

MINUTES

TITLE: Environment & Planning Committee
DATE: Thursday, 28 August 2008
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

PRESENT: Cr M J Higgins (Chair), Mayor R G Kempthorne, Crs S J Borlase, S G Bryant, B F Dowler, 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), Resource Scientist (J Easton), Administration Officer (A Brown), Control Services Contractor (J Bergman), Policy Planner (M Baker), Administration Officer (B D Moore)

APOLOGY

Moved Crs Bryant / Borlase
EP08/08/4

THAT the apologies from Mayor Kempthorne (for lateness) and Crs Currie and Edgar (for absence) be sustained.
CARRIED

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1.1 Environment & Planning Subcommittee - 7 July 2008

Moved Crs Bryant / Ensor
EP08/08/05

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Environment & Planning Subcommittee meeting held on 7 July 2008, containing resolutions EP08/07/01 to EP08/07/03, be approved as a correct record.
CARRIED

1.2 Environment & Planning Subcommittee - 14 July 2008

Moved Crs Riley / Ensor
EP08/08/06

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Environment & Planning Subcommittee meeting held on 14 July 2008, containing resolutions EP08/07/04 to EP08/07/06, be approved as a correct record.
CARRIED

1.3 Environment & Planning Committee - 17 July 2008

**Moved Crs Borlase / Dowler
EP08/08/07**

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee meeting held on 17 July 2008, containing resolutions EP08/07/07 to EP08/07/19, be approved as a correct record.

CARRIED

2. ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE MANAGER'S REPORT - REPORT EP08/08/11

2.1 Te Waikoropupu Springs

The agenda contained a copy of the draft management plan summary and this advised that submissions close on Friday, 12 September.

**Moved Crs Norriss / Dowler
EP08/08/08**

THAT the Environment & Planning Committee Chair and the Golden Bay Ward Councillors Borlase and Riley consider the draft management plan for Te Waikoropupu Springs and decide on the need for a submission to the Department of Conservation.

CARRIED

2.2 Tasman Tb Action Control News

The agenda contained a copy of the latest newsletter for the Tasman region from Tb Free New Zealand.

Cr Norriss said that at present the contractor, Ron Walker of Southern Pest Management, is based in Nelson and if the plan goes ahead to amalgamate regional units, his services may be partly lost to the Tasman region with more emphasis being placed on the West Coast.

Cr Borlase agreed and said there was no consultation with local farmers through Federated Farmers on the issue. He said although there are presently only three Tb infected herds, some herds are overdue for testing.

**Moved Crs Norriss / Borlase
EP08/08/09**

THAT the Environment & Planning Manager be requested to write to the National Animal Health Board expressing the concern of Council regarding amalgamation of regional units and seeking assurance that the Tasman regional will not receive a lesser service.

CARRIED

3. REDUNDANT AGRICHEMICAL COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL - REPORT EP08/08/02

Resource Scientist, Ms J Easton, spoke to her report contained within the agenda. She said that the storage facility at Eves Valley contains 9 tonnes of hazardous waste and this will be removed shortly.

Cr Bryant expressed concern about the charge of \$9.00 per kilogram for on-farm pickups of hazardous waste.

**Moved Crs Norriss / Dowler
EP08/08/10**

THAT:

- 1. Council sets a charge for hazwaste collection of \$9.00/kg for on-farm pick ups;**
- 2. Council retains the budget item of \$140,000 in 2009/2010 budget to dispose of the 10 tonnes we can collect from the 214 farmers;**
- 3. Council continues the Household Hazardous Waste collection and storage system with Nelson City Council;**
- 4. After the 214 listed farms have been cleared, Council provides a registration system for farmers and endeavours to pick up the waste from enrolled farmers at least every two years. With budget being provided via the LTCCP process, starting at \$30,000 for the 2010 / 2011 financial year.**

CARRIED

4. DOG CONTROL POLICY AND PRACTICES – JULY 2008 TO JUNE 2008 - REPORT EP08/0/03

Control Services Contractor, Mr J Bergman, and Administration Officer, Ms A Brown, spoke to the annual report contained within the agenda.

The report said that property visits to all dog owners were carried out in both residential and rural areas in 2007 / 2008, although a more targeted approach may be of more value in tracking down unregistered dogs and owners who fail to meet their obligations.

**Moved Crs Inglis / Glover
EP08/08/11**

THAT:

- 1. Dog Control Policies and Practices, Report EP08/08/03, required pursuant to Section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996, be received and adopted;**
- 2. Report EP08/08/03 be publicly notified and be made available on the Council's website with a copy being sent to the Secretary for Local Government.**

CARRIED

5. DOVEDALE GROUNDWATER INVESTIGATIONS - REPORT EP08/08/04

The report provided the result of the flow test data for five of eight bores carried out in the Dovedale Valley between April 2007 and February 2008. The groundwater investigation show there is no appreciable groundwater in the location of the deep test bore.

Cr Norriss spoke about the presentation made to the Dovedale residents on 27 August 2008.

**Moved Crs Norriss / Riley
EP08/08/12**

**THAT the Dovedale Valley Groundwater Investigations Report, EP08/08/04 be received.
CARRIED**

6. ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE MANAGER'S REPORT - REPORT EP08/08/11 (Continued)

The Environment & Planning Committee considered further items from the Manager's report, including:

1. The impact of regulations on housing costs;
2. Ecofest, 16 and 17 August;
3. Contamination risk management.

7. SUBMISSION ON NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARD ON ECOLOGICAL FLOWS AND WATER LEVELS - REPORT EP08/08/05

Policy Planner, Ms M Baker, spoke to this report and tabled copies of an amended submission to the Proposed National Standard.

Cr King arrived at the meeting at 10.30 am.

**Moved Crs Inglis / Glover
EP08/08/13**

**THAT the Environment & Planning Committee approves the Proposed Amended submission to the National Environmental Standard on Ecological Flows and Water Levels, for forwarding to the Ministry for the Environment by 31 August 2008.
CARRIED**

8. COUNCIL SUBMISSION ON THE APPLICATION FOR RESOURCE CONSENT TO NELSON CITY COUNCIL BY WAHANGA LTD, 93 CHAMPION ROAD - REPORT EP08/08/06

The agenda contained a copy of a proposed submission to Nelson City Council regarding the resource consent for a seven lot residential subdivision by Wahanga Ltd at 93 Champion Road, Richmond.

**Moved Crs Norriss / Borlase
EP08/08/14**

THAT the Environment & Planning Committee approves the lodging of the submission on the resource consent application by Wahanga Ltd for the subdivision and residential development of the land at 93 Champion Road, Richmond.

CARRIED

9. INVESTIGATION INTO SIGNIFICANT NATURAL AREAS IN THE TASMAN DISTRICT - REPORT EP08/08/08

The report contained within the agenda provided an update on the significant natural areas work programme, involving a number of parties that had signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Council last year. The project has been funded for the 2008 / 2009 and Crs Borlase and Ensor have been involved in the project oversight group. The landowner assistance programme will be available to landowners on freehold land with natural areas that have been assessed as being significant native habitats where the landowners have already received an ecological report. Participation is on a voluntary process and the project continues to have widespread support from all participating parties.

**Moved Crs Glover / Norriss
EP08/08/15**

THAT Report EP08/08/08, Investigation Into Significant Natural Areas in Tasman District be received.

CARRIED

10. ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE MANAGER'S REPORT - REPORT EP08/08/11 (Continued)

Mr Bush-King spoke to the matter of vehicles on beaches and damage that occurs to banks and ecological value. The Committee did not request any further action.

Aquaculture legislation was the subject of a recently introduced Government Bill that required a submission to be lodged in just over a week. Council Policy Planner, Mr N Jackson, had attended the Committee hearing on 20 August to reinforce the need for the Bill to be enacted.

Heart of Nelson is the project title for the development of a central city strategy and Nelson City Deputy Mayor, Ms R Reese, and Project Manager, Mr D Jackson, had been invited to address Council on this project.

**Moved Cr Wilkins / Borlase
EP08/08/16**

THAT the Environment & Planning Manager's report, EP08/08/11 be received.

CARRIED

11. ESTUARY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND RESTORATION FOR TASMAN - REPORT EP08/08/09

Resource Scientist, Mr T James, spoke to this report and provided information about the state of Tasman's estuaries and recommended methods to improve the estuarine environment where it has been degraded. He illustrated his presentation with a PowerPoint display and copies of the Estuary Restoration documents.

**Moved Crs Glover / Ensor
EP08/08/17**

THAT the Environment & Planning Committee:

- 1. Receives Report EP08/09/09, Estuary Resource Management and Restoration for Tasman;**
- 2. Notes that a bid for increased support for estuary monitoring over the coming years, in particular to conduct vulnerability assessments on a range of estuaries, will be included in the LTCCP.**
- 3. Notes that a bid for increased support for resources for estuary restoration through the Parks and Reserves budget will be included in the LTCCP. The first priority would be providing project management and coordination of estuary restoration for about two days per week then support for providing rangers for such parks once developed.**

CARRIED

12. ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT - REPORT EP08/08/10

Cr Higgins provided comment in his report about remediation of the former Fruitgrowers Chemical Company site at Mapua and the Proposed Emissions Trading Scheme.

**Moved Crs Higgins / Norriss
EP08/08/18**

THAT the Environment & Planning Committee Chair's report EP08/08/10 be received.

CARRIED

13. HEART OF NELSON PROJECT – CENTRAL CITY STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

Nelson City Council Deputy Mayor, Ms R Reese, and Project Manager, Mr D Jackson, described how Nelson City was developing a Central City Strategy to consider the design of the city centre and surrounding area. The Heart of Nelson project final strategy is expected to be available by March 2009.

14. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

**Moved Crs Ensor / Norriss
EP08/08/019**

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

- Richmond East – Nelson South: Review Of Draft Structure Plan
- Motueka West and Central: A Review of Issues Following Consultation with Wakatu Incorporation
- Water Allocation Management Review: Motueka Plains and Catchment Draft Plan Variation
- Manawhenua Iwi and Water Management: Supplementary Report to TRMP Hearing 53 Staff Assessment Report 493

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 |
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| Richmond East – Nelson South: Review Of Draft Structure Plan | To receive Policy advice | Proceedings where a right of appeal lies to a Court against the final decision |
| Motueka West and Central: A Review of Issues Following Consultation with Wakatu Incorporation | | |
| Water Allocation Management Review: Motueka Plains and Catchment Draft Plan Variation | | |
| Manawhenua Iwi and Water Management: Supplementary Report to TRMP Hearing 53 Staff Assessment Report 493 | | |

CARRIED

15. RESOLUTION TO RESUME OPEN MEETING

**Moved Crs Borlase / Wilkins
EP08/08/20**

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

CARRIED

Cr Higgins thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 4.35 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: