

MINUTES

TITLE: Community Services Committee
DATE: Thursday 4 December 2008
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
PRESENT: Cr S G Bryant (Chair), Mayor R G Kempthorne, Crs B F Dowler, R G Currie, J L Inglis, T E Norriss, B F Dowler, E J Wilkins, S J Borlase, M J Higgins, G A Glover, T B King
IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (P Wylie), Community Services Manager (L L Kennedy), Recreation Advisor (M Tasman-Jones), Property Manager (J K Frater), Library Manager (L Oldham), Reserves Manager (B Wilkes), Executive Assistant (V M Gribble)

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Currie/Mayor Kempthorne
CS08/11/01

THAT apologies for absence from Crs J L Edgar and N Riley and from Cr G A Glover for lateness be received.

CARRIED

1 PUBLIC FORUM

1.1 B & S Nelson

Mr Nelson spoke about a problem at Towers Bay (Kaiteriteri area) with public access to the beach. He asked Council to arrange public access into the beach.

Cr Glover arrived at the meeting at 9.35 am.

1.2 B F Dowler

Mr Dowler said that internet cafes in Motueka are aggrieved that the Library has now given free access to the internet to members of the public. Business owners would like Council to make the free access conditional upon people being a member of the library.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Community Services Committee – 23 October 2008

Moved Crs Norriss/Currie
CS08/12/02

THAT the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on Thursday 23 October 2008 containing resolutions CS08/10/06 to CS08/10/22 be confirmed as a true and complete record.

CARRIED

3 CHAIR'S REPORT

Cr Bryant tabled his report commenting on major projects that the Community Services Department has been involved in during the year.

Cr Currie congratulated Cr Bryant on the way he has chaired the Committee.

**Moved Crs Ensor/Glover
CS08/12/03**

THAT the Chair's report dated 4 December 2008 be received.

CARRIED

4 REPORTS

4.1 Community Recreation Advisor

Mr M Tasman-Jones was in attendance to speak to his report which provided an update on activities of the Community and Recreation department. He noted that the Motueka Recreation Centre Redevelopment has received \$750,000 from NZ Lottery Grants Community Facilities Funds.

**Moved Mayor Kempthorne/Cr Currie
CS08/12/04**

THAT the Community Recreation Advisor's report dated 25 November 2008 be received.

CARRIED

4.2 Librarian's Report

L Oldham, Libraries Manager, was in attendance to present her report.

Cr T B King arrived at the meeting at 10.30 am.

Discussion was held over the Aotearoa People's Network and access to computers. Ms Oldham said libraries are looking at reserving some computers for locals.

Mayor Kempthorne considered that people travelling will still go to internet cafes because they won't want to wait for access to a computer at the libraries.

**Moved Crs Currie/Glover
CS08/12/05**

**THAT the Librarian's report dated 25 November 2008 be received.
CARRIED**

5 SMOKEFREE PARKS

M Norgate and B Chilvers from the District Health Board were in attendance to discuss smokefree parks and gave a powerpoint presentation.

Cr Dowler expressed concern that if no smoking signs are erected, people who do smoke will not be supporting children at sports events.

Mrs Wilkes said the signs would only be put up on parks which are used extensively by groups in the community. She envisaged that the signs would be put up progressively over future years.

Ms Chilvers said the District Health Board would be prepared to contribute to signage costs.

Mayor Kempthorne supports the initiative and asked staff to talk to the District Health Board and the Cancer Society about funding of the signage.

Cr King said it is vitally important that it is done in the right way, particularly where there are clubrooms on the sportsfields, as there are a lot of volunteers and people who put hours into coaching sports who do smoke,.

6 COMMUNITY PATROL

Constable G Lloyd-Jones and Mr M Gill were in attendance to discuss the community patrol in Richmond.

Mr Gill said there are 27 volunteers, the area covered includes Saxton field, Richmond, Brightwater and occasionally Wakefield. Patrols operate on Friday and Saturday nights from 9.00 pm up to 3.00 am. They check schools, walking and driving around them, Warring car park, Washbourn Gardens, areas around Pak 'N Save. They are grateful for use of a TDC vehicle and have cell phone and Police portable radio. Their primary role is to observe. Police response is good. They have torches, Hi-Viz jackets and first aid kits. The biggest hassle is young people drinking in Richmond who are very mobile and move around. They have a good relationship with Police and TDC.

Cr Ensor commented on the problems at Wakefield. They are having trouble with people coming from Richmond. The community is having a lot of trouble and finding it difficult to deal with.

Mr Gill said Police radio communications do not work in the Wakefield area and when that is improved they will regularly include Wakefield in the patrol area.

Mayor Kempthorne said the community patrol does a marvellous job. He said people recognise the car and know the community patrol helps to reduce the antisocial activity.

Constable G Lloyd-Jones said five young people were caught blowing up letterboxes last week and they have been dealt with by Youth Aid.

7 RURAL FIRE NETWORK

N Eder, Principal Rural Fire Officer, was in attendance and gave a powerpoint presentation on the Waimea Fire Authority.

Cr Inglis left the meeting at 12.00 pm.

8 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

**Moved Cr Higgins/Mayor Kempthorne
CS08/12/06**

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

Library Presentation

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:

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
8.1	Library Presentation	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a)
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:			
Enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial negotiations.		Section 7(2)(i)	

CARRIED

(Refer to Confidential Minute book resolution number CS08/12/07).

**Moved Crs Glover/Borlase
CS08/12/08**

**THAT public meeting be resumed and the business transacted while the public was excluded be adopted in open meeting.
CARRIED**

8 DISTRICT LIBRARY

**Moved Crs Norriss/King
CS08/12/07**

**THAT the Community Services Committee recommends to Council that an additional loan of \$1,300,000 be provided to enable the renovations of the District Library to be carried out, with \$300,000 of this being funded from commercial revenue.
CARRIED**

4 REPORTS (Continued)

4.3 Waimea River Park

Community Services Planner R Squire, M Harding (consultant) and M Conway (Tasman Environmental Trust) were in attendance for discussion on this item.

Ms Squire spoke to the report contained in the agenda which advised the Committee of the work which has been undertaken to date with respect to considering future alternative management options for the 394 hectares of river berm land adjacent to the Waimea River and the lower reaches of the Wairoa and Wai-iti Rivers.

Mr Harding said a management plan should reinforce or respect the primary purpose for which the land was acquired, respond to public interest in support for more proactive management and accommodate or determine the future of some of the existing uses, eg gravel crushing plant, provide certainty for outcomes, and involve the public as best it can.

Cr Glover asked that when the strategy is being considered that plantings other than native be considered.

Cr Currie left the meeting at 2.20 pm.

Mr Conway congratulated Mr Harding on his report and thanked Council staff who have supported him in putting the project together. He said his preferred option was that the land be gazetted as reserve as he has no confidence in non-statutory plans.

Cr Norriss asked if Mr Conway saw a conflict of uses under reserve status, eg motor bikes. He said there could be restrictions on recreational activities under reserves status.

Mr Conway said there should be restrictions on what happens on berm lands for recreation. Recreation would be passive recreation.

Mayor Kempthorne said a non-statutory management strategy is the best option and was surprised at Mr Conway's criticism. He said Council has been wanting to work on this project but is constrained by the amount of money it can put into the project. Council needs to work with the Tasman Environment Trust.

**Moved Cr Glover/Mayor Kempthorne
CS08/12/09**

THAT Council gives notice of its intention to prepare a non-statutory management strategy for the river berm land adjacent to the Waimea River and the lower reaches of the Wairoa and Wai-iti Rivers.

CARRIED

4.4 Customer Services Manager

The report contained in the agenda updated the Committee on the Customer Services section.

**Moved Crs Wilkins/Glover
CS08/12/10**

THAT the Customer Services Manager's report dated 25 November 2008 be received.

CARRIED

4.5 Property Services

Mr Frater spoke to his report contained in the agenda.

**Moved Crs King/Borlase
CS08/12/11**

THAT the Manager Property Service's report dated 24 November 2008 be received.

CARRIED

9 HOCKEY/SOFTBALL PAVILION PROJECT

N Eder and Nigel Tyer gave a powerpoint presentation on the proposed pavilion for Nelson Hockey and Softball Associations.

4 REPORTS (Continued)

4.6 Reserves Manager's Report

Cr Higgins suggested crushed rock be put on Tic Toc Road right down to the Mapua end rather than rebuilt the road back from the estuary edge as previously agreed.

**Moved Mayor Kempthorne/Cr Higgins
CS08/12/12**

**THAT the Reserves Manager's report dated 13 November 2008 be received.
CARRIED**

5 SMOKE FREE PARKS (continued)

Mr Kennedy said it is the influence on young children watching people around them smoking. The signage will not be prohibiting smoking, just encouraging people not to smoke at sportsfields, playgrounds and open space reserves.

Cr King said this doesn't empower anyone to do anything. The downside is that people will think they have the ability to tell people not to smoke.

Mayor Kempthorne said it is educational material and will encourage people not to smoke, but is not compulsory. He said it is about helping children not to start smoking.

**Moved Mayor Kempthorne/Cr Borlase
CS08/12/13**

**THAT the Community Services Committee supports the District Health Board initiative of smokefree sportsfields, playgrounds and open space reserves within Tasman District.
CARRIED**

10 INFORMATION ITEM

10.1 Rural Fire Network

**Moved Cr King/Mayor Kempthorne
CS08/12/14**

**THAT the Rural Fire Network Ltd report for October 2008 be received.
CARRIED**

11 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

**Moved Crs Norriss/Ensor
CS08/12/15**

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

**Tower Bay
Buildings on Esplanade Reserve
Pensioner Housing
Pohara Store Lease**

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11.2	Buildings on Esplanade Reserve	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a)
11.3	Pensioner Housing	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a)
11.4	Pohara Store Lease	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a)

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CARRIED

(Refer to Confidential Minute book resolutions numbered CS08/12/16 to CS08/12/19).

**Moved Mayor Kempthorne/Cr Glover
CS08/12/20**

**THAT open meeting be resumed.
CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 3.45 pm.

Chair:

Date: