

MINUTES

TITLE: Environment & Planning Committee
DATE: Wednesday, 20 June 2007
TIME: 10.00 am
VENUE: Tasman Council Chambers, 189 Queen Street, Richmond
PRESENT: Cr R G Kempthorne (Chair), Mayor J C Hurley, Crs E M O'Regan, S G Bryant, R G Currie, M J Higgins, J L Inglis, T E Norriss, N Riley, P K O'Shea, E C Wilkins

IN ATTENDANCE: Community Board Member, J Bell, Environment & Planning Manager (D C Bush-King), Resource Scientists (R Smith, G Stevens), Policy Planners (R Biss, S Leusink-Sladen, L Vaughan, N Jackson), Administration Officer (B D Moore)

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Bryant / Riley
EP07/06/04

THAT apologies from Crs T B King and E E Henry for absence be received and sustained.

CARRIED

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1.1 Environment & Planning Committee, 16 April 2007

Moved Crs Borlase / Higgins
EP07/06/05

THAT the minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee meeting held on 16 April 2007, containing resolutions EP07/04/07 to EP07/04/09, be approved as a correct record.

CARRIED

1.2 Environment & Planning Committee, 23 and 24 April 2007

Moved Crs O'Regan / Higgins
EP07/06/06

THAT the minutes of the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on 23 and 24 April 2007, containing resolutions EP07/04/10 to EP07/04/12, be approved as a correct record.

CARRIED

1.3 Environment & Planning Committee, 30 April 2007

**Moved Crs O'Regan / Riley
EP07/06/07**

THAT the minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee meeting held on 30 April 2007, containing resolutions EP07/04/13 to EP07/04/15, be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

1.4 Environment & Planning Committee, 7 May 2007

**Moved Crs Riley / Kempthorne
EP07/06/08**

THAT the minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee meeting held on 7 May 2007, containing resolutions EP07/05/28 to EP07/05/30, be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

1.5 Environment & Planning Committee, 9 May 2007

**Moved Crs O'Regan / O'Shea
EP07/06/09**

THAT the minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee meeting held on 9 May 2007, containing resolutions EP07/05/06 to EP07/05/27, be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

1.6 Heritage Subcommittee, 11 May 2007

**Moved Crs O'Shea / Wilkins
EP07/06/10**

THAT the minutes of the Heritage Subcommittee meeting held on 11 May 2007, containing resolutions EP07/05/01 to EP07/05/06, be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

1.7 Environment & Planning Committee, 14 May 2007

**Moved Crs Bryant / O'Regan
EP07/06/11**

THAT the minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee meeting held on 14 May 2007, containing resolutions EP07/05/31 to EP07/05/33, be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

1.8 Tasman Resource Management Plan Hearing 49, 30 and 31 May 2006

**Moved Crs O'Regan / Borlase
EP07/06/12**

THAT the minutes of the Tasman Resource Management Plan Hearing 49 meeting held on 30 and 31 May 2006 be approved as a correct record.

CARRIED

1.9 Tasman Resource Management Plan Hearing 50, 30 August 2006 and 25 October 2006

**Moved Crs O'Regan / Borlase
EP07/06/13**

THAT the minutes of the Tasman Resource Management Plan Hearing 50 meeting held on 30 August 2006 and 25 October 2006 be approved as a correct record.

CARRIED

2. GROUNDWATER QUALITY OF COASTAL SETTLEMENTS, GOLDEN BAY - REPORT EP07/06/02

Resource Scientist, G Stevens, spoke to his report dated 31 May 2007, contained within the agenda.

Community Board Member, J Bell, joined the meeting at this time.

The report provided an assessment of the second survey of the water quality of residential water supplies in the coastal settlements of Golden Bay, undertaken during January/February 2007.

**Moved Crs Borlase / Riley
EP07/06/14**

THAT:

- a) The Environment & Planning Committee receives Report EP07/06/02, Groundwater Quality of Golden Bay Coastal Settlements;**
- b) Council staff to continue to offer advice and information about domestic water quality, well and bore protection and the maintenance of on-site domestic wastewater systems, to residents when opportunities arise and/or in response to queries;**
- c) Council staff regularly monitor the actual ongoing performance of domestic wastewater systems to ensure that all systems (ie, those authorised as permitted activities and by resource consent) continue to comply with the relevant performance standards required by Part VI of the Tasman Resource Management Plan or the conditions of consent;**
- d) Council staff to continue to monitor bathing water quality at the respective beaches fronting these communities during the summer months;**

- e) **The Committee supports repeating this survey in five years time (eg, summer of 2011/2012) to enable trend assessment on the underlying groundwater quality and the adequacy or otherwise of the ongoing functioning of domestic wastewater systems in these areas.**

CARRIED

3. INVESTIGATION INTO SIGNIFICANT NATURAL AREAS IN TASMAN DISTRICT - REPORT EP07/06/03

Policy Planner, L Vaughan, spoke to this report of 11 June 2007 contained within the agenda. The report provided an outline of the proposed investigation into significant areas. Attached to the report was a Memorandum of Understanding, prepared by the parties following the adoption of a signed agreement, associated with a consent memorandum. Mr Vaughan explained the proposed investigation process and the intended method of funding that work.

**Moved Crs O'Regan / Borlase
EP07/06/15**

THAT the Environment & Planning Committee agrees to sign the Memorandum of Understanding concerning the management of indigenous biodiversity and other ecological values of natural areas on privately owned land in Tasman District, noting that giving effect to the programme will be subject to funding availability.

The Environment & Planning Committee notes that any additional funding will come through a request during the annual budget cycle commencing 2008/2009.

CARRIED

**Moved Crs Kempthorne / Norriss
EP07/06/16**

THAT Environment & Planning Department staff be requested to determine if Fish & Game personnel wish to be involved in the investigation of significant natural areas in Tasman District.

CARRIED

4. DRAFT VARIATION ON LAND USE ISSUES ARISING FROM TASMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN ADMINISTRATION - REPORT EP07/06/04

Policy Planner, R Biss, spoke to the report of 12 June 2007 contained within the agenda, together with the proposed amendments contained in the draft variation attached to that report.

**Moved Crs O'Regan / Norriss
EP07/06/17**

THAT the Environment & Planning Committee receives Report EP07/06/04 of 12 June 2007 and approves the attached draft variation on land use issues arising from Tasman Resource Management Plan administration, for public notification in plan update 26.

CARRIED

5. BUILDING CONTROL FEES - REPORT EP07/06/05

Mr Bush-King spoke to this report of 6 June 2007 contained within the agenda and the attached proposed amended building control charges. Mr Bush-King used the existing schedule of building consent fees to assist in the explanation and reasons for the proposed new charges.

Cr O'Regan questioned why this further increase in fees is required and asked about getting some money back from the Building Levy Fund.

Mr Bush-King said that there had been increased costs and additional staff required to meet the 2004 Building Act requirements and changes to the Building Code. He said local authorities must be accredited by 30 November 2007 and Council is still going through that process.

Moved Crs Riley / Wilkins EP07/06/18

THAT the Environment & Planning Committee agrees to the building control fees and charges set out in Appendix 1 of Report EP07/06/05 of 6 June 2007, and that they become effective on 1 July 2007.

CARRIED

Cr Kempthorne required that voting be demonstrated by a show of hands.

Cr Norriss expressed concern about the cost to Council of building accreditation.

Moved Crs O'Regan / Bryant EP07/06/19

THAT Council writes to the Minister of Housing, with a copy to all MPs, drawing the Minister's attention to the inadequacies of the \$3 Million accreditation fund and pointing out the additional cost that Council has had to bear over the last two years in particular, and asking the Minister to reconsider the rules for allocating that fund.

CARRIED

6. NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT ON ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION, REPORT EP07/06/06

Policy Planner, N Jackson, spoke to his report dated 6 June 2007, regarding Government's proposed national policy statement on electricity transmission and he proposed two minor amendments to the policy statement. Mr Jackson asked the Committee to note an amendment to policy 3, page 7 of his report so that the word "any" on the third line, be deleted.

Moved Crs Kempthorne / Inglis EP07/06/20

THAT Council make a submission proposing the following amendments to the Proposed National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission:

- 1. Include a definition of "electricity transmission network".**

2. Delete “renewable” from item (iii) of Policy 1 so that the item is:

“the facilitation of new and existing energy generation”.

3. Either:

Delete policy 2;

Or, if councils have any role in giving effect to it:

Replace Policy 2 with:

“The electricity transmission network should be operated, maintained, upgraded and extended efficiently.”

CARRIED

7. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – REPORT EP07/06/07

**Moved Crs Kempthorne / Wilkins
EP07/06/21**

THAT the Environment & Planning Committee Chairperson’s report of EP07/06/07 be received.

CARRIED

8. ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING MANAGER’S REPORT – REPORT EP07/06/08

8.1 Use of Oil for Dust Suppression

A request had been received from iwi to investigate alternatives for dust suppression and ban the application of oil on roads in Tasman District.

**Moved Mayor Hurley / Cr Kempthorne
EP07/06/22**

THAT the status quo applies to the use of oil on roads in Tasman District.

CARRIED

8.2 Submission to Biosecurity New Zealand on the Sale and Use of Leghold Traps

A copy of the staff submission to Biosecurity New Zealand was contained within the agenda.

**Moved Crs O’Regan / Borlase
EP07/06/23**

THAT the staff submission to Biosecurity New Zealand on the proposal to regulate the sale and use of specified leghold traps be endorsed.

CARRIED

8.3 Agrichemical Collection

Mr Bush-King said that the response from the agrichemical collection has been overwhelming and Council has more unwanted chemicals than funding from Ministry for the Environment for disposal this year.

Mr R Smith also spoke about the potential difficulty in providing additional storage and that Council would have to pay for ongoing repackaging and rebagging of chemicals and there was the additional potential risk of contamination should a fire occur.

Mr Bush-King said that a staff letter would be sent back to respondents to say that Council cannot pick up the extra agrichemical items at this time.

**Moved Crs Borlase / Riley
EP07/06/24**

**THAT the Environment & Planning Manager's report EP07/06/08 dated 12 June 2007 be received.
CARRIED**

9. MOTUPIKO WATER AUGMENTATION PROJECT

Representatives of the Motupiko Water Augmentation team attended the meeting and made a presentation to Council on the planning and consultation progress made towards this project. The project team members present at the meeting comprised Edwin Newport, Tim Davies, Mark Dawson and Joseph Thomas. Andrew Fenemor was unable to attend the meeting. The augmentation team recommended that a pre-feasibility study be carried out on the Horopito and Alan and Ben Gullies as potential dam sites. A community meeting was proposed to be held at Tapawera on 5 July 2007 at 7.00 pm.

10. TRMP HEARING NO 52 – VARIATION 51 – RICHMOND AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT

10.1 Submitter V51.3443, KAK and K J North, 8 Edward Street, Richmond

Mr North made a verbal submission, as the owner of this heritage house, having an H5 rating in the TRMP. He sought that the existing fireplace be retained for use as an open fire. Mr North said that as there are only six such heritage houses in Richmond that there are hardly enough to create a problem in the Richmond airshed.

11. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

**Moved Crs Higgins / Wilkins
EP07/06/25**

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

- **Live Appeals on Coastal Environment Landscape Provisions**
- **Motueka West Urban Development Planning - Progress Report**
- **Richmond South Development Area Staff Assessment Report No. 329: Supplementary Advice**

- **Takaka Eastern Golden Bay Growth Strategy – Variation**

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 on Coastal Environment Landscape Provisions	To receive policy advice	Section 48(1)(d)
Motueka West Urban Development Planning - Progress Report		
Richmond South Development Area Staff Assessment Report No. 329: Supplementary Advice		
Takaka Eastern Golden Bay Growth Strategy – Variation		

CARRIED

(Refer to Confidential Minute Book resolutions numbered EP07/06/ to EP07/06/).

12. RESOLUTION TO RESUME OPEN MEETING

Moved Crs Currie / Riley
EP07/06/26

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

CARRIED

Cr Kempthorne thanked members for their attendance the meeting concluded at 4.05 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: