

MINUTES

TITLE: Special Council Meeting
DATE: Friday 9 June 2006
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
PRESENT: Mayor J C Hurley (Chair), Crs T B King, 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, E J Wilkins
IN ATTENDANCE: Corporate Services Manager (D G Ward), Administration Officer (B D Moore)

HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO DRAFT LTCCP

The Council proceeded to hear verbal submissions to the LTCCP, from those submitters who had made a written submission.

533 A Munro and C Hughes

These submitters addressed Council on the subject of the energy crisis, especially rising fuel costs and sought that a working party of Council staff be formed to consider energy needs, costs and options.

466 Public Health Service

Dr E Kiddle and Health Promoter Barbara Graves, provided a presentation on the role of local government in public health, referring to such matters as sanitation, drainage and water supply and encouraged the use of a genuine progress index as a way of measuring progress towards achieving community outcomes, particularly concerning economic, environmental, social and cultural wellbeing. A copy of the powerpoint presentation made during this submission was provided to each Councillor.

322 D McGuire

This submission supported one from A Newman and a further paper listing the submitter's concerns regarding the establishment and funding of the Tasman Bays Heritage Trust, Nelson Regional Museum, was read. The submitter described his concerns about the methods and level of funding involving that museum.

Mayor Hurley advised that Audit New Zealand has checked and cleared both the Tasman District Council and Tasman Bays Heritage Trust accounts and procedures regarding the Nelson Regional Museum.

469 CBH Ltd, Tasman Ltd and ROR Property Holdings Ltd

Mr C Edmonds spoke to this submission saying that in regard to the Development Contributions Policy that Council was attempting to partition the district into the Coastal Tasman Area and the remainder of the district. He sought that this be corrected so that the Development Contributions Policy be calculated across the entire district and he also sought further changes to that Policy. He sought the roading programme be amended to include roading to service the southern-most part of the R3 zone. He said the proposal to charge for water in the Coastal Tasman area is unfair as no service has been included in the ten year plan for the areas from Dominion Road south within the CTA/Rural 3 zone.

470 Richmond Pohara Holdings Ltd

Mrs J McNae spoke for this submitter who owns land in Richmond Road, Pohara, adjoining residential development in Bay Vista subdivision and Sandridge Drive. The submitter was concerned that the Pohara water supply has been removed from the LTCCP and this is contrary to the urban growth study in Golden Bay. She said that the dry pipes of the Pohara water scheme have been installed at considerable cost and said that Council cannot charge development impact levies as well and will need to refund it. The submitter wished that the Pohara water supply scheme remained in the LTCCP. She sought that household units of demand should include a reference to the financial contributions from before 2004 and the exceptional circumstances made clear and provided for.

473 Staig and Smith Ltd

Mrs McNae spoke for Staig and Smith Ltd and said she was concerned that the calculation of interest for the development contributions policy included an interest rate calculation error and was shown at 0.8% instead of 8.0%, which represents nearly a 30% increase in the levy. The submission sought a number of changes to the Development Contributions Policy, as fully listed in the original written submission from Staig and Smith Ltd.

474 G & J Malcolm
475 Paton Rise Ltd

Mrs McNae of Staig and Smith Ltd spoke to the written submissions which related to the proposed timetabling and allocation of resources to strategic infrastructure projects, required to support the urban growth in the Richmond South area as detailed in Variations 49 and 50 to the PTRMP. The area is currently without reticulated wastewater, stormwater and water supply services, but the actual scheduling of that work in the LTCCP is significantly longer than "within three years" as stated in Variations 49 and 50 of the PTRMP. The LTCCP does not list the provision of wastewater services to the Richmond South area on any schedule of works to 2016. The submission also noted that stormwater management and the provision of water supply and reserves in the Richmond South area, referred to the LTCCP are also inconsistent with Variations 40 and 50 to the PTRMP.

476 Gibbons Holdings Ltd

Mrs McNae of Staig and Smith Ltd spoke to this submission which mostly concerned the proposed Development Contributions Policy and sought that exemptions be stated in the LTCCP in circumstances such as subdivision where buildings exist and contributions where services are not available or planned. The written submission detailed the relief measures sought by Gibbons Holdings Ltd.

477 Animal Health Board

Mr Hall spoke to this submission which was concerned about funding of the National Bovine Tuberculosis Pest Management Strategy and listed the amounts that the Animal Health Board sought that Council fund for the next three financial years.

478 Tasman Regional Animal Health Committee

Mr Thorneycroft spoke to this submission which gave further support to the provision of Council funding of the vector control programme, particularly for Bovine Tb and said that Kahurangi National Park continues to pose a threat to herds in the Tasman District. The submission was concerned that the Council commitment for the vector control programme has been reduced to \$207,000 and the submitter requested that this budget figure be amended to \$317,100.

479 Federated Farmers of NZ Inc

Mr A Grant said that primary industry is concerned about the significant amount of rates and rate rises in excess of inflation. Federated Farmers is concerned at the impact on rates of legislative demands from central government. The growth in rural rateable values, particularly in coastal areas, is placing increasing pressure on viable farms. The submission said Council should consider increasing the uniform annual general charge to manage the impact of Council costs.

Mr R Bensemman also spoke in support of the Federated Farmers submission, particularly regarding managing growth and funding impact.

323 NZ Marine Farming Association Inc

Mr G Coates said the Association objects to the mussel line backbone charge for mussel and spat lines. The Association understood that the harbour use rates for future years have not been agreed. The Association sought a fairer levy arrangement. Mr Coates said that the line charge is not related to the service facilities provided and the Association wants a Memorandum of Understanding between marine farmers and the Council.

481 Tasman Mussels Ltd

Mr A Irwin, Solicitor, said that the LTCCP does not and ought to, make reference to the Council's intention to make aquaculture chapters in the PTRMP, operative.

Mr A Pritchard said that the LTCCP has little reference to aquaculture and needs greater consideration.

482 Tourism Nelson Tasman Ltd

Mr Giloolly and Mr Davis spoke to the written submission from Tourism Nelson Tasman Ltd and sought the better integration of tourism strategic planning and Council's LTCCP processes. They said that growth in the tourism industry within Nelson Tasman requires significant future Council investment in public infrastructure and facilities. They said the next three year plan review should consider the need for improved visitor information centre premises in Takaka, Motueka and Murchison. They sought that the funding of Latitude Nelson include an annual CPI adjustment. They sought that Council contribute to regional facilities such as a performing arts and cultural centre and all-sports complex.

483 Wai-iti Water Augmentation Water Committee

Mr E Baigent and all members of the Waimea Water Augmentation Water Committee were in attendance. Mr Baigent said that the Committee is concerned about the proposed rate of \$300 per hectare for this scheme, instead of \$270 per hectare that the irrigators originally agreed to. He said that the Waimea dam is only now 14% full and could fill by October 2006. He said that the members could be comfortable with \$280 per hectare to cover cost overruns with a future increase to \$315 per hectare. Mr Baigent said that the Committee was asking Council to contribute another \$330 input.

484 Waimea Water Augmentation Committee

Mr Murray King spoke as Chairman of the Waimea Water Augmentation Committee and he asked the Council to continue to support the feasibility study for the identification of a suitable site for economic water storage.

Mr D Easton said that growers in the Waimea Plains are concerned at the risk of future droughts and need security of water resource.

486 K Seligman

Ms Seligman spoke of her concerns regarding the dangers of economic and environmental risk associated with genetic engineering and sought that this Council co-ordinate with other Councils. She was concerned about the rising fuel prices and wanted a group set up to research the issues of transport efficiencies and this should be included in the LTCCP. She said Motueka Airport should be re-sited out of town. She sought that relationships between local Maori and Council be improved through further education of Councillors and staff.

Submissions Acknowledged by Council

The following submissions were noted and acknowledged by Council.

468 Catholic Schools Board
480 Marlborough Shellfish
471 John Cotton
481a Just Mussels Ltd
495 Richard Hayward
500 R V Wright

The Council received and referred the following two submissions to the Engineering Services Department for direction.

493 L Hill and C Wratt
306 C Gibbs

Motorsport Park

Cr Norriss noted the significant level of support that had been received in submissions for retention of Council's contribution to the Motorsport Park as listed in the draft LTCCP.

Moved Crs Riley/Borlase
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THAT the Motorsport Park be retained in the 2006 – 2016 LTCCP as a facilities rate-funded project.
CARRIED

490 T Duncan and J Richards

The submitters were concerned about the proposed sealing of Carlyon Road at Mahana, by ratepayer contribution.

Mayor Hurley reassured the submitters that this work would not proceed without the required ratepayer contribution being provided.

Receipt of Submissions

Council formally acknowledged and received the following submissions.

489 Bushline Holdings Ltd
491 M Eggers
492 W A Cook

496 S Budgen

Mrs S Budgen sought that Council make provision for funding of the Motueka swimming pool and said this is required for swimming education and health benefits. She suggested that this should be a basic pool without a wave machine.

Further LTCCP Meeting

It was agreed that a workshop would be held on Wednesday 14 June 2006 following the completion of the Community Services Committee meeting, to allow discussion on a wide-range of items that had been introduced through the submission process.

Crs Norriss, Riley and Bryant left the meeting at this time.

498 B R Faulkner

Mr Faulkner made an individual submission in support of the proposed Motueka swimming pool and said that a heated swimming pool is necessary in Motueka and stressed the beneficial effects. He said that the distance from Motueka to Richmond is 38 kilometres and is too far to travel to go for a swim.

Receipt of Additional Submissions for Motueka Pool

The following submissions in support of the proposed Motueka swimming pool were formally received.

- 494 A Russell**
- 497 M Fraser**
- 499 Motueka Pool Committee/S Worthington**

The meeting concluded at 4.15 pm.

Chair:

Date: