
MINUTES
of the
FULL COUNCIL MEETING
held
9.30 am , Thursday, 7 February 2019
at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

Present: S Bryant (Chair), P Canton, K Maling, D Wensley, D McNamara, A Turley, S Brown (phone), D Ogilvie, T Tuffnell, P Hawkes, P Sangster

In Attendance: Chief Executive (J Dowding), Executive Assistant (S Hutchinson), Engineering Services Manager (R Kirby), Activity Planning Manager (D Fletcher), Environment Planning Manager (Dennis Bush-King)

1 OPENING, WELCOME

Chair Stuart Bryant opened meeting at 9.30am

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Deputy Mayor Tim King

Cr Mark Greening (*apologies received after meeting concluded*)

Recommendation

That apologies be accepted.

MOVED by Cr Ogilvie, seconded by Cr Sangster:

PUBLIC FORUM

Alison Pickford

Ms Pickford informed Council that the last 22 years have been the hottest on record, and suggest that Council should look in to the future as well as at the current situation of climate change. Ms Pickford has heard that the MDF plant uses 10% of Richmond water and has suggested that perhaps Council may negotiate that they have their close down period in late January rather than December when the region receives higher rain fall. Ms Pickford suggested that Council also look

at grey water in between fresh water and salt water use in water retention. Although there are water tanks for flood control on new subdivisions, maybe Council could purchase water tanks in bulk and then sell to people to have water tanks for gardens etc.

Adjourned the meeting at 9.35am to 10.30am

Moved Cr Sangster/Cr Tuffnell

Cr Paul Hawkes arrived 9.42am

Cr Kit Maling arrived 9.46am

Mayor Kempthorne arrived at 10.25am

Meeting reconvened at 10.30am by Mayor Richard Kempthorne

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NIL

4 LATE ITEMS

NIL

5 PRESENTATIONS

NIL

6 REPORTS

6.1 Managing Demand on the Public Water Supplies

Mr Kirby provided an update on the current situation and provided possibilities of what may happen over the next two to three weeks with no rain.

Council staff advised that the Wakefield community will not be paying for water usage due to firefighting of the Pigeon Valley Fire.

Brightwater residents have a hosing ban in place with the possibility of further restrictions be required.

The Richmond, Mapua and Ruby Bay Communities have a number of bores which have been abandoned due to salt water intrusion. Further bores close to the Waimea River could start receiving salt water. There are two back up bores available, if the others are affected by salt water intrusion. The Richmond bores have been reduced to 35% to limit the threat of salt water intrusion. Council will endeavour to keep enough pressure in the aquifer to ensure salt water intrusion does not occur.

The Waimea water river bores are currently just below the 50% level. If there is a need to transfer demand from other bores, this would not comply with Council's resource consent.

The water levels in Tapawera are currently okay with the community being asked to conserve water as they are reliant on the Motueka River flows.

Council advised that Eighty Eight Valley residents and users had been issued notices to

conserve water, and that restrictions were now in force.

Sign boards have been erected by Council around the towns of Wakefield, Richmond, Mapua and Ruby Bay and will be updated weekly or more regularly if required. The Council's website will also be changed regularly as updates occur and have ideas for water saving.

Cr Ogilvie exited the meeting at 10:42 am.

Under Local Government Act, Council are not permitted to turn off water supplies however they are permitted to install restrictors which would allow a constant small flow of water which will need to be stored in the home for use.

Cr Ogilvie returned to the meeting 10.50 am.

During the meeting, staff were advised of a water leak although the address was not provided. Staff were not aware of the water leak and would follow this matter up.

Eighty Eight Valley and Dovedale communities have committees to discuss methods of how to manage water usage and to enable easier communication with Council.

There was some discussion regarding large commercial users. Council staff advised that all commercial businesses will be treated as equally as possible.

The Council's Dry Weather Taskforce meets weekly and discusses allocations and restrictions. A small number of businesses and individuals are unable to comply with their allocations and Council are taking further action.

Council staff advised that property owners should be aware that if their dwelling is not connected to the Council's water supply, it is a requirement to have water storage on site for firefighting.

Council staff agreed to undertake research into water storage for new builds and report back to Council.

There was discussion regarding the date and as a result item 3 of the resolution was added to the resolution.

It was explained to Councillors that Council's Standing Orders may not allow proper notice for a Council meeting should a meeting be required in a timely manner to revoke or remedy restrictions and prohibitions.

Cr McNamara wished to be recorded that he does not support the Resolution.

**Moved Cr Turley/Cr Wensley
CN19-02-1**

That the Full Council

- 1. receives the Managing Demand on the Public Water Supplies report RCN19-02-01;**
- 2. delegates to the Engineering Services Manager the Council's power to restrict and prohibit the use of the public water supply under clauses 27(1) and (2) of the Tasman District Council Public Water Supply Bylaw 2016, and to amend or revoke such restrictions and prohibitions; and**
- 3. instructs staff to report back via the weekly Councillor's Update as well as to the next Full Council and Engineering Services Committee meetings on how this delegated authority has been used.**

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 11.23 am.

Date Confirmed:

Chair:

Confirmed