryant arrived at the meeting at 11.10 am.

Resource Scientist, T James, spoke to his report contained within the agenda. He acknowledged the presence of Mr T Kroos at the meeting and spoke of his involvement of Stage 1 of the restoration of Reservoir Creek in its lower reaches.

Mr Kroos said that a meeting would be conducted in the afternoon of 23 August to discuss the management plan. Approval for financial input for Ministry for the Environment has been received for Reservoir Creek, Stage 2 Catchment and Stream Study.

Mr James discussed the results of temperature recording within Reservoir Creek and the need to plant stream-sides to produce shade and control water temperature and also as food source for aquatic life.

**Moved Crs Bryant / Borlase  
EP07/08/32**

**THAT the Environment & Planning Committee receives report EP07/08/16, Temperature Effects in Reservoir Creek 2007.  
CARRIED**

## **7. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS TO CONSIDER NON-AGENDA ITEM**

**Moved Crs Norriss / Riley  
EP07/08/33**

**THAT the Moutere Water Management Draft Variation be accepted as an agenda item by suspension of Standing Orders pursuant to Section 3.2.1.  
CARRIED**

## **8. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

**Moved Crs Norriss / Borlase  
EP07/08/34**

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

Moutere Water Management Draft Variation  
Tasman Archaeological Sites Management Policy

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

<b>General subject of the matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</b>
Moutere Water Management Draft Variation	To receive policy advice	Section 48(1)(d)
Tasman Archaeological Sites Management Policy		

## **9. RESOLUTION TO RESUME OPEN MEETING**

**Moved Crs Borlase / Higgins  
EP07/08/35**

**THAT the public meeting be resumed and the business transacted during the time the public was excluded be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

Cr Kempthorne thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 12.25 pm.

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**Date Confirmed:**

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**Chair:**