

MINUTES

TITLE: Community Services Committee
DATE: Thursday 14 February 2008
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
PRESENT: Cr S G Bryant (Chair), Mayor R G Kempthorne, Crs T B King, R G Currie, B F Dowler, J L Edgar, B W Ensor, M J Higgins, J L Inglis, T E Norriss, N Riley and E J Wilkins
IN ATTENDANCE: Community Services Manager (L L Kennedy), Reserves Manager (B Wilkes), Administration Advisor (S Hartley), Community Services Administrator (F Wafer), Administration Officer (B D Moore)

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Riley/Inglis
CS08/02/01

THAT apologies from Crs Borlase and Glover for absence and Mayor Kempthorne and Cr Norriss for lateness be sustained.
CARRIED

1 PUBLIC FORUM

Mr G Baton spoke about reserves maintenance at Rabbit Island and expressing disappointment that dogs are taken onto Rabbit Island main beach and rubbish bins are not emptied in the morning and before the weekend. He said the new walkways are good and suggested that tide tables be displayed. He said he did not see the funding for Latitude Nelson in the Annual Plan.

Mr D Butler, Chairman of Brook Waimarama Wildlife Sanctuary, said that the project has started and is seeking funding as it will be a future visitor attraction of national significance. He said that the Sanctuary Trust is raising funds for the pest proof fence and is applying for resource consent from Nelson City Council.

A deputation from the Nelson Ark project was led by Karen Howieson who explained the purpose of this group which provides care for animals by young and old people. She said the group is using the creation of empathy to seek a reduction in violence. The Nelson Ark Trust Board was seeking a lease of part of Council land at Sandeman Reserve adjacent to Lower Queen Street.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Community Services Meeting – 22 November 2007

Moved Crs Inglis/Riley
CS08/02/02

THAT the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on Thursday 22 November 2007 be approved as a correct record.

CARRIED

2.2 Hearing for Exchange of Land, Best Island – 14 December 2007

Moved Crs Higgins/Currie

CS08/02/03

THAT the minutes of a hearing for the exchange of land being esplanade reserve at Best Island, held on Friday 14 December 2007 be approved as a correct record.

CARRIED

2.3 Hearing for Exchange of Land, Waimea West Recreation Reserve – 17 December 2007

Moved Crs Higgins/Ensor

CS08/02/04

THAT the minutes of a hearing for the exchange of land being Waimea West Recreation Reserve, held on Monday 17 December 2007 be approved as a correct record.

CARRIED

2.4 Grants and Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee – 18 December 2007

Moved Crs Edgar/Dowler

CS08/02/05

THAT the minutes of the Grants and Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee meeting held on 18 December 2007, be approved as a correct record.

CARRIED

3 ACTION SCHEDULE

Mr Kennedy referred to progress on the issues of Marahau Fire Station site, motor sports venue, Rabbit Island planning workshop and the Collingwood Tennis Courts matter.

4 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Crs spoke about problems associated with the temporary seating where this had recently been used at Rugby Park, Motueka. Cr Dowler said that there had been a lack of transportation frames for the temporary seating and 40 new frames are being constructed. It had taken eight hours to shift five truckloads. Mr Kennedy said funding was available for these frames and further work is being carried out on the seating management process and a process to number seats.

Cr Bryant referred to the lack of an overall plan/network scheme for the provision of walk/cycleways.

**Moved Crs Bryant/Higgins
CS08/02/06**

THAT the Community Services Committee Chairman's report of 7 February 2008 be received.

CARRIED

5 NELSON ARK (ANIMAL RESCUE COMMUNITY) REQUEST TO LEASE RECREATION RESERVE LAND

The agenda contained a report of 1 February 2008 from the Community Services Manager, about the request from Nelson Ark to lease recreation reserve land at Sandeman Reserve. The proposal is for this charitable trust to establish a teaching/training facility and animal accommodation to deliver the Ark project and programmes. The Nelson Ark sought consent to lease the south west side of the reserve adjacent to Dynea NZ Limited plant.

Cr King arrived at the meeting at 10.05 am.

Cr Currie sought to amend the motion requiring the agreement of Nelson Pine Industries Limited and Dynea NZ Limited to the proposed lease. This was not supported by the Committee.

**Moved Crs Edgar/King
CS08/02/07**

THAT the Community Services Committee agrees to provide a lease of part of the Sandeman Reserve to the Nelson Ark subject to:

- 1 staff negotiating an appropriate area to be leased;**
- 2 a condition being included in the lease document ensuring that any leased area is only used as detailed in the Nelson Ark Business Plan.**

6 COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT – 31 JANUARY 2008

6.1 New Takaka Library Construction

Mr Kennedy reported that the new Takaka Library construction is almost complete with an expected finish date for the building in early March 2008. This work will be followed by the fit out and relocation from the old library. Tenders have been called for the construction of the car park outside the library. Cr Currie sought clarification about the proposed sale or lease of the existing library building. Mr Kennedy said that due to time delays, original proposals for the library building by commercial interests had been lost and staff are continuing to negotiate on potential leases or sale of the existing library building.

6.2 Community Patrols

Mr Kennedy's report advised that a community patrol group had been set up in Richmond in consultation with the police and the Council. Mr Kennedy said that the first patrols commenced on 2 February 2008 and that anything that can be done to reduce the amount of vandalism, will be of benefit to the ratepayer.

6.3 Sports Park Motueka

A rugby game between the Crusaders and Hurricanes had been played at Sports Park Motueka on 25 January 2008 before a crowd of 10,500. This successful event provided an opportunity to showcase the new grandstand, changing rooms and 3,000 temporary seats.

Cr Norriss arrived at the meeting at 10.25 am.

Cr Dowler said that Good Sports Motueka was pleased to have up to 44 volunteers to assist with preparation work including the temporary seating and was grateful to local businesses in providing staff for this work.

**Moved Crs King/Edgar
CS08/02/08**

THAT a letter be sent to Good Sports Motueka congratulating them on the successful rugby event of 25 January 2008 and an open letter be sent to Motueka Golden Bay News expressing the Council's congratulations and thanks to all those concerned and for providing labour and materials to make this a successful event.

CARRIED

7 DISTRICT LIBRARIAN'S REPORT – 14 FEBRUARY 2008

The agenda contained a report from District Librarian, Lisa Oldham, who was currently on leave. Cr Currie suggested that an internet café could be provided in libraries to ensure that they remain popular and viable. Cr Edgar spoke in support of the 'Rocket into Reading' children's programme and how this encouraged children to use the library services.

**Moved Crs Currie/King
CS08/02/09**

THAT the District Librarian's report of 14 February 2008 be received.

CARRIED

8 RESERVE MANAGER'S REPORT – 1 FEBRUARY 2008

The Reserves Manager's report provided an update on capital projects by Ward groupings. Cr Currie said he would appreciate additional information on costs and budget figures and if the projects were completed on time. Cr Riley passed on a comment from Cr Borlase regarding his concern about the lack of a handrail at the

Lake Killarney landing. Cr Wilkins said that further progress needs to be made on the Deck Reserve plaques.

**Moved Crs Currie/Riley
CS08/02/10**

**THAT the Reserves Manager's report of 1 February 2008 be received.
CARRIED**

**9 COMMUNITY AND RECREATION ADVISOR'S REPORT –
31 JANUARY 2008**

Mr Kennedy spoke to this report in the absence of M Tasman-Jones. The items discussed were Tasman Skatepark Tour Review, Swimming Pools Policy and Nelson Tasman Arts Policy.

**Moved Crs Riley/Wilkins
CS08/02/11**

**THAT the Community and Recreation Advisor's report of 31 January 2008 be received.
CARRIED**

10 CUSTOMER SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT – 31 JANUARY 2008

The report referred to extended customer service opening hours to 5.00 pm and also the recent commencement of the scanning of the property files held in the Richmond Office.

**Moved Crs Norriss/Edgar
CS08/02/12**

**THAT the Customer Services report of 31 January 2008 be received.
CARRIED**

11 NATURAL BURIAL PARKS

Linda Hannah of Living Legacies provided copies of a report and spoke about her research trip to the United Kingdom, in June 2007, regarding natural burial parks.

Mayor Kempthorne arrived at the meeting at 11.20 am.

Mr Kennedy said that staff can report on the possibilities and options on the subject of natural burial parks.

12 DRAFT POLICY ON PENSIONER HOUSING

S Hartley and F Wafer were present during the discussion of this item. Mr Kennedy spoke to this report and said that the new proposed pensioner housing rentals, set at

25% of gross national superannuation, agreed to by this committee on 22 November 2007, will mean that the annual pensioner housing income will reduce by \$4,500.00.

Mr Kennedy sought that the Committee is aware of this potential effect that the proposed change has. Cr Edgar suggested that the rental figure could be based on accommodation supplement zones.

Cr Currie provided an example of the difficulty of a pensioner living on the single living alone allowance and that after paying \$80.00 for weekly rent the net figure to live off per week would be \$192.00. He supported the pensioner housing rentals based on 25% of gross income.

Cr Dowler said that the minimum rental should be 25% of gross national superannuation.

**Moved Crs King/Norriss
CS08/02/13**

THAT the Community Services Committee reconsiders its decision to base pensioner housing rentals on 25% of gross superannuation and that staff report back to a further meeting of this Committee.

CARRIED

13 DECLARATION OF SAXTON FIELD LAND AS RECREATION RESERVE

Mr Kennedy spoke to his report of 1 February 2008 which included a copy of the Community Services Committee resolution of 19 September 2007 including the declaration of intent to declare the subject land at Saxton Field as recreation reserve. No public submissions had been received to the proposal for both Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council to declare its respective land at Saxton Field as reserves.

**Moved Cr King/Mayor Kempthorne
CS08/02/14**

THAT in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977, the Tasman District Council resolves that the pieces of land held by it in fee simple and described in the Schedule, are hereby declared to be a Recreation Reserve, subject to the said Act.

Schedule

Area	Description
4.5380 ha	Lot 1 DP 20000
8.0936 ha}	Lot 1 DP 8366
}	Lot 2 DP 8366
5.0639 ha}	Lot 1 DP 361671
}	Lot 2 DP 326169

CARRIED

14 CELLULAR INSTALLATION SITE

The report of 1 February 2008 from the Community Services Manager sought approval for staff to negotiate a satisfactory cellular installation site and lease with Telecom Limited. The proposed site is at Champion Road West adjacent to the pedestrian and cycle access way which adjoins the Craft Habitat property.

**Moved Mayor Kempthorne/Cr Currie
CS08/02/15**

THAT approval is given for the Community Services Manager, Property Services Manager and Reserves Manager to negotiate a suitable site and lease for Telecom Limited, to establish a cellular installation site at Champion Road West.

CARRIED

15 NELSON TASMAN TE RITO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Mr Kennedy spoke to this report of 1 February 2008 contained within the agenda. The report from the Community and Recreation Advisor, M Tasman-Jones, spoke about the Te Rito family violence protection strategy which is a national strategy led by the Ministry of Social Development and was launched in 2002. The strategy's vision is to create a society where families/whanau are living free from violence and the purpose of the Te Rito network is to enable agencies to work together, to form initiatives around family violence in the region.

**Moved Mayor Kempthorne/Cr Edgar
CS08/02/16**

THAT the Tasman District Council signs the Nelson Tasman Te Rito Network Memorandum of Understanding.

CARRIED

16 INFORMATION ITEMS

The agenda contained the following information items:

- 1 Rural Fire Network Limited report for November/December 2007;
- 2 Motueka Recreation Centre report October 2007 to January 2008.

16.1 Murchison Sport and Recreation and Cultural Centre

Cr Bryant reported that structural steel has been erected for the new building and the ditch relocated. He said the organisers now need to raise \$100,000.00 for the fit out. Copies of an attached booklet on the new centre work were tabled.

17 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

**Moved Crs King/Dowler
CS08/02/17**

THAT the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of the matter while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each 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:

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Recommendation

Item	General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution	
1	Land for Housing	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a)	58-62
This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:				

Item

- 1 Enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial negotiations. Section 7(2)(i)

CARRIED

18 RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

**Moved Crs Riley/Wilkins
CS08/02/18**

THAT the open meeting be resumed and the business transacted during the time the public was excluded be adopted.

CARRIED

Cr Bryant thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 12.20 pm.

Chair:

Date: