

MINUTES

TITLE: Environment and Planning Committee
DATE: Wednesday 29 February 2012
(Continued from Thursday, 16 February)
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Tasman Council Chamber, Richmond.

PRESENT: Cr S G Bryant (Chair), Mayor R G Kempthorne,
Crs M L Bouillir, B F Dowler, J L Edgar, B W Ensor,
G A Glover, J L Inglis, T B King, C M Maling,
T E Norriss, P F Sangster, E J Wilkins

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting Chief Executive (D C Bush-King)
Golden Bay Community Member (M Symmons)
Acting Environment & Planning Manager (R Smith)
Policy Manager (S Markham)
Regulatory Manager (A Humphries)
Policy Planner (M Day)
Policy Planner (R Biss)
E&P Secretary TRMP(P Meadows)
Administration Officer (G Woodgate)

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Glover/Maling
EP12-02-19

THAT apologies for absence from Cr Z S Mirfin be received.
CARRIED

1 FIRE PROTECTION FOR RURAL DWELLINGS – TRMP CHANGE 34 – REPORT REP12-02-06

Policy Manager, Steve Markham was in attendance to present the report which was included in the agenda.

The Council made Change 19 to the Tasman District Council Resource Management Plan (TRMP) in May 2010 to alter the fire fighting connection on water storage tanks for rural dwellings from a 50mm camlock coupling to a 100mm female thread coupling. Further assessment as to the effects of this change led to a conclusion that the amendment proposed by Council is not the best solution for managing fire risks for rural dwellings.

A proposed new approach to fire risk management for new rural dwellings was released for public comment in December 2010 and this was a report back of issues raised during consultation and included recommendations and a draft change to the TRMP for new fire risk management requirements.

Discussion began on an unsubstantiated rumour that is circulating Motueka that Council is going to charge people for storing rainwater. It was recommended that an article be placed in Motueka's local paper, The Guardian, to put the rumour to bed.

9.33 am: Cr T B King arrived.

Cr King declared an interest in this matter but not a pecuniary interest.

Councillors felt that policy on fire protection for new rural dwellings should come from central Government via the Building Act rather than local Government legislation and agreed that such protection was also a matter of individual responsibility.

The following matters were discussed:-

- The additional costs of fire protection to people building a new rural dwelling
- The increased number of water tanks required with a new rural dwelling.

9.45 am: Mayor Kempthorne arrived.

- The fact that dams, ponds and swimming pools count as water storage tanks and therefore have an exemption
- Cluster situations where several properties could possibly share a single water source
- Amenity plantings and how they could / should be managed.

**Moved Crs Norriss/Dowler
EP12-02-20**

THAT the Environment and Planning Committee receives Report REP12-02-06 Fire Protection For Rural Dwellings (TRMP Change 34 Notification) and adopts the draft TRMP Change 34 Managing Fire Risk to Rural Dwellings for notification in March 2012.

CARRIED

2 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

**Moved Crs Edgar/Norriss
EP12-02-21**

THAT the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.

- 2.1 To confirm Resource Management Policy Committee – Hearing 62 Confidential Minutes
- 2.2 To discuss track changes on Plan Change 22 – Mapua Development Area.

The general subject of each 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:

Item	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
2.1	To confirm Resource Management Policy Committee – Hearing 62 Confidential Minutes	To protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence.	Section 48(1)(a) The public conduct of this matter would be likely to result in disclosure of information for which good reason exists under Section 7
2.2	To discuss track changes on Plan Change 22 – Mapua Development Area	To receive policy advice.	Section 48(1)(d)

CARRIED

(Refer to Confidential Minute Book containing resolutions EP-12-02-22 - EP-12-02-30)

3 RESOLUTION TO RESUME PUBLIC MEETING

**Moved Crs Edgar/Glover
EP12-02-30**

**THAT public meeting be resumed.
CARRIED**

11.00: A tea break was taken.

Mayor Kempthorne and Cr T B King left the meeting at this point.

11.15: Meeting resumed.

4 REGULATORY DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT – REPORT REP12-02-10

Regulatory Manager, Adrian Humphries, was in attendance for discussion on his report which was included in the agenda and covered the following matters:-

- Staff
- Building Department
- Environmental Health
- Dog & Stock Control
- Parking.

11.29 am: Cr T B King returned to the meeting.

Discussion ensued on the following matters:-

- The clearing of historic building consents
- The state of the some Regulatory files
- Rural / urban dog control administration costs.

11.36 am: Mayor Kempthorne returned to the meeting.

Moved Crs Maling/Edgar
EP12-02-31

THAT the Environment and Planning Committee receives the Regulatory Department Activity Report REP12-02-10.
CARRIED

5 UPDATE REPORT: FINAL DECISIONS ON PART IV SUBMISSIONS (SCHEDULE 30) - REPORT REP12-02-08

The Policy Manager presented the report which was included in the agenda.

The report updated the Committee on the process to date for resolving outstanding submissions on Part IV of the TRMP in relation to decisions yet to be released on Schedule 30.

Mayor Kempthorne advised that he was highly supportive of Option 5.1 (ii) especially for the hydro sector.

Moved Crs Glover/Norris
EP12-02-32

THAT the Environment and Planning Committee receives the Final Decisions on Part IV Submissions (Schedule 30) Report REP12-02-08 and adopts the recommended process for resolving the outstanding submissions on Part IV of the TRMP as follows:

- **To provide a pre-hearing opportunity for submitters to provide feed-back on a draft supplementary staff assessment report on resolution of submissions on Schedule 30**
- **Provide a second formal hearing opportunity that enables both Council and submitters take into account the results of the research work.**

CARRIED

6 ACTING ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING MANAGER'S REPORT – REPORT REP12-02-12

Acting Environment & Planning Manager, Rob Smith, was in attendance for discussion on his report which was included in the agenda.

The report updated Committee members on the following matters:-

- Animal Health Board

- Summer Students
- Monitoring and Reporting Bill
- National Environmental Standard (NES)
- River Health Road Show
- Tasman Recovery Team
- Environment & Planning Management.

Mayor Kempthorne advised that following the Government's changes to the National Environmental Standard for Soils from 1 January 2012, the impact on Council's residential standard for arsenic in soils required a Newsline article.

Resource Scientist – Land (A Burton) requested, via the Acting Environment & Planning Manager, to have \$20k to \$30k of internal Environment and Planning funding redirected to the Takaka erosion issue given soil mapping expertise was now not available. Committee members advised that this was acceptable.

**Moved Crs Ensor/Bouillir
EP12-02-33**

**THAT the Environment and Planning Committee receives the Acting Environment and Planning Manager's Report REP12-02-12.
CARRIED**

**7 ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT –
REPORT REP12-02-11**

The report updated Committee members on the following matters:-

- Rural Subdivision Rules
- Change 22: Mapua – Ruby Bay Development
- Westland Milk Co-operative Visit
- Golden Bay Flood Damage
- James Road Bridge Opening
- Mussel Farm Visit
- Flood Protection Works – Aorore
- Gravel Extraction
- Inter-Department Co-operation
- Amalgamation.

The Acting Chief Executive advised that results from Tasman Bay Mussels Ltd and the Ringroad consortium had been received and were currently being assessed.

**Moved Crs Norriss/Bouillir
EP12-02-34**

**THAT the Environment and Planning Committee receives the Environment and Planning Committee Chair's Report REP12-02-11.
CARRIED**

12.00 pm: Lunch break.

Mayor Kempthorne and Crs B F Dowler, J L Inglis and E J Wilkins left the meeting at this point.

12.45 pm: Meeting resumed.

8 WATER METERING – TRMP CHANGES 35, 36 - REPORT REP12-02-07

Acting Environment & Planning Manager and the Policy Manager presented the report which was included in the agenda.

A number of differences between Regulations made by Central Government in 2010 and what is currently required by the TRMP in respect of water measuring and metering and identified preferred options were released for public feedback during January and attracted very little comment.

Councillors Maling and Bryant declared an interest in this item and took no part in discussions.

The Acting Environment & Planning Manager handed out a revised Proposed Plan Change No. 35 & 36 Water Metering document as well as information regarding a meeting with HortNZ held that morning.

Discussion on the following matters ensued:-

- Water metering in the Moutere zone
- Domestic water takes
- Small hydro dams and how to treat them
- Free advice to Resource Consent renewal applicants
- Water meter permit renewal time limits
- The need for information evenings especially in the Moutere water zone.

**Moved Crs Ensor/King
EP12-02-35**

THAT the Environment and Planning Committee:-

- a. Receives the Report REP12-02-07 Water Metering – TRMP Changes 35, 36 and**
- b. Approves the Plan Changes for Measurement and Reporting of Water Takes shown as tabled (and amended) for public notification in March 2012.**

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 1.30 pm

Date Confirmed:

Chair: