

# MINUTES

**TITLE:** Tasman District Council  
**DATE:** Wednesday 18 May 2011  
**TIME:** 9.30 am  
**VENUE:** Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street,  
Richmond

**PRESENT:** Mayor R G Kempthorne (Chair), Crs M L Bouillir,  
S G Bryant, B F Dowler, B W Ensor, G A Glover, J L Inglis,  
T B King, Z S Mirfin, C M Maling, T E Norriss, E J Wilkins

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Strategic Development Manager (S Edwards), Executive  
Assistant (V M Gribble)

## APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Ensor/Glover  
CN11-05-03

THAT apologies from Crs N Riley and J L Edgar for absence be received.  
CARRIED

## 1 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2011/2012

### 1.1 Sport Tasman (1182)

N Muir and D Tippett were in attendance to present the submission on behalf of Sport Tasman.

Mr Muir said they are working with sporting codes to put proposals together for development and one is rugby league that has same field dimensions as rugby union. Grass-based sports are easy to incorporate.

Mr Muir said hockey has seen double the number of kids this year and part of that is that the facilities are great. They want to get more multi-sport code opportunities at Saxton and have artificial turf for many sports, eg cricket, hockey, touch, rugby league and school groups doing activities during winter when the grounds are often muddy. The cheapest artificial turf is \$600,000 plus lights. It would have a 10 – 15 year life span.

Mr Tippett said college rifle clubs in Auckland have artificial turf which has been successful and maintenance is less than real turf.

In response to a question, Mr Muir said minimal support was being sought from Council, maybe advertising and some staff time.

## **1.2 Ms Liz Hegarty (Nelson Regional EDA) (725)**

Ms Hegarty spoke about the Nelson Tasman Connections, a youth transition monitoring service and thanked the Council for its contribution to the service.

Ms Tania O'Donnell gave an overview of the youth transition monitoring service.

A question was asked about the recession and if it is making it more difficult for youth to find first jobs, especially those in rural areas.

Ms O'Donnell said transport is a problem and also a lot of young people are wanting to get into trades which is difficult at this time.

## **1.3 Mr R Bensemamm (TBfree New Zealand) (727) and (Animal Health Board) (877)**

Messrs R Bensemamm, J Dalzell, M Hall, P Broady, J King and Ms B Monopoli were in attendance.

Mr Bensemamm noted the TB scheme provides significant benefits.

Mr Dalzell thanked Council for its contribution to the programme. In interests of the stakeholders and TB programme, they requested that Council increase the amount stated in the 2011/2012 Draft Annual Plan to \$285,000 which would enable Animal Health Board to implement a programme of \$2.8 million.

A question was asked about progress with deer repellent.

Mr Hall said most of the area treated is DOC land and they determine whether we can use deer repellent. We have it as a tool, but DOC have the final say about whether it is used.

Mr Dalzell said regional councils fund 10% of the costs of control operations and Crown and other agricultural industries fund 90%.

## **1.4 Ms J Ellison (827)**

Mrs Ellison spoke in support of her submission that encouraged Council to bring funding forward for the Saxton Field cycling track.

## **1.5 Mr P Rickards (869)**

Mr Rickards encouraged Council to make Nelson the biking capital of New Zealand. He commented on road surfaces in the area that are unsuitable for cycle racing and cause accidents and made some suggestions for specific races in the area. He asked that smaller chip be used on the edges of roads which would help significantly with safety of cyclists. He said the drainage on the new cycleway along the deviation is ineffective.

Mr Rickards said there is no better place in the country, the Moutere and mountains are stunning areas to ride in. We need a destination place in this region.

Discussion ensued on the issue of the chip seal size.

Mr Rickards said he isn't wanting hot seal everywhere, but would like to identify some potential international circuits through the Moutere, but even a finer surface would be more beneficial. He said heavy chip seal has been put at Waimea West and on the time trial surface since the accident that was mentioned.

**1.6 ABC Nelson (886)**

Mr B Say, Chairperson Association of Blind Citizens, was in attendance. He requested Council to include money for digital talking book players in the Annual Plan.

**1.7 Mapua Tennis Club (888)**

Mrs B Ryan was in attendance and asked Council to upgrade the Mapua Tennis Courts. They are seeking two lock-up astro-turf courts which will still leave two tennis courts available for the public.

**1.8 Mr Malcolm Saunders (964)**

Mr Saunders was in attendance and spoke in support of the central Richmond business area developments.

**1.9 Cycling Tasman (967)**

Messrs G Campbell, and M Cameron (Cycling Tasman Academy), were in attendance to speak to the submission in support of the Saxton Field cycling track. Mr Cameron said it would be a great facility for cycle safety programmes as well as racing.

**1.10 Ms Julie Catchpole and Mr Ian McLellan (The Bishop Suter Trust) (1068)**

Ms Catchpole asked Council to allocate to the Trust capital funding, consider increasing the operational grant and consider funding depreciation.

Questions were asked relating to operating costs and depreciation.

Mr McLellan said financials have been prepared for 20 years so the full costs are known.

Mr McLellan said it wouldn't have to be funded in cash, but a way forward would be recognised on the books, but the commitment for cash comes when a development plan is put up.

The hearing adjourned for lunch at 12.30 pm.  
The hearing resumed at 1.10 pm.

**1.11 Mr R Heath (1071)**

Mr Heath expressed concern about rates affordability and Council debt.

#### **1.12 Industrial Water Users (1072)**

Mr P Wilson spoke on behalf of Nelson Pine, ENZA and Alliance, as the industrial water users. He spoke about negotiations on a new written agreement which have stalled and now awaits mediation. He reiterated his views on why the industrial water users should pay less than residential users. He questioned why the price of urban water has risen so much in the last few years.

#### **1.13 Mr T Broad (1073)**

Mr Broad is concerned about the financial state of the Nelson Provincial Museum. He doesn't believe the Museum will ever be in a position to repay the \$2.4 million loan.

#### **1.14 Mr G Batten (1077)**

Mr Batten asked Council to delete the general rate funding for Nelson Tasman Tourism Ltd. He suggested the money saved could be applied to the Tasman Loop cycleway.

#### **1.15 Dovedale Water Scheme Management Committee (1094)**

Ms Sue Rewcastle advised that the increase to the Dovedale water scheme is opposed by the Dovedale Water Scheme Management Committee in the absence of financial information on the capital expenditure.

#### **1.17 Marine Farming Association Inc (1097), Golden Bay Ring Road Farming Ltd (1098), Tasman Bay Ring Road Farming Ltd (1099), Golden Bay Ring Road Spat Catching Ltd (1100), Tasman Bay Ring Road Spat Catching Ltd (1101)**

Messrs M Hunt and G Coates tabled a supplementary submission and spoke on behalf of the groups. They do not accept the changes in the voluntary mussel and spat backbone levy and in particular the uncertain quantum of the proposed levy.

They would like Council to withdraw or review the schedule of charges in favour of a commitment to reaching agreement on a model that is sustainable, reasonable and transparent without a fixed point.

The meeting was advised that a meeting has been scheduled with the aquaculture people for July 2011.

Cr King left the meeting at 2.30 pm.

#### **1.18 Nelson Provincial Museum (1106)**

Ms S Chapman and Mr Millward were in attendance to present the submission on behalf of the Nelson Provincial Museum. They sought an increase of \$67,000 in the base grant from Council (with \$67,000 also coming from Nelson City Council) in order to appoint three staff to undertake a complete inventory of the Collection.

**1.19 Nelson Historic Theatre Trust (1103)**

P Rainey, C Hatton and J Marthen were in attendance to present the submission on behalf of the Nelson Historic Theatre Trust. The Trust requested a grant of \$50,000 per annum to support and consolidate the operation of the Theatre Royal.

The submitter was asked for a copy of the Trust's financial papers.

**1.20 Department of Conservation (1105)**

Mr S Wynn-Jones was in attendance to present the submission on behalf of the Department of Conservation. The Conservation Board doesn't support deleting funding for estuary reserve land purchase.

**1.21 Mr D Field (1104)**

Mr Field was in attendance. He considers the Draft Annual Plan is excessively wordy and believes Council should reduce expenditure on parks and reserves. He supported TB vector control. He supports use of targeted rates and also maximising the UAGC.

**1.22 Mrs J Gordon (1107)**

Mrs Gordon tabled and spoke to her submission in support of sealing Gibbs Valley Road.

**1.23 Mr J Levy (1108)**

Mr Levy spoke to his submission which supported sealing Gibbs Valley Road and asked that the work be reinstated into the 2011/2012 Annual Plan.

**1.24 Mr C Gibbs (1109)**

Mr Gibbs tabled and spoke to his submission which asked for alignment and sealing of Gibbs Valley Road as was signalled two years ago.

**1.25 Mr J Matthews (782), Bike Nelson (1127), Mr R Ford (1126)**

Messrs Matthews and Ford were in attendance and spoke in support of the cycling track at Saxton Field.

**1.28 Hockey Nelson (1176)**

Mr A Matheson was in attendance to speak to the submission of Hockey Nelson which asked for a contribution towards the replacement of the old sand turf surface at the hockey facility at Saxton Field.

**Moved Crs Bryant/Bouillir  
CN11-05-04**

**THAT the meeting of Full Council held on Wednesday 18 May 2011 may continue until all business on the agenda has been dealt with in accordance with Standing Orders 3.3.7.  
CARRIED**

**1.29 Wakatu Incorporation (1185), Ngati Rarua Atiawa Iwi Trust (1186) and Tiakina te Taiao Ltd (1195)**

Messrs M Ingram, J Katene and Ms K Stafford were in attendance to present the submissions on behalf of Wakatu Incorporation, Ngati Rarua Atiawa Iwi Trust and Tiakina te Taiao Ltd.

Discussion ensued on a range of matters, including:

- The relationship of tangata whenua over their whenua (land), moana (sea), wai (water), awa (rivers), maunga (mountains) within their rohe.
- Manawhenua representation on Council and Council Committees.
- Increased funding for Tiakina's participation in Council policy process and resource consent processes.
- Financial support for the two urupa (cemeteries in the Motueka area.
- Financial support for marae development in the District.
- The Treaty settlement process and iwi advisory committee for water.
- The impact of increases in fees and charges constraining development.
- The Motueka flood control proposal; iwi and land owner views on the proposal; the proposed alignment of the stopbanks; beneficiaries of the flood control proposal; who should pay; and access to the river.
- Rates increases

The meeting concluded at 5.56 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: