

MINUTES

TITLE: Council meeting to hear LTCCP
DATE: Tuesday 12 May 2009
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: St John's Hall, Courtney Street, Motueka
PRESENT: Mayor R G Kempthorne, Crs S G Bryant, G A Glover,
M J Higgins, E J Wilkins, J L Inglis, N Riley, T E Norriss,
J L Edgar, B F Dowler
IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (P Wylie), Strategic Development
Manager (S Edwards), Executive Assistant (V M Gribble)

APOLOGIES

**Moved Crs Bryant/Glover
CN09/05/02**

**THAT apologies for absence from Crs B W Ensor and R G Currie and for lateness from Crs S J Borlase and T B King for lateness be received.
CARRIED**

1 SUBMISSIONS

4686 A & N Dorne

Mrs Dorne presented her submission which requested that Riwaka – Kaitertieri Road be upgraded. They are opposed to the planned changes to the solid waste collection.

Cr Borlase arrived at the meeting at 9.42 am.

1212 F Menzies

Mrs Menzies spoke about the proposed tourism rate which she objects to. She has two bedrooms available in her bed and breakfast accommodation and makes very little money from it.

1301 R Easton

Mr Easton was in attendance to present his submission. He is opposed to the proposed tourism rate as it is discriminatory and said that tourism benefits the whole district. He supports the current funding level out of the general rate to Tourism Nelson. He believes the Torrent Bay beach replenishment should be funded from the rivers rate and that there are cheaper ways of maintaining the stopbanks. He objects to paying the stopbank levy, but is happy to pay some of his river rate.

1402 T Rich

Mr Rich was in attendance to present his submission. He considers the proposed tourism rate to be unfair as the Kaiteriteri Lodge with 21 rooms and a bed and breakfast with one room are all expected to pay the rate of \$322. He spends \$2,000

annually targeting the bed and breakfast market. He doesn't believe Tourism Nelson Tasman is paying their way.

Cr T B King arrived at 10.09 am.

1429 J Craze

Mr Craze was concerned about the loans to be raised for the Motueka stopbank works. He thought the money was already there to do the work.

Cr Norriss asked where Mr Craze thought the priority was.

Mr Craze agreed with the staged approach as presented in the plan.

Mr Craze said the money from the Motueka zone has apparently been diverted out of Motueka. There has been work done on Whakarewa Street. He knows the river well and knows what works get done.

1430 B & L Lister

Mr Lister said they agree with the concept of the Motueka stopbanks but are concerned about the funding of it and how they are going to find the money to pay for it. They believe a minimum of 50% of flood protection should be provided from general rates across the whole District. He said there must be a cheaper alternative. They are opposed to the water reticulation scheme and have a bore which they will continue to use even if Motueka is reticulated. He said from a fire protection point of view that as long as firewells are properly maintained and provision made for water tankers then that would resolve the fire protection problem. Ongoing rates above the level of inflation are a concern and rates increases should be kept as low as possible. He believes Richmond community facility should be removed as it is not affordable.

Cr Norriss said the present firewells have been maintained and they do not supply what the fire service requires. The rivers budget and flood protection are two different items. There is an annual rivers budget that provides maintenance.

Cr Glover asked if Mr Lister thought most of the ratepayers within targeted areas for stopbanks and water are aware of the proposal for targeted rates.

Mr Lister said he didn't believe they were.

1714 T Sargent

Mr Sargent said the present system of recycling and waste collection is fair, equitable and working well and asked Council to leave the system as it is.

3082 D F Quayle

Mr Quayle spoke about the build up of gravel and grass verges under the Motueka River Bridge. He said building up stopbanks will not fix the flooding problem unless there is a clear channel under the bridge for the water to run out through. He was

concerned about freedom campers under the bridge when the river can rise 10 feet in 20 minutes. He said the Motueka Community Board should not be playing around with public transport.

2037 E Ferguson

Mr Ferguson is opposed to the tourism targeted rate. He believes Tourism NZ does a great job with advertising throughout New Zealand and marketing is plentiful. Moving to destination marketing at this point of time is going overboard and he cannot see the value in it. He said the environment needs to be looked after and cited the round-about into Motueka where visitors are greeted with weeds, broken down fences and substandard footpaths which doesn't give a good impression.

2482 W Tansley

Mrs Tansley was in attendance to speak to her submission which was opposed to the change in recycling and waste collection. She supported Motueka Bin Hire's service.

Cr King said the Waste Minimisation in NZ document from Ministry of Environment has targets we need to comply with over a number of years reducing waste going to landfill.

2607 L & M Simpson

Mr Simpson said raising the stopbanks will not do very much because you can't keep extending river banks when the bottom of the river is filling up. In his view it can be controlled by taking gravel above the water level that is there at the time. He said the stopbanks and water comes at a great cost which is unaffordable by the ratepayers. He believes the sewer ponds in Motueka are a disgrace and should be fixed.

3559 Motueka Grey Power

Mr J Butler spoke about the Motueka water supply, stopbanks, safety of footpaths and curb crossings, repair of the old wharf on Motueka Quay, waste management proposed rate and the Motueka Community Board targeted rate.

3035 Kaiteriteri Recreation Board

Cr King advised he was a member of the Kaiteriteri Recreation Board and would take no part in discussion or decision on the Board's submission.

Mr Peter King and Mr Guild were in attendance to present the submission on behalf of the Kaiteriteri Recreation Board. They submitted that the Kaiteriteri Road should be upgraded urgently. The Board does not consider that the major road realignment identified in the draft plan is necessary at this time, and stated priorities for this work as they see them.

3415 P Underwood

Mr Underwood was present and asked that the water bores be maintained in Motueka and said he doesn't want to be forced onto a reticulated supply. He asked that rates be kept to a minimum at this time of recession. He believes the private operators are working well for recycling and waste collection. He supports a bypass for Motueka and is also concerned about the Motueka Bridge. He supports the work being done on the stopbanks. He agrees with the proposal for more industrial and commercially zoned land. He requested more passing lanes as there is no room on roads for slow traffic to move over to allow traffic to pass. He is not in favour of amalgamation with Nelson City Council.

Cr Glover asked if the stopbanks should be pushed out a bit further to allow for cost affordability.

Mr Underwood said the stopbanks has been put off for years and they need to be fixed.

3606 E & M Voigt

Mr Voigt owns and operates Motueka Bin Hire. He is opposed to the Council's proposed multi-bin kerbside collection service.

Mayor Kempthorne said no decisions have been made but the government has bought into waste minimisation and Council has to improve what it's doing. What was in the plan was one method of improving it, but not the only one. We do need to look at how we can improve the current system. It is not the intention to have only one contractor. Are you happy to work with Council going forward?

Mr Voigt said he was happy to work with Council. The system at the moment is working well with recycling and he has noticed a drop off in bin collection. Greenwaste is getting dearer to dump than general waste.

4100 G Brooks (Robinson)

Mrs Brooks spoke about rates increases in this time of recession and said Council should pay off the debt it has before putting more costs on ratepayers. It needs to get back to core services. The current system of waste collection and recycling seems to be working well. Ratepayers have a choice between private and Council collection and people that use private services also have to pay for Council's refuse which is wrong.

4953 M Fillary

Ms Fillary was in attendance to present the submission on behalf of Abel Tasman Aqua Taxi and Kayaking Abel Tasman. They agree in principle with the tourism rate but would like to see how the extra \$100,000 would be used and would like an opportunity at Tourism Nelson AGM to ask questions. There should be more parameters put around the rate so it is fair and just.

Cr King asked would a system of representative group of tourism operators be a satisfactory method of achieving accountability.

Ms Fillary agreed it would be.

4347 Mr E Ellis

Mr Ellis asked for more transparency and mandates. Council should be sticking to basics. He is satisfied with waste collection and recycling. He asked if Council could have private contractors to lower the Motueka River bed and sell the gravel. He asked if the radio advertising was necessary and how much does it cost.

Cr Edgar said advertising on the radio is part of a larger advertising deal. The advertising of Newsline is to encourage people to read it to keep up with Council notices.

4511 I Davey

Mr Davey said refuse should be recycled in the district, rather than being send to Auckland or further afield. He asked Council to investigate different methods of wastewater disposal, including land-based sewerage options. He said surveys should be done as a matter of course.

Cr Edgar said Council does an annual Communitrak survey which looks at a random cross sample of community.

4517 V M Ross

Mr Ross was concerned about rates increases. He believed there were too many wish list activities and questioned the user pays philosophy. He said if the Motueka River is kept clear there shouldn't be a problem. He said it isn't right that pensioners need to put aside 20% of their income to pay rates. He pays \$79 for water going past his house but doesn't use it.

Mayor Kempthorne said a reticulated water supply is needed in Motueka, particularly for fire fighting purposes.

4530 The Coastal Initiative Group

Janet Taylor and Robin Simpson spoke on behalf of The Coastal Initiative Group who are looking at opportunities that will arise in the coastal strip to develop the area as a great place to live when the Ruby Bay bypass is operational.

Ms Simpson said they are looking at the coastal strip and getting development plans up and going so there is opportunity for a regional attraction. They noted that there is no provision in the LTCCP for development of Higgs Reserve, the estuary walkway or the vesting of Hoddy Estuary reserve to Council. They asked Council to increase the community development fund of \$20,694 which will be inadequate for the volume of requests that will be made. They asked that the Aranui Road streetscaping be brought forward. The Group supports the plan to upgrade township entrances with

signage. They asked that the coastcare money be distributed wisely. They said there appears to be priority given to sporting venues at the expense of arts, cultural activities and environmental recreation. They asked for an estuary management plan before major activities and impacts are undertaken. There is no mention of Regional Arts Strategy and they support a joint approach with Nelson City Council.

Cr King said out of all the things, what are the key priorities that you think are essential.

Ms Simpson said the key thing is not so much monetary funding but a co-ordinated and integrated approach to utilising well the money that's available. Envision this part of the coast as a valuable asset.

Ms Simpson said there hasn't been a classification of what the road will be or a decision about what the lane widths would be. We would like you to note our priorities and our desire for a pleasant walkable, cycling, drivable corridor. It requires a considered and integrated approach, not money.

4595 R N Hellyer

Mr Hellyer was in attendance to present his submission. He supports the stopbanks work. He agrees with a district-wide rate rather than a targeted rate to cover the provision of community and tourist information. He would like to see more than one one-way bridge being widened and/or replaced each year. He asked for Tasman District statistics to be included in the summary, including the number of rateable properties. Public transport should be paid for by those communities who would use it. He supports a community facility for Richmond and was disappointed that the venture with Headingly Centre didn't go ahead. He doesn't want recycling extended into the Moutere Valley.

Cr Riley asked if he had a preferred bridge to be done.

Mr Hellyer said there are two one-way bridges on Edwards Road which carries heavy traffic.

Cr Bryant left the meeting at 3.20 pm.

4643 P Peters

Mr Peters was in attendance to speak to his submission. He is concerned about rates increases. He said some of the ideas and ambitions included in the draft plan are not needed and said Council needs to have a clear division as to what it needs and what it wants. He questioned whether the Motueka stopbanks work is really needed at such a huge cost. He considered if the river gravels were taken out it would improve the river. He questioned the viability of the rowing complex and asked how many local people would benefit. We've got beaches and rivers and don't really need a swimming pool in Motueka.

Cr Norriss said if there is a need for protection of Motueka, where do you think it should be.

Mr Peters said he can't believe that both sides of the river for the length need all this work. If you build something and leave it for 30 or 40 years it compacts.

Cr Norriss said the present stopbanks were compacted by a scrapper. There is a centre area that is not compacted.

The meeting concluded at 4.30 pm.

Chair:

Date: