

MINUTES

TITLE: Grants and Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee
DATE: Wednesday 26 October 2005
TIME: 1.00 pm
VENUE: Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
PRESENT: Mayor J C Hurley, Crs P K O'Shea (Chair), E E Henry, S G Bryant, T B King and N Riley
IN ATTENDANCE: Crs M J Higgins, E M O'Regan, Corporate Services Manager (D G Ward), Community Services Manager (L L Kennedy), Corporate/Engineering Administrator (V M Gribble)

1 RECEIPT OF MINUTES

1.1 Grants and Facilities Rate Subcommittee – 5 August 2005

Moved Crs Henry/Riley
CS05/10/15

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Grants and Facilities Rate Subcommittee held on 5 August 2005, containing resolutions numbered CS05/08/01 to CS05/08/06 be received.
CARRIED

1.2 Grants and Facilities Rate Subcommittee – 27 September 2005

Moved Crs Bryant/Riley
CS05/10/16

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Grants and Facilities Rate Subcommittee held on 5 August 2005, containing resolutions numbered CS05/09/24 to CS05/09/25 be received.
CARRIED

2 REPORTS

2.1 Project Update

2.1.1 Motueka Pool Complex

Mr Kennedy said the plans have been received from the architect. The estimated capital cost is between \$4 million and \$5 million which is a very broad figure for the concept. Annual operating costs are estimated between \$350,000 and \$480,000 per annum which excludes loan interest and overheads, but includes all pool running costs. The projected annual deficit is around \$100,000.

Mr Ward said it is imperative that in the first instance this Subcommittee discusses the proposal with the Motueka Pool Committee. Subsequent to that Council would prepare and release a brochure to residents within the pool boundary (4,800 rateable properties). This will take place in early December 2005 and will provide details of anticipated capital cost, operating cost, usage numbers and anticipated revenue.

Cr Henry is concerned about the affordability of the pool and also about how it will be perceived in the Motueka community as this is something that they want. She asked if there was a cheaper, affordable version, or is it more affordable to have the Motueka people travelling to Richmond with some help with transport.

Cr O'Shea was also becoming very nervous about the cost of this project.

Mr Ward said the impact on the facilities rate is that it depends on how much money Council puts in and advised that \$2 million has a \$10 impact on the rate.

Mr Ward said the workshop will include members of this Subcommittee, Motueka Ward Councillors and members of the Motueka Pool Complex.

2.1.2 Lake Rotoiti Community Hall

Building Inspectors are working closely with the Hall Committee to get the compliance certificate issued.

2.1.3 Murchison Sports Complex

T Peacock, J Hayward and A Dodge representing the Murchison Sports Complex Committee were in attendance.

Mr Ward said the architects had been asked for a staged proposal for the building. The proposed cost for the entire complex is \$3.1 million. The Complex Committee have considered the report and they wish to proceed with the project in several stages with the first stage not commencing until September 2006 which allows reasonable time for feasibility work and further fundraising.

Cr Bryant said the project has been around for some time and there have been a number of public meetings. It will be a big project, but staging it will allow costs and fundraising to be spread over several years.

Cr O'Regan said this project was what led to the establishment of the Community Facilities Rate. The Committee have put together some concepts for fundraising, together with an appropriate timetable.

Mr Ward read a letter from MP Damien O'Connor offering his full support for the project.

Mr Peacock said the community needs the complex which will be there for future generations. The Committee realises staging the project is appropriate and they realise it will be more expensive, but it will give more time for fundraising. They are looking to start in September 2006 by doing up the second field and shifting the ditch

so there is a full sized rugby field, as the new complex will be on what is the existing rugby field. The grandstand and squash complex will be built later. The project will be undertaken between 2006 and 2008. He said during the winter period the grandstand would be used a lot.

Mr Peacock said there are issues with the squash courts about whether they are needed or not. He said with rugby the junior grades see more parents on the sideline but with higher grades people tend to use the grandstand. He said Murchison will always have a senior rugby side and having a good facility available will be good for attracting more games. He said they have letters from all four rugby unions stating they will use the facility. Mr Peacock said as long as the changing facilities, grounds and function facilities are satisfactory, the schools will continue to use them for tournaments.

Mr Peacock said summer sports have not been investigated yet, but they are open to any other use. The Committee has been in touch with all sports codes who have said they are happy to use the facilities. He said the rugby club was the initial proposer but since then the Committee have pushed it as a multi-use building/facility. They envisage it will be run along the same lines as the Reserve Board.

Cr Bryant said firstly and foremost it will be a sports facility but will also be available as a community hall.

Cr Higgins asked if there were any assets in Murchison that could be sold to fund the new complex. He said if the RSA Hall was sold, they could be offered a room in the complex.

Mr Peacock said discussions were held with the RSA Hall Committee and as returned servicemen they do not want to see their hall disappear. As a Committee they are not prepared to propose that the RSA Hall be sold.

Mr Kennedy said the idea of selling the RSA Hall was not pursued after initial discussions.

Cr O'Shea said there are advantages in considering raising the level of the hall so the grounds can be viewed from inside.

Mr Ward said the purpose of today was to allow the project at its current stage to be presented and the Committee to answer any questions. The Subcommittee needs to request Ward Councillors and staff to continue to work with the Murchison committee on fundraising initiatives. The project proposes to start in September 2006 and there is a requirement that money be available before a tender is let. A resolution will help with applications to trusts and will give plenty of time for timetabling to be put in place.

Cr O'Shea said the project management strategy requires usage projections, ongoing affordability of the facility and the impact, if any, on existing facilities. She asked for assurance that those items have been covered in a feasibility study.

Mr Ward said there was a usage impact presented on 4 March 2005, together with operating figures. An operating budget and revenue were presented to that meeting and they will be reviewed. It was proposed that the complex would be run on a break even operation given anticipated level of support, both externally and internally.

Mayor Hurley supports the project. He said without the community facilities rate projects like this would not happen. Council needs to show there is support. We have to do the financial analysis but it is important at this point of time that something be started. He said there is huge benefit to the community.

Cr Riley agreed with Mayor Hurley, but he wants to make sure that the project does not fail and we need to keep to our strategy so we can be transparent to all ratepayers.

Cr Bryant said the Mayor and Ward Councillors would like to move this along and are looking for a process. The building is well past its use by date and the Committee want to see something happen now.

Cr King said there is no debate about replacing or updating the existing facilities, but it needs to be something the community can afford to fundraise. His concern was that we don't start something that can't be completed. The reason the Moutere Complex was successful was that there was a very short timeframe between start and finish, so costs did not escalate. He said it is an ambitious fundraising target, looking at comparable fundraising around the district.

Cr Higgins asked about the ability of the community to fundraise their share. He noted it was hard to quantify the schedule of activities. He asked if it would be an option to have a one-off levy on the Murchison community to fund the 20%, as the community is a well-defined area.

Mr Peacock said the community believed the \$35 paid was to pay for the complex and they would not appreciate an extra levy on top of that.

Cr O'Shea said she wanted to see financial analysis.

Cr O'Regan supported Cr O'Shea's request for financial analysis. At this point the Committee needs some certainty so it can go back to the community asking for money. The recommendation should have a timeline for reporting back. He said the timeline the Committee worked out is to start in a year's time. To make that happen, other things have to happen first. The Committee needs to know the percentage of funding that needs to be in the bank before building can commence.

Moved Crs Bryant/Riley

CS05/10/17

That the Grants and Community Facilities Subcommittee continue to support the Murchison Sports Complex project in accordance with the Project Management Strategy, and request Ward Councillors and staff to continue to work with the Murchison Sports Complex Committee's fundraising initiatives and staging options and report back to Council by 22 November 2005.

CARRIED

2.1.4 Moutere Hills Community Centre

The final bills are being received for the centre and a financial report will be presented to the next meeting.

2.1.5 Rugby Park Grandstand

Mr Kennedy tabled Progress Report 4. Completion date is 24 February 2006. It was suggested the next meeting of this Subcommittee be held in Motueka so an inspection can be undertaken.

Mr Ward passed on Mr Sturgeon's positive comments about Arrow International in the way they are working with the project committee.

An information brochure is to be sent out to Motueka Ward residents during the week commencing 31 October 2005 providing an update.

2.1.6 Takaka Drama Society Inc

Mr Kennedy said he had held discussions with the group and they are talking about a \$1.5 million to \$2 million project. Council approached Andy Clark who has done some preliminary work on what could be done to the Pohara Hall to meet their needs, eg seating, acoustics, staging.

**Moved Crs King/Henry
CS05/10/18**

**THAT the Project Update report be received.
CARRIED**

2.2 Regional Projects/Community Projects

Mr Ward spoke to the agenda report which assessed current projects that sit within either a regional facilities rate or a community facilities rate. It was suggested "community" be changed to "district".

Mr Kennedy spoke about the Trafalgar Park upgrading where building work would be completed by the end of July 2006 and the contribution from this Council would be required in the 2006/2007 financial year.

Cr King said that any contribution from this Council has yet to be assessed and agreed upon. He said that should Council decide to contribute, the contribution could be made over two years.

Mr Ward reminded the Subcommittee that all items will need to be listed within the LTCCP.

**Moved Crs Henry/Bryant
CS05/10/19**

**THAT the Regional Projects/Community Projects report of 19 October 2005 be received.
CARRIED**

Crs King and O'Regan left the meeting at this time.

2.3 Nelson-Tasman Motorsports Working Group

Mr Kennedy said that the Working Group for the proposed multi-motorsports venue would inspect a proposed location for this facility today. He said that the group will then seek funding from about 30 sub-groups to fund the facility on a leasehold site. The proposed seeding funds of up to \$10,000 would be held by the Council and referred to the recommendation from the Community Services Committee meeting of 8 September 2005.

**Moved Cr Riley/Mayor Hurley
CS05/10/20**

**THAT the Grants and Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee, approves seed funding of up to \$10,000 to the Nelson-Tasman Motorsports Working Group to enable it to undertake a feasibility study for obtaining suitable land and creating a multi-motorsport facility within the Nelson-Tasman area.
CARRIED**

2.4 Tasman Facilities Charitable Trust

The agenda contained a letter dated 26 September 2005 from Tasman Fundraising and Development Ltd recommending that Council establish a Charitable Trust to enable applications for funding and receipts of donations for community facilities within the entire Tasman District.

Cr Henry suggested that a staff report be provided following an assessment of the situation by the Council's Solicitors.

**Moved Crs O'Shea/Henry
CS05/10/21**

**THAT staff provide a report on the proposed establishment of a Charitable Trust for funding community facilities within the entire Tasman District, following referral of this proposal to Council's Solicitors and the report be provided to the next Grants and Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee meeting and the following Corporate Services Committee meeting.
CARRIED**

2.5 Next Meeting Grants and Community Facilities Subcommittee

The next meeting will be held on 22 November 2005 commencing at 9.30 am in Motueka.

Cr O'Shea thanked members for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 3.20 pm.

Chair:

Date: