

MINUTES

TITLE: Environment & Planning Committee
DATE: Wednesday, 15 November 2006
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

PRESENT: Cr E M O'Regan (Chair), Mayor J C Hurley, Crs S J Borlase, R G Currie, M J Higgins, T B King, T E Norriss, P K O'Shea, N Riley and E J Wilkins

IN ATTENDANCE: Environment & Planning Manager (D C Bush-King), Manager Consents (J Hodson), Customer Services Manager (S Westley), Co-ordinator Compliance Monitoring (C Cheeseman), Policy Planner (N Jackson), Administration Officer (B D Moore).

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1.1 Environment & Planning Subcommittee Special Meeting – 28 August 2006

Moved Crs O'Regan / Borlase
EP06/11/01

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Environment & Planning Subcommittee special meeting held on 28 August 2006, containing resolutions EP06/08/17 to EP06/08/20, be approved as a correct record.

CARRIED

1.2 Environment & Planning Subcommittee – 9 October 2006

Moved Crs O'Regan / Higgins
EP06/11/02

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Environment & Planning Subcommittee held on 9 October 2006, containing resolutions EP06/10/07 to EP06/10/09, be approved as a correct record.

CARRIED

1.3 Environment & Planning Subcommittee – 13 October 2006

Moved Crs Higgins / O'Regan
EP06/11/03

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Environment & Planning Subcommittee held on 13 October 2006, containing resolutions EP06/10/14 to EP06/10/16, be approved as a correct record.

CARRIED

1.4 Environment & Planning Subcommittee – 16 October 2006

**Moved Crs Riley / Higgins
EP06/11/04**

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Environment & Planning Subcommittee held on 16 October 2006, containing resolutions EP06/10/17 to EP06/10/19, be approved as a correct record.

CARRIED

1.5 Environment & Planning Subcommittee – 20 October 2006

**Moved Crs O'Regan / Borlase
EP06/11/05**

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Environment & Planning Subcommittee held on 20 October 2006, containing resolutions EP06/10/20 to EP06/10/21, be approved as a correct record.

1.6 Resource Management Policy Committee – 25 October 2006

**Moved Crs Riley/Higgins
EP06/11/06**

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Resource Management Policy Committee held on 25 October 2006, containing resolutions RMP06/10/01 to RMP06/10/24, be approved as a correct record.

CARRIED

1.7 Environment & Planning Subcommittee – 27 October 2006

**Moved Crs Higgins / Borlase
EP06/11/07**

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Environment & Planning Subcommittee held on 27 October 2006, containing resolutions EP06/10/23 to EP06/10/25, be approved as a correct record.

CARRIED

1.8 Environment & Planning Subcommittee – 30 October 2006

**Moved Crs O'Regan / Currie
EP06/11/08**

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Environment & Planning Subcommittee held on 30 October 2006, containing resolutions EP06/10/26 to EP06/10/28, be approved as a correct record.

CARRIED

2. ANIMAL HEALTH BOARD DELEGATION

Mr William McCook and Mr Matthew Hall attended the meeting and made a verbal presentation regarding the Bovine TB Control Programme as part of the implementation of the National Pest Management Strategy by the Animal Health Board. The Board has a goal for the freedom of Bovine TB by 2013. They spoke about the control of possums as a vector for Bovine TB and the need for Council to increase its budget for the contribution to this work.

The Board representatives responded to Councillors' questions.

3. CUMULATIVE EFFECTS AND PRECEDENT

Council Solicitor, Mr J C Ironside, tabled copies of a presentation on cumulative effects and precedent and provided a visual presentation by power point to explain these concepts, supported by appropriate case law.

4. MANAGEMENT REPORTS AND STATISTICAL DATA - REPORT EP06/11/04

Customer Services Manager, Suzanne Westley, spoke to this report contained within the agenda and responded to Councillors' questions.

**Moved Crs Higgins / Riley
EP06/11/09**

**THAT the Management Reports and Statistical Data Report EP06/11/04, be received.
CARRIED**

5. PROPOSED CHARGES FOR COUNCIL INVESTIGATIONS INTO ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS AND COMPLAINTS - REPORT EP06/11/07

The agenda contained this report of 8 November 2006. Mr Bush-King said that staff had expressed concern that submitters had not received a copy of the report so the matter should be stood down for the next meeting.

**Moved Crs O'Regan/Riley
EP06/11/10**

**THAT Report EP06/11/07, Proposed Charges for Council Investigations into Environmental Incidents and Complaints, lie on the table and be circulated to the submitters and the matter be placed on a future agenda.
CARRIED**

6. ROAD HIERARCHY REVIEW – OCTOBER 2006 -REPORT EP06/11/05

Policy Planner, N Jackson, referred in his report to the results of the review of the hierarchy of roads within the Tasman District. Mr Jackson referred to additional changes which included the requirement for Bryant Road to be an access road, not an access place. He said that changes to the district boundary at Tophouse required that this road be added to the list as an arterial road.

Moved Crs Norriss / Riley
EP06/11/11

THAT the Council proceeds with a variation (or plan change, depending on the status of the PTRMP at the time) to amend the road hierarchy maps 160-168, according to the schedule attached to the agenda item EP06/11/05, with the addition of:

Bryant Road – change from Access Place to Access Road
State Highway 63 at Tophouse – show as Arterial, adjoining Lot 6, DP13299

7. BUILDING CONSENT AUTHORITY ACCREDITATION FEES - REPORT EP06/11/09

Attached to this report in the agenda was a letter prepared by the Environment & Planning Manager, addressed to the Department of Building and Housing, submitting on the proposed Building Consent Authority accreditation fees. In response to questions and comments from Councillors, Mr Bush-King agreed to make his submission stronger.

Moved Crs Currie / Norriss
EP06/11/12

THAT subject to amendment, the Environment & Planner Manager's letter of 8 November 2006 regarding Building Consent Authority accreditation fees, be sent to the Building Consent Authority.
CARRIED

8. NEW ZEALAND COASTAL POLICY STATEMENT REVIEW

The Environment & Planning Manager tabled copies of a letter of 8 November 2006 which provided comments to be forwarded to the Department of Conservation, in relation to the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement review. The letter also sought that Department of Conservation works closely with Local Government NZ over the ongoing development of the NZ Coastal Policy Statement.

9. PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN CAR PARK AREA - REPORT EP06/11/06

Policy Planner, N Jackson, spoke to his report of 7 November 2006 contained within the agenda and advised that community groups have raised this issue about pedestrian safety in car park areas, with Council staff.

Cr Higgins expressed concern about the potential for the proposed plan variation to incur further costs especially within car parks associated with retail development. Cr Norriss echoed this concern saying that he would like the matter to go to the Engineering Services Committee for consideration. Cr O'Shea said that pedestrian safety in car park areas is something that Council needs to consider and carry out a fuller discussion around the safety issue. Mr Bush-King said staff will look at safety matters if and when proposals come forward.

**Moved Crs Higgins / Currie
EP06/11/06**

**THAT the matter of pedestrian safety in car parks areas be taken no further
CARRIED**

Cr O'Regan thanked Councillors for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 12.20 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: