

MINUTES

TITLE: Environment and Planning Committee
DATE: Thursday 14 July 2011
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street,
Richmond.

PRESENT: Cr S G Bryant (Chair), Crs M L Bouillir, B F Dowler,
B W Ensor, G A Glover, J L Inglis, C M Maling, Z S Mirfin,
T E Norriss, E J Wilkins, T B King

IN ATTENDANCE: Environment and Planning Manager (D C Bush-King),
Environmental Education Officer (R Francis), Compliance
Officer (K Bunting), Resource Scientist (G Stevens), Policy
Manager (S Markham), Regulatory Services Manager
(A Humphries), Co-ordinator Compliance Monitoring
(C Cheeseman), P Doole (Resource Consents Manager),
Golden Bay Community Board Member (M Symmons),
Executive Assistant (V M Gribble)

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Dowler/Maling
EP11-07-03

THAT apologies for absence from Cr J L Edgar be sustained.
CARRIED

PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs Sharon Binns was in attendance to speak about the proposed Motueka Draft Plan Change. She didn't want the area around King Edward Street where she lives changed from residential to industrial.

1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1.1 Environment and Planning Subcommittee Consents – 16 May 2011

Moved Crs Ensor/Bryant
EP11-07-04

THAT the minutes of the Environment and Planning Subcommittee Consents (Richmond South Halls Trust) meeting held on 16 May 2011 containing resolutions EP11-05-01 to EP11-05-03 be confirmed as a complete record.
CARRIED

1.2 Environment and Planning Committee – 2 June 2011

**Moved Crs Inglis/Glover
EP11-07-05**

THAT the minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee held on Thursday 2 June 2011, containing resolutions numbered EP11-06-01 to EP11-06-27 be confirmed as a complete record.

CARRIED

**1.3 Resource Management Policy Committee – Hearing 60 Deliberations –
Wednesday 15 June 2011**

**Moved Crs Mirfin/Glover
EP11-07-06**

THAT the minutes of the Resource Management Policy Committee – Hearing 60 Deliberations – Wednesday 15 June 2011, containing resolutions TRMP11-03-63 to TRMP11-03-77 be confirmed as a complete record.

CARRIED

2 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

**Moved Crs Inglis/Maling
EP11-07-07**

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

Motueka Draft Plan Change

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:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Motueka Draft Plan Change	Right of appeal to the Environment Court	Section 48(1)(d)

CARRIED

(Refer to Confidential Minutes book resolution number EP11-07-08)

**Moved Crs Glover/Ensor
EP11-07-09**

**THAT open meeting be resumed.
CARRIED**

**3 SPEAKING RIGHTS GOLDEN BAY COMMUNITY BOARD –
M SYMMONS**

**Moved Crs Ensor/Norriss
EP11-07-10**

**THAT Golden Bay Community Board Member, Mik Symmons, be granted
speaking rights by the Environment and Planning Committee.
CARRIED**

4 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION REPORT – REP11-07-03

Environmental Education Officer, Rob Francis, was in attendance to speak to the report which covered a number of general matters concerning the activities of the Environmental Education team, as well as an overview of current status.

Councillors discussed the merits of solar power.

Mr Bush-King advised that the Warm Tasman programme is for heating and insulation and considered it could be extended to include solar power. He undertook to present a report to a future meeting.

In reply to a question from Cr Mirfin about how projects like enviroschools are measured, Mr Francis said some areas have outcomes, and in the sustainable business advisory area they are reported back.

Cr Glover asked what is Tasman District Council's long term strategy for sustainability? The question comes to light when looking at the huge infrastructure projects that will be undertaken by Council.

Mr Bush-King advised that the long term strategy for sustainability is included in Council's Long Term Plan.

Cr Dowler suggested doing a joint venture for solar power with Marlborough District Council, Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council.

Mr Francis asked for five Councillors to offer themselves for Enviro Awards judging. He also asked for two Councillors to be available at Eco Fest each of the two days to interact with the public.

**Moved Crs Bouillir/Norriss
EP11-07-11**

**THAT the Environment and Planning Committee receives the Environmental Education Report REP11-07-03.
CARRIED**

**5 GOLDEN BAY LANDSCAPE PROJECT – REPORT ON PROCESS –
REP11-07-04**

Policy Manager, Steve Markham, was in attendance to present the report contained in the agenda.

The report outlined some changes to the process of recognising and providing for the protection of Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes of the District from inappropriate subdivision, use and development. The Golden Bay landscape Project arises from an Environment Court process. The report advised of a revised time frame for the project.

**Moved Crs Glover/Maling
EP11-07-12**

**THAT the Environment and Planning Committee receives the Golden Bay Landscape Project – Report on Process REP11-07-04 and endorses the Terms of Reference for the Working Group and the extended time frames proposed.
CARRIED**

6 FARM DAIRY EFFLUENT COMPLIANCE 2010/2011 – REP11-07-05

Compliance Officer, Kat Bunting, was in attendance for presentation of the report contained in the agenda. The report presented the compliance results from the 2010/2011 farm dairy survey, in particular compliance with respect to resource consent conditions for the discharge of treated dairy effluent to water, and the discharge of dairy effluent to land as a permitted activity under the Tasman Resource Management Plan. It also presented Tasman's current statistics with respect to the national targets of the Clean Stream Accord.

**Moved Crs Mirfin/Ensor
EP11-07-13**

**THAT the Environment and Planning Committee receives the Farm Dairy Effluent Compliance 2010/2011 Report REP11-07-05.
CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.28 pm.
Cr Wilkins left the meeting at this time.

The meeting resumed at 1.10 pm.

**7 PESTICIDE RESIDUES IN GROUNDWATER – 2010 SURVEY-
REP11-07-06**

Resource Scientist, Glenn Stevens, attended the meeting to present the report contained in the agenda.

Council participates in the National Survey of Pesticides in New Zealand Groundwaters which is co-ordinated by Environmental Science and Research Ltd.

In Tasman, 15 sites are currently sampled at four-yearly intervals. Tasman has participated in this programme since 1998 completing four surveys to date. This report presents the results of the latest round of sampling undertaken in 2010.

**Moved Crs Maling/Norriss
EP11-07-14**

**THAT the Environment and Planning Committee receives the report Pesticide Residues in Groundwater – 2010 Survey Report REP11-07-06.
CARRIED**

**8 COMPLIANCE MONITORING QUARTERLY REPORT 1 APRIL –
30 JUNE 2011 – REP11-07-09**

Co-ordinator Compliance Monitoring, Carl Cheeseman, was in attendance to speak to the report contained within the agenda.

Tasman District Council operates tailored monitoring programmes focussing the core of its resources on managing the range of activities seen as significant to the district either in terms of environmental resources, actual or potential adverse effects or community interest. Council also provides a 24 hour complaint response and undertakes a range of enforcement actions in response to detected non-compliance.

Cr Wilkins returned to the meeting at 1.20 pm.

**Moved Crs Ensor/Inglis
EP11-07-15**

**THAT the Environment and Planning Committee receives the Compliance monitoring quarterly report 1 April – 30 June 2011 (REP11-07-09).
CARRIED**

9 POLICY PROGRAMME UPDATE – REP11-07-07

Policy Manager, Steve Markham, was in attendance to present the report.

The report provided an updated resource policy programme description and briefing on the current and likely situation with present and programmed projects.

Cr T B King arrived at the meeting at 1.32 pm.

Mr Markham said if the Committee considers the pace of progress is not fast enough, more money will be required for more staff.

Cr Ensor asked if it would be possible to have a pre-meeting with the Wakefield and Brightwater communities on the strategic development planning.

Mr Markham was concerned it would give an expectation that cannot be met by Council.

Cr King noted that the high growth areas of the district are Wakefield and Brightwater. It is annoying for communities to be left with no say in the future direction of their communities. He believes Council should engage with them before the consultation on the Long Term Plan.

Mr Markham said he would work out some outline information and present to the Wakefield and Brightwater communities for them to consider.

**Moved Crs Glover/Inglis
EP11-07-16**

**THAT the Environment and Planning Committee receives the Resource Policy Programme Update July 2011 REP11-07-07.
CARRIED**

**10 ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT –
REP11-07-10**

Cr Bryant spoke to his report which was included in the agenda.

Discussions were held on delegated notification decisions made by staff. Resource Consents Manager, Phil Doole briefed the Committee on the process involved and the fact that staff did discuss collectively those cases which were finely balanced.

**Moved Crs Ensor/Inglis
EP11-07-17**

**THAT the Environment and Planning Committee receives the Environment and Planning Committee Chair's Report REP11-07-10.
CARRIED**

**11 TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL'S ENFORCEMENT POLICY –
REP11-07-08**

Regulatory Services Manager, Adrian Humphries, was in attendance to present his report contained within the agenda.

Moved Crs Mirfin/Maling
EP11-07-18

THAT the Environment and Planning Committee receives the Tasman District Council Enforcement Policy report REP11-07-08 and approves its adoption as the Enforcement Policy for the Tasman District Council.
CARRIED

12 ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING MANAGER'S REPORT –
REP11-07-11

12.1 Abel Tasman Foreshore Reserve Management Plan

Submissions close to the Abel Tasman Foreshore Reserve Management Plan on 19 August 2011. Cr Norriss has long been involved with issues surrounding the creation of the reserve and it is recommended that he be appointed as the Tasman District Council representative on the Management Plan Approval Committee.

Moved Crs Ensor/Mirfin
EP11-07-19

THAT the Environment and Planning Committee appoint Cr T E Norriss as the Tasman District Council representative on the Abel Tasman Foreshore Reserve Management Plan Approval Committee.
CARRIED

12.2 Freedom Camping Bill

A submission had been prepared on the Freedom Camping Bill alerting the Select Committee to the fact that the Tasman District Council bylaw came into force on 31 May 2011.

Moved Crs Norriss/Inglis
EP11-07-20

THAT the Environment and Planning Committee notes and endorses the submission made on the Freedom Camping Bill dated 20 June 2011.
CARRIED

12.3 National Environmental Standard on Plantation Forestry

In September 2010 the Government released a proposed National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry to which a submission was made. Because of the response the Ministry of the Environment sought feedback and this has resulted in a number of changes to the original proposed policy. Staff, with Councillor assistance, prepared a further submission which was attached to the report.

**Moved Crs King/Ensor
EP11-07-21**

**THAT the Environment and Planning Committee notes and endorses the submission made on the proposed National Environmental Standard on Plantation Forestry attached as Annex 2 to Report REP11-07-11.
CARRIED**

**Moved Crs Norriss/Ensor
EP11-07-22**

**THAT the Environment and Planning Committee receives the Manager's report REP11-07-11.
CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 2.55 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: