

MINUTES

TITLE: Community Services Committee
DATE: Tuesday 20 February 2007
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

PRESENT: Cr E E Henry (Chair), Mayor J C Hurley, Crs T E Norriss, N Riley, S J Borlase, E J Wilkins, J L Inglis, M J Higgins, R G Currie, E M O'Regan

IN ATTENDANCE: Acting Chief Executive (L L Kennedy), Minute Secretary (V M Gribble)

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Inglis/Riley
CS07/02/01

THAT apologies for absence from Crs P K O'Shea, S G Bryant, R G Kempthorne and T B King be sustained.
CARRIED

1 PUBLIC FORUM

1.1 J Sharman, Reserves Subcommittee of Coastal Garden Group

Mr Sharman noted that very few people use Aranui Park. The donor of the park, Mr Bernard Wells, requested that the park be planted with trees. The group want to develop Aranui Park for the people to enjoy. There was a need for vehicle access and car parking within the reserve.

1.2 G Thawley

Mr Thawley concurred with Mr Sharman. He said Mr Wells wanted people to go into the park and would have agreed with the proposed accessway into the middle of the park so that older people and people with disabilities could use it. Any future development needs to draw people into the park and he believes the proposed plan will do that.

1.3 J Bryce, Mapua Association

Mr Bryce congratulated the Reserves Committee for the work they have been doing at Aranui Park.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Community Services Committee – 29 November 2006

**Moved Crs Riley/Norriss
CS07/02/02**

**THAT the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 29 November 2006, containing resolutions CS06/11/01 to CS06/11/20 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.
CARRIED**

3 ACTION SCHEDULE

3.1 Tata Beach Reserves Management Plan

38 submissions have been received and the draft review is in progress.

3.2 Draft Pensioner Housing Policy

A subcommittee needs to be appointed to hear submissions. The policy has been publicly notified and submissions close on 28 February 2007.

**Moved Crs O'Regan/Inglis
CS07/02/03**

**THAT Crs Borlase, O'Shea, Henry and Currie be the subcommittee to hear any submissions on the Draft Pensioner Housing Policy.
CARRIED**

4 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Cr Henry presented the Chairperson's report on behalf of Cr O'Shea.

**Moved Crs Norriss/Higgins
CS07/02/04**

**THAT the Chairperson's report be received and the condolences of the Community Services Committee be passed onto Cr P K O'Shea.
CARRIED**

5 PROPERTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Property Manager, J Frater, was in attendance to speak to his report which was contained in the agenda.

5.1 New Staff Member

Susan Mathieson has commenced work in her role as Property Officer.

5.2 Marahau Fire Station

Cr Norriss noted there are only two members of the Association that oppose the proposed siting of the Marahau Fire Station.

Mr Frater said Council has been looking for a new site for 2 or 3 years as the owners of the land the fire station is on presently require the land for further development.

He advised that a meeting will be held next week to consider an alternative site and a recommendation will be put to the next meeting of the Community Services Committee.

5.3 Takaka Library

In answer to a question from Cr Riley, Mr Frater said if there are any subsequent expenses there needs to be savings to offset them.

5.4 Motueka Land for Pensioner Housing

Mayor Hurley said there is an urgent situation that needs to be addressed regarding pensioner housing in Motueka.

Mr Frater has looked at the land proposed and is working on theoretical subdivision plans to maximise the returns and this is being assessed as to market value.

**Moved Crs Norriss/Wilkins
CS07/02/05**

**THAT the Property Manager's Report for February 2007 be received.
CARRIED**

6 DISTRICT LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Mr Kennedy undertook to check with library staff as to what records are kept on computer use.

Cr Henry reported that Friends of the Library had another fundraising evening which was very successful and the funds will be used for buying talking books.

**Moved Crs Borlase/O'Regan
CS07/02/06**

**THAT the District Librarian's report for February 2007 be received.
CARRIED**

7 RESERVES MANAGER'S REPORT

Reserves Manager, Mrs B Wilkes, was in attendance to present her report which was contained in the agenda.

7.1 Cemetery Records Checking

Mrs Wilkes highlighted that record checking is being carried out in Richmond Cemetery which involves a physical check of the headstone comparing information with Council records.

In answer to a question from Cr O'Regan, Mrs Wilkes advised it is the family's responsibility to maintain grave stones, but if no family member can be contacted Council will ensure they are safe.

7.2 Willow Street Information Centre and Car Park

Cr Riley said there is a problem regarding caravans parking on both sides of the road by the Golden Bay Information Centre, restricting access to the supermarket.

7.3 Te Kakau Stream Weed Elimination

Cr Riley said putting shade cloth over the stream seems to be working efficiently in eliminating the weed.

7.4 Pohara Tennis Courts

Cr Borlase thanked Council for upgrading the tennis courts at Pohara.

Cr Inglis congratulated the staff on the upgrading of the tennis courts at Pohara and also the ones at Riwaka.

7.5 Collingwood Hall Toilets

Cr Borlase expressed concern at the cost of putting in an additional toilet at the Collingwood Hall for public use.

Mr Kennedy advised complaints had come through from the Farewell Spit tourist operators saying there are not enough public toilets in Collingwood. Staff are looking at what can be done to reduce the costs of the proposed alterations.

**Moved Crs Riley/Inglis
CS07/02/07**

**THAT the Reserves Manager's report for February 2007 be received.
CARRIED**

8 COMMUNITY AND RECREATION ADVISOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hurley said the events over the summer holidays have been very varied and outstanding.

**Moved Crs O'Regan/Borlase
CS07/02/08**

**THAT the Community and Recreation Advisor's Report for February 2007 be received.
CARRIED**

9 GRANTS FROM RATES APPLICATION

A late application from Nelson Tasman Business Trust for Grants from Rates has been received.

Cr Currie expressed concern that the Trust's application had not been considered.

**Moved Crs Riley/Borlase
CS07/02/09**

THAT:

- a) **the Community Recreation Advisor invite the Nelson Tasman Business Trust to submit their application to the end of the financial year round to be presented to Grants and Community Facilities Subcommittee May/June 2007**
- b) **the level of funding available to be conveyed to the Nelson Tasman Business Trust and that they be advised that other applications may be presented to the Committee at that time.**

CARRIED

10 CUSTOMER SERVICES

The report provided an update to the Committee on the Customer Services Section.

Cr Riley asked for information on the number of telephone calls that are received by the Service Centres.

**Moved Crs Currie/Wilkins
CS07/02/10**

THAT the Customer Services Manager's report dated 12 February 2007 be received.

CARRIED

11 PARTIAL CLOSURE OF CANNINGTON ROAD, ROUGH ISLAND

The agenda contained a report that advised Councillors of the response received from the special consultative procedure for the proposed partial closure of Cannington Road, Rough Island.

**Moved Crs Norriss/Higgins
CS07/02/11**

THAT the part of Cannington Road, as marked on the plan included in the agenda, be closed to through vehicles, leaving an area with a good safe walking track, and further plantings be added to the edge of the estuary to improve bird habitat.

CARRIED

12 ARANUI PARK

Reserves Manager, Mrs B Wilkes, was in attendance to present the report on the progress of the Reserves Subcommittee of the Coastal Garden Group's proposal for the development of Aranui Park in Mapua.

The report contained five options for the Committee to consider and staff recommended that option three be adopted which provides limited car parking within the reserve, with only a short access to the car park. This is a compromise between the various groups and is the option supported by the Wells family.

Mayor Hurley said a reserve where driving was forbidden will be restricted and under-utilised.

Cr Higgins advised that he had visited and walked around the park on several occasions. He commended those that have sought to make something of the development of the park and noted it was Mr Wells intention and hope to draw people into the park and use it. Cr Higgins expressed support for the original proposal pointing out that most of Council's reserves have vehicle access to them.

Cr Norriss queried whether other reserves with roads have noise issues and asked for some indication of costs that have been done on the variance of the two roading plans.

Mrs Wilkes advised that very few complaints on noise at reserves had been received, and said there would be a reduction in cost for the second plan, but upgrading the walkway with hotmix around the barn would take up some of that cost saving.

Cr O'Regan supported the motion as it would reduce the conglomeration of traffic on Aranui Road and would make it easier for the aged and infirm to get right into the park.

Crs Currie and Inglis stated they were not prepared to vote on this matter until after they had undertaken a site visit.

Cr Wilkins wondered whether four car parks would be sufficient.

Cr Henry favoured the staff recommendation as a good compromise and believed in the interest of the vast majority of submitters that it would meet concerns.

Mayor Hurley said if the Committee was unable to make a decision at this point, the matter should be referred to Thursday's Council meeting, which would allow Councillors time to undertake a site visit.

**Moved Crs Higgins/Norriss
CS07/02/12**

**THAT the matter of Aranui Park lie on the table and be referred to the full Council meeting on Thursday 22 February 2007.
CARRIED**

13 PROPOSED HOPE CENTRE

Mr Kennedy spoke to the report contained in the agenda. The Hope Community Church has been operating from their Ranzau Road property since 1913 and are currently planning a new facility to cater for their expanding congregation. Two requests have been received from the Centre, one for financial assistance towards the capital cost of the facility and the other is for a waiver of the \$40,404 development contribution imposed by the Council.

Cr Borlase noted Ranzau School is across the road from the Hope Community Church, which was closer and more convenient than the Hope Hall.

Cr Higgins said this particular facility gets a lot of recreational use by a broad group of people from around the Waimea basin, and asked what would be the possibility of the reserve DILs being credited back to the project.

Mr Kennedy advised that the DILs could be credited back, but the amount would be insignificant.

Cr O'Regan asked for information on how the school contributes to the project, and felt if the Church could come up with 20% of the project cost, they should be treated in the same manner as everyone else for community facilities.

Mr Kennedy said the school used the facilities on a near daily basis for school activities free of charge. He added that the request had been referred to the Richmond Ward Councillors, and if it was to go to the Community Facilities Subcommittee, a further report would be required.

Moved Crs O'Regan/Wilkins CS07/02/13

THAT a further report be brought back to the Community Services Committee with background to the Hope Community Centre, particularly outlining any proposed public use, its use by the school, the value of the project and the reserve DILs attaching to it.

CARRIED

14 HOUSING INNOVATION FUND

Mr Kennedy spoke to the report prepared by the Administration Advisor on the Housing Innovation Fund.

The Committee at their November 2006 meeting discussed a report on pensioner housing issues. The report asked that consideration be given to increasing the number of Council cottages for the elderly, especially in the Motueka area.

**Moved Crs Inglis/Currie
CS07/02/14**

**THAT Council advise Housing New Zealand Corporation that suitable land is currently being investigated in Motueka for council cottages, and that Council wishes to express its interest for funding from the Housing Innovation Fund in the 2007/2008 financial year.
CARRIED**

15 PROPOSED TASMAN AQUATIC MULTI-SPORT DEVELOPMENT AT RABBIT ISLAND

Mr Kennedy spoke to the report on the processes/consents required in relation to the Tasman Aquatic Multi-Sport Development at Rabbit Island and to also discuss some of the pros and cons of such a development.

Cr Borlase asked the significance of this project on the Waimea Estuary.

**Moved Crs Currie/Norriss
CS07/02/15**

**THAT the Proposed Tasman Aquatic Multi-sport Development at Rabbit Island report be received and a copy be forwarded to the Trust for their information.
CARRIED**

16 TASMAN BAYS HERITAGE TRUST

Moved Crs Norriss/Inglis
CS07/02/

**THAT the report on the Tasman Bays Heritage Trust be received and be referred to the Corporate Services Committee meeting on Thursday 22 February 2007.
LOST**

Crs T E Norriss and J L Inglis left the meeting at lunch time.

Mr Ward was in attendance for discussion on this item. He considered the paper and suggestions contained in it should be received as a submission to the Port Company share buy-back process.

Cr Higgins was of the opinion that Council can receive the application and refer it to the consultation round.

Cr O'Regan asked for a chart showing the current Council contribution towards the Museum, both capital and operational.

Amendment

**Moved Crs Higgins/O'Regan
CS07/02/16**

**THAT the letter from Tasman Bays Heritage Trust be received as a submission to the Port Nelson Ltd share buy-back process.
CARRIED**

The amendment became the substantive motion and was CARRIED.

17 CONSERVATION PLAN/OLD MOTUEKA WHARF

Mr Kennedy advised that Planner, Rose Biss will address this matter at a later date.

**Moved Crs Wilkins/Higgins
CS07/02/17**

**THAT the Conservation Plan/Old Motueka Wharf report be received.
CARRIED**

18 INFORMATION ITEMS

18.1 Motueka Recreation Centre

Mr Kennedy tabled a Summary of Events and Programmes for the summer of 2006/2007 from Brent Maru of the Motueka Recreation Centre.

18.2 Fire Appliance

The brand new fire appliance has arrived and is stationed at St Arnaud.

**Moved Crs Wilkins/Riley
CS07/02/18**

**THAT the information items be received.
CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 1.40 pm.

Chair:

Date: