

# MINUTES

**TITLE:** Community Services Committee  
**DATE:** Thursday 16 June 2005  
**TIME:** 9.30 am  
**VENUE:** Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

**PRESENT:** Crs P K O'Shea (Chair), E E Henry, M J Higgins, N Riley and E J Wilkins & His Worship the Mayor J C Hurley

**IN ATTENDANCE:** L L Kennedy (Community Services Manager) J K Frater (Manager Property), S E Hartley (Administration Advisor), B Wilkes (Reserves Manager) and M Tasman-Jones (Community Recreation Advisor).

## 1. OPENING, APOLOGIES, WELCOME

Moved Crs E E Henry/N Riley  
CS05/06/01

**THAT apology from S G Bryant be received and sustained.  
CARRIED**

## 2. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Arch Barclay, resident and landowner on Best Island, spoke about the lack of legal access to the Island and township. Several attempts had been made over the years to rectify this situation with a landowner on the Island, but with no success. Mr Barclay suggested that a Council subcommittee be formed to resolve this matter, which would allow him to subdivide land on the island.

Mr Barney Thomas, representing Ngati Rarua Iwi Trust, said the Iwi would have concerns with a road going through the estuary, and suggested that if legal access is to be obtained then the Public Works Act should be used, and there should be treatment plants for sewage and stormwater. Iwi also believed that the islands were occupied by their ancestors and the land could contain archaeological and burial sites.

Mr Rob Mitchell, a resident on Best Island, said he would not like to see a road through the estuary, and although he had sympathy for Mr Barclay, he agreed with Iwi in that the Public Works Act should be used to gain legal access.

Mr Peter Owen, also a resident, agreed that the Public Works Act should be used.

Ms Justine Summers, Bells Island resident asked that the estuary be preserved, and that the current access be retained.

Mr Harry Ten Oever, also a resident, said he bought his property two years ago because he liked the quietness of the area. He also had sympathy for Mr Barclay and his plans, but felt that the current road access and environment should be retained.

Mr Alain Swain said there were problems with access and cross leasing on the island, and the present access was at grace and favour and could be removed at any time. Mr Swain, who was acting for Mr Barclay and the Gillespies, said Best Island was a working suburb of Richmond. There had been a willingness from Council officers to resolve this access issue, and it now needed Council commitment. Mr Swain pointed out that archaeological reports had been done, and said that if this access could be resolved through the Public Works Act it would be great, but was concerned that the process could be held up through the Environment Court for a number of years. He felt it was imperative to get on and solve the major problem of this area.

Mr John Krammer referred to a letter he had received from Council regarding his father's bach at Tapu Bay, outlining the conditions and period of use. Mr Krammer advised that he had complied with the health issue for sewage and grey water, but queried the period of time for occupation. He said his family have nowhere else to go and could not afford to rent a house in town. Mr Krammer also pointed out that the Waimea County Council had passed a resolution that baches were allowed to remain for the term of their parent's natural life.

Mr Colin Robinson spoke about the pool and submissions to annual plan regarding the \$14.00 pool rate; funding for naming rights; and the funding request from the Rugby Union – all to which he objected.

### **3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

#### **3.1 Community Services Committee**

**Moved Crs E E Henry/N Riley  
CS05/06/02**

**THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 5 May 2005 containing resolutions CS05/05/01 to CS05/05/12 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

**CARRIED**

#### **3.2 Grants & Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee**

Cr O'Shea pointed out an error under 2.1 on the paragraph above resolution CS05/05/15, which should read "was agreed to **by** Good Sports Motueka".

**Moved Crs E E Henry/M J Higgins  
CS05/06/03**

**THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Grants & Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee held on 25 May 2005 containing resolutions CS05/05/13 to CS05/05/26 as amended be received.**

**CARRIED**

#### **4. ACTION SCHEDULE**

Mr L Kennedy reported he had had discussions with another person regarding the Marahau Fire Station; that a response was due from the New Zealand Historic Places Trust for the Aorere Centre proposal next Tuesday, and he had updated funding costs from Sara Chapman. If approval was given for the Aorere Centre it was hoped to be completed before the Trafalgar Celebrations scheduled for later this year.

#### **5. REPORTS**

##### **5.1 Chair**

Cr O'Shea spoke to her report on the agenda.

Members agreed that Rose Biss be invited to a future meeting to report on Heritage Subcommittee projects.

##### **5.2 Manager Property**

Mr Frater spoke to his report.

Cr Higgins spoke in support of the Foxhill Tennis Court recommendation, which would ensure the Trust Board is kept alive.

##### **Moved Crs M J Higgins/E J Wilkins CS05/06/04**

**THAT the Community Services Manager have discussions with the Foxhill Hall Trustees for the management and maintenance of the Foxhill tennis courts under the Council's Reserve Management Policy.**

**CARRIED**

Mr Frater advised that he would investigate and come back to the Committee with regard to Mr Kramer's comment about his family's bach in Tapu Bay, and the purported Waimea County Council resolution.

##### **5.3 District Librarian**

Noted report was for information only.

##### **5.4 Reserve Manager**

Reserves Manager Mrs Beryl Wilkes was in attendance, and added to her report that the new Thorps Bush toilets had been damaged during transit from Australia.

##### **5.5 Community Recreation Advisor**

Mr Mike Tasman-Jones spoke to his report highlighting the funding received from SPARC for joint projects in the region; the Communication Kawatiri Workshops had

attracted over 50 artists; and that some nominations had been received for Community Awards.

It was noted that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Community Services Chair usually decide on the Community Award recipients.

## **5.6 Venues for Meetings**

Mr Kennedy spoke to this report, which suggested meeting venues for the Community Services Committee for the remainder of this year.

**Moved Crs N Riley/E E Henry  
CS05/06/05**

**THAT the following meetings/venue schedule be adopted for the Community Services Committee meetings for the balance of 2005:**

<b>28 July 2005</b>	<b>Richmond</b>
<b>8 September 2005</b>	<b>Richmond</b>
<b>20 October 2005</b>	<b>St Arnaud</b>
<b>1 December 2005</b>	<b>Motueka</b>

**CARRIED**

## **5.7 Motor Sports Survey**

Mr Kennedy highlighted that over 20 groups had responded to this survey, and he suggested that a public meeting be convened with motor sport representatives and councillors to discuss the sports future requirements.

**Moved Crs E J Wilkins/N Riley  
CS05/06/06**

**THAT a meeting of representatives from motor sport groups with Councillors N Riley and E J Wilkins and other interested councillors be convened to discuss future motor sport facility requirements for the Nelson/Tasman area.  
CARRIED**

## **5.8 Use of Beach at Mapua by Naturists**

Mr Tasman-Jones clarified that the area referred to in the letter received from R & T Pettinger requesting official recognition as a naturist beach was the western end of Rabbit Island opposite Mapua.

**Moved Crs E E Henry/E J Wilkins  
CS05/06/07**

**THAT the status quo remains, as the western end of Rabbit Island is a popular destination for a range of age groups and activities including walkers, kayakers and cyclists using the forestry path trails.  
CARRIED**

## **5.9 Best Island Esplanade Reserve**

Mr Frater spoke to his report, outlining the history of the access problems and the possible ramifications which could result if Mr Barclay's suggested access over the estuary was instigated. Mr Barclay's proposal would involve revocation of a portion of esplanade reserve for road which could result in possible objections by Department of Conservation and Iwi, and issues with the Foreshore and Seabed Act 2004. Mr Frater also advised that if the Public Works Act was used to acquire land, council had to show that every possible alternative had been explored. He also pointed out that a person who was landlocked could take action under the Land Act against the adjoining landowner.

Committee members discussed the history of the Best Island access and agreed that they would like the issue resolved, but noted that the only support for the estuary access was from Mr Barclay.

**Moved Cr M J Higgins/His Worship the Mayor J C Hurley  
CS05/06/08**

**That the Tasman District Council moves to establish legal road access to the properties on Best Island and embark on a process to achieve this objective.  
CARRIED**

## **5.10 Tasman Walking and Cycling Strategy**

Mr Tasman-Jones pointed out that this strategy is at its final stage, and the Community Services and Engineering Services Departments had responsibility for certain sections of this.

After some discussion, it was

**Moved Crs E E Henry/E J Wilkins  
CS05/06/09**

**THAT the Community Services Committee endorses the Tasman Walking and Cycling Strategy, but points out that the Table of Contents and Page Numbers don't match; suggests that "crashes" be replaced with "accidents" or "incidents"; and further suggests it be noted that truck drivers and cyclists both need to be courteous.  
CARRIED**

**Moved Crs E E Henry/E J Wilkins  
CS05/06/10**

**THAT all reports be received.  
CARRIED**

## **6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

It was agreed that members of the Rural Fire Network be invited to update this committee following their annual report.

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**7. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

**Moved Crs E E Henry/N Riley  
CS05/06/11**

**THAT the public be excluded from the following part of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:**

**Subject: Murchison Proposed Land Purchase**

**The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for passing this resolution are as follows:**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Reasons</b>	<b>Grounds</b>
Murchison Proposed Land Purchase	Consideration of a Report	To enable the Committee to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage

**CARRIED**

**CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.25 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: