
MINUTES
of the
ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
held
9.30 am, Thursday, 9 November 2017
at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

Present: Councillor T King (Chair), Mayor R Kempthorne, Councillors S Brown, S Bryant, P Canton, M Greening, P Hawkes, K Maling, D McNamara, D Ogilvie, P Sangster, A Turley, T Tuffnell,

In Attendance: Environment and Planning Manager (D Bush-King), Executive Assistant (G Crichton)

Part Attendance: Resource Scientist Contaminants Environment and Planning (Anna McKenzie), New Zealand Landcare Trust Regional Coordinator (Annette Litherland); Resource Scientist (Trevor James), Environmental Information Manager (Rob Smith), Environmental Policy Manager (Barry Johnson); Team Leader - Monitoring & Enforcement (Carl Cheeseman); Senior Policy Advisor Community Development (Brylee Wayman), Coordinator Biosecurity and Biodiversity (Paul Sheldon)

1 OPENING, WELCOME

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved Cr Bryant/Cr Sangster
EP17-11-1

That apologies be accepted for absence of Cr D Wensley and for lateness of Cr P Hawkes.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 LATE ITEMS

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Moved Cr Brown/Cr Maling
EP17-11-2**

That the minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday, 31 August 2017, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Moved Cr Maling/Cr Sangster

That the In Committee minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 31 August 2017, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Nil

9 REPORTS

9.1 2017 Air Quality Report

Resource Scientist Contaminants, Anna McKenzie spoke to this report.

In response to questions Ms McKenzie advised that the main source (75%) of smoke within the Richmond Airshed was from home heating wood smoke. When asked if Council had looked at the new low emissions wood burners as a possible solution, Environment and Planning Manager, Dennis Bush-King advised that although these systems were not provided for in the TRMP, it had been logged as a matter for consideration for when the Plan provisions were being reviewed when the Government releases the new air quality rules.

Ms McKenzie explained to Councillors that the Airshed Action Plan was a plan on how to manage the airshed sufficiently to meet the national standards. Further, staff will be investigating whether there has been a downward trend over the past few years and if these results are simply weather related. She advised that currently Council was not quite meeting the standard although it should meet the new standards when they are in place using the

existing management measure.

Councillors raised concern about arsenic monitoring and Ms McKenzie advised that no further samples had been analysed since 2015-16 but follow up testing could be arranged.

**Moved Cr Canton/Cr Greening
EP17-11-3**

**That the Environment and Planning Committee receives the 2017 Air Quality Report
REP 17-11-03**

CARRIED

8 PRESENTATIONS

8.1 New Zealand Landcare Trust – Introduction

The new Regional Coordinator for New Zealand Landcare Trust, Annette Litherland spoke to a power point presentation and took questions. Councillors welcomed her to the region.

The meeting broke for morning tea at 10.35am and resumed at 10.50am.

Cr Hawke joined the meeting at 11.10am.

9.2 River Water Quality and Wetlands Update Report

Resource Scientist Trevor James spoke to this report.

Responding to Councillors questions about Fish Creek, Mr James advised that staff were working with the FLAG group to do inspections on sensitive areas that regularly fail the E.coli tests. He advised that the dynamics of pakihi soils and E.coli research was being carried out by his colleagues around the country who were relooking at relationships with various land uses and the pathogens that come off that land. He explained that this was being carried out with national funding assistance.

Councillors discussed the Freshwater Wetlands Project and asked when this would include an assessment of significance especially for Buller and Golden Bay Catchments. At the moment staff are using the vegetation tool to map wetlands, but there is another tool being developed that uses the soils which Council will receive national funding for beginning in January next year.

Councillors discussed the activities and the events that could cause the sediment and mud issues and losses of vegetation species covered in the Whanganui Inlet Broad-scale Mapping and Fine Scale Assessment Report. Mr James is currently working with NIWA on a sediment

source project.

**Moved Cr Brown/Cr Canton
EP17-11-4**

That the Environment and Planning Committee receives the River Water Quality and Wetlands Update Report

CARRIED

9.4 Enforcement Policy Review

This Enforcement Policy Review was taken as read.

**Moved Cr Sangster/Cr Maling
EP17-11-5**

That the Environment and Planning Committee

- 1. receives the Enforcement Policy Review report; and**
- 2. approves the Enforcement Policy as attached as Attachment 1 to Report REP17-11-04; and**
- 3. agrees that the Enforcement Policy be reviewed on a three-yearly basis unless circumstances require otherwise, the next review being due in last quarter 2019.**

CARRIED

9.3 Environment & Planning Manager's Report

Environment and Planning Manager, Dennis Bush-King spoke to his Manager's Report.

Responding to a question about the process for the renewals of the Motueka Water Management Zone, Mr Bush-King advised that all permit holders would receive an application pack. If the holder wished to roll over their current allocation, they will be processed and granted a consent. There would be no public consultation on this process.

**Moved Cr Tuffnell/Cr Brown
EP17-11-6**

That the Environment and Planning Committee:

- 1. receives the Environment & Planning Manager's Report REP17-08-04; and**

2. receives the submissions to Plan Change 63 to the Tasman Resource Management Plan and accepts that as no submitter wishes to be heard, the plan change can proceed without amendment and all submissions accepted accordingly; and
3. approves Plan Change 63 to the Tasman Resource Management Plan under Clause 17 Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 to commence as operative from the notification date of the next update expected to be March 2018.

CARRIED

9.5 Nelson Tasman Quarterly Monitoring Report Under NPS-UDC

Policy Planner Jacqui Deans and Senior Policy Advisor Community Development Brylee Wayman spoke to this report advising Councillors that this report would be going to Nelson City Council on 29 November 2017.

Councillors discussed their concerns over the number of residential sections being created and the lack of greenfield zoning. Staff advised of a planned council workshop on the urban rezoning project in which all information will be provided, including areas that are being rezoned.

**Moved Cr McNamara/Cr Hawkes
EP17-11-7**

That the Environment and Planning Committee receives the Nelson Tasman Quarterly Monitoring Report Under NPS-UDC report.

CARRIED

Mayor R Kempthorne joined the meeting at 12.00pm.

9.6 Biosecurity Annual Report - 2016-2017

Coordinator Biosecurity and Biodiversity, Paul Sheldon spoke to a presentation and took questions.

The Mayor and Councillors acknowledged the challenges the Biosecurity and Biodiversity team had faced during the year and thanked them for their hard work and professionalism.

A discussion followed on Argentine Ants and MPI's involvement in a large scale eradication in at-risk ports throughout New Zealand. Although information was readily available on the ants some members of the community showed little interest in supporting the eradication programme.

In response to questions Mr Sheldon discussed the recent marine alert to Sibella Mediterranean Fan Worm. Further surveys will be carried out over the next few weeks in Nelson, Marlborough

and Tasman and staff have been working with MPI to bring in a special treatment facility. This is now available and will enable Council to undertake a rapid response in future. Also MPI are investigating the new DNA technology where, providing we have the right DNA, samples can be checked whether clean or infected.

**Moved Cr Bryant/Cr McNamara
EP17-11-8**

That the Environment and Planning Committee

- 1. receives the Biosecurity Annual Report - 2016-2017 report REP17-11-02; and**
- 2. receives the Review of the 2016-17 Operational Plan attached as Attachment 1 to REP17-11-02; and**
- 3. approves the 2017-18 Operational Plan for the Tasman-Nelson Region attached as Attachment 2 to REP17-11-02.**

CARRIED

9.7 Biodiversity Report

Councillors discussed the Biodiversity Report, acknowledging the work being done on a limited budget and thanked the team for their work.

**Moved Cr McNamara/Cr Greening
EP17-11-9**

That the Environment and Planning Committee receives the Biodiversity Report REP17-11-05.

CARRIED

9.8 Environment and Planning Committee Chairperson's Report

The Chair spoke of recent frustrations in the processing of resource consents, noting the massive demand from the public and recruitment difficulties.

Environment and Planning Manager, Dennis Bush-King advised Councillors of strategies adopted recently to alleviate the problem, including outsourcing to consultants and some staff members working additional hours to complete the work. He told Councillors that for the first time in the past year and as of last week, the Resource Consents Team were back to a full complement of staff.

**Moved Cr McNamara/Cr Maling
EP17-11-10**

That the Environment and Planning Committee receives the Environment and Planning Committee Chairperson's Report

CARRIED

10 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

There were no confidential matters tabled.

The meeting concluded at 12.45pm

Date Confirmed:

Chair:

Confirmed