

# MINUTES

**TITLE:** Environment & Planning Committee  
**DATE:** Wednesday, 13 September 2006  
**TIME:** 9.30 am  
**VENUE:** Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

**PRESENT:** Councillor R G Kempthorne (Chair), Mayor J C Hurley, Crs R G Currie, L J Inglis, E J Wilkins, N Riley, T E Norriss, P K O'Shea, S G Bryant, M J Higgins, E E Henry, S J Borlase and R M O'Regan

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive (R G Dickinson), Policy Manager (G S Markham), Manager Consents (J Hodson), Policy Planner (R Biss), Policy Planner (S Leusink-Sladen), Environmental Health Officer (D Lewis), Environmental Health Officer (G Caradus), Administration Officer (B D Moore)

## APOLOGIES

**Moved Crs O'Regan / Borlase  
EP06/09/11**

**THAT apologies from Cr King for absence and Crs Bryant and Riley for lateness be sustained.  
CARRIED**

## 1. PUBLIC FORUM

R Lukomski of Old Coach Road, Upper Moutere spoke about the concerns regarding motorbike noise on adjoining property where a motocross track has been established and creates problems with noise, dust and nuisance.

S Rutledge, President of the Nelson Motorcycle Club, spoke about the number of members and events held during the year and that the activities of riders can only be controlled by the Club. He pointed out that this is not the same as private recreational riders activities.

J Pope, Secretary Nelson Motorcycle Club, said that the Club had not received anything about the proposed Code of Practice and that motorcycle shops had also not received copies of the draft code. She spoke about the wide age range of members and that riders use private forest areas.

P Searancke expressed concern about the restrictions on landowners' use of their land and that everything in the draft code is compliance driven. He questioned who was pushing this proposal.

D Craig, Motocross Commissioner of Motorcycle NZ, said that this association carries out noise level checks at its meeting. He said that an international set of standards is used.

R May of Orinoco said he is both a motorcyclist and a landowner and lives near two motorcycle tracks. He spoke about the noise issues involving casual users of tracks and said he would support regulations in the PTRMP for the control of recreational motorcycling effects.

## **2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Chairman directed that the minutes for the meeting of 23 August 2006 be deferred for confirmation at a later date.

## **3. DANGEROUS DAMS POLICY**

Policy Planner, N Jackson, advised that some submissions had been received on the proposed policy and following the preparation of a report the matter would be referred to a future meeting of this Committee.

## **4. RECREATIONAL USE OF MOTORBIKES – REPORT EP06/09/03**

The agenda contained a report of 6 September 2006 from Policy Planner, R Biss, which informed the Committee of the results of a four month trial of the voluntary Code of Practice for the recreational use of motorbikes. The Code was intended to manage the environmental effects of recreational motorcycling in the district and was trialled for a four month period from November 2005 to February 2006. A working group comprising Crs Kempthorne, King, Wilkins and staff have met three times since the trial period ended, to consider feedback received on the Code.

Ms Biss said that some Council staff would like the proposed noise rule altered where this requires that the activity comply with the noise conditions for the relevant zone.

Environmental Health Officer, D R Lewis, said that the present Code cannot be enforced as a voluntary document and that compliance staff see it as unenforceable. Mr Lewis said that he was not happy with the proposal of exercising control by a noise level. Mr Caradus said that most of the proposed conditions can be measured and enforced by anyone but the technical noise measurements can differ and only the qualified staff members can carry out that work.

**Moved Crs Henry / O'Regan  
EP06/09/12**

**THAT the working group is requested to address the issues discussed today encompassing report EP06/09/03 Temporary Activities Code of Practice Recreational Use of Motorbikes and report back to a future meeting.  
CARRIED**

**5. DESIGN GUIDE FOR SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT – COASTAL TASMAN AREA - REPORT EP06/09/04**

Policy Planner, S Leusink-Sladen, guided the Council through her report of 4 September 2006 and the revised design guide. She advised that the first draft of the revised design guide was introduced to this Committee in March 2006. Her report listed the key changes which had been carried out prior to this design guide being reported back to the Committee for a second time. There was considerable discussion about the location specific guidelines in particular proposals to confine building development to the areas below stated contour lines and the avoidance of development on visually prominent internal ridges and land forms.

**Moved Crs O'Regan / Inglis  
EP06/09/13**

**THAT the Resource Management Policy Committee:**

- 1. Receives report EP06/09/04, Design Guide for Subdivision and Development Coastal Tasman Area;**
- 2. Approves the design guide less the Chapter 5 Location Specific Guidelines for release as a draft variation to the PTRMP.**

**CARRIED**

**5.1 Chapter 5 Location Specific Guidelines**

Cr Kempthorne noted the Committee's wish to further revise the draft guidelines and seek further advice.

**Moved Crs O'Shea / Norriss  
EP06/09/14**

**THAT Chapter 5, Location Specific Guidelines within the Coastal Tasman Area, be taken by staff in consultation with the Mayor, Cr Kempthorne and Cr Higgins and look at input by industry players and report back to the Resource Management Policy Committee.**

**CARRIED**

Cr Riley left the meeting at 2.15 pm.

**6. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

**Moved Crs Bryant / O'Regan  
EP06/09/15**

**THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:**

Live Appeals Cluster of Seven Briefing (Natural Areas, Land Disturbance, Riparian Management, Wetlands)

The general subject of the matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the 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
Live Appeals Cluster of Seven Briefing (Natural Areas, Land Disturbance, Riparian Management, Wetlands) <b>CARRIED</b>	To receive policy advice	Section 48(1)(d)

**Moved Crs Inglis / Currie  
EP06/09/16**

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

Cr Kempthorne thanked Councillors for their attendance and the meeting closed at 4.30 pm.

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**Date Confirmed:**

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**Chair:**