

MINUTES

TITLE: Environment & Planning Committee
DATE: Thursday, 17 July 2008
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

PRESENT: Cr M J Higgins (Chairman), Mayor R G Kempthorne, Crs S J Borlase, S G Bryant, B F Dowler, J L Edgar, B W Ensor, G A Glover, J L Inglis, T B King, T E Norriss, N Riley and E J Wilkins

IN ATTENDANCE: Environment & Planning Manager (D C Bush-King), Policy Manager (G S Markham), Compliance Officers (D Page and K Bunting), Regulatory Manager (J Hodson), Policy Planners (M Baker and R Biss), Resource Scientist (J Thomas), Coordinator Compliance Monitoring (C Cheeseman), Administration Officer (B D Moore)

APOLOGIES

Moved Mayor Kempthorne / Cr Ensor
EP08/07/07

THAT apologies for absence from Cr Currie and lateness from Cr King be sustained.
CARRIED

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1.1 Environment & Planning Committee - 17 March 2008

Moved Crs Riley / Borlase
EP08/07/08

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee held on 17 March 2008, containing resolutions EP08/03/23 to EP08/03/25, be approved as a correct record.
CARRIED

1.2 Environment & Planning Committee - 31 March 2008

Moved Crs Riley / Wilkins
EP08/07/09

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee held on 31 March 2008, containing resolutions EP08/03/32 to EP08/03/34, be approved as a correct record.
CARRIED

1.3 Environment & Planning Committee - 16 June 2008

**Moved Crs Edgar / Borlase
EP08/07/10**

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee held on 16 June 2008, containing resolutions EP08/06/01 to EP08/06/03, be approved as a correct record.

CARRIED

1.4 Environment & Planning Committee - 23 June 2008

**Moved Crs Glover / Bryant
EP08/07/11**

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee held on 23 June 2008, containing resolutions EP08/06/04 to EP08/06/06, be approved as a correct record.

CARRIED

1.5 Environment & Planning Committee - 25 June 2008

**Moved Crs Inglis / Edgar
EP08/07/12**

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee held on 25 June 2008, containing resolutions EP08/06/07 to EP08/06/23, be approved as a correct record.

CARRIED

2. ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING MANAGER'S REPORT - REPORT EP08/07/08

2.1 Public Health Bill

Mr Bush-King reported on Central Government progress with the Public Health Bill and Regulations.

2.2 Ministers of Fisheries and Environment

The Ministers of Fisheries and Environment had issued a joint press statement of 15 July 2008 regarding new aquaculture initiatives.

Moved Cr Borlase / Mayor Kempthorne

**THAT the Environment & Planning Manager's report EP08/07/08, be received.
CARRIED**

3. END OF SEASON WATER METERING REPORT 2007/2008 - REPORT EP08/07/03

Cr King arrived at the meeting at 9.55 am.

Compliance Officer, D Page, spoke to his report of 4 July 2008 which presented an overview of the water metering project administration and compliance for the 2007/2008 irrigation season. Cr Glover cautioned against using a heavy handed approach on the productive rural sector. Mayor Kempthorne said that water users need to notify Council staff when they have finished watering and a system devised to follow up.

**Moved Crs King / Wilkins
EP08/07/14**

**THAT the end of season water metering report 2007/2008, report EP08/07/03, be received.
CARRIED**

4. ANNUAL DAIRY REPORT 2007/2008 - REPORT EP08/07/04

Compliance Officer, K Bunting, spoke to her report of 17 July 2008 contained within the agenda which presented the interim compliance results from the 2007/2008 farm dairy survey. The report particularly referred to compliance with respect to resource consent conditions for the discharge of treated dairy effluent to water and the discharge of dairy effluent to land as a permitted activity. The report also provided an update of Tasman's statistics for the 143 farm dairies in relation to the national targets of the Clean Streams Accord.

The report explained that 63% of the farms that operate under a permitted activity status were inspected for compliance and the Tasman District now has its best compliance rate on record. Ms Bunting advised that most dairy farms are permitted activities and Council cannot charge a monitoring fee.

Mayor Kempthorne spoke in favour of continuing general rate funding for monitoring dairy farms. He spoke of the positive effects of the Clean Streams Accord and the progress being made in meeting the Accord targets and spoke of the good relationship which the Council has through the application of this Accord.

**Moved Crs Bryant / Borlase
EP08/07/15**

**THAT the Annual Dairy Report 2007/2008, report EP08/07/04, be received.
CARRIED**

5. CLEAN STREAMS ACCORD – LOCAL GOVERNMENT NZ QUESTIONNAIRE

Mr Bush-King said that Local Government NZ has asked for a questionnaire to be completed for consideration by the Regional Affairs Committee of Local Government NZ. Mr Bush-King said that Tasman District has 143 farm dairies that supply Fonterra which Council staff visit and good progress is being made to meeting Accord targets.

Cr Borlase referred to the Clean Streams Accord target date of 20 December and that it was up to Fonterra to address enforcement by pressure on farmers and suggested a letter be sent to Fonterra Board to encourage that.

Cr Riley said he supported the promotion of Council's current success with levels of compliance.

Mayor Kempthorne suggested asking Fonterra to apply some incentives or a price differential to farms to achieve greater compliance with the Clean Streams Accord.

The meeting noted that some other regions in New Zealand with high number of dairy farms are not achieving the high level of compliance with dairy farms which exists in Tasman District.

6. COMPLIANCE MONITORING QUARTERLY REPORT - 1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE 2008, REPORT EP08/07/05

Co-ordinator Compliance Monitoring, C Cheeseman, spoke to this report of 3 July 2008. Discussion related to illegal rubbish dumping and abandoned vehicles and problems relating to smoke nuisance from outdoor burning.

**Moved Mayor Kempthorne / Cr Borlase
EP08/07/16**

**THAT the Compliance Monitoring Quarterly Report of 1 April to 30 June 2008
EP08/07/05, be received.
CARRIED**

7. REGULATORY REPORT - REPORT EP08/07/06

Regulatory Manager, J Hodson, spoke to this report of 3 July 2008. She confirmed that Council had completed the building accreditation process.

Dog registration was progressing well with more than 70% of dogs registered by the end of June 2008.

Recently appointed Environmental Health Officer, Tracey Waddington, was introduced to the Committee.

A review has confirmed the requirement for a fulltime Harbourmaster and the position will be shortly advertised.

8. ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - REPORT EP08/07/07

Cr Higgins referred to his report of 2 July 2008 contained within the agenda and referred to the activity involved with hearing submissions to the Draft Annual Plan and the proposed forthcoming LTCCP Review. Cr Higgins referred to matters experienced by police in relation to alcohol induced behaviour.

**Moved Crs Higgins / Inglis
EP08/07/17**

THAT the Environment and & Planning Committee Chairman's Report EP08/07/07 be received.

CARRIED

9. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

**Moved Crs Dowler / Borlase
EP08/07/18**

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

- Archaeological Sites and Waahi Tapu Policy Paper
- Water Allocation Management Review - Motueka Surface and Groundwater and Community Water Supplies Policy Paper
- Discussion Paper on Urban Growth at Motueka West and Central

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
Archaeological Sites and Waahi Tapu Policy Paper	To receive policy advice	Proceedings where a right of appeal lies to a Court against the final decision
Water Allocation Management Review - Motueka Surface and Groundwater and Community Water Supplies Policy Paper	To receive policy advice	Proceedings where a right of appeal lies to a Court against the final decision

CARRIED

10. RESOLUTION TO RESUME OPEN MEETING

**Moved Mayor Kempthorne / Cr Inglis
EP08/07/19**

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

CARRIED

Cr Higgins thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 4.10 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: