
MINUTES
of the
ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
held
9.30 am, Thursday, 1 November 2012
at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

Present: Councillor S G Bryant (Chair), Mayor R G Kempthorne, Councillors B W Ensor, T B King, B F Dowler, G A Glover, J L Inglis, Z S Mirfin, C M Maling, T E Norriss, P F Sangster, E J Wilkins

In Attendance: Environment and Planning Manager (D Bush-King)
Policy Manager (S Markham)
Co-ordinator Biosecurity (L Vaughan)
Policy Planner (M-A Baker)
Environmental Education Officer (R Francis)
Environmental Health Officer (T Waddington)
Chairman, Motueka Community Board (D Ogilvie)
Golden Bay Community Board Member (M Symmons)
Administration Officer (G Woodgate)

1 OPENING, WELCOME

2 APOLOGIES

Moved Cr Glover/Cr Mirfin
EP12-11-1

That apologies from Crs M L Bouillir and J L Edgar for absence be accepted.
CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

3.1 Mr Colin Robinson

Mr Robinson spoke on three matters:-

1. The removal of road markings on rural roads
 2. Council paying full fees at the Eves Valley Landfill
 3. Queen Street crossings.
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4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Moved Cr Ensor/Cr Maling
EP12-11-2**

That the minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday, 20 September 2012, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

6 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

6.1 Reports of TRMP Hearing 60 (Continued) held on 9 August 2012 and TRMP Hearing 63 held on 9 August 2012.

**Moved Cr Maling/Cr Norriss
EP12-11-3**

That the minutes of TRMP Hearing 60 (Continued) held on 9 August 2012 and TRMP Hearing 63 held on 9 August 2012 be received by the Environment and Planning Committee.

CARRIED

6.2 Minutes of the Environment & Planning Subcommittee held on 30 July 2012 and 13 August 2012

**Moved Cr Ensor/Cr Bryant
EP12-11-4**

That the Minutes of the Environment & Planning Subcommittee held on 30 July 2012 and 13 August 2012 be received by the Environment and Planning Committee.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS

7.1 Adoption of the Amended Tasman-Nelson Regional Pest Management Strategy 2012-2017.

Co-ordinator Biosecurity, Lindsay Vaughan was in attendance to speak to his report.

The purpose of the report was to summarise the changes that have been incorporated in the 2012-2017 Tasman-Nelson Regional Pest Management Strategy after completing the submissions phase and to seek approval for its adoption and public notification.

**Moved Cr Norriss/Cr Maling
EP12-11-5**

That the Environment and Planning Committee accepts the recommendation of the Strategy Review Committee that it adopt the Amended Tasman-Nelson Regional Pest Management Strategy 2012-2017.

CARRIED

7.2 Biodiversity Report, REPORT REP12-10-03

Co-ordinator Biosecurity, Lindsay Vaughan was in attendance to speak to his report.

The purpose of the report was to update the Committee on the work that has been undertaken on biodiversity management in Tasman District.

The report covered the following matters:-

1. Statutory responsibilities for biodiversity management under the Resource Management Act 1991
2. The Tasman Resource Management Plan
3. The Tasman Biodiversity Forum
4. The Tasman Environmental Trust
5. The Cobb Mitigation Fund
6. The Biodiversity Advice and Condition Fund
7. The Tasman District Biodiversity Overview
8. The Tasman District Biodiversity Overview – indigenous terrestrial vertebrates and invertebrates
9. The Native Habitats Tasman (NHT) Project.

**Moved Cr Glover/Cr Mirfin
EP12-11-6**

**That the Environment and Planning Committee receives the Biodiversity Report
REP12-10-03.
CARRIED**

8 PRESENTATION

8.1 Presentation from the Tasman Environmental Trust, REPORT REP12-10-02

The Tasman Environmental Trust Chairman, Mr Kerry Marshall made a presentation on the achievements of the Trust. The presentation included the Trust's:-

- Objectives
- Trustees
- Management Committee
- Past Projects
- Current Projects
- Outcomes.

In open discussion, Councillors raised the following points:-

1. Funding was an ongoing issue for the Trust
2. Receiving recognition for the work the Trust undertakes was frustrating
3. The Trust shares its knowledge nationwide
4. The Tasman District Council supports, facilitates and enhances the Trust.

10.37 – 10.50 am: Morning tea.

Mayor Kempthorne did not return to the Council Chamber.

9 REPORTS (CONTINUED)

9.1 National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management: Implementation Programme, REPORT REP12-11-05

Policy Planner, Mary-Anne Baker was in attendance to speak to her report.

The purpose of the report was to request the Committee to adopt the Implementation Programme for the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (the NPS-FM) and approve its public notification as required.

In open discussion, Councillors raised the following points:-

1. The urgency to implement the programme was questioned given that it needed to be fully implemented by no later than 31 December 2030
2. What the programme involved and what it will cost ratepayers
3. Sedimentation concerns
4. The need to work with local Iwi
5. The need to publicise the Programme.

Moved Cr King/Cr Glover
EP12-11-7

THAT the Environment and Planning Committee:

- a) receives the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2011: Implementation Programme REP12-11-05; and**
- b) notes the proposed Implementation Programme, as detailed in Attachment 2, will meet the Council's obligations to give effect to the NPS-FM by 30 December 2030; and**
- c) approves the public notification of the Implementation Programme as detailed in Attachment 2; and**
- d) notes that the Annual Plan process will identify any bids for projects proposed to achieve implementation of the NPS-FW in any single year.**

CARRIED

9.2 Implementation of the National Policy Statement on Renewable Electricity Generation 2011, REPORT REP12-11-06

Policy Planner, Mary-Anne Baker was in attendance to speak to her report.

The National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation (NPS-REG) requires Regional Councils and Territorial Authorities to make amendments to their Regional Policy Statement (RPS) and Regional and District Plans to recognise and provide for the benefits of renewable electricity generation where they do not already do this.

The report introduced the Committee to the requirements of the National Policy Statement for Renewable Generation 2011 (NPS-REG, gazetted 13 April 2011). It identified the degree to which the Tasman Regional Policy Statement and the Tasman Resource Management Plan give effect to it. The report provided options for meeting the requirements of the NPS-REG and risks of not fully giving effect to it. The report also made recommendations about how to proceed with implementation, including establishment of a renewable electricity forum and a timetable for future action.

In open discussion, Councillors discussed the need for the Tasman District Council to make its

processes more user friendly for those wishing to install mini and micro hydro and photovoltaic energy systems on a domestic scale.

Moved Cr King/Cr Glover

EP12-11-8

That the Environment and Planning Committee:

- a) receives the Implementation of the National Policy Statement on Renewable Electricity Generation 2011 Report REP12-11-06; and
- b) notes that the Regional Policy Statement (RPS) may need amendment to fully implement the National Policy Statement – Renewable Electricity Generation, but that as the RPS is due for review, any decision on a RPS amendment should be delayed until the legal constraints to efficient combining of unitary council RPS with its Tasman Resource Management Plan is addressed by the Government; and
- c) requests staff to identify opportunities to amend the TRMP to improve the process for installing mini and micro hydro and photovoltaic energy systems.

CARRIED

9.3 Draft Control of Liquor in Public Places Bylaw: Report back on Consultation, REPORT REP12-10-01

Environmental Health Officer, Tracy Waddington was in attendance to speak to the report.

The purpose of the report was to allow the Committee to consider the results of the formal consultation undertaken on the renewal of the Draft Tasman District Council Consolidated Bylaw Chapter 3: Control of Liquor in Public Places Bylaw 2012 and to consider a minor amendment and make a recommendation to Council that the Draft Bylaw, as amended, be adopted.

11.55 am: Mayor Kempthorne returned.

Moved Cr Dowler/Cr Maling

EP12-11-9

That the Environment and Planning Committee:

- a) receives the report Draft Control of Liquor in Public Places Bylaw: Report back on Consultation REP12-10-01; and
- b) approves the Draft Tasman District Council Consolidated Bylaw Chapter 3: Control of Liquor in Public Places Bylaw 2012, as amended, with the inclusion of the new clause 5.3, the new Schedule B and the addition of two definitions in the interpretations section of the Draft Bylaw; and
- c) recommends that the Draft Bylaw, as amended, be adopted at the next full Council meeting.

CARRIED

9.4 Environment & Planning Manager's Report, REPORT REP12-10-09

Environment and Planning Manager, Dennis Bush-King was in attendance to speak to his report.

The report covered a number of general matters concerning the activities of the Environment &

Planning Department.

In open discussion, Councillors discussed:-

1. Coastal Occupation Charges
2. Staff were reminded that natural phosphates can skew trend analysis data in river water quality reports
3. Activity Report – The Environment and Planning Manager was requested to investigate Action Item REP12-09-07 Update of Heritage Schedule and to report back to a subsequent meeting.

**Moved Cr Mirfin/Cr Glover
EP12-11-10**

**That the Environment and Planning Committee receives the Environment & Planning Manager's Report, REPORT REP12-10-09.
CARRIED**

12.25 – 1.15 pm: Lunch

10 PRESENTATION

10.1 Marlborough Shellfish Quality Programme Deputation, REPORT REP12-11-11

A Deputation from the Marlborough Shellfish Quality Programme made a presentation on water quality issues in Golden Bay. The Deputation consisted of:-

- Mr Wayne McDonald, Chairman of the Marlborough Shellfish Quality Programme
- Ms Helen Smale, CEO of the Marlborough Shellfish Quality Programme
- Mr Bill Wallace, Chairman of the Golden Bay Marine Farmers Consortium and
- Mr Al Campbell, Manager of Aquaculture Compliance.

The Deputation outlined the following water quality issues in Golden Bay:-

1. Faecal coliforms from dairying entering the Aorere River
2. The low percentage of Tasman farmers not fencing their streams or rivers
3. Unrestricted cow herds entering Tasman streams and rivers
4. Farms in the Aorere with no effluent storage facilities
5. The Tasman District Council water testing regime does not meet the requirements wanted
6. Tasman District Council not acting on reportings of river and stream issues quickly enough.

The Deputation tabled two handouts:-

- Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Stock Exclusion Survey
- Proposed Rule Changes to the Tasman Resource Management Plan in Relation to Dairy Farm Effluent.

The Deputation requested the Committee consider implementing:-

- real time continuous river and stream monitoring; and
- the proposed rule changes to the Tasman Resource Management Plan in relation to dairy farm effluent as tabled.

In open discussion, Councillors raised the following points:-

1. The need to organise a proper problem definition meeting
2. Council is responsible for environmental monitoring
3. Technology will soon be able to identify which herds are causing the effluent pollution
4. The costs to ratepayers of real time continuous river and stream monitoring
5. Coastal Occupation Charges.

The Deputation departed at 1.51 pm.

11 REPORTS (CONTINUED)

11.1 Environmental Education Report, REPORT REP12-11-07

Environmental Education Officer, Rob Francis was in attendance to speak to his report.

The purpose of the report was to provide the Committee with an overview of environmental education work undertaken by the Tasman District Council Environmental Education team and to inform them of the status of current work. It covers:

- Work being undertaken on community gardens
- Clean ups happening around the District
- Water quality education.

The Environmental Education Officer advised Committee members that several sites had been offered for the proposed new Richmond Community garden.

**Moved Cr Glover/Cr Mirfin
EP12-11-11**

**That the Environment and Planning Committee receives the Environmental Education Report REP12-11-07.
CARRIED**

11.2 Environment & Planning Chairperson's Report, REPORT REP12-10-08

The Chairman's report covered the following matters:-

1. Resource Management Act Training
2. Final Environment and Planning Committee meeting for 2012
3. Environmental Matters.

**Moved Cr Ensor/Cr Glover
EP12-11-12**

**That the Environment and Planning Committee receives the Environment & Planning Chairperson's Report REP12-10-08.
CARRIED**

12 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

12.1 Procedural motion to exclude the public

**Moved Cr Norriss/Cr Maling
EP12-11-13**

That the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting. 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 the passing of this resolution follows.

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

12.1 Change 22 Mapua - Ruby Bay

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Particular interest(s) protected (where applicable)	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.	48(i)(d) - To deliberate in private in a proceeding where a right of appeal lies to a Court against the final decision.	s48(1)(a) The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.

CARRIED

Moved Cr Glover/Cr Maling
EP12-11-15

That the open meeting be resumed.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 2.40 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: