

MINUTES

TITLE: Environment & Planning Committee
DATE: Thursday, 24 April 2008
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

PRESENT: Cr M J Higgins (Chair), Mayor R G Kempthorne, Crs S G Bryant, R G Currie, B F Dowler, J L Edgar, B W Ensor, G A Glover and J L Inglis

IN ATTENDANCE: Environment and Planning Manager (D C Bush-King), Policy Planner (R Biss), Bio Security Coordinator (L Vaughan), Contract Entomologist (A McNatty), Environmental Education Officer (J Butler), Compliance Officer (D Shaw), Policy Manager (G S Markham), Policy Planners (S Trevena and M Baker), Regulatory Manager (J Hodson), Resource Scientist (E Verstappen), Administration Officer (B D Moore)

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Bryant / Edgar
EP08/04/04

THAT apologies for absence from Crs King, Norriss, Riley, Wilkins and Borlase for absence be sustained.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr T Jessop spoke about Nelson Motorbike Club racing which had occurred at the Richmond Show Grounds on 4 February 2008 and the dust nuisance which had occurred causing distress to neighbouring property owners.

Mr M Clark, a resident of Lower Queen Street, supported Mr Jessop about the dust nuisance and said there is a lack of appreciation of the need to keep the dust down. He spoke about the Richmond West variation which Council had issued on 6 October 2007 with only two months available until the submission deadline. He said that Council had not released a summary of the submissions in the intervening four months. He referred to the lack of consultation by Council staff in regard to the provision of infrastructural services including a rising sewer main through the Clark property.

Mayor Kempthorne left the meeting at 10.00 am.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Environment & Planning Committee - 26 and 27 November 2007

**Moved Crs Bryant / Higgins
EP08/04/05**

**THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee held on 26 and 27 November 2007 containing resolutions EP07/11/24 to EP07/11/26, be approved as a correct record.
CARRIED**

2.2 Environment & Planning Committee - 19 December 2007 and 21 January 2008

**Moved Crs Bryant / Higgins
EP08/04/06**

**THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee held on 19 December 2007 and 21 January 2008 containing resolutions EP08/01/25 to EP08/01/26, be approved as a correct record.
CARRIED**

2.3 Environment & Planning Committee - 18 February 2008

**Moved Mayor Kempthorne / Cr Glover
EP0804/07**

**THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee held on 18 February 2008 containing resolutions EP08/02/07 to EP08/02/09, be approved as a correct record.
CARRIED**

2.4 Environment & Planning Committee - 3 March 2008

**Moved Crs Currie / Bryant
EP0804/08**

**THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee held on 3 March 2008 containing resolutions EP08/03/01 EP08/03/03, be approved as a correct record.
CARRIED**

2.5 Environment & Planning Committee - 4 March 2008

**Moved Crs Ensor / Dowler
EP08/04/09**

**THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee held on 4 March 2008 containing resolutions EP08/03/04 to EP08/03/19, be approved as a correct record.
CARRIED**

2.6 Environment & Planning Committee - 10 March 2008

**Moved Crs Bryant / Higgins
EP08/04/10**

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee held on 10 March 2008 containing resolutions EP08/03/20 to EP08/03/22, be approved as a correct record.

CARRIED

2.7 Environment & Planning Committee - 14 March 2008

**Moved Crs Higgins / Mayor Kempthorne
EP08/04/11**

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee held on 14 March 2008 containing resolutions EP08/03/29 to EP08/03/31, be approved as a correct record.

CARRIED

2.8 Environment & Planning Committee - 25 March 2008

**Moved Crs Inglis / Bryant
EP08/04/12**

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee held on 25 March 2008 containing resolutions EP08/03/26 to EP08/03/28, be approved as a correct record.

CARRIED

3. URBAN DESIGN APPOINTMENT - REPORT EP08/04/04

The report in the agenda from Policy Planner, R Biss, sought that Council appoint an Urban Design Champion for the Tasman District Council in accordance with the Urban Design Protocol.

**Moved Crs Bryant / Dowler
EP08/04/13**

THAT:

- 1. Mayor R G Kempthorne be appointed as Urban Design Champion for Tasman District;**
- 2. Advice of the appointment is forwarded to the Ministry for the Environment.**

CARRIED

4. ACTIVITIES AND PROMOTIONS FOR WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2008 - REPORT EP08/04/06

Environment Education Officer, J Butler, spoke to the report contained within the agenda and outlined the activities proposed for World Environment Day 2008 which takes place on Thursday, 5 June. The day is being coordinated by the Ministry for the Environment with support from Local Government. The theme is "Working Towards a Low Carbon Economy" with a slogan of "CO2 – Kick the Habit". Activities proposed for the World Environment Day will reflect this theme and work towards long term behaviour change.

Moved Crs Bryant / Inglis

THAT Report EP08/04/06, Notification and Discussion of Activities for World Environment Day 2008, be received.

CARRIED

5. MANAGEMENT OF INVASIVE ANTS UNDER THE REGIONAL PEST MANAGEMENT STRATEGY - REPORT EP08/04/05

Bio-Security Coordinator, L Vaughan, and Contract Entomologist, A McNatty, spoke to this report and provided an update on management of two species of invasive ant, Argentine and Darwins, after two seasons of intensive surveillance and one season of compulsory baiting.

Further information would be provided in the next Council Newslines publication. Ms McNatty said there is the potential to introduce pheromones to help control ants so that nests attack each other.

**Moved Crs Glover/Currie
EP08/04/15**

THAT the Environment & Planning Committee receives Report EP08/04/05 and notes:

- 1. The demands that ant infestations are placing on limited bio-security resources;**
- 2. That there may be a need to review the RMPS rule provisions as they apply to invasive ants, after the completion of ant control in 2008/2009.**

CARRIED

6. COMPLIANCE MONITORING QUARTERLY REPORT - 1 JANUARY TO 31 MARCH 2008 - REPORT EP08/04/07

Compliance Monitoring Officer, D Shaw, attended the meeting and spoke to this report which outlined the complaints, incidents and general monitoring undertaken as part of the compliance monitoring work programme. Mr Shaw said that the annual dairy monitoring compliance report would be provided in July and contain details of consent performance for farm dairy effluent monitoring.

Moved Crs Edgar / Inglis
EP08/04/07

THAT Compliance Monitoring Quarterly Report 1 January to 31 March 2008 EP08/04/07, be received.
CARRIED

7. MAORI CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES IN TASMAN DISTRICT - REPORT EP08/04/08

Policy Planner, S Trevena, spoke to her report EP08/04/08 contained within the agenda. Mayor Kempthorne returned to the meeting at 11.30 am. The report "Cultural Significance of Maori Archaeological Sites and Waahi Tapu in the Tasman District, dated April 2008 had recently been received from Mitchell Research. Mr John Mitchell and Hilary Mitchell spoke about the content of the report including its appendices and maps. Mrs Mitchell spoke of the need to protect those identified sites and said that a large proportion are in Department of Conservation estate. She added that some sites are on private land where landowners refuse access.

Mr Barney Thomas spoke about a recent hui at Onetahua Marae in Takaka and said this was successful and could be duplicated in Motueka and Collingwood. Mr Thomas said that local people were encouraged to bring Maori artefacts to be identified and catalogued.

Cr Currie left the meeting at 12.20 am.

Moved Crs Bryant / Edgar
EP08/04/17

THAT the Environment and Planning Committee receives the report of April 2008 prepared by Mitchell Research, titled "Cultural Significance of Maori Archaeological Sites and Waahi Tapu in the Tasman District".
CARRIED

8. REVIEW OF NZ COASTAL POLICY STATEMENT

Mr Wynne-Jones of Department of Conservation explained how that Department was reviewing the NZ CPS which is above the regional policy statement in the legal plan hierarchy. The proposal to review the NZ CPS was notified on 8 March and submissions close on 7 May. Submissions will then be subject to a board of enquiry process.

9. REGULATORY MANAGER'S REPORT - REPORT EP08/04/09

Regulatory Manager, J Hodson, spoke to this report of 15 April 2008 contained within the agenda. Cr Inglis sought that there not be a consent fee for the installation of solar water heaters. Mr Bush-King said that Council will be liable for plumbing consents and hot water accidents. He said that Council is already subsidising these costs. Mr Bush-King said that two new consent processing staff have been employed to assist in meeting processing times.

Moved Crs Glover / Ensor
EP08/04/18

THAT the Regulatory Manager's Report EP08/04/09, be received.
CARRIED

10. ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING MANAGER'S REPORT - REPORT EP08/04/10

10.1 Top of the South Marine Bio-Security Strategy

A broad strategy will be drafted by the working group, by 30 June 2008 to direct further work and seek agreement from decision makers on timeframes and resourcing.

10.2 National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission

The Ministry for the Environment has released its second national policy statement under the Resource Management Act which focuses on electricity transmission. Several policies will require changes to the Tasman Resource Management Plan.

10.3 Aquaculture – Preliminary Decision on Interim Aquaculture Management Areas

The agenda contained a copy of a submission dated 11 April 2008 sent to the Ministry of Fisheries, commenting on the preliminary decision on interim AMA's in Golden and Tasman Bays.

Moved Mayor Kempthorne / Cr Edgar
EP08/04/19

THAT the submission of 11 April 2008 on the preliminary decision on interim aquaculture management areas, be endorsed.
CARRIED

10.4 Draft NZ Coastal Policy Statement

A draft submission was circulated prior to this meeting, for consideration by the Board of Enquiry.

Moved Mayor Kempthorne / Cr Inglis
EP08/04/20

THAT the Environment & Planning Committee endorses the submission on the Draft NZ Coastal Policy Statement.
CARRIED

10.5 Solar Water Heating Unit Consent Fees

The Environment & Planning Manager sought the Committee's direction on a response to requests to drop the consent fee required for solar water heating units.

Moved Mayor Kempthorne/Cr Edgar
EP08/04/21

THAT the Environment & Planning Committee agrees there should be no change to current consent fees for solar water heating.
CARRIED

Cr Inglis asked that his vote against the motion be recorded.

10.6 Thoma Appeal

Mr Markham said that the Environment Court had declined the Thoma appeal concerning the Rural 1 zone. He said that he would report further at the May meeting regarding options for confirming parts of the proposed Tasman Resource Management Plan.

10.7 Environment & Planning Department Accounts Summary

The agenda contained a copy of the Environment & Planning Department accounts to the end of February 2008.

10.8 Torrent Bay Beach Erosion

Resource Scientist, E Verstappen, tabled a report of 24 April 2008 presenting the foreshore reserve management options to address the foreshore erosion issues at Torrent Bay. Mayor Kempthorne suggested that management staff and Mr Verstappen discuss the situation and report to the Full Council meeting.

Moved Mayor Kempthorne / Cr Dowler
EP08/04/22

THAT the Torrent Bay Beach Erosion report of 24 April 2008 be received and staff be requested to report back to the next Full Council meeting on 14 May 2008.
CARRIED

Cr Inglis left the meeting at 2.25 pm.

11. ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - REPORT **EP08/04/11**

11.1 Motueka Secondary Flood Channel Identification

Cr Higgins referred to work on zoning changes west of Motueka and the opportunity to include the flood channel identification through this process.

Moved Crs Dowler / Higgins
EP08/04/24

THAT the Environment & Planning Manager be requested to produce a report on secondary flood channel identification in the Motueka area.
CARRIED

**Moved Cr Higgins / Mayor Kempthorne
EP08/04/25**

THAT the Environment & Planning Committee Chairman's Report EP08/04/11 be received.

CARRIED

12. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

**Moved Crs Ensor / Edgar
EP08/04/26**

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

- Water Allocation and Iwi Interests: Resolving Appeals and the Moutere Situation
- Resolving Appeals by Friends of Nelson Haven and Tasman Bay on Coastal Landscape Protection

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 subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Water Allocation and Iwi Interests: Resolving Appeals and the Moutere Situation	To received Policy advice	Proceedings where a right of appeal lies to a Court against the final decision
Resolving Appeals by Friends of Nelson Haven and Tasman Bay on Coastal Landscape Protection		

CARRIED

13. RESOLUTION TO RESUME OPEN MEETING

**Moved Crs Edgar / Dowler
EP08/04/27**

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

CARRIED

14. HOP KILN INVENTORY PRESENTATION

A presentation was made to the Committee and members of the public on a book entitled Hop kiln Inventory Nelson Tasman Region, by the author Stephanie Liddicoat. Ms Liddicoat carried out this project as an architectural student and the project was jointly undertaken by Tasman District Council and the Historic Places Trust.

This part of the meeting concluded at 4.10 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: