

MINUTES

TITLE: Corporate Services Committee
DATE: Thursday 29 September 2011
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street,
Richmond.

PRESENT: Cr T B King (Chair), Mayor R G Kempthorne, E J Wilkins,
Crs J L Inglis, S G Bryant, G A Glover, J L Edgar,
B W Ensor, Z S Mirfin, M L Bouillir, T E Norriss

IN ATTENDANCE: Golden Bay Community Board Chair (C McLellan),
Corporate Services Manager (M W Staite), Business
Information Analyst (S Greatrex), Executive Assistant
(V M Gribble)

APOLOGIES

Moved Cr Glover/Mayor Kempthorne
FN11-09-11

THAT apologies for absence from Cr C M Maling, and for lateness from
Crs B F Dowler, E J Wilkins and T E Norriss be sustained.

CARRIED

1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1.1 Corporate Services Committee – 18 August 2011

Moved Crs Glover/Mirfin
FN11-09-12

THAT the minutes of the Corporate Services Committee meeting held on
18 August 2011, containing resolutions numbered FN11-08-01 to FN11-08-29 be
confirmed as a complete record.

CARRIED

1.2 Audit Subcommittee – 18 August 2011

Moved Cr Glover/Mayor Kempthorne
FN11-09-13

THAT the minutes of the Audit Subcommittee meeting held on 18 August 2011,
containing resolutions numbered FN11-08-30 to FN11-08-33, be received by the
Corporate Services Committee.

CARRIED

2 REPORTS

2.1 Corporate Services Manager's Report – RFN11-09-04

Golden Bay Community Board Chair C McLellan arrived at 9.34 am.

Corporate Services Manager M W Staite, was in attendance to speak to the report contained in the agenda.

Mr Staite advised that Quotable Value will be attending the November 2011 Corporate Services meeting to discuss the revaluation process.

**Moved Mayor Kempthorne/Cr Edgar
FN11-09-14**

**THAT the Corporate Services Manager's Report (RFN11-09-04) be received by the Corporate Services Committee.
CARRIED**

2.3 Information Services Report – RF11-09-01

Information Business Analyst, Sue Greatrex, was in attendance to speak to the report contained in the agenda which provided the Committee with an update on work in the Information Services Department.

Councillors asked for a briefing on the Citrix system once the upgrade has been completed.

**Moved Crs Edgar/Glover
FN11-09-15**

**THAT the Corporate Services Committee receives the Information Services Report RFN11-09-01.
CARRIED**

2.4 Library Management System Carry Forward – RFN11-09-06

Mr Staite spoke to the report contained in the agenda which considered a request from the Libraries Manager for unspent funds to be carried over from the 2010/2011 year to the 2011/2012 year.

**Moved Crs Bryant/Edgar
FN11-09-16**

THAT the Corporate Services Committee:
a) Receives the Library Systems Carry Forward Report RFN11-09-06; and
**b) Authorises the carry forward to the 2011/2012 year of the \$35,000 for the Library Management System.
CARRIED**

2.5 Treasury Management – RFN11-09-05

Mr Staite spoke to the report contained in the agenda.

Cr Dowler arrived at the meeting at 9.49 am.

Moved Cr Glover/Mayor Kempthorne FN11-09-17

**THAT the Corporate Services Committee receives the Treasury Management Report – RFN11-09-05.
CARRIED**

2.6 Rates Rebate Scheme – RFN11-09-03

Mr Staite spoke to the report included in the agenda, which provided an update to the Committee on the Rates Rebate Scheme.

Moved Crs Glover/Ensor FN11-09-18

**THAT the Corporate Services Committee receives the Rates Rebate Scheme Report RFN11-09-03.
CARRIED**

3 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The accounts for payment for August 2011 were included in the agenda.

Mr Staite was requested to include a report with the accounts for payment in future agendas.

An update on the Pohara Store and Motor Camp capital and operating costs was requested.

Moved Crs Edgar/Bouillir FN11-09-19

**THAT the accounts for payment for August 2011 be approved by the Corporate Services Committee.
CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 9.55 am.
The meeting resumed at 11.05 am

Cr E J Wilkins arrived at 11.05 am.

4 LEE VALLEY DAM PRESENTATION – ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

Messrs B Findlater and J Cook and Ms L Hegarty were in attendance and gave a powerpoint presentation on the Economic Impact Analysis undertaken for the Lee Valley Dam.

Cr T E Norriss arrived at the meeting at 11.15 am.

In reply to questions about the difference in the comparisons with Opuha Dam, Mr Cook said Waimea Plains is several degrees warmer which equates to productive output. Net returns from horticulture development is much higher than dairy or dry/wet land options.

Cr King noted that Nelson City Council had contributed over \$400,000 and government \$2 million over a period of time. Both have shown considerable commitment to date.

Mr Cook said they looked at market gardening crops. They interviewed participants and noted it is very much a South Island market, with basically no exports. To get productivity comparative to what you get from horticulture products there is the need to have winter heating, with high costs. Market gardening is labour intensive and high risk.

Mr Cook said the analysis was based on the Waimea Plains proper and Rabbit Island was deliberately left out. If development was undertaken on Rabbit Island, it would be a bonus.

Cr Ensor said a recent newspaper article voiced concern from growers about the project. Growers already have high debt and are struggling and are being asked to fund it.

Mr Findlater said because there are difficult times now it doesn't mean you don't look to the future. In terms of growers/farmers having the ability to fund the dam at the moment, quite a number probably don't, but that's the nature of business and life, things change and evolve. This region hasn't taken advantage of opportunities in the past because of the naysayers.

Mr Cook said non-augmentation is a "do nothing" scenario. The prospects of droughts over a 25 year period or longer is well known. In addition, water right allocation is over allocated.

Cr King reiterated it is not a debate between the status quo and a dam. You either provide more water, or the alternative is that Tasman District Council, prompted by government, would have to significantly reduce the amount allocated or ration on a far more regular basis. The option of non-augmentation is not the status quo it is something significantly worse.

Cr Bryant asked over the time of any loans or life of the dam if demand for crops changes, are you confident there'll be enough in the crops to pay for the dam.

Mr Findlater said new crops are coming on all the time. It is good land for food production. Why wouldn't we want to take advantage of it? Food will be required and there will be more product coming along.

Mr Cook advised the anticipated additional production from newly irrigated land is basically export focused, not for New Zealand consumption and the range of prices that practitioners considered was reasonable over the period.

Mayor Kempthorne said that as Waimea Water Augmentation Committee has gone through the project, it's been clear that if we don't have a dam, the use of top quality land on the plains is seriously eroded and can't continue as it has been. It has been helpful for EDA to have done this financial analysis. He expressed strong concern about coverage in the Nelson Mail because it was felt it was very unhelpful and potentially misleading in not giving the full picture.

The meeting concluded at 11.50 am.

Date Confirmed:

Chair:

CONFIRMED MINUTES