

MINUTES

TITLE: Environment & Planning Committee
DATE: Thursday, 29 May 2008
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

PRESENT: Cr M J Higgins (Chairman), Mayor R G Kempthorne, Crs S J Borlase, S G Bryant, R G Currie, B F Dowler, J L Edgar, B W Ensor, G A Glover, J L Inglis, T E Norriss and N Riley

IN ATTENDANCE: Environment and Planning Manager (D C Bush-King), Policy Manager (G S Markham), Resource Scientist (T James), Policy Planner (S Trevena), Database Information Administration (P Inwood), GIS Coordinator (P J Frew), Administration Officer (B D Moore)

1. APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Inglis / Glover
EP08/05/07

THAT apologies from Cr Bryant for lateness and Crs King and Wilkins for absence be sustained.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs J McNae referred to the resource policy programme on the agenda for this meeting and introduced a delegation of seven people involved with resource management issues and sought to encourage Council to make the proposed Tasman Resource Management Plan operative. The members of the delegation were Mrs C Owen, Ms V Chisnall, Ms L Gibellini, Mr M Lile, Mr H Briggs, Mr G Thomas and Mr T Quickfall. Mrs McNae said that Council had 64 variations to its plan and the plan should be made operative. Mrs C Owen, Resource Management Law Association President, said that as a matter of best practice, the PTRMP should be made operative as it is the oldest plan in New Zealand that hasn't been made operative. She said that in this situation the variations would remain as changes to the plan and that Council can reject private plan changes for two years after the plan is made operative.

Mr Lile said that in making the Nelson City Council district plan operative, this reduced the number of problems and difficulties associated with resource management.

Ms V Chisnall tabled a letter on behalf of Mr N Fadden supporting the making of the PTRMP operative

Mr T Quickfall said that Nelson City Council had imposed a moratorium on variations during the process of making its district plan operative.

Cr Bryant arrived at the meeting at 10.00 am.

Mr K Fourie spoke about the Council's refusal to provide a \$83 refund for a resource consent concerning a garage roller door. He also sought a response to an e-mail enquiry sent by him regarding greenwaste disposal and the compost subsidy scheme.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Environment & Planning Commissioner Hearing - 7 April 2008

**Moved Crs Higgins / Norriss
EP08/05/08**

THAT the minutes of an Environment & Planning hearing before commissioners held on 7 April 2008, be received.

CARRIED

3.2 Environment & Planning Committee - 21 April 2008

**Moved Crs Higgins / Riley
EP08/05/09**

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee held on 21 April 2008, containing resolutions EP08/04/01 to EP08/04/03, be approved as a correct record.

CARRIED

3.3 Environment & Planning Committee - 24 April 2008

**Moved Crs Inglis / Currie
EP08/05/10**

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee held on 24 April 2008, containing resolutions EP08/04/04 to EP08/04/29, be approved as a correct record.

CARRIED

4. SUMMER 2007/2008 RECREATIONAL WATER QUALITY SAMPLING PROGRAMME - REPORT EP08/05/03

Resource Scientist, T James, spoke to this report contained within the agenda. The report outlined the key results of bathing water quality monitoring at Tasman's 23 monitored beaches, swimming holes and water ski areas over the 2007/2008 summer. The report advised that the results were posted on the Council website within three days of each sampling event.

Mr James said that the results indicated that water quality at bathing beaches was very good.

Moved Cr Bryant / Mayor Kempthorne
EP08/05/11

THAT report EP08/05/03, Summer 2007/2008 Recreational Water Quality Sampling Programme, be received.

CARRIED

5. RESOURCE POLICY PROGRAMME – OPERATIVE PLAN ISSUES - REPORT EP08/05/05

Policy Manager, Mr Markham, spoke to his report of 23 May 2008 contained within the agenda and provided a briefing on the current and likely situation, with present and programmed resource policy planning projects and recommended prioritising under current budget of some of these projects. Mr Markham explained that subject to some additional policy work and preparation of the associated text and planning maps, the Committee is now in a position to consider approving and making operative, Parts I and II of the proposed Tasman Resource Management Plan (Introductory and Land).

Mr Markham sought that the Committee set a priority sequence for policy projects. The Committee discussed the issue of making PTRMP Parts I and II operative. Mr Bush-King and Mr Markham responded to Councillors questions. Mr Markham recommended that the minimum time horizon for that process should be late September 2008 mainly because of the map work issues.

Policy Planner, S Trevena, provided estimates of the time to carry out the required update work to the PTRMP text and maps. She referred to the work regarding the location of mean high water springs and protected trees on planning maps.

Database Information Administration, P Inwood, and GIS Coordinator, P J Frew, attended the meeting and advised the Committee on the potential timeframe to carry out the necessary work to planning maps.

This part of the meeting adjourned at 12 noon to allow for a presentation regarding Bovine TB.

6. NATIONAL PEST MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR BOVINE TB

Representatives of the Animal Health Board, C Jermy, A Barrett, D Templeton and R Bensemenn attended the meeting. Board member, Mr C Jermy, introduced the presentation on the National Pest Management Strategy for Bovine TB and this was followed by an illustrated presentation by Acting CEO, Ms A Barrett. She described the four options involved regarding Bovine TB control and spoke about the preferred option being the 2030 eradication scenario. She explained that the board was presently in the early stages of consultation.

The meeting adjourned at 12.30 pm and reconvened at 2.30 pm.

7. RESOURCE POLICY PROGRAMME – OPERATIVE STATUS FOR PROPOSED TASMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN – REPORT EP08/05/05

Discussion resumed on the potential for declaring the PTRMP operative. Mr Markham explained that it was necessary to get the Moutere variation notified before the irrigation season. He said a limited update would be produced for a presentation to this Committee together with further information on Richmond South.

Mayor Kempthorne suggested that an article be provided to include this information in Newsline publication.

**Moved Crs Higgins / Currie
EP08/05/12**

THAT the Environment & Planning Committee:

- 1. Resolves to approve Parts I and II of the Proposed Tasman Resource Management Plan (Introductory and Land) to be made operative on 18 September 2008 including both the text and planning maps;**
- 2. Notes that there will be a limited update to be approved in June 2008 for a notification in July 2008, concerning Richmond South and the Moutere variation.**

CARRIED

7.1 Resource Management Programme Priority Setting

**Moved Crs Bryant / Edgar
EP08/05/13**

THAT the priority setting for the Resource Management Programme be deferred to the next Environment & Planning Committee meeting.

CARRIED

8. ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - REPORT EP08/05/06

**Moved Crs Inglis / Borlase
EP0805/014**

THAT the Environment & Planning Committee Chairman's Report EP08/05/06 be received.

CARRIED

9. ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING MANAGER'S REPORT – REPORT EP08/05/07

9.1 Building Act Accreditation

Mr Bush-King said that Government has extended the date by which Local Authorities must gain Building Act accreditation, through to 31 March 2009. He said that Council had only three outstanding corrective actions to complete and expected to be in a position to be accredited by 30 June 2008.

**Moved Crs Edgar / Dowler
EP08/05/15**

**THAT the Environment & Planning Manager's Report EP08/05/15, be received.
CARRIED**

10. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

**Moved Crs Bryant / Borlase
EP08/05/16**

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

Supplementary Advice – Variation 56 (stormwater)

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
Supplementary Advice – Variation 56 (stormwater)	To receive Policy advice	Proceedings where a right of appeal lies to a Court against the final decision

11. RESOLUTION TO RESUME OPEN MEETING

**Moved Crs Riley / Edgar
EP08/05/17**

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

Cr Higgins thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 2.45 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: