

MINUTES

TITLE: Community Services Committee
DATE: Wednesday 16 December 2009
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

PRESENT: Cr S G Bryant (Chair), Mayor R G Kempthorne, Crs S J Borlase, R G Currie, J L Edgar, B W Ensor, G A Glover, M J Higgins, J L Inglis, T E Norriss, N Riley and E J Wilkins
IN ATTENDANCE: Community Services Manager (Mr L L Kennedy), Manager Property Services (J Frater), Reserves Manager (B Wilkes), Community Recreation Advisor (M Tasman-Jones), Libraries Manager (C Bryham), Administration Officer (J A Proctor)

APOLOGIES

**Moved Crs Ensor/Glover
CS09/12/01**

**THAT apologies from Crs King and Dowler for absence be sustained.
CARRIED**

1 PUBLIC FORUM

Rob Ford and Jim Matthews spoke in support of the need for a new cycling velodrome to be located at Saxton Field.

Tara Forde from the Motueka Community Board spoke in support of a portable toilet being located at the Motueka River on the Riwaka side of the bridge from 20 December 2009 to 20 March 2010.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2.1 Community Services Committee – 5 November 2009

**Moved Crs Norriss/Inglis
CS09/12/02**

**THAT the minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on Thursday 5 November 2009 containing resolutions CS09/11/01 to CS09/11/15 be confirmed as a true and correct record.
CARRIED**

2.2 Grants and Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee – 24 November 2009

**Moved Crs Borlase/Edgar
CS09/12/03**

**THAT the minutes of the Grants and Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee meeting held on Thursday 24 November 2009 containing resolutions CS09/11/16 to CS09/11/21 be confirmed as a true and correct record.
CARRIED**

3 REPORTS

3.1 Chair's Report

The Chair, Mr Bryant spoke to his report contained in the agenda.

Moved Crs Norriss/Borlase

**THAT the Chair's report dated 7 December 2009 be received.
CARRIED**

3.2 Community Services Manager's Report – 7 December 2009

3.2.1 Wakefield Bowling Club – Request for Additional Financial Assistance

Cr Edgar took no part in the discussion regarding the Wakefield Bowling Club item.

Cr Higgins questioned the security of the project and staff advised that membership of the Wakefield Bowling Club had doubled over the past 3 years and that the twilight series had attracted 250 members already. It was stated that the club had provided a new lease of life for an area that had experienced large growth in recent years. The all weather surface was inexpensive to maintain and would encourage people to use the facility from all over the Nelson region.

Mayor Kempthorne arrived at 9.47 am.

**Moved Crs Bryant/Norriss
CS09/12/04**

**THAT an additional grant of \$50,000 be made to the Wakefield Bowling Club making the Council's total contribution to the new synthetic bowling green \$100,000 and that such funds be paid from the Waimea/Moutere Reserve Financial Contributions Account.
CARRIED**

3.2.2 Motueka River – Request for a Portable Toilet

A letter had been received dated 14 December 2009 from the Motueka Community Board supporting the provision of a portable toilet being located at the Motueka River on the Riwaka side of the bridge from 20 December 2009 to 20 March 2010.

Cr Borlase stated that by providing a toilet it may encourage campers to stay for longer than 24 hours.

Cr Inglis stated that the area was frequented by not only freedom campers and that it was difficult to police the situation.

Cr Dowler expressed his concern regarding the recommendation via e-mail.

Cr Riley stated that the problem of freedom camping and spoiling of the area would continue and that campground owners had expressed their concerns to him regarding the proposal.

Cr Glover stated that freedom camping was a national problem that needed to be addressed and was in support of the resolution.

Cr Wilkins stated that Keep Motueka Beautiful had provided a toilet fixed to a trailer that had been vandalised. Cr Wilkins continued that there were merits and disadvantageous to the proposal and could support the proposal in principle but felt it would encourage freedom camping which in turn created a further problem.

Cr Edgar stated that the trial would provide the council with the opportunity to evaluate the situation and would aid any future decision making however, the lack of financial information relating to the project was of a concern.

Cr Currie requested how many people were freedom camping in the vicinity of the Motueka River and that more information needed to be provided prior to making a decision. There was a concern that there would be further requests for toilets within the region if the proposal was approved.

Cr Ensor stated that the problems surrounding freedom camping had not been resolved and that there was a need to start policing the issue.

Cr Norriss spoke against the proposal as no costings had been provided and stated that a recent public meeting in Motueka had shown that the majority of the people were against the idea. He continued that where toilets had been provided in other locations, problems arose regarding maintenance of the toilet and surrounding area which was an additional unwarranted financial burden for ratepayers.

Cr Bryant spoke against the proposal and stated that people needed to take responsibility for their own actions and that it may lead the way for further requests for facilities.

Mayor Kempthorne spoke in favour of the trial but stated that the parks and reserve budget going forward would be constrained. If the proposal was approved it would

mean that other identified projects may miss out on funding. Mayor Kempthorne acknowledged that freedom camping was prevalent within the district and that there was a growing problem with people defecating by the Motueka River.

Moved Crs Higgins/Mayor Kempthorne

THAT a portable toilet be located at the Motueka River on the Riwaka side of the bridge from 20 December 2009 to 20 March 2010.

A show of hands was called for and the resolution was lost, 7 votes to 5.

LOST

3.2.3 Sportshouse Lease – Saxton Stadium

Mayor Kempthorne declared a conflict of interest in the Sportshouse Lease at Saxton Stadium issue but stated that he was fully supportive of the recommendation. Mayor Kempthorne left the meeting at 10.26 am and took no further part in the discussion or vote.

**Moved Crs Edgar/Norriss
CS09/12/05**

THAT the Tasman District Council agree to contribute to the funding of the loan repayments for the Sportshouse loan as follows:

- 1. \$12,000 in 2009/2010**
- 2. \$24,000 in 2010/2011**
- 3. Such funds be provided from the Saxton Field development funds;**

AND that Council's contribution be reviewed if sub letting takes place of the existing Tasman Regional Sports Trust premises located at Rutherford Street, Nelson.

CARRIED

**Moved Crs Glover/Ensor
CS09/12/06**

THAT the Community Services Manager's report dated 7 December 2009 be received.

CARRIED

4 Waimea River Park Draft Management Plan

Mayor Kempthorne returned to the meeting at 10.58 am.

Mr Mike Harding provided a Power Point presentation on the Waimea River Park Draft Management Plan.

Councillors thanked Mr Harding for his presentation.

Mr Harding confirmed that licences for shooting in the park were issued and managed by Fish and Game New Zealand.

In response to questioning Mr Harding confirmed that the only animals permitted in the park were dogs under control and horses and that it was not the council's intention to remove grazing leases.

The Waimea River Park Draft Management Plan was non statutory and the proposal was being presented for public comment. Staff also advised that the park had been purchased for river control purposes and was freehold land.

Mr Harding stated that the aim was to encourage restoration where practicable and that a large amount of planting had been undertaken by various community groups and Fish and Game New Zealand.

In response to questioning, staff advised that income received from leases was deposited in the river works account and used to offset costs of managing the park.

Concern was expressed regarding rubbish in the park and it was stated that by restricting vehicle access and increasing the fines associated with dumping, then this issue should reduce dramatically. The discussion continued that popular spots within the park should be made easily accessible for people and that some activities that were not in tune with other users, were not permitted. The submission process would be of assistance in this regard.

It was acknowledged that the involvement of the Tasman Environmental Trust going forward was positive.

A discussion ensued regarding removing the gravel processing plants from within the park. The location of the processing plants and stock piles of gravel were not in line with the river management plan.

It was suggested that Councillors undertake a site visit once submissions had been received and reviewed.

**Moved Crs Norriss/Currie
CS09/12/07**

**THAT the Community Services Committee approves the Waimea River Draft Management Plan December 2009 and the release of the plan for public comment.
CARRIED**

5 Manager Property Services Report – 8 December 2009

Cr Edgar left the meeting at 11.52 am.

Manager Property Services, Mr Frater spoke to his report contained in the agenda.

The purpose of the report was to provide the Community Services Committee with an update on various issues.

**Moved Crs Borlase/Glover
CS09/12/08**

**THAT the Manager Property Services Report dated 8 December 2009 be received.
CARRIED**

6 Golden Bay Medical Centre – 9 December 2009

Manager Property Services, Mr Frater spoke to his report regarding the Golden Bay Medical Centre boundary adjustments.

The purpose of the report was to provide the additional information requested at the November Community Services Meeting regarding the proposed boundary adjustment and sale of the Golden Bay Medical Centre property.

**Moved Mayor Kempthorne/ Cr Currie
CS09/12/09**

THAT the intention to undertake a boundary adjustment with the Golden Bay Medical Centre property and the land at the rear of 189 Commercial Street, Takaka be confirmed; and

THAT the balance of the land after the boundary adjustment at the rear of 189 Commercial Street, Takaka be marketed with the property at 185 Commercial Street with the balance of the loan on that property being deducted from any sale proceeds.

CARRIED

7 Libraries Manager's Report – 1 December 2009

Libraries Manager, Ms Bryham spoke to her report contained in the agenda.

The purpose of the report was to provide the Community Services Committee with an update on various issues.

Staff advised that the Summer Reading Programme had been extremely well received by the public. Space and staff time limited the numbers but in excess of 240 people across the district used this service.

In response to questioning, staff advised that statistics relating to internet sessions would be available at the next Community Services meeting.

**Moved Crs Glover/Wilkins
CS09/12/10**

**THAT the Libraries Manager's report dated 1 December 2009 be received.
CARRIED**

8 Community Recreation Advisor's Report – 7 December 2009

Community Recreation Advisor, Mr Tasman- Jones spoke to his report contained in the agenda.

The purpose of the report was to provide an update on activities to the Community Services Committee on the Community and Recreation department.

Cr Norriss spoke about the pump track located at the Ngatimoti reserve which had been completed with the aid of many volunteers.

**Moved Cr Borlase/Mayor Kempthorne
CS09/12/11**

THAT the Community Recreation Advisor's Report dated 7 December 2009 be received.

CARRIED

9 Reserve Manager's Report

Mr Kennedy spoke to Reserve Manager, Ms Wilkes report contained in the agenda.

The purpose of the report was to provide the Community Services Committee with an update on capital projects and items of interest.

**Moved Kempthorne/Borlase
CS09/12/12**

THAT the Reserve Manager's Report be received.

CARRIED

10 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Cr Currie left the meeting at 12.29 pm.

**Moved Crs Wilkins/Borlase
CS09/12/13**

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

Laura Ingram Kindergarten
New Zealand Cycleway Concept Proposal

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:

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
Laura Ingram Kindergarten New Zealand Cycleway Concept Proposal	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7 Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a) 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 interests protected by Section 6 or 7 of the 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:

Reason to withhold information under Section 7	Section
Enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial negotiations. Protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence.	Section 7(2)(i) Section 7(2)(i)

CARRIED

(Refer to Confidential Minute Book resolutions numbered CS09/12/14 and CS09/12/15.

**Moved Crs Riley/Inglis
CN09/12/16**

THAT public meeting be resumed and that Resolution CN09/12/14 be released to the public after 18 December 2009.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 12.50 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: