

# MINUTES

**TITLE:** Special Council  
**DATE:** Thursday 3 February 2005  
**TIME:** 1.00 pm  
**VENUE:** Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

**PRESENT:** Mayor J C Hurley (Chair), Crs T B King (Deputy Mayor), S J Borlase, S G Bryant, R G Currie, E E Henry, M J Higgins, J L Inglis, R G Kempthorne, T E Norriss, E M O'Regan, N Riley, P K O'Shea and E J Wilkins.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive (R G Dickinson), Service Centres Manager (D Blake-Gillard), Property Manager (J K Frater) and B D Moore (Administration Officer).

## 1 PUBLIC FORUM

Mr S Bean of Skydive Abel Tasman supported the continuing simultaneous operations which had occurred at Motueka Airport.

Mr C Robinson also supported the continuing existing uses of the Motueka Airport.

Mr J Gourdie spoke on behalf of Nelson Drag Racing Association and sought that the use of Motueka Airport for drag racing continue and said that Club had spent \$45,000.00 on improvements at Motueka Airport.

Mr A C Fry said he had been involved with the original application by the Nelson Drag Racing Association for the use of the Motueka Airport and encouraged Council to allow the concurrent and simultaneous use of Motueka Airport for drag racing and all other users.

Mr V D'Ath explained the history of the simultaneous use of the Motueka Airport by drag racing cars and aeroplanes and spoke of the problem of debris left on the airfield by the drag racing participants.

Mr Moss said that he was concerned about the safety requirements and planning and that an alternative venue should be provided for car racing in Nelson.

Mr L Keretai said that a requirement for eight day's closure per year to run drag racing would reduce his personal income associated with sky diving.

Mr B Faulkner spoke about fundraising work for the Motueka Swimming Pool proposal and said that this project should be progressed as building costs are increasing. He said that the ASB Aquatic Centre in Richmond should have a lift to allow disabled persons to be put into the therapeutic pool. He said that the tiles in the therapeutic pool are too slippery.

## **2 USE OF MOTUEKA AERODROME BY NELSON DRAG RACING ASSOCIATION**

Mayor Hurley referred to the notice of motion within the agenda pursuant to Section 3.9.15 of Standing Orders for meetings, to revoke resolution FN04/12/28 passed by the Council's Enterprises Subcommittee at its meeting of 9 December 2004.

Cr Norriss spoke to his report of 7 January 2005 and attachments, contained within the agenda.

Mr S Ritchie of Fletcher Vautier Moore Lawyers spoke to his memorandum of 20 January 2005 contained within the agenda and referred in paragraph 4 to Council's obligations under the Health and Safety Employment Act 1992 and in paragraph 5 to Council's obligations under the Occupiers Liability Act.

### **Moved Crs Norriss/Riley CN05/02/01**

**THAT resolution FN04/12/28, be revoked: "That Council's Enterprises Subcommittee regret to advise Nelson Drag Racing Association that it is unwilling to close the Airport to aircraft and unwilling to permit concurrent operations with drag racing. The Subcommittee advises the Nelson Drag Racing Association that Motueka Airport will no longer be available for its use, because of potential safety and liability risks to Council."**

Cr Norriss called for a division.

Cr Borlase	For
Cr Bryant	Against
Cr Currie	For
Cr Henry	For
Cr Higgins	Against
Mayor Hurley	For
Cr Inglis	For
Cr Kempthorne	For
Cr King	For
Cr Norriss	For
Cr O'Regan	For

Cr O'Shea	For
Cr Riley	For
Cr Wilkins	For

**CARRIED**

**Moved Crs Norriss/Borlase  
CN05/02/02**

**THAT Council appoints the Council's Enterprises Subcommittee to meet with representatives of the Nelson Drag Racing Association and other airport users to negotiate, if feasible, a satisfactory way of accommodating drag racing at Motueka Airport until 2008.**

**CARRIED**

Cr Henry then read a motion which had been drafted in conjunction with the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive advised Council not to allow concurrent use of the Airport by aviation users and drag racers as this practice had been assessed by a safety expert as a risk bordering on the extreme.

Cr King confirmed that "concurrent" means at the same time.

**Moved Crs Henry/King  
CN05/02/03**

**THAT Council reconfirms that it will not allow the concurrent use by aviation users and drag racing of Motueka Airport.**

**CARRIED**

### **3 RICHMOND ADMINISTRATION OFFICE BUILDING PROJECT - ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER**

A report of 26 January 2005 from the Chief Executive and Property Manager listed the five tenders received for the Richmond Administration Office building project and recommended acceptance of the tender from Ian McCully Builders Limited.

The Chief Executive explained that the net difference to construct a new building and relocate offices to a new site could be about \$3 million more than the current proposal.

Cr O'Regan noted that the Long Term Council Community Plan allows \$3 million for this project being less than the total figure required to complete the work.

The Chief Executive advised that the proposed additions and alterations would provide for the expected staff growth and serve the Council's needs on this site for a period of approximately 10 years.

**Moved Crs King/Borlase  
CN05/05/04**

**THAT the tender from Ian McCully Builders Limited of \$2,965,885.57, plus GST for the additions and alterations to the Tasman District Council Richmond Administration Offices, be accepted.**

Cr Norriss called for a division.

Cr Borlase	For
Cr Bryant	For
Cr Currie	Against
Cr Henry	For
Cr Higgins	For
Mayor Hurley	Against
Cr Inglis	Against
Cr Kempthorne	For
Cr King	For
Cr Norriss	Against
Cr O'Regan	For
Cr O'Shea	For
Cr Riley	For
Cr Wilkins	For

**CARRIED**

**4 LOCAL AUTHORITY ELECTION 2004 REVIEW**

The Chief Executive sought Councillors to help prepare a submission for this review.

**Moved Crs O'Regan/Norriss  
CN05/02/05**

**THAT Council appoints Crs King and Henry to work with staff to prepare and send a submission to Local Government New Zealand concerning the Justice and Electoral Select Committee Review of the 2004 Local Authority Elections.  
CARRIED**

**5 NELSON REGIONAL SEWERAGE BUSINESS UNIT, VARIATION TO  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

The agenda contained a report of 25 January 2005 from the Chief Executive recommending that Council agree to the attached variation to the Memorandum of Understanding for the Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit.

**Moved Crs Kempthorne/Henry  
CN05/02/06**

**THAT Council adopts the agreed variation to the Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit's Memorandum of Understanding and affixes its seal to the attached document.**

**CARRIED**

The Mayor thanked Councillors for their attendance and the meeting closed at 4.35 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: