

MINUTES

TITLE: Tasman District Council
DATE: Thursday 25 October 2007
TIME: 10.30 am
VENUE: Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

PRESENT: Mayor R G Kempthorne, Crs T B King (Deputy Mayor), S J Borlase, S G Bryant, R G Currie, B F Dowler, J L Edgar, B W Ensor, G A Glover, M J Higgins, J L Inglis, T E Norriss, N Riley and E J Wilkins.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (P J Wylie), Electoral Officer (L L Kennedy) and Administration Officer (B D Moore).

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Bryant/Currie
CN07/10/20

That apologies from Cr Norriss for lateness be sustained.
CARRIED

1. PRAYERS

Iwi Kaumatua, Mr Andy Joseph made a welcoming statement and prayer for the new Council, on behalf of Iwi.

Reverend John Kingsbury of Richmond Anglican Church provided a prayer and blessing for the new Council.

Cr Norriss arrived at the meeting during this time.

2. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S SPEECH

The Chief Executive Mr P J Wylie welcomed the new Council to its first meeting and provided an explanation as per Local Government Act 2002, Part 1, Section 21 and referred to Councillors' obligations under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, the Crimes Act and the Secret Commission Act.

3. COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS

The Chief Executive then invited Mayor Kempthorne and all Councillors to make declarations pursuant to the Local Government Act 2002 Schedule 7, Part 1, Section 14(3). Mayor Kempthorne and all Councillors proceeded to read and sign those declarations.

A copy of those declarations is attached to these minutes.

Mayor Kempthorne then thanked all family members and friends and also Mr A Joseph and Mr J Kingsbury and additional staff for their support at this first meeting of the newly elected Council.

Mayor Kempthorne welcomed all returning Councillors and made a special welcome to new Councillors, encouraging all questions and sought that existing Councillors assist new Councillors.

Mayor Kempthorne sought that the Council continue a tradition of open and honest debate and encouraged various views. He looked forward to a very constructive and productive time for the Council during its term.

4. TASMAN ELECTORAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The Electoral Officer Mr L L Kennedy spoke to his report contained within the agenda.

Mr Kennedy said that the residential electoral roll consisted of 32 038 residential electors and that 53.41% of voting papers were returned. Mr Kennedy reported that the 2007 triennial elections went very smoothly using progressive counting.

Comments received from the Councillors included opposition to the format of results being in alphabetical name order of candidates as opposed to having the results by highest number of votes recorded. It was noted that having both the Council voting paper and Health Board on the same sheet creates problems if voters make errors.

**Moved Crs Borlase/King
CN07/10/21**

**THAT the Tasman District Council Electoral Officer's report of 18 October 2007 regarding the 2007 Triennial Elections be received.
CARRIED**

5. ADOPTION OF MODEL STANDING ORDERS FOR MEETINGS

The agenda contained a report of 18 October 2007 from Administration Advisor S Hartley recommending that Council adopt NZS9202:2003 Model Standing Orders as amended.

**Moved Crs King/Currie
CN07/10/22**

**THAT NZS9202:2003 Model Standing Orders, with the Council amendments to 2.5.1 (CN04/10/04) and 3.7.5 (CN04/12/14), be adopted.
CARRIED**

6. ADOPTION OF COUNCILLORS' CODE OF CONDUCT

The agenda contained a copy of the Councillors' Code of Conduct as adopted by Council on 21 October 2004. A Code of Conduct for members must be adopted pursuant to Schedule 7, Part 1, Clause 15 of the Local Government Act 2002.

**Moved Crs Norriss/Wilkins
CN07/10/23**

**THAT the Councillors' Code of Conduct dated 21 October 2004 be adopted.
CARRIED**

7. VOTING SYSTEM FOR CERTAIN APPOINTMENTS

A report of 18 October 2007 from Administration S Hartley sought that Council determine by resolution, which voting system it will use for the election or appointment of Deputy Mayor, Chairperson or Deputy Chairpersons of the Committees and the election or appointment of representatives of this local authority.

The two systems of voting allowed are set out under Clause 25, Schedule 7, of the Local Government Act 2002.

**Moved Crs Riley/Borlase
CN07/10/24**

**THAT System B under Clause 25, Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002, be adopted by Council for the appointments of Deputy Mayor, Chairpersons and Deputy Chairpersons of Committees and Community Boards and election or appointment of representatives of this local authority for the term of this Council.
CARRIED**

8. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Mayor Kempthorne spoke in support of Cr King being reappointed to the position of Deputy Mayor.

Cr Higgins also spoke in support of the nomination of Cr King.

**Moved Mayor Kempthorne/Cr Higgins
CN07/10/25**

**THAT Cr King be appointed as Deputy Mayor of Tasman District Council.
CARRIED**

9. DATE FOR FIRST ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Kempthorne confirmed that the first Ordinary Council meeting would be held on 31 October 2007, commencing at 9.30 am.

Mayor Kempthorne thanked family members and friends for their attendance at this meeting and said their support was appreciated.

He then thanked Councillors for their attendance and closed the meeting 11.22 am.

Date Confirmed:

Mayor: