

MINUTES

TITLE: Environment & Planning Committee
DATE: Tuesday, 16 December 2008
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Tasman District 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, G Glover, B Ensor, N Riley, J E Inglis, T E Norriss

IN ATTENDANCE: Environment & Planning Manager (D C Bush-King), Bio-Security Coordinator (L Vaughan), Policy Planner (R Biss), Policy Planner (N Jackson), Policy Planner (M Baker), Manager Policy (G S Markham), Administration Officer (B D Moore)

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Bryant / Borlase
EP08/12/04

THAT apologies for lateness from Cr Norriss and for absence from Crs Edgar, King, Dowler and Wilkins be sustained.

CARRIED

1. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr M Brown representing Nelson Winegrowers sought that Council not introduce restrictive regulations on the installation and operations of frost fans which are used in vineyard developments to counter frost risk. He said that New Zealand winegrowers have a voluntary code of practise for the use of frost fans.

Mr D Gallagher and Dr T Kjellstrom spoke for the Mapua Ruby Bay Community Association and offered collaboration and assistance by providing a consultant to provide input into the final Mapua Structure Plan and to prepare a case study for the research project after the structure plan is finalised.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Environment & Planning Committee – 3 November 2008

Moved Crs Ensor / Riley
EP08/12/05

THAT the minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee meeting held on 3 November 2008, be approved.

CARRIED

3. ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – REPORT EP08/12/11

Cr Higgins referred to the steady progress with Environment & Planning Department work and referred to the draft policy on rivers and lakes within this agenda. He congratulated Cr Borlase for his work with the Takaka zoning issue.

Cr Higgins thanked the department manager, Dennis Bush-King, for his excellent leadership of the Environment & Planning Department throughout the year and thanked staff for the professional approach to their work.

Cr Higgins said there is an increasing number of lambs coming from the north island and was concerned regarding hydatids management. Mayor Kempthorne said he supported a research project in conjunction with the Ruby Bay Mapua Community Association.

Mayor Kempthorne left the meeting at 9.50 am.

4. THE FUTURE OF PEST MANAGEMENT IN NEW ZEALAND – REPORT EP08/12/08

Cr Norriss arrived at 10.00 am.

Mr Vaughan referred in his report to the reports commissioned by regional councils and Bio-Security NZ (now MAFBNZ) which will be used to provide input into a formal discussion document to be released in April/May 2009. Mr Bush-King reminded the Committee of Council's regional obligations to Bio-Security and the present level of Council budget for this activity.

Cr Norriss expressed concern about the practicality of the Crown being bound by regional pest management strategies and the escape of disease carrying pests on to neighbouring land. He said that Government departments have inadequate funding and resources to carry out their obligations as good neighbours.

Cr Higgins sought nominations for three councillors to attend the MAFBNZ Bio-Security Roadshow.

Moved Crs Ensor / Inglis EP08/12/06

**THAT the Environment & Planning Committee receives report EP08/12/08, the Future of Pest Management in New Zealand.
CARRIED**

Moved Crs Bryant / Inglis EP08/12/08

**THAT Crs Borlase, Ensor and Glover be appointed to attend the MAFBNZ Bio-Security Roadshow.
CARRIED**

5. TOP OF THE SOUTH MARINE BIO-SECURITY STRATEGIC PLAN – REPORT EP08/12/07

Mr Vaughan provided copies of this plan and made an illustrated presentation in speaking to his report contained within the agenda. He referred to two marine pests, both sea squirts, being didemnum and styela which pose a significant threat to the aquaculture industry. He also spoke about the risk from the brown mussel species that had been found in Tasman Bay. Funding and implementation of the strategic plan will include \$60,000 from the aquaculture industry and MAFBNZ and \$20,000 from each of the three Councils (TDC, NCC and MDC).

**Moved Crs Glover / Borlase
EP08/12/08**

**THAT the Environment & Planning Committee agrees to the adoption of the Top of the South Marine Bio-Security Strategic Plan.
CARRIED**

**Moved Crs Borlase / Glover
EP08/12/09**

**THAT the Environment & Planning Committee agrees to the allocation of \$20,000 in the LTCCP for the implementation of the Top of the South Marine Bio-Security Strategic Plan, subject to the agreement of the other two councils and co-funding from MAFBNZ, commencing with the 2009/2010 financial year.
CARRIED**

6. BIO-DIVERSITY OVERVIEW – INDIGENOUS TERRESTRIAL FAUNA OF TASMAN DISTRICT – REPORT EP08/12/09

Dr David J Butler spoke to his review publication “Tasman District Bio-Diversity Indigenous Terrestrial Vertebrates and Invertebrates, November 2008.” The review aimed to outline the role of landowners in conservation of their local environment and the plants and animals it supports. The review looked across all the key faunal groups of the district and the habitats in which they are found. It identified those habitats present within private land where owners can make a significant difference, through measures like habitat enhancement, pest animal and weed control.

**Moved Crs Riley / Norriss
EP08/12/10**

**THAT the Tasman District Bio-Diversity Overview Indigenous Terrestrial Vertebrates and Invertebrates report be received.
CARRIED**

7. MAPUA DRAFT CHANGE UPDATE – REPORT EP08/12/10

Policy Planner, R Biss, displayed a contour map and described the location of some land within the coastal hazard area. She explained that a number of issues need further resolution before the drafting of the plan change for Ruby Bay/Mapua can be completed. Ms Biss outlined the issues within her report of 9 December 2008.

Mayor Kempthorne returned to the meeting at 11.25 am.

Mr Markham referred to the offer of assistance from the Mapua Ruby Bay Community Association in relation to preparation of the structure plan. He said that this offer has merit as staff do not have complete knowledge of all issues. He said that the further research would help refine and complete the structure plan. He said that the issue with the research offer is a question of how this can be aligned to completing the structure plan to provide a defensible base of analysis. Mayor Kempthorne said that the Council needs staff to complete the structure plan and incorporate other information.

**Moved Crs Glover / Norriss
EP08/12/11**

THAT the Mapua Draft Change Update Report EP08/12/10 be received and that the Environment & Planning Manager be requested to liaise with the Mapua Ruby Bay Community Association over the proposed research project and how this might link in with Council's Structure Plan Process.

CARRIED

8. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

**Moved Mayor Kempthorne / Cr Bryant
EP08/12/12**

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

- Draft Part IV: Rivers and Lakes
- Frost Fans Policy Paper

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
Frost Fans Policy Paper	To receive policy advice	Proceedings where a right of appeal lies to a Court against the final decision
Draft Part IV: Rivers and Lakes		

CARRIED

9. RESOLUTION TO RESUME OPEN MEETING

**Moved Crs Currie / Ensor
EP08/12/13**

THAT the open meeting be resumed.

CARRIED

Cr Higgins thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 5.20 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: