

MINUTES

TITLE: Environment & Planning Committee
DATE: Thursday, 21 September 2006
TIME: 8.30 am
VENUE: Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond.

PRESENT: Cr R G Kempthorne (Chair), Mayor J C Hurley, Crs E M O'Regan, S J Borlase, R G Currie, E E Henry, M J Higgins, J L Inglis, N Riley, T B King, T E Norriss, E J Wilkins.

IN ATTENDANCE: Manager Consents (J Hodson), Tarakohe Harbour Manager (R Askew), Harbourmaster (G Caradus), Honorary Enforcement Officer (T Rowling) and Administration Officer (B D Moore).

APOLOGIES

**Moved Crs O'Regan / Inglis
EP06/09/19**

**THAT the apologies for absence from Crs O'Shea and Bryant be sustained.
CARRIED**

1. HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL'S NAVIGATION SAFETY BYLAW

Harbourmaster G Caradus introduced the subject of Kaiteriteri Bay maritime management and together with Captain Tom Rowling, provided background on the use and development of Kaiteriteri Bay particularly in relation to water ski-ing and usage by other vessels.

**Moved Crs O'Kempthorne / Norriss
EP06/09/20**

**THAT the editorial and administrative amendments to the Navigation Safety Bylaw be adopted.
CARRIED**

2. PORT TARAKOHE AND PORT MAPUA – PORT USER CHARGES

Mr R Askew, Port Tarakohe Administration Manager, spoke to a submission containing the proposed charges for wharfage for the ports of Tarakohe and Mapua.

Golden Bay Community Board member Mr J Bell read a further submission from the Golden Bay Community Board which supported the retention and collection of the \$9.75 charge for fish and shellfish landings at Port Tarakohe. The Board also supports the setting of a storage charge for goods and equipment left within the Harbour environs.

3. PRESENTATIONS OF SUBMISSIONS REGARDING KAITERITERI BAY

Mr J Loftus of Goodall Place, Little Kaiteriteri, expressed opposition to the use of Little Kaiteriteri for water ski-ing. He recommended that the area provided for swimming be changed to adjoin the Estuary outfall near the main beach.

Mr A M Hamilton tabled and read a further submission, opposing the establishment of a water ski access lane at Little Kaiteriteri Beach. He spoke about the shortage of carparking and boat parking in the Little Kaiteriteri area and the erosion that has occurred adjacent to the beach.

Mr K Waller, a resident of Ruby Bay, said that he uses a caravan at Kaiteriteri and opposed the use of Little Kaiteriteri for a ski access lane which would take a 120 metres wide section of the beach away from the use by swimmers. He spoke of the potential problems with the parking of boat trailers which currently park on the roadsides and within the Reserve.

Mr L A Lumsden, a property owner of Little Kaiteriteri, opposed the alteration of the Kaiteriteri Marine management and the proposed water ski lane at Little Kaiteriteri. Opposition was expressed on the basis of increased noise from boats and effects such as boat speed and safety and boats parked on Little Kaiteriteri Beach and potential for ski-ing to occur in both the early morning and late evening.

Ms L J Jenkins opposed the proposal for a water ski access land at Little Kaiteriteri Beach. It is very fragile and has been affected by erosion. Her written submission listed many areas of concern including safety aspects and a desire to retain Little Kaiteriteri for swimming and kayakers. The submitter expressed concern about the methods the Council had used to notify the public of the proposed amendments to the Navigation Bylaw.

Mr R Cranfield of Rowling Road said he had no desire to see a restricted water ski access lane off Little Kaiteriteri Beach which would spoil the character of this location. He said that he was happy with the status quo and said that the future for water ski-ing appeared to be pretty short term at Kaiteriteri Bay. He said he was concerned that Council Officers had given no consideration to the existing problem of parking/safety problems.

Mr M Dudder of Talisman Heights opposed the water ski-ing access lane at Little Kaiteriteri in the middle of a swimming area. He said that the management of Kaiteriteri Beach is disorganised and commercial operators are located and moored in multiple areas. He noted that the water taxis go into the swimming area and provided a map with a submission of suggested areas of operation. He said that Kaiteriteri is carrying the burden for provision of access to and from the Abel Tasman National Park.

Ms S Cameron opposed the water ski access lane at Little Kaiteriteri and potential associated problems including noise, trailer parking, lack of facilities and erosion of the beach and dunes.

Mr T Inglis of Rowling Road criticised the amount of ESA information about the potential risk and accidents from water ski-ing operations. He said the anti clockwise direction of ski-ing creates problems and referred to management situations at the main beach where people and staff park all day at the beach front. He said a similar situation occurs with tourist buses. He suggested that the lagoon should be kept full through the use of floodgates.

Mr N M Allen of Rowling Road was concerned about the potential of ski-ing to be banned entirely in Kaiteriteri Bay. He said that interim measure is needed for this coming summer season and then a more holistic view obtained through the discussion of all groups. He said the existing water ski-ing area is inadequate but needs more signage. He referred to the dangerous outgoing tide from the Estuary at king tides.

Mr R W Gibbons said that he did not agree with taking ski-ing away from Kaiteriteri Bay and criticised the Council procedure in the promulgation of the proposed bylaw amendment. He said the existing ski-ing area has been compacted by commercial boat operations and said that there should be no water ski-ing at Little Kaiteriteri. He said there are solutions available and he did not think the situation is as bad as people make out.

Mr G Plunket said that the water ski access lane at Kaiteriteri Beach should be marked with buoys. He said the area is mostly used by children ski-ing or inflatables towed from speedboats. He criticised the proposed water ski access lane at Little Kaiteriteri and opposed this proposal which would use the best part of the beach currently used for swimming.

Mr T Rich said that the original purpose of the proposed amendment was to improve safety aspects. He said the amendment as proposed would shift the problem to another part of Kaiteriteri Bay. Mr Rich said that a tidy up of the existing situation, as suggested in the submission from Mr M Dudder, would be good.

Mr J Auld of Martin Farm Road said that the number and seriousness of accidents involving water skiers is unsubstantiated. He said that Council relies on luck and boaties being very careful. Mr Auld said that people park trailers indiscriminately in Martin Farm Road. He said that Kaiteriteri Bay is a very congested area and cautioned against pushing water ski-ing up into the busy middle of the Bay, where high speed, high injury accidents could occur. Mr Auld supported the removal of the water ski-ing activity in Kaiteriteri Bay. He said that the thoughts of Mr M Dudder, should be very carefully considered.

Mr Auld said that the importance of Kaiteriteri as a place to learn to swim, is of greater importance than learning to water ski.

4. RECEIPT OF LATE SUBMISSIONS

Moved Crs Norriss/Borlase

THAT all the submissions received late, be received.

LOST

5. ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO NAVIGATION SAFETY BYLAW FOR MAPUA, LAKE ROTOITI AND PORT TARAKOHE

**Moved Crs King / Norriss
EP06/09/21**

THAT the suggested amendments to the Tasman District Council Consolidated Bylaw Chapter 5 Navigation Safety for Mapua, Lake Rotoiti and Port Tarakohe be adopted and come into force on 31 October 2006.

CARRIED

6. KAITERITERI BAY NAVIGATION BYLAW PROVISIONS

**Moved Crs Norriss / Riley
EP06/09/22**

THAT the Navigation Safety Bylaw Provisions for Kaiteriteri Bay remain the same for this Summer.

CARRIED

7. KAITERITERI BAY MARITIME MANAGEMENT

**Moved Cr Norriss / Mayor Hurley
EP06/09/23**

THAT the Tasman District Council works with Department of Conservation, Kaiteriteri Recreation Reserve Board, commercial operators and Motueka Ward Councillors, on the issues raised during the submission process for a long term reorganisation of the Kaiteriteri Bay maritime management.

CARRIED

8. KAITERITERI BAY MANAGEMENT ISSUES FOR SUMMER 2006

**Moved Crs O'Regan / Henry
EP06/09/24**

THAT the Tasman District Council Harbourmaster and Kaiteriteri Recreation Reserve Board address issues at Kaiteriteri Bay, including clear markings, signage and management of the beach/water interface, before the Summer of 2006.

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 3.15 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: