
MINUTES
of the
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
held
9.30 am, Thursday, 12 April 2018
at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

Present: Councillor P L Canton (Chair), Mayor R G Kempthorne, Councillors D M Wensley, S R Brown, M J Greening, P H Hawkes, C M Maling, D E McNamara, D J Ogilvie, P F Sangster, T A Tuffnell, A C Turley, T B King

In Attendance: Chief Executive (L McKenzie), Executive Assistant (H Simpson)

Part Attendance: Reserves Officer (S Richards), Reserves and Facilities Managers (B Wilkes), Strategic Policy Manager (S Flood), Communications Officer (B Catley), Horticultural Officer (R Hilton), David Butler and Hudson Dodd (Brook Waimarama Sanctuary), Community Partnerships Officer (L Evans)

1 OPENING, WELCOME

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved Cr McNamara/Cr Tuffnell
CD18-04-1

That apologies be accepted for absence for Cr Bryant.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Fred McKee spoke to Councillors about the McKee Memorial Reserve. Fred showed Councillors a series of photographs demonstrating the damage to the reserve following Cyclone Fehi on 1 February 2018. Fred also tabled copies of a proposal for the restoration of the reserve, which he asked the Committee to consider.

In particular, Fred asked Council to make enquiries about the three 100mm storm water pipes that drained from private property on to Stafford Drive. In response to a question, Fred clarified that the last event to cause damage of this scale to the reserve was 65 years ago.

Councillors asked for confirmation that the excess income had been allocated back to the general reserves fund.

Penny Griffith spoke about the voting system petition currently underway, which sought Council to consult on the voting system used for local elections in Tasman District. Penny said that the group had found a lack of understanding around the two voting systems, FPP and STV and the way in which representatives were elected. She said that the group were working with the Community Development Manager on the idea of running a series of public information sessions. Penny thanked the public library staff and Policy Officer Sandra Hartley.

Penny also talked about three anniversary occasions that would occur in 2042. She said the year would mark the 200th anniversary of the establishment of the Nelson Settlement, the 100th anniversary of Abel Tasman National Park and 400th anniversary of Abel Tasman's landing. She asked Council to consider including something in its future plan to acknowledge these events in the District would need to be marked.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 LATE ITEMS

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Moved Cr Turley/Cr Greening
CD18-04-2**

That the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held on Thursday, 1 March 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Nil

9 REPORTS

9.1 Moturoa/Rabbit Island - Cyclone Fehi

Reserves Officer, Stephen Richards and Reserves and Facilities Manager, Beryl Wilkes spoke to this report and answered questions. Mr Richards asked Councillors to note that since the report was written, there had been several hundred more tree deaths on Moturoa/Rabbit Island. The balance of the report was taken as read.

Councillors noted the estimate cost given in the report for sand-push ups at Moturoa/Rabbit Island, but asked staff to advise at a future meeting on more firm pricing before Council could make a decision.

In response to a question, Mrs Wilkes advised Councillors that the reserves and facilities emergency fund totalled \$190,000, but that \$100,000 had been spent to date on clean up. She

said that some of the remaining funds would be needed to clean up the additional trees that had died since the report was written.

Replanting of the reserve was discussed and in particular the thought being given to replanting native species.

A question was asked whether a more robust movable metal stairway may be a better solution. Staff will look at costing and practicality.

The cycle trail was also discussed and staff advised of their intention to work with the Cycle Trails Trust to move the track further back from its original position.

Councillors discussed the longevity of the proposed sand-push ups solution and asked that analysis of the environmental and cost impacts, and how these aligned with the overall Waimea Inlet action plan be included in the report back to a future meeting. They acknowledged the work that needed to be done in the meantime to enable continued use of Moturoa/Rabbit Island.

Mr Richards said that staff were also aware of a much larger piece of work that needed to be done on the overall approach to protecting coastline areas in the district.

Cr King joined the meeting at 10.28am.

**Moved Cr Wensley/Cr Brown
CD18-04-3**

That the Community Development Committee:

- 1. receives the Moturoa/Rabbit Island - Cyclone Fehi RCD18-04-02 report; and**
- 2. approves the removal of the damaged chip seal roadway between beach accessway 6 to 8 and 10 to 12, and changes to the roading layout from one way to two way around the Totara, Harakeke and Manuka picnic areas (refer attachment 3 Moturoa/Rabbit Island Front Beach Reserve Plan);**
- 3. approves sand-push ups when excess sand is available to restore beach foredune, and the rebuilding of the beach access ways and follow up planting with sand binding grasses; and**
- 4. seeks a report back on the environmental and cost impacts of undertaking future foreshore restoration work at Moturoa/Rabbit Island; and**
- 5. notes that Council will have considered the funding for the Cyclone Fehi recovery works at its meeting on 5 April 2018 (report RCN18-03-02).**

CARRIED

The meeting broke for morning tea at 10.29am and was reconvened at 10.48am.

9.2 McKee Recreation Reserve Sewerage Facilities Upgrade

This report was taken as read. Reserves and Facilities Manager, Beryl Wilkes and Horticultural Officer, Richard Hilton answered questions.

Councillors agreed to formally receive the proposal tabled by Fred McKee during public forum.

In response to the matter raised by Mr McKee during public forum, Mrs Wilkes said that staff would be looking at the resource consent for the subdivision from which the three 100mm pipes ran to ensure this was a permitted activity.

Councillors discussed the need for ensuring a consistent approach towards camping and recreation facilities located on coastline throughout the District. They also discussed the need for a wider conversation around climate change. Chief Executive Lindsay McKenzie advised that the Council Workshop on 9 May 2018 would include time with DLA Piper and MfE and was intended to act as the catalyst for that conversation.

**Moved Cr Tuffnell/Mayor Kempthorne
CD18-04-4**

That the Community Development Committee:

- 1. receives the McKee Recreation Reserve Sewerage Facilities Upgrade RCD18-04-03 report; and**
- 2. agrees to staff carrying out further tests on the existing sewerage system, as recommended by the Engineering team at a maximum cost of \$15,000 and to proceed with the stormwater solution at an estimated cost of \$20,000.00; and**
- 3. receives the proposal from the McKee family on the restoration and future use of the McKee Memorial Reserve; and**
- 4. requests staff to evaluate and report back on the proposal as part of an overall evaluation of the future management of the Reserve.**

CARRIED

8 PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Presentation

Council were joined at 11.00 am by David Butler and Hudson Dodd of the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Trust. Mr Butler and Mr Dodd made a presentation to Councillors on sanctuary development, including completion of the pest proof fence and pest removal operation, as well as the next phases of the project. They spoke with the aid of a series of PowerPoint slides.

In response to a question, Mr Butler advised Councillors on the measures being taken to build the resident native bird populations in the Nelson Tasman area. Responding to a follow up question, Mr Butler said that the Trust were engaging with other community groups on effective methods of pest trapping.

Mr Dodd said that the intention was to seek an admission fee to access the sanctuary, which it was hoped would make the sanctuary as close to self-sustaining as possible. He said that the Trust was also seeking revenue investments from other sources, such as making a submission for funding to the Nelson City Council Long Term Plan. Mr Butler said that the Trust had not made a submission to the Tasman District Council Long Term Plan 2018-2028 as it recognises Councils other infrastructure priorities at this time.

The Chair thanked Mr Butler and Mr Dodd for their presentation.

Councillor King left the meeting at 11.20am.

9.3 Chairperson's Report

Chair Peter Canton acknowledged the appointment of Richard Hollier to the position of Reserves and Facilities Manager. Richard will commence his role with Council on 30 April 2018. He also thanked Beryl Wilkes for her service in this role and congratulated her on her appointment as Horticultural Officer, Team Leader.

The Chair asked that his appreciation be noted to staff for the work done on the Long Term Plan 2018-2028. He also noted thanks to Motueka Community Board member, Claire Hutt for her work in support of the wider Motueka community following the weather event on 21 February 2018.

Attendance of Youth Councillors at Committee and Community Board meetings was discussed. Councillors agreed that it was good to have consistency in the representatives who attended, but also acknowledged the benefits of allowing more young people the opportunity to observe good governance. Councillors asked whether in their work with the Youth Council, staff could be mindful of encouraging young people to attend Community Association meetings. They also commended Community Partnerships Officer, Lani Evans for her work to date with the Youth Council.

Moved Cr Hawkes/Cr Tuffnell CD18-04-5

That the Community Development Committee:

- 1. receives the Chairperson's Report RCD18-04-04; and**
- 2. agrees to up to two Youth Councillors attending Community Development Committee meetings with the right to sit at the Council table and have speaking rights in accordance with Standing Orders.**

CARRIED

9.4 Community Development Manager's Report

This report was taken as read. In the absence of the Community Development Manager, Chief Executive Lindsay McKenzie and Reserves and Facilities Manager, Beryl Wilkes were present to answer questions.

Councillors discussed management of the Tourism Infrastructure Fund (TIF) applications and whether an external resource was needed to undertake this work. Mrs Wilkes advised that staff hoped to be able to manage this work in house. In response to a follow up question, Mr McKenzie advised that while staff saw some benefit in applying to the Provincial Growth Fund, the TIF was a more likely source of money for the Marahau Gateway Project.

Councillors discussed the requirement for a resource consent for the trimming and removal of trees. Mrs Wilkes clarified that this was in relation to protected trees only.

The schedule for mowing reserve areas was discussed. The suggestion of a drinking fountain at Bill Wilkes Reserve to service the Jimmy Lee Creek walkway was also made.

Councillors asked when the Opus Report in relation to the Ben Cooper toilets project would be available. Mrs Wilkes agreed that staff would advise Councillors on the timeframe once it was known.

Cr King re-joined the meeting at 11.45am.

Tagging of Councillors personal social media profiles was discussed. Ms Catley advised that staff sought to do this in order for Councillors to be able to share public information, but said that staff would seek permission from individual Councillors first.

Councillors extended their thanks to Penny Griffith for the work she had done on the Abel Tasman First Encounter 375th commemorative events.

Moved Cr Wensley/Cr Turley
CD18-04-6

That the Community Development Committee:

- 1. receives the Community Development Manager's Report RCD18-04-05; and**
- 2. approves Councillors Wensley, Brown and Tuffnell as members of the Age-Friendly Policy Steering Group, along with the Community Development Manager and Strategic Policy Manager; and**
- 3. notes that the First Encounter 375 commemoration Special Grant application is broad enough to enable the residual \$730 of Special Grant funding to be used for the screening of the video at the Village Theatre and for the purchase of two hard drives for archival storage of the raw filming material.**

CARRIED

9.5 Tasman's Annual Economic Profile 2017

Strategic Policy Manager, Sharon Flood was present to speak to this report and answer questions. Ms Flood drew Councillors attention to the industrial structure in Tasman District, noting that the six largest industries within the District contributed to just over half of Tasman's total gross domestic product (GDP). She also spoke through some of the highlights of the report. The balance of the report was taken as read.

Councillors asked for confirmation on whether the tourism figures contained in the report included activity by locals as well as visitors. Ms Flood undertook to confirm this and respond to Councillors offline.

The diverse nature of the region's GDP was discussed.

Moved Cr Maling/Cr Brown
CD18-04-7

That the Community Development Committee receives the Tasman's Annual Economic Profile 2017 report RCD18-04-06 and its attachment.

CARRIED

9.6 Action Sheet - Community Development

This report was taken as read with no questions from councillors.

**Moved Cr Sangster/Mayor Kempthorne
CD18-04-8**

That the Community Development Committee receives the Action Sheet - Community Development report RCD18-04-07.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 12.02pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair:

Confirmed