

MINUTES

TITLE: Council meeting
DATE: Thursday 21 August 2008
TIME: 10.55 am
VENUE: Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
PRESENT: Crs T B King (Chair), T E Norriss, J L Inglis, S J Borlase, N Riley, R G Currie, S G Bryant, G A Glover, J L Edgar, B W Ensor, B F Dowler, M J Higgins
IN ATTENDANCE: Corporate Services Manager (M W Staite), Environment and Planning Manager (D Bush-King), Strategic Development Manager (S Edwards), Rating Officer (A Campbell), Utilities Manager (J Cuthbertson), Executive Assistant (V M Gribble)

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Currie/Edgar
CN08/08/18

THAT apologies for absence from Mayor R G Kempthorne and Cr E J Wilkins be received.
CARRIED

1 POLICY REVIEW

The agenda contained a report which asked Council to consider existing policies contained within Volume II of Council's 2006 LTCCP and make amendments where necessary, prior to inclusion in Council's 2009 LTCCP.

Cr Higgins arrived at 10.59 am.

1.1 Policy on Uneconomic Balances

This policy objective is to avoid collecting rates which are not economic to collect.

Moved Crs Edgar/Ensor
CN08/08/19

THAT pursuant to Section 102 of the Local Government Act 2002 the Policy on Uneconomic Balances be adopted for inclusion in the 2009 – 2019 LTCCP.
CARRIED

1.2 Policy on Remission of Uniform Charges on non-contiguous rating units owned by the same ratepayer

This policy aims to provide relief from uniform charges for rural land which is non-contiguous, farmed as a single entity and owned by the same ratepayer.

Mr Staite advised that the community board rate is to be included under section 3.

**Moved Crs Riley/Borlase
CN08/08/20**

**THAT pursuant to Section 102 of the Local Government Act 2002 the Policy on Remission of Uniform Charges on non-contiguous rating units owned by the same ratepayer be adopted, as amended to include community boards under section 3, for inclusion in the 2009 – 2019 LTCCP.
CARRIED**

1.3 Policy on Remission of Excess Metered Water Rates

This policy provides relief to ratepayers who have excessive metered water rates due to a fault or leak in the internal reticulation servicing their rating unit.

Mr Cuthbertson said staff wish to change the remission criteria and the delegated authority for allowing a remission. The amendment is to reflect that it is only the pipe from the connection at the street boundary to the house and reticulation within the house. He suggested that remission should only be for one failure in a five year period. He said Council requires a plumber's invoice so it can be assured that repair work has been done legally and this requirement will be included in the new policy.

Mr Cuthbertson was asked to provide a report for a future meeting containing comment on the following information:

Reticulation be limited to the line directly to the house and immediate area under the house;

Proof of repairs and plumbers needs to be clarified;

Another policy for new reticulation needs to be built in stating eg 12 month exemption;

Number of failures being allowed remission to be debated.

**Moved Crs Bryant/Norriss
CN08/08/21**

**THAT the Utilities Manager report back to a future Council meeting on the Policy on Remission of Excess Metered Water Rates
CARRIED**

1.4 Policy on School Wastewater Charges

Mr Cuthbertson said this policy was reviewed a couple of years ago where the ratio was changed from one toilet for every 15 pupils and staff to one toilet for every 20 pupils and staff.

**Moved Crs Norriss/Borlase
CN08/08/22**

**THAT pursuant to Section 102 of the Local Government Act 2002 the Policy on School Wastewater Charges be adopted for inclusion in the 2009 – 2019 LTCCP.
CARRIED**

1.5 Policy on Remission of Rates on Land Protected for Natural Conservation Purposes

The objective of this policy is to preserve and promote natural resources to encourage the protection of land for natural purposes. This policy will support the provisions of the Tasman Resource Management Plan.

Mr Bush-King suggested that condition 1 be amended to include “...Reserves Act 1977 or any equivalent protection mechanism satisfactory to the Corporate Services Manager may qualify ...”

**Moved Crs Glover/Dowler
CN08/08/23**

**THAT pursuant to Section 102 of the Local Government Act 2002 condition 1 of the Policy on Remission of Rates on Land Protected for Natural Conservation Purposes be amended to include “...Reserves Act 1977 or any equivalent protection mechanism satisfactory to the Corporate Services Manager may qualify ...”, and this policy be included in the 2009 – 2019 LTCCP.
CARRIED**

1.6 Policy on Penalty Remissions

The objective of this policy is to enable Council to act fairly and reasonably in its consideration of rates which have not been received by Council by the penalty date due to circumstances outside the ratepayer’s control.

**Moved Crs Borlase/Currie
CN08/08/24**

**THAT pursuant to Section 102 of the Local Government Act 2002 the Policy on Penalty Remissions be adopted for inclusion in the 2009 – 2019 LTCCP.
CARRIED**

1.7 Policy on Remissions for Sporting, Recreation or Community Organisations

The objectives of this policy are to:

- Facilitate the ongoing provision of non-commercial community services and non-commercial recreational opportunities for the residents of the Tasman District;
- Assist the survival of non-profit organisations;
- Make membership of the organisation more accessible to the general public, particularly disadvantaged groups including children, youth, young families, the elderly, and economically disadvantaged people.

Mrs Campbell requested that Council consider whether the recycling rate should be included under number 4.

Cr Higgins said halls and organisations don't usually use the Council services, they use their own wheelie bin systems and the recycling system isn't used. He said Council should consider remitting the refuse rate.

**Moved Crs Norriss/Edgar
CN08/08/25**

**THAT pursuant to Section 102 of the Local Government Act 2002 the Policy on Remissions for Sporting, Recreation or Community Organisations be adopted, with the amendment that the recycling rate be added to number 4, for inclusion in the 2009 – 2019 LTCCP.
CARRIED**

1.8 Policy on Rate Relief for Maori Freehold Land

Council is required to adopt a policy on remission and postponement of rates on Maori freehold land under Sections 102, 108 and Schedule 11 of the Local Government Act 2002.

**Moved Crs Norriss/Edgar
CN08/08/26**

**THAT pursuant to Section 102 of the Local Government Act 2002 the Policy on Rate Relief for Maori Freehold Land be adopted for inclusion in the 2009 – 2019 LTCCP.
CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 12.04 pm.

Chair:

Date: