

# MINUTES

**TITLE:** Special Council  
**DATE:** Thursday 15 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, T E Norriss, E M O'Regan, P K O'Shea, E J Wilkins  
**IN ATTENDANCE:** Corporate Services Manager (D G Ward), Accounting Manager (M Staite), Administration Officer (B D Moore)

## APOLOGIES

**Moved Crs King/Inglis  
CN06/06/24**

**THAT apologies from Crs N Riley and R G Kempthorne for absence, be sustained.**

**CARRIED**

## **1 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE LTCCP**

### **503 Awaroa Inlet Association**

Mr S Franks presented a submission on behalf of Awaroa Inlet Association Inc and sought a special rating area for Awaroa based on the services available to the residents. He spoke of the high value of these properties and the potential high rate increases which could force some people to sell their properties.

### **504 S Olds**

Mr Olds was in attendance and spoke about the proposed rating for his property at Awaroa and said because of the few services available to that location, the owners should only be paying UAGC. He said that Awaroa should be considered as a special area for rating purposes.

Council formally acknowledged receipt of the following submissions.

**501 R Purse**  
**502 Marahau Sandy Bay Association**  
**513 G Coleman**  
**514 J Taggart**  
**527 RNZ Foundation of the Blind**

**505 Nelson Grey Power Association**

Mr A Newman was in attendance and spoke to this submission which was concerned about the level of Council expenditure, proposed increases in rates and draft budget level. The submission opposed any rates postponement scheme and expressed alarm at the standard of financial governance surrounding the provision of community and regional facilities. Concern was expressed about traffic choke points and bottle necks between Tasman District and Nelson City and the potential to continue locating further regional facilities within the Nelson City area.

**506 Nelson Tasman Chamber of Commerce**

Mrs S McGuire spoke to this submission and was accompanied at the meeting by nine members of this organisation. The submission supported the promotion of tourism development, a performing arts and convention centre and the Trafalgar Park upgrade. The submission spoke in support of the Regional Economic Development Strategy and referred to development impact levies and sought that the policy include some additional flexibility. Mrs McGuire encouraged Council to provide funding for the study of amalgamation and strategic planning between Nelson and Tasman. The submission encouraged the development of an events strategy and that this be adequately funded.

**507 D J Ogilvie**

Mr Ogilvie sought that the reconstruction of the Riwaka to Kaiteriteri Road be brought back into the ten year plan. He sought the implementation of this work to be staged over a four year period. He also encouraged Council to make progress with the link road between Manoy Street and Talbot Street in Motueka. He said that more study discussion and public consultation is required regarding the coastal water supply pipeline and Motueka domestic water reticulation. Mr Ogilvie spoke about the Council's wastewater rating policy, particularly for multi pan facilities and he gave the example of Motueka Abbeyfield complex of residential dwellings, saying that a discount should be developed for similar organisations and institutions. He said Council should have a working party set up to reconsider this policy and review the options.

**508 F I Wemyss**

Mr Wemyss was in attendance and sought that Council concentrate more effort on the availability and provision of water for both irrigating and domestic use. He tabled a further submission and spoke of how valuations for rural land have increased dramatically and this has affected the level of rates. Mr Wemyss demonstrated that the Council's debt level is high and the annual increase in Council's budget figures are considerably higher than for most councils of a similar size. He said the rating system needs to be reviewed.

**509 Get Safe Motueka**

Mr R Francis was in attendance and spoke to the submission from this organisation which he says works towards making the community a healthier and safer place. Mr

Francis said the Council needs to have a long term social vision and he asked that the Council acknowledges the important social issues within the community. He said that staff need to respond to this in a timely manner.

**446 Health Action Trust**

Ms K Howieson was in attendance and spoke to the submission and congratulated Council for its involvement in developing the Alcohol Strategy with Nelson City Council. The submission encouraged Council to consider leasing the NMIT Campus in Richmond and sub-leasing this out to community groups. The submission supported Council's proposal to develop a Youth Policy and the running of community events.

**511 Tasman Environment Trust**

Mr M J Conway was in attendance and spoke to this submission and recommended that Council commence work on the walkway/cycleway commencing at Bryant Lane adjacent to the Wairoa River up to the Waimea West Road Bridge. The submission proposed a Regional Park on the Waimea River left bank starting at the Wai-iti Bridge near Brightwater, down to Redwood Road near Rabbit Island.

**512 Nelson ARK**

Ms K Howieson spoke to this submission and repeated the suggestion for Council to lease the NMIT Campus in Richmond in order to sub lease this to community organisations such as Nelson ARK, which helps young people develop life and communication skills.

**515 B Dyer**

Mr Dyer was present and sought that Council develop a genuine progress indicator for the Region. He asked Council to give serious consideration to the amalgamation of Tasman and Nelson. Council support for public transport initiatives such as buses from Motueka to Nelson were requested and Mr Dyer asked the Council to actively investigate the main road to Blenheim going via Maitai Valley and Maungatapu Saddle through to Pelorus Bridge.

**516 Nelson A & P Association**

Ms S Chard and Mr G Taylor were in attendance and tabled a further submission and sought relief from the proposed water rates and pan charges for the Richmond A & P Association land in Lower Queen Street, Richmond. The submitters said that because there is intermittent or infrequent use of these facilities within the park, that Council assistance should be available in the form of an exemption or discount for pan charges.

**517 L A Wood**

Mr Wood was in attendance and asked that Council give priority to upgrading the Motueka stormwater system and the provision of a new sewerage scheme for

Marahau. He said the funding of Nelson schemes by Tasman should be limited. Mr Wood said that more industrial land is required in Motueka, especially with access to the proposed bypass.

**518 C Keenan**

Ms Keenan was present and sought Council financial provision for an improved bus service in Tasman District, with more Council involvement. She said there was a need for a regional public transport plan and Council should look at reviewing public transport needs. She expressed concern regarding the rising cost of fuel and said that this will take money from the local economy. She tabled a petition of 450 signatures supporting more public transport in Tasman District. She acknowledged that car sharing is a partial solution except where other circumstances intervene and that an affordable private passenger transport service needs to be provided.

**519 N & I Davey**

Mr Davey was present and said that the amount of rates levied should be linked to Council services, not the value of the land. He quoted a comment that rates are a tax on a theoretical book valuation which bears no relation to the use of Council services, the earning capacity of the land or the landowner's ability to pay. He said the present system is unsustainable and neither fair nor equitable.

**520 M Hewetson**

Mr Hewetson was present and spoke of the shortage of industrially-zoned land, especially in Motueka and that industry needs Council support with the provision of industrial land as its use adds value and creates employment. He said Council support needs to be tangible and visible and planning should be for a longer term than ten years. Mr Hewetson said that community facilities need to be affordable for industrial purposes and said that the stormwater system in Motueka needs upgrading.

**521 Forest and Bird Protection Society**

Mr T Bryant was in attendance and spoke to this submission saying that greater consultation with environmental groups should be carried out by Council during the pre-development stage of the LTCCP. The submission sought that Council direct further resources and compliance measures to resource management issues including air quality. The submission sought greater attention to rivers and waterways.

**522 Motueka Valley Association**

This submission was addressed by Mr I Davey and it opposed the current rating system based on land valuation, the Motueka pool complex, micro-chipping of dogs and the District and Regional Facilities rates. The submission encouraged Council to get back to basics where priority should be on water, sewerage and roading. The submission said that Council should increase the Uniform Annual General Charge for public good activities up to the maximum allowable and proportionately reduce the general rate.

### **523 Motueka Community Board**

Community Board Chairman, Mr C Satherley, spoke to the Board's written submission, saying that the Board wants to see better planning for Motueka and there is a need for more industrial land in Motueka. The Board would like the Kaiteriteri Riwaka Road upgrade put back into the LTCCP, together with the sealing of the Saltwater Baths car park. The Board supported the link road between Manoy and Talbot Streets in Motueka. The Board sought that the plan contain more detail regarding the proposed investigation of stopbank systems in the Lower Motueka River. The Board sought that an integrated road traffic/pedestrian study be carried out urgently for central Motueka. The Motueka Community Board does not support any further capital funds allocated to Trafalgar Park, Nelson. The Board sees the opportunity for an alternative development sited at Saxton Field.

### **524 B & A C Fry**

Mr and Mrs Fry were in attendance. Mrs Fry said there were not enough funds proposed to be spent on basic core services in the District. She asked that the Council concentrate on doing things that are necessary. The submitters could not support increased funding for unaffordable projects in Nelson City.

Mr Fry spoke in opposition to projects proposed in Nelson, including Trafalgar Park upgrade, Suter Gallery complex redevelopment and the proposed Millennium Centre. He also opposed the construction of a pool in Motueka.

### **525 Richmond Unlimited**

Mr P Taylor and Ms P Williams were in attendance and suggested that the Council can use the LTCCP to play a major part in tracking future economic development, including its sustainability. They noted that a proposed Lower Queen Street industrial park is not in the LTCCP and this could be a key economic driver in the same way as a performing arts and convention centre. The submitters said that the Richmond CBD street area upgrade should take precedence over some other proposed roading works and seal extensions.

### **526 Tasman Youth Council**

Representatives were present and spoke to this submission. They sought that Council fund further extensions and additions to the timetable for public passenger transport which young people could use for travel and have a positive impact on vehicle safety. The group sought that Council continue its commitment towards community grants, subsidies and services which benefit youth across the district. The submitters encouraged Council to carry out further development of walkway and cycle tracks and sought funding for a Youth Council publication.

### **528 Nelson Bays Youth Workers Collective**

Representatives of this Collective spoke to the meeting and described how it provides a service which enhances the standards of youth services plus supporting

and equipping youth workers throughout the Nelson/Tasman Region. The Collective propose that it becomes a Tasman District Council community partner. The Collective sought that Council provide funds of \$5,000 per year for this activity.

**529            NZ Fire Service**

Mr J Firestone was in attendance and presented a submission on behalf of NZ Fire Service and sought that communities including Motueka and Takaka Townships have reticulated water to ensure provision of fire fighting water capabilities. He referred to the NZ Fire Service Fire Fighting Water Supplies Code of Practice and sought Council support for this practice. Mr Firestone made a presentation on the use of home sprinkler systems that can be installed in houses during their construction.

**530            G M Waring**

Mr Waring was in attendance and said that the LTCCP fails to consider the existing and impending effect of petroleum fuel price increases. Mr Waring spoke about the effect of fuel prices on primary production costs and transportation and consequently on profitability. The submission described how the contents of the LTCCP could ensure a secure and continual supply of farm produce to population centres. The submitter asked that Council forms a working group with Nelson City to plan for higher transportation costs and that Council must make long term plans.

**531            Mr R Francis**

Mr Francis was present and spoke about the threat of sea level rise and climate change. He criticised the LTCCP as not referring to this situation and the provision of contingency plans. Mr Francis said there is not enough in the LTCCP about changes to the environment, fuel prices, coastal structures, emergency management and power savings.

**532            O Jones**

Ms Jones was in attendance and said there was no mention in the LTCCP regarding genetic engineering. She said she would like to see the Council require all new buildings to use passive solar design and solar water heating. She suggested more research was required regarding the district's water resources. She warned against the rising cost of primary commodities and the effects of fuel prices. She asked Council to require staff to investigate the feasibility of a rail link between Picton and Nelson.

**442            Tasman Bays Heritage Trust – Supplementary Submission**

The Corporate Services Manager, Mr D G Ward, referred to a Nelson City Council staff paper which had been circulated prior to today's meeting. This paper identified a number of issues in response to requests contained within the Trust's submission, together with a recommendation which had been adopted by Nelson City Council with one variation (specific to the loan term of 20 years which the City resolved to nominate a five year period).

Cr O'Shea declared an interest as a Trustee of the Tasman Bays Heritage Trust.

The Chief Executive said that the two Councils have to act in tandem and that a package has to be put together that is a minimum that will do the job. He said it was thought reasonable for the three parties to adopt that position.

Cr O'Shea commented that the proposal will require strict budgeting by the Trust and that the Trust has not met to be informed and to discuss the proposal.

**Moved Crs Bryant/Henry  
CN06/06/25**

**THAT operational funding levels currently provided for Tasman Bays Heritage Trust in the LTCCP are confirmed and retained.**

**THAT additional operating funds of \$143,000 be included (by each Council) for the 2006/2007 financial year and inflation adjusted thereafter subject to:**

- 1 The Chief Executives of the two Councils appointing a Financial Adviser to the Trust in accordance with Section 22 of the Trust Deed.**
- 2 The Tasman Bays Heritage Trust not increasing its level of debt beyond the currently authorised figure of \$5.29 million (inclusive of Council loans) without the prior approval of both Councils;**
- 3 The Tasman Bays Heritage Trust writing and adopting a Business Plan by 31 August 2006 that achieves a balanced budget for the 2006/2007 financial year;**
- 4 The Tasman Bays Heritage Trust completing a Statement of Intent and Strategic Plan (both approved by the two Councils) by 31 October 2006;**
- 5 The Tasman Bays Heritage Trust having policies in place by 31 October 2006 that define the procedures to be followed regarding capital expenditure, staff appointments and monitoring of operating budgets.**

**THAT the current three year interest free loan of \$1.2 million from each Council to Tasman Bays Heritage Trust be extended to a five year term ending 30 June 2012;**

**THAT the following wording regarding the Regional Archive Facility be included in both Councils Long Term Council Community Plans: "The long term need for some type of regional storage facility is acknowledged. It is considered that the storage facility at Isele Park will address the medium term needs covered by the ten year scope of this Plan."**

**THAT the above provisions are subject to both Councils passing the same resolutions.**

**CARRIED**

Cr Currie asked that his vote against the motion be recorded.

The meeting concluded at 5.20 pm.

Chair:

Date: