### MINUTES

TITLE: DATE: TIME: VENUE:	Corporate Services Committee Thursday 3 August 2006 9.30 am Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
PRESENT:	Cr E M O'Regan (Acting Chair), Mayor J C Hurley, Crs R G Currie, J L Inglis, N Riley, S J Borlase, E J Wilkins, E E Henry, T E Norriss, P K O'Shea, M J Higgins, S G Bryant
IN ATTENDANCE:	Chief Executive Officer (R G Dickinson), Corporate Services Manager (D G Ward), Minute Secretary (V M Gribble)
APOLOGIES	

Moved Crs O'Shea/Borlase FN06/08/01

THAT apologies for absence from Crs King and Kempthorne and for lateness from Cr S G Bryant be sustained. CARRIED

1 MINUTES

1.1 Corporate Services Committee – 11 May 2006

Moved Crs Norriss/Currie FN06/08/02

THAT the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on 11 May 2006, containing resolutions numbered FN06/05/01 to FN06/05/17 be confirmed as a true and complete record of the proceedings of that meeting. CARRIED

1.2 Information and Publicity Subcommittee – 16 May 2006

Moved Crs O'Shea/Inglis FN06/08/03

THAT the minutes of the Information and Publicity Subcommittee meeting held on 16 May 2006, containing resolutions numbered FN06/05/018 to FN06/05/20 be confirmed as a true and complete record of the proceedings of that meeting. CARRIED

### 1.3 Council Enterprise Subcommittee - 16 May 2006

#### Moved Crs Henry/Riley FN06/08/04

THAT the minutes of the Council Enterprise Subcommittee meeting held on 16 May 2006, containing resolutions numbered FN06/05/21 to FN06/05/33 be confirmed as a true and complete record of the proceedings of that meeting. CARRIED

### 1.4 Council Enterprise Subcommittee - 28 June 2006

The following amendments were made to the minutes: Page 1 – The apology was for Leigh Gamby, not Neil Hill Page 5 para 6. Port Tarakohe pays rates and Motueka Airport does not.

### Moved Crs Riley/Henry FN06/08/05

THAT the minutes of the Council Enterprise Subcommittee meeting held on 28 June 2006, containing resolutions numbered FN06/06/01 to FN06/06/11, as amended, be confirmed as a true and complete record of the proceedings of that meeting. CARRIED

### 1.5 Information and Publicity Subcommittee - 19 July 2006

Moved Crs Henry/Borlase FN06/08/06

THAT the minutes of the Information and Publicity Subcommittee meeting held on 19 July 2006, containing resolutions numbered FN06/07/01 to FN06/07/06 be confirmed as a true and complete record of the proceedings of that meeting. CARRIED

### 2 CHAIR'S REPORT

Cr O'Regan read the Chair's report which was tabled at the meeting.

Cr Higgins arrived at the meeting at 9.40 am.

In his report, Cr King expressed concern about the effects of the amended Building Act, not only on the Council, but on the community as a whole.

Cr O'Regan endorsed Cr King's remarks and said there had been considerable discussion on the Building Act at the recent Environment and Planning Committee and Mr Bush-King was asked to take the matter to Local Government New Zealand.

Mayor Hurley said we cannot meet the timetable for changes without seriously upsetting time commitments that key staff have in the area. The Environment and Planning Committee resolved to send a very strong message to Local Government New Zealand about the unachievable timelines that have been set by government.

Cr Norriss endorsed the Chair's comments. He said builders are laying off staff and not taking on apprentices because of the hold up in getting permits.

Cr Henry was concerned that parliament has required every Council to have a Code of Conduct but they don't have one themselves. She asked that Council write to Local Government New Zealand and also the Speaker of the House asking them to put legislation through for a Code of Conduct for Parliament.

### Moved Crs Henry/O'Shea FN06/08/07

THAT Council write to Local Government NZ and the Speaker of the House to encourage Parliament to develop their own Code of Conduct. CARRIED

Moved Crs O'Regan/Norriss FN06/08/08

THAT the Chair's report be received. CARRIED

#### 3 CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

A Citizenship ceremony was held for the following people.

Ms Jane Margaret Best	Mr Artemis Michael Kowalski
Mr John Michael Denby	Ms Collette Catherine Molloy
Miss Jacqueline Winifred Hartnett	Miss Pheakdey Phay
Mr William Edgar Hutton	Miss Sothy Vuty Phay
Mrs Ann Maureen Hutton	Mr Pobsak Srithong
Mrs June King	Mr Sinuon Suon
Miss Katherine Anne King	Mr Simon Tanner

A group of children from Mapua School entertained with the National Anthem and another song.

Following the ceremony the candidates and school children joined the Committee for morning tea.

### 4 CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

### 4.1 Funding Requirements

### Moved Crs Henry/Higgins FN06/08/09

THAT:

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i)		The Council shall borrow the sum of Two hund thousand dollars (\$290,000) from (Bank).	Ired and ninety	
ii)		The loan documentation shall comprise the following:		
	a)	Existing deed of charge entered into between Tasman District Council, Bank of New Zealand, National Bank of New Zealand, Westpac and ASB Bank Ltd.		
	b)	A letter of offer from Westpac.		
iii)		The Mayor and the Chief Executive are authorised to sign the loan documentation on behalf of the Council.		
iv)		The Chief Executive is authorised to sign a certificate, pursuant to s122ZG(3) of the Local Government Act 1974.		
v)		The loan advance of dollars shall be used to finance the following projects identified in Council's Annual Plans:		
		Tasman Tennis Centre – Stage 2 Murchison Water Reservoir	190,000 <u>100,000</u>	
			290,000	
vi)		The Council shall charge rates revenue as security for the loan and the performance of its obligations pursuant to the loan documentation.		
vii)		The Council acknowledges that by charging rates revenue, the Council is deemed to have made a special rate of such amount each year, on the rateable value of every rateable property in the district, as is sufficient to provide in that year for the payment of its commitments in respect of the loan or loan documentation during that year plus 10% thereof until the loan is repaid or the obligations incurred under the loan documentation are fully performed.		
viii)		The Council has considered the risks and benefits to the Council of the loan and loan documentation and of the security to be given in relation to the loan and loan documentation.		
ix)		The Council is satisfied that the general terms and the loan and loan documentation and of the secu		

	in relation to the loan and loan documentation are in accordance with the borrowing management policy adopted by the Council and, in particular, the limits and guidelines set out in that borrowing management policy.
x)	The Council delegates to the Chief Executive and the Corporate Services Manager the authority to further determine the precise terms and conditions of the loan, loan documentation and security, to be negotiated at the best current terms and conditions, such terms and conditions to be advised to the Council following the raising of the loan.

### CARRIED

### 4.2 Rural Property Addressing

Following the completion of the rural property addressing project in the Lakes/Murchison Ward, it is proposed to undertake rural property addressing in the western half of the Moutere/Waimea Ward, plus the rural component of the Motueka Ward (excluding Motueka Township).

Mr Ward showed the areas on a map.

### Moved Crs O'Shea/Borlase FN06/08/10

THAT Corporate Services Committee engages Rural Property Numbering to undertake a rural property address exercise in that part of the Moutere/Waimea Ward identified in the accompanying map. CARRIED

#### 4.2 Rates Rebate Scheme

Mayor Hurley said the Department of Internal Affairs makes the decision about who gets rebates and he asked that it be made quite clear to people who do not qualify that it is the Department's decision, not Council's decision.

Mr Dickinson arrived at the meeting at 11.10 am.

Cr Currie was concerned about people having to divulge their financial affairs and asked if there were any confidentiality pledges required.

Mr Ward said there is nothing unique in this situation and staff deal with confidential information on a daily basis.

### Moved Crs Norriss/Henry FN06/08/11

THAT pursuant to Clause 5 of the Rates Rebate Act 1973, Corporate Services Committee authorise the Corporate Services Manager, Service Centres Manager and Council's two Rating Officers to act as authorised persons for all rates rebate scheme application matters. CARRIED

### 4.3 Motueka Clock Tower Trust

The agenda contained a copy of the audited accounts for the Motueka Clock Tower Trust for the year ended 28 February 2006. It is a requirement of Council's arrangement with the Trust that this information be formally received.

### Moved Crs Borlase/Currie FN06/08/12

THAT the audited accounts for the Motueka Clock Tower Trust for the year ended 28 February 2006 be received. CARRIED

### 4.4 Information and Publicity Matters

#### 4.4.1 Advertising Guidelines

Cr Henry said now Council is moving to regular advertising, it would be useful for the Publicity Officer to have guidelines for Council publications which will also reflect Council's commitment to a Healthy Community. The guidelines also reiterate that articles need to be in line with Council's decision on any matter. If the Publicity Officer is unhappy about articles, they will be referred back to the person concerned for comment and if necessary the Information and Publicity Subcommittee will make a decision.

### Moved Crs Henry/Borlase FN06/08/13

THAT Council's Advertising and Editorial Guidelines be approved by the Corporate Services Committee.

#### 4.4.2 Kaiwhaiwhai

C Webster's report to the Information and Publicity Subcommittee on the use of the Kaiwhaiwhai was attached to the agenda.

Ms Webster said the design was by Brian Flintoff and she explained it to the Committee. In the past Council's Parks and Reserves Department has borrowed kowhaiwhai patterns. Iwi would appreciate Tasman District Council having its own pattern and to them it would be a sign of respect. Iwi are happy for Council to use either traditional colours or, so long as the design is not changed, other colours. If another department wanted to use it, to make sure it was used appropriately, it will be referred to the Information and Publicity Subcommittee first.

#### Moved Crs Henry/Norriss FN06/08/14 THAT the Corporate Services Committee approves the use of the Kowhaiwhai pattern. CARRIED

### 5 CONSIDERATION OF 2006/2007 RATE REMISSIONS

Rating Officer, Anthea Campbell, was present for discussion on this item.

Mr Ward declared an interest in the A & P Association application and withdrew from the table during discussion on this item.

Cr O'Regan said they made a submission to LTCCP on pan charges and a report will come back to Engineering Services on that matter.

### Moved Crs O'Regan/Henry FN06/08/15

THAT a 25% remission of general rates be approved for Nelson A & P Association for the 2006/2007 financial year. CARRIED

Moved Crs Borlase/O'Shea FN06/08/16

THAT halls rates remission of 100% of general rates be approved, as per the schedule attached to the agenda for the 2006/2007 financial year. CARRIED

Moved Crs Henry/O'Shea FN06/08/17

THAT general rate remissions as noted on the schedule attached to the agenda for premises used to promote arts, recreation, health or education be approved for the 2006/2007 financial year. CARRIED

Moved Crs Norriss/Borlase FN06/08/18

THAT general rate remissions as noted on the schedule attached to the agenda for premises used for games or sports be approved for the 2006/2007 financial year. CARRIED

Moved Crs O'Shea/Henry FN06/08/19

THAT St Vincent de Paul Society Trust be approved a 25% general rate remission for the 2006/2007 financial year. CARRIED

#### 5.1 New Rates Remissions Applications

A report was tabled detailing new rates remissions applicants.

### 5.1.1 Nelson Speedway Association

Nelson Speedway applied last year and was declined on the basis that it operates as a commercial entity.

Cr Currie advised he was a volunteer with speedway and considered Council should give the speedway the remission they have applied for. He asked the difference between speedway and golf clubs who qualify for remissions.

Cr O'Shea said we need to be cautious about how we proceed as there a number of informal recreational facilities around the district who may ask for a rates remission. We need to be more precise about the reasoning. She suggested deferring the Nelson Speedway application until we have more information.

### Moved Crs Henry/Borlase FN06/08/20

THAT the Nelson Speedway rates remission application lie on the table and the Corporate Services Manager report back to the next meeting of the Committee, with more information. CARRIED

### 5.1.2 Nelson Badminton Club

The property is owned by Tasman District Council and the club only pay pan charges and a refuse/recycling charge.

### Moved Crs Borlase/Wilkins FN06/08/21

THAT the Nelson Badminton Club be declined a rate remission as they only pay pan charges and refuse rates which are outside Council's policy. CARRIED

### 5.1.3 Te Wharerangi Trust (Golden Bay Community Gardens)

The Trust provides a wide range of services and activities to the community of Golden Bay. The activities are mainly funded by sales, with small donations and grants from charitable organisations.

Cr Borlase said it is an organic garden and they teach organic principles and vegetables produced are sold cheaper. They teach young people about the rudiments of gardening.

Cr Norriss said the Trust will also be receiving subsidies from other grants that are available.

Cr O'Shea considered it unfair that on the basis of a couple of paragraphs Council makes a decision on their rates remission.

#### Moved Crs Borlase/Riley FN06/08/22

# THAT the Te Wharerangi Trust grant application lie on the table to enable further information to be obtained. CARRIED

Cr O'Shea said the Rating Subcommittee was accidentally dis-established in the last round of committee structure. She considered it should be re-established to consider rates remission applications.

### Moved O'Shea/Norriss FN06/08/23

THAT the Corporate Services Manager report back to the Corporate Services Committee on the feasibility of re-establishing the Rating Subcommittee. CARRIED

### 5.1.4 Te Whare Mahana Inc

Te Whare Mahana Inc is contracted by Nelson Marlborough District Health Board to provide a range of mental health services in Golden Bay.

Cr Riley was involved in the process of setting up the facility and it was made clear that funding would be from the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board.

### Moved Crs Riley/Inglis FN06/08/24

# THAT the Te Whare Mahana Inc application lie on the table to enable further information to be obtained. CARRIED

### 5.1.5 Golf Clubs

Cr Henry queried some of the amounts on the schedule and Mr Ward undertook to clarify the amounts to Councillors by way of memorandum.

#### Moved Crs Inglis/O'Shea FN06/08/25

# THAT the golf club remissions be approved and the actual amounts remitted be informed to Councillors. CARRIED

### 5.1.6 Open Space QE II

Tata Lands has been granted a QE II Open Space Covenant for this rating year. The property has a dwelling and a bach on it. Portions of land with buildings on them are

not eligible for a remission under Council's Remission of Rates on Land Protected for Natural Conservation Purposes.

### Moved Crs Riley/Borlase FN06/08/26

# THAT Tata Lands be declined a rate remission on assessment 1871005909A as this title encompasses buildings not covered by an Open Space Covenant, and therefore does not meet the policy set by the Tasman District Council. CARRIED

Cr O'Shea noted that the list of QE II Covenants contained within the agenda is only for properties to which covenants have been attached during the 2005/2006 financial year.

### Moved Crs Henry/Borlase FN06/08/27

# THAT Remissions for Open Space QE II Covenants for the 2006/2007 financial year, as per the schedule contained in the agenda, be approved. CARRIED

### 6 COUNCILLOR MILEAGE ALLOWANCES

Mr Ward spoke to his report in the agenda on Councillor Mileage Allowances.

Cr O'Regan said when the current rate was set he considered it generous at the time. He was prepared to wait three or four months to see what movements take place and asked Council to bear in mind the Representation Review being undertaken at the present time.

Mayor Hurley said the increase in fuel costs is not significant, but vehicle depreciation is the main issue.

Cr O'Shea said she would be uncomfortable accepting an increase in mileage and couldn't justify an increase.

Cr Borlase said he would not support an increase.

Cr Currie said the idea behind reimbursement of costs of travel is to give a fair, equitable value for what you are paying out in travelling. He did not support an increase.

Cr Inglis did not support an increase in mileage and asked why they are taxed on mileage reimbursement.

Mr Ward said mileage reimbursement is considered as income by the Inland Revenue Department.

Moved Crs Henry/Wilkins FN06/08/28

### THAT the report on Councillor Mileage Allowances be received and no further action be taken. CARRIED

### 7 DISASTER FUND POLICY REVIEWS

Mr Ward spoke to his report contained in the agenda. In reviewing the policies some clauses have been removed and the contingency has been retained.

Cr Higgins said he didn't want to see the policy diluted. We need a policy that gives us something that will cover an actual disaster.

Cr Borlase said the contingency should be in the operating budget for Engineering and any other departments that may require it.

Cr O'Regan said there is special funding available through Transit when you uplift a disaster fund and that has been a factor in consideration of previous funding payouts under the policy. He said we need a disaster fund for disasters, not just the odd culvert washing out. There are a number of factors to take into account.

Discussion on this matter was adjourned until later in the meeting.

#### 8 MURCHISON SPORT, RECREATION AND CULTURAL CENTRE

Cr Bryant arrived at the meeting at 1.00 pm.

Tony Peacock (Chairman) and Ross Priest, Joanne Lusty, Peter Topping, Jean Hayward, Judene Edgar, members of the Murchison Cultural Centre Committee, were present for discussion on this item.

Mr Peacock addressed the meeting and said the fundraising has been very successful and they are expecting to raise more than the target set. He said the support from the community is getting stronger. It is anticipated construction will commence in February 2007.

Ms Edgar said the community is behind the project and she is confident that the projected fundraising balance will be raised.

Cr Norriss said the fundraising undertaken to date is excellent. The sooner the process is underway the better.

Cr Henry commended the committee on the outstanding progress to date.

Cr Borlase congratulated the Murchison people who have shown that rural communities get behind things they believe in.

Cr Bryant urged Council to support the recommendation. He said the committee has been working hard and holding regular meetings. Ms Edgar has been a real asset to the committee and they appreciate that fundraising has to continue.

Cr Inglis congratulated the committee on their fundraising to date.

### Moved Crs Norriss/Borlase FN06/08/29

### THAT:

- a) the Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre Fundraising report dated 23 July 2006 be received and approved by the Corporate Services Committee as demonstrating satisfactory progress to enable the project to proceed;
- b) a subcommittee be established comprising the two Ward Councillors, Chairperson of the Corporate Services Committee, Project Fundraising Co-ordinator and the Chairperson, plus one representative of the Murchison Sport, Recreation and Cultural Centre Committee for the purposes of:
  - a. setting criteria for appointment of a project manager
  - b. advertising and selecting a project manager to:
    - i. finalise design
    - ii. review project costings
    - iii. outline construction sequence and timeline
    - iv. advise on the selection of architect, consultants and professional advisors
    - v. assist in the preparation of building and resource consent applications
    - vi. assist in the preparation of tender documents
    - vii. evaluate and make recommendations on tenders
    - viii. co-ordinate project cost management and control the construction programme
      - ix. co-ordinate input of local/volunteer labour and resources
- c) Following calling and evaluation of tenders the subcommittee is to report back to the Corporate Services Committee with a recommendation for selection of the successful tender

### CARRIED

### 7 DISASTERS FUND (continued)

Mr Ward tabled copies of the previous disaster fund policies and noted the amendments made to the reviewed policy.

The question was raised as to whether the fund was to provide an immediate cash resource.

Mr Ward said that in addition to the two separate disaster funds, there is a separately banked self insurance fund. This was started with \$500,000 and attracts interest. The balance of the account is over \$600,000 at the present time.

Following discussion Mr Ward undertook to bring a report back to the Corporate Services Committee on the criteria for this fund.

Cr Higgins said in the general disaster fund policy, flood damage in "Z" rivers is covered for in "Z" rates. If rates aren't adequate to cover that then they should be raised. This is a disaster insurance, not a maintenance insurance.

Mr Dickinson said the rivers engineer should be asked for comment. He said when the Gowan Road was taken out by the river there was a claim made against the account to fix the road damage.

Cr Norriss agreed with Mr Dickinson. If there was a major flood in the Motueka River and it took out the bridge, there is also other infrastructural assets attached to it, such as wastewater and approaches. That would be flood damage and it is either funded out of this fund or out of general rate. The fund could be used for Council assets, eg stopbank damage caused by some storm event.

Cr Higgins said this item has not been funded for about three years. He said the "Z" river issue is opening the door to annual dribbling out of the funds.

Cr O'Regan asked for clarification on the relationship between general and rivers disaster funds.

Mr Ward said the rivers disaster fund is specific to repairs in "X" and "Y" rivers, just within the rivers. General is flood damage in the Tasman District, not the "Z" rivers area.

Cr Henry said if we look at criteria, this is a fund of last resort, not a general "dip-inas-you-please" fund. You need to look at all the other budgets and when there is nothing left, that funding is used.

Mr Ward said Council passed a resolution about reinstating \$150,000, but when the final rate was adopted Council decided to delete it.

### Moved Crs O'Shea/Henry FN06/08/30

THAT the report on Disaster Fund Policy Reviews be received and further information be reported back to the Committee on relationships between the insurances involved. CARRIED

#### 9 PROPERTY RATING

Mr Ward said he was asked to consider whether it was possible to levy targeted rates on a per dwelling basis. Advice received from Quotable Value and Council's legal advisors confirm that such a proposal is possible. The cost to establish a database would be considerable, with a time period of three to four months. We need to be firm as to what constitutes a "dwelling". If the Committee introduces variations they will be incorporated in the Funding Impact Statement, subject to consultation through the annual plan process in April/May 2007.

Cr Norriss thanked the Corporate Services Manager for the report. If Council did decide to look at an alternative rating system it had the ability to charge on a per dwelling basis. We charge rates and services for people, not the land.

Cr Borlase understands the debate as it applies to a targeted rate, but as far as general rate, he expected these extra dwellings would be captured by the valuation.

Mr Ward advised that Quotable Value undertake property valuations on a perceived market value on the particular dwelling and the impact is on either UAGCs as a means of collecting general rate or targeted rates. By law you can only charge one general rate.

Cr O'Shea said there is a lot of discussion about the rating system New Zealand wide and we should perhaps support moves to get the way local bodies are funded away from property rating to a fairer system.

Cr Riley considered the cost of this exercise would outweigh the benefit.

Cr Higgins is of the view that most additional houses are on rural properties and many are not subjected to our targeted rates. He agreed that the cost would outweigh the benefit.

Cr Henry said one of the reasons we were interested in this idea is that in Richmond there are two places where people can have a unit that provides them with some form of services, eg Oakwoods and Waimea Village. In Waimea Village each unit has to pay a pan charge and any targeted rates, and also an individual UAGC. Oakwoods doesn't pay a UAGC and targeted rates on their 100 dwellings, they just pay on the titles and that creates a huge discrepancy and it happens in other areas where there are two dwellings on the one property. This is not about Council getting more money it is about being more equitable and fair.

Cr O'Shea said if we pursue this exercise we might find ourselves up for a more unfair system.

Cr Riley said we should be putting pressure on Local Government New Zealand and central government to review the rating system.

### Moved Crs Wilkins/Inglis FN06/08/31

### THAT the report on Property Rating be received and no further action be taken. CARRIED

Crs Henry and Norriss voted against the motion.

#### 10 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Moved Crs Norriss/Borlase FN06/08/32

THAT the accounts for May 2006 and June 2006 be approved. CARRIED

#### 11 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Moved Crs Bryant/Borlase FN06/08/33

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

The general subject of the matter 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:

ltem	Subject	Reason	Grounds
13	Port Tarakohe	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a)

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

ltem	Reason to withhold information under Section 7	
13	Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)	Section 7(2)(i)

CARRIED

(Refer to Confidential Minute Book, resolution number FN06/08/34).

### Moved Crs Riley/Henry FN06/08/35

### THAT public meeting be resumed and the business transacted be adopted in open meeting. CARRIED

Cr Henry requested in open meeting that the two Councillors from Golden Bay be asked to indicate to the Golden Bay Community Board the approximate cost of preparing these reports and that the cost is loaded against the Port Tarakohe account. They need to be aware of the costs.

Cr Borlase said it should be a cost against the Community Board, not the port users, as the Board requested the report.

The meeting concluded at 3.30 pm.

Chair:

Date: