

MINUTES

TITLE: Environment and Planning Committee
DATE: Wednesday, 11 October 2006
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

PRESENT: Councillor 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, T B King, T E Norriss, J Inglis and N Riley

IN ATTENDANCE: Environment and Planning Manager (D C Bush-King), Manager Policy (G S Markham), Manager Consents (J Hodson), Policy Planner (R Biss), Environmental Health Officer (D Lewis), Environmental Health Officer (G Caradus), Policy Planner (M Honey), Resource Scientist (T James), Environmental Information Manager (R Smith), Administration Officer (B D Moore)

APOLOGIES

**Moved Crs King / O'Regan
EP06/10/10**

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

1. PUBLIC FORUM

A presentation regarding Waimea Estuary was presented and spoken to by Ms Q Ballance on behalf of a coalition of community organisations. These groups sought that more comprehensive management be carried out to protect the bird habitat, public access and water quality around the Waimea Inlet. The groups sought further discussion time to begin working with Tasman District Council and Nelson City Council in setting up a management plan for the whole Waimea Inlet.

Ms J Pope, Secretary Nelson Classic Motorbike Club, referred to the draft variation for temporary activities and its relationship to recreational motorcycling and outlined some proposed amendments required.

Mr B E Parkinson, a landowner at Waiwhero Road, spoke of complaints about two motocross tracks adjacent to his property which are causing dust and noise problems.

Mr L Lukomski of Old Coach Road said that the existing voluntary code of practice for recreational motorcycling is being breached and claimed that this has a depreciating effect on adjacent property values.

Mr P Searancke was concerned that the proposed decibel rating regarding motorcycling noise could be set too low.

Mr D Craig, Motocross Commissioner of Motorcycle NZ, said that organised events are being run by other affiliations in the Nelson area in addition to the Nelson Motorcycle Club. He said that land use change and residential properties being developed closer to existing tracks causes a conflict.

2. TEMPORARY ACTIVITIES – CODE OF PRACTICE RECREATIONAL USE OF MOTORBIKES – REPORT EP06/10/05

Policy Planner, R Biss, spoke to this report of 4 October 2006 contained within the agenda together with the attached draft variation titled Temporary Activities. The Committee discussed both the content of the report and draft variation. Mr Bush-King said that no response had been received from the Ombudsman regarding the issues of motocross noise and tracking. A letter received from C Crowley and M Gunn was tabled by R Biss and read by Cr Kempthorne. Mr Bush-King suggested that an amendment to paragraph 2 of the explanation within the variation could read as follows:

“Temporary activity rules have been clarified to allow for small groups for recreational motorcycling. The proposed rules do not affect peoples existing use rights under Section 10 of the Resource Management Act.”

The Committee discussed the temporary activity rules proposed under the new Section 2 of Rule 16.8.1A. Mr Markham assisted the Committee to formulate the following additional Section (f):

“Activity on any property involving more than four motorcycles that is an organised competitive event, is undertaken on no more than six days in any 12 month period.”

It was noted that some conditions in the rule would need to be qualified in light of Condition (f).

Moved Crs Henry / Borlase

THAT a new Section (g) be added to new Section (2) as follows:

“The track is no closer than 200 metres from a neighbouring dwelling.”

LOST

**Moved Crs Norriss / Riley
EP06/10/11**

THAT the Environment and Planning Committee approve the release of the amended draft variation for temporary activities, for a consultation period of six weeks.

CARRIED

3. NELSON-RICHMOND URBAN FUTURES WORKING GROUP - REPORT EP06/10/06

The agenda provided a report dated 3 October 2006 from the Policy Manager on behalf of the Chief Executives of Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council recommending that the Councils agree to establish a working group of councillors and staff to coordinate work by the two Councils to manage growth in Richmond and Nelson. The Committee discussed the report and recommendation noting that this would be an advisory group with no formal powers, except to put recommendations to both Councils. The Committee referred to the draft terms of reference attached to this report and discussed the proposed membership.

Cr Henry suggested that the membership should include a Richmond Ward Councillor. Cr Norriss suggested that Cr King should be included in the membership and replace the Engineering Services Committee Chairman. He also suggested that the Community Services Chairperson, Cr O'Shea, should be replaced by a Richmond Ward Councillor.

Moved Crs Henry / Norriss
Ep06/10/12

THAT the Environment and Planning Committee agrees to the establishment of the Nelson-Richmond Urban Futures Working Group and that the terms of reference be amended to specify the Tasman District Council members to be Mayor Hurley, Crs Kempthorne, King and O'Shea.

CARRIED

The Committee noted that the terms of reference also included reference to the membership being deputies or nominees of those appointees.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND REPORTING STRATEGY FOR TASMAN DISTRICT

Councillors had been circulated with copies of the strategy document of September 2006. Resource Scientist, T James, had prepared the report and he provided a visual presentation to assist his explanation of the report.

Moved Crs O'Regan / Henry
EP06/10/13

THAT the Environmental Monitoring and Reporting Strategy for Tasman District, dated September 2006, be released for public submissions.

CARRIED

Cr Kempthorne thanked members for their attendance and concluded the meeting at 2.55 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: