

MINUTES

TITLE: Full Council
DATE: Wednesday 20 May 2009
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
PRESENT: Mayor R G Kempthorne (Chair), Crs T B King, G A Glover, M J Higgins, E J Wilkins, B W Ensor, N Riley, T E Norriss, B F Dowler, J L Edgar, J L Inglis, S G Bryant
IN ATTENDANCE: Strategic Development Manager (S Edwards), Executive Assistant (V M Gribble)

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Bryant/Edgar
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THAT apologies for absence from Crs R G Currie and S J Borlase be received.
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1 SUBMISSIONS

5301 ACC

M Preston-Thomas was in attendance to present the submission on behalf of ACC. He said ACC is committed to working in partnership with other agencies to reduce the incident, severity and cost of serious injuries and looks forward to providing direct support to the proposed LTCCP.

4105 G Wornall

Mr Wornall was in attendance to present his submission on recycling and waste collection services. He is also concerned about rates increases.

4122 S & E Thomas

Mrs Thomas was in attendance and asked that Council and staff consult with relevant ratepayers regarding any work undertaken by TDC or their contractors. She spoke about Ranzau Road west works that she considers were done very unsatisfactorily.

Mayor Kempthorne undertook to follow up on the problems with the work done on Ranzau Road West.

5241 M Boocock

Mr Boocock was in attendance to speak about waste management and recycling.

Cr King asked if Mr Boocock had made submissions to the Waste Minimisation Act.

Mr Boocock said the Act has a lot of good things in it, but he didn't put in a submission. Mr Boocock said he is happy to work with Council and staff looking at options.

4125 Nelson Marlborough Cycle Paths

Mr Gilbertson was in attendance to present the submission on behalf of the group. They asked Council to consult with the group and also local community along the route to develop a viable and useful route. The group is working with Peter Bone who is forming a trust and having discussions with the EDA. A lower grade cycleway is cheaper to provide and will compact over a couple of years, then it could be sealed at a later date.

4209 H & I Rhodes

Mrs Rhodes spoke about recycling and waste collection proposals. She said she avoids Ranzau Road by the school because it is not a good road to be on with cars parked on both sides of the road at school start and finish times.

6875 P Bullock

Mr Bullock said the tourism rate is unfair, ill-advised and illogical. He supports the funding for destination marketing coming from the general rate.

4610 A Swain

Mr Swain was in attendance to speak to his submission on behalf of various clients about development contributions. He appreciates the need for development contribution levies but also considers that there needs to be a fair balance between how much a developer and the rest of the community pay.

4611 Tasman Regional Sports Trust

Mr Muir, Chief Executive, was in attendance to present the submission on behalf of the Trust. The Trust endorses Council's commitment to developing Saxton Field, Motueka Recreation Centre and the Learn to swim pool at the ASB Aquatic Centre.

5224 GIBBONS HOLDINGS LTD AND OTHERS

J McNae was in attendance to speak to the submission on behalf of Gibbons Holdings Ltd and others. She questioned whether the apportionment of projects between growth and the existing population is at an appropriate level. She said the quantum as set out should be reduced to reflect the actual impact of growth and development.

4624 Industrial Contributors to Bells Island water treatment plant

Nelson Pine Industries, Enza and Alliance all have wastewater treated by the NRSBU treatment plant at Bells Island. They are concerned about the proposal to build a rowing facility on Rabbit Island due to the loss of land for biosolids disposal.

5158 B McGurk

Mr McGurk was in attendance to present his submission.

3742 Nelson Softball

Mr H Fletcher was in attendance to speak to Council. The Association is bidding for the ISF Junior Men's Fastpitch Softball World Championship 2012. The majority of the infrastructure will be in place by December 2009. A feasibility is being undertaken at the present time. They are seeking funding for floodlights but don't know how much yet.

Cr King said Council needs a figure and if money is not required for a couple of years, you may need to come back to Council during the annual plan process over the next two years.

4678 Nelson Grey Power

Mr E Miller was in attendance to present the submission on behalf of Grey Power. They support the Local Government Minister's initiatives to overhaul the local government processes.

Mr A Neumann said Grey Power is concerned about how Council expresses the rates increases to the public, mainly talking about general rates. More emphasis is needed on targeted rates, which make a big difference to what the actual increases are.

4679 Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Trust

Mr D Butler was in attendance to present the submission on behalf of the Trust and appreciates Council's support and provision of \$308,800 budgeted for 2012/2013. He asked for the funding to be brought forward a year or two.

1274 S Lees

Ms Lees was in attendance to present her submission on behalf of GE Aware Nelson.

4692 N Wills

Mr Wills was in attendance to speak to his submission. He is opposed to the tourism targeted rate. He believes the proposed system is very unfair. He doesn't believe Council should be contributing to destination marketing for tourism.

4728 R Martin

Mr Martin spoke to Council in support of the proposed aquatic multi sport development on Rabbit Island and its inclusion in the ten year plan.

4745 Green Party

Mr K Hague was in attendance to present the submission on behalf of the Green Party Co-Leader. He spoke about water management.

Cr King outlined Tasman District Council's results in terms of Clean Streams Accord and Council's integrated catchment programme.

Cr Ensor asked what support the Government is giving to water management and what funding is available.

Mr Hague said Minister Carter is indicating water management is more of a priority for the government.

Cr Bryant questioned whether fencing of waterways should be extended to pastoral farms and if so, what sort of waterways. He noted that sheep are more difficult to keep out of waterways than cattle.

Mr Hague said any progress would be good. He suggested looking at whole catchments of river systems. He noted that evidence is there in areas with intensive dairying where the water quality is showing clear signs of being degraded and eroding further. He accepts the practical difficulties, but recommended TDC set standards and start making progress towards the goals.

Cr Glover asked if the Green's are taking steps to encourage Fonterra to monitor more and then take action.

Mr Hague said our position is clearly that the Clean Stream Accord is farcical and won't achieve its goals. There is no evidence that Fonterra's action will achieve water quality goals sought. We're hopeful a national standard can be set.

5234 Nelson Tasman Chamber of Commerce

Chief Executive D Kettle was in attendance to present the submission, supported by G Stocker and G Thomas.

The Chamber believes the proposed tourism rate does not adequately recognise the difference between small bed and breakfast operators and those operators who are running truly commercial businesses. They believe the top tier should only apply to those GST-registered.

Ms Kettle said it is important to plan together with Nelson City Council to meet transport needs.

5182 A Munro & C Hughes

Mr Munro and Ms Hughes were in attendance to present their submission. They believe Council has made judgments which are seriously out of touch with the realities facing our own and future generations.

4997 J Collin

Mr Collin spoke in favour of the rowing/watersport course at Rabbit Island.

Cr Higgins asked for comments on climate change affecting the rowing course.

Mr Collin said there will be immediate benefit if only for 10 or 15 years.

5011 The Order of St John

Ms F Newey was in attendance to present the submission on behalf of St John. They are seeking funding of \$25,000 per year for five years, beginning in 2010/2011 and will be seeking the same commitment from Nelson City Council. They also asked for a one-off donation of \$12,433 towards the operational equipment and maintenance area.

4966 Newton Survey
5023 NZ Institute of Surveyors

Mr P Newton spoke about development contributions.

Cr King asked if Mr Newton thought Council should reduce development contributions by removing projects and retaining deferred zoning for longer, and would that be an acceptable outcome for the community.

Mr Newton said the works shouldn't be deferred, the costs should come from general rate.

Cr King asked if people should be prepared to pay extra because of the desirability to live here.

Mr Newton said why should someone coming into the district buying a new allotment pay the development contribution cost when somebody moving into an existing house does not have to.

Mr Newton doesn't think it is transparent enough. He said the proposed 70% increase for development contributions is totally out of step.

Mr Newton asked that stormwater works proposed for Pohara Valley Road be brought forward to years 1 to 3.

5025 Nelson Millennium Centre Trust

B Monopoli was in attendance to present the submission. She asked Council to include provision for partnering with Nelson City Council in the capital funding of a Regional Performing Arts and Conference Centre in the 2009 – 2019 LTCCP.

Cr Inglis asked whether a convention centre was needed as well as the performing arts centre.

Ms Monopoli said they are different facilities but will be intertwined. The Trustees will take the role of fundraising when there is a project.

Cr Bryant asked which is more important for region and have the greater economic benefit.

Ms Monopoli said the conference centre will have more economic benefit, but the synergy mentioned earlier means the capital cost is lowered by putting the two together and also operating costs. She referred Council to the John Hunt report.

Cr Edgar expressed the view that the most important infrastructure Council should be providing is safe roads, walkways, cycleways etc. With that in mind and with submitters asking for rates to be reduced why should this be prioritised?

Ms Monopoli said the economic benefit would increase the rating base, which would mitigate the costs of supporting the facility.

Cr King said it is not clear whether there will be one project or two projects.

Ms Monopoli said the ultimate ownership, responsibility and structure is still a work in progress to which Nelson Millennium Trust is no more privy to than Council is, but work is ongoing at the moment.

5284 Hockey Nelson

Mr Wilson spoke to the submission on behalf of Hockey Nelson in support of the proposal in the draft LTCCP to allocate \$578,000 in 2009 – 2010 towards the building of a joint pavilion for softball and hockey at Saxton Field.

5033 Nelson Environment Centre

Katy Steele spoke to the submission on behalf of the Nelson Environment Centre. The Centre is keen to work with Council and offer its expertise on environmental matters. They want to be able to prioritise outcomes and measure against them. They would like to see joint work between Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council on waste management. The Environment Centre would also like to be involved. They support one regional transport committee.

Mayor Kempthorne said the two councils are working together on transport.

Ms Steele said it would be more beneficial if the two committees worked together.

Cr Norriss said we had a joint committee which saw Tasman not be able to get one issue on the table in four years.

5116 Mapua and Districts Community Association Inc

D Gallagher spoke on behalf of the Association.

Cr King asked if the Association believes that infrastructure is the key priority over and above other requested expenditure that has been suggested.

Mr Gallagher said the three key issues are agricultural waste dump and mitigation, seawall and bypass.

Cr King said Council is looking for community views on what they see as the priorities, is it infrastructure, halls and/or tennis courts.

Mr Gallagher asked for a master development plan to be completed with community input. The plan should lay out a timeline. For example, there is no sense doing streetscaping before roads and the wastewater scheme. Part of problem is that we haven't had the Mapua Structure Plan in place.

Mr Gallagher said water reticulation in Mapua has a lot of issues and problems and needs to be enhanced, either from Motueka or somewhere else.

Mayor Kempthorne said Council needs all Mapua groups to come together and have a collective voice in their dealings with Council. We need them to help prioritise.

Mr Gallagher said there is no shared vision at the moment. The Mapua Structure Plan has not enough detail to show those groups whether the things they want will be met.

5064 G Thompson

Mr Thompson supports the proposed water sports development at Rabbit Island.

Cr Edgar asked whether Nelson City Council ratepayers should also be helping with funding.

Mr Thompson said he was sure there would be support from Nelson. At Saxton Field they get national tournaments.

Mayor Kempthorne, asked whether Mr Thompson thought travel from Nelson to Rabbit Island would be a difficulty.

Mr Thompson said a lot of rowers are based in Tasman District. There would still be some training done on the harbour. They go on training camps at Lake Rotoroa. Overseas teams could come here to train in their off season.

Crs Riley and Inglis left the meeting at 3.30 pm.

5085 Nelson Tasman Housing Trust

Jenny Leith was in attendance to present the submission on behalf of the Trust.

Cr Glover asked about funding arrangement for healthier homes.

Ms Leith said most of it comes through the Nelson Health allocation, some Eco homes (Ministry of Environment) and some from Nelson City Council by way of reducing fees.

Ms Leith said Council could help by reducing or waiving development contributions, allowing intensive subdivision. The requirement for two car parks for each dwelling at Hart Road development has created problems. Instead of having some three bedroomed dwellings, we've had to go for all two bedrooms. Need some flexibility around negotiating some of these things. By making Council land available, it can be used as Council asset and can get housing innovation funding.

Cr Edgar asked is the Trust able to access funds to enable the Trust to be driver of regional strategy.

Ms Leith said we have some funding for a strategy, but the Trust is reluctant to use that instead of providing housing.

4794 P & B Martin

Mr Martin was in attendance to speak to his submission. They strongly support the introduction of a targeted tourism rate for the district. He said the majority of tourism operations and interested parties agree that destination marketing is vital. He supports Nelson Tasman Tourism. It didn't surprise him that people with small B&Bs objected but it does surprise him that people object to Nelson Tasman Tourism.

5128 Nelson Tasman Tourism

P Davis, P Taylor and D Hiser were in attendance to present the submission on behalf of Nelson Tasman Tourism.

They are concerned at the delay in implementing the Takaka Visitor Centre replacement and the Motueka One-Stop-Shop initiative as these facilities are inadequate now and requested they be included in this ten year plan. They want to work with Council to make a tourism rate work.

Cr Edgar asked how extensive consultation was in terms of complaints received on the tourism rate.

Mr Davis said we held four public meetings, attended by about 95 people, the rate has been flagged in the newsletter several times, a lot of people contacted us. They created a fact sheet and answered a lot of individual questions. Every person on the database has been written to and advised of the targeted rates. We think the consultation has been very extensive.

Ms Hiser said we sent out a huge amount of information.

Cr Edgar asked if Nelson City Council included provision for the additional \$100,000 in its Plan.

Ms Hiser said that Nelson Tasman Tourism was surprised that Nelson City Council did not include the additional \$100,000, as the Council felt we were under funded. We have submitted to their plan.

Cr Edgar asked what the additional \$200,000 would be spent on.

Mr Davis said that more effort would go into online marketing. We need to invest more in that area. He referred to the Auckland TV campaign, noting that Nelson Tasman Tourism does not have resources to undertake such campaigns for this region. He said as the international market place changes we need to compete and be seen in different parts of the world.

Cr Bryant said many people have spoken against the tourism rate, particularly from outlying areas. Many of those people say they haven't heard of Nelson Tasman Tourism, therefore why should they pay the same as people on the main tourist route, eg Kaiteriteri, Marahau.

Mr Taylor said its incredible that people in business of tourism say they haven't heard of Nelson Tasman Tourism.

Cr Norriss said that many submitters believe that smaller B&Bs being on top tier seems iniquitous. He asked what would it cost to have consultation with every tourism operation, and whether Nelson Tasman Tourism then come back to Tasman District Council for more funding to do the consultation.

Mr Davis said Nelson Tasman Tourism would prepare a draft work plan, and then consult on the plan in Murchison, Golden Bay, Motueka and Richmond.

Cr Ensor said a number of people don't understand destination marketing and they say we've got a website and business comes to us. They need to understand the work Nelson Tasman Tourism does in promoting Nelson.

Mr Davis said before anyone chooses to come to NZ they've got to choose this country, then prepare an itinerary, covering the regions they will vist, then products and services, where to stay, what to do, etc. Small businesses might have good websites, but visitors first have to decide to come here and that's what we do.

Mayor Kempthorne asked about the opportunities to extend the number of businesses that are rated including additional retailers and capturing all accommodation providers as well as people who let their homes.

Mr Taylor urged Council to be cautious about a flat rate.

Cr Edgar left the meeting at 4.30 pm.

5164 P Taylor

Mr Taylor spoke to his submission. He encouraged Council to give the policy on proactively seeking sustainable population growth more predominance in its planning.

5186 Kidpower Teenpower Fullpower Trust

C Baumgartner and G Helm (Te Rito Network) were in attendance to speak to the submission on behalf of the Trust. They offer practical strategies for prevention of bullying and violence.

G Helm asked Council to set time apart to have more discussion on the matter of family violence in the Tasman Region.

Mayor Kempthorne said that the community outcomes wording will be reviewed at the next three year review of the Ten Year Plan. He asked if the Trust would be happy to work with Council on it?

G Helm said they would be happy to work with Council.

Cr King noted that Outcome 4 covers what the Trust is wanting included in relation to family violence and that the wording could be adjusted through the review in three years time.

5214 Health Action Trust

Ms V Parker was in attendance to speak to the submission.

Cr King noted that cycleways are great for urban area, but that the key issues for rural areas are unsealed roads.

Ms Parker said safer communities is what we would like Council to focus on.

5192 Nelson Branch Motel Association of New Zealand

P Anderson and B Dalton were in attendance to speak to the submission on behalf of the Association

Mr Anderson said Council should be responsible for putting substantial money into tourism promotion. Council's role should be to co-ordinate and bring industry together to promote tourism, not to run it. A targeted rate isn't getting everyone who benefits. Funding should come from the general rate.

Cr King noted that the Council is putting \$309,000 into Nelson Tasman Tourism from general rates (running I-sites at Nelson, Motueka, Golden Bay, Murchison) that you think should be user pays and we're suggesting a targeted rate for destination marketing which you think should be general rating.

Mayor Kempthorne said Queenstown has a targeted rate and it works well and everyone in business funds through their targeted rate.

Chair:

Date: