

MINUTES

TITLE: Environment & Planning Committee
DATE: Thursday, 16 July 2009
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

PRESENT: Crs M J Higgins (Chair), S J Borlase, R G Currie, T E Norriss, G A Glover, B W Ensor, E J Wilkins, S G Bryant

IN ATTENDANCE: Environment & Planning Manager (D C Bush-King), Policy Manager (S Markham), Policy Planner (M Honey), Development Engineer (D Ley), Executive Assistant (V M Gribble)

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs Higgins / Ensor
EP09/07/04

THAT apologies from Mayor R G Kempthorne, Crs J L Inglis, N Riley, B F Dowler, N Riley and J L Edgar, for absence be sustained.

CARRIED

1. PUBLIC FORUM

1.1 Beth Bryant

Mrs Bryant tabled and spoke to her submission which was centred on the proposed Motueka Town Plan.

1.2 M Hewetson

Mr Hewetson did not agree with the tourism services zone proposed for the entrance to Motueka in the Motueka Town Plan.

1.3 H Briggs

Mr Briggs spoke about the Motueka Town Plan.

1.4 B Leegwater

Mr Leegwater is concerned about the smoke and pollution caused by burning off being carried out in the Motueka Valley area.

1.5 R Smith

Mr Smith spoke about the proposed Motueka Town Plan.

1.6 A Dorne

Mrs Dorne had submitted an e-mail in which she expressed concern about the burning off taking place in Motueka.

2. MINUTES

2.1 Environment & Planning Subcommittee - 5 June 2009

**Moved Crs Norriss / Higgins
EP09/07/05**

THAT the minutes of the Environment & Planning Subcommittee meeting held on 5 June 2009, containing resolutions numbered EP09/06/01 to EP09/06/03 be confirmed.

CARRIED

2.2 Environment & Planning Committee - 16 June 2009

**Moved Crs Borlase / Glover
EP09/07/06**

THAT the minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee meeting held on 16 June 2009, containing resolutions numbered EP09/06/01 to EP09/06/15 be confirmed.

CARRIED

3. PRESENTATION ON MOTUEKA INTEGRATED CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT (ICM) RESEARCH BY LANDCARE RESEARCH AND CAWTHRON INSTITUTE

C Lauder, M Atkinson, R Young, L Basher, A Fenemor, S Markham, M-A Baker, R Smith and T James were in attendance.

They have all been involved in the research and were in attendance to report back to the Committee.

Cr S J Borlase left the meeting at 12.30 pm.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.35 pm and resumed at 1.15 pm.

4. FREEDOM CAMPING, ISSUES AND OPTIONS - REPORT EP09/07/07

Regulatory Manager, Jean Hodson, was in attendance to present her report that was contained in the agenda. The report was requested from the Environment & Planning Committee meeting of 23 April 2009 and provided some additional information.

THAT:

- a) the Freedom Camping, Issues and Options Report (Report EP09/07/07) be received;
- b) the current Council “Policy for promoting safe and environmentally friendly overnight camping for self-contained motorhomes and caravans” be retained;
- c) Council support the national initiatives for self-contained freedom camping and that contact be made with the Freedom Camping Forum to pass on information about the issues being experienced in our area and to encourage a hastening of their work so the education of visitors can be done consistently at the first point of contact;
- d) Council agree that no further work on the issue of a bylaw to regulate overnight camping be undertaken at this time;
- e) The current programme of monitoring and enforcement of “illegal camping” be continued.

CARRIED

Cr Currie requested his vote against the motion be recorded.

5. MOTUEKA WEST AND CENTRAL URBAN DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATION PAPER RESPONSES - REPORT EP09/07/09

R Biss was in attendance to speak to the report which discussed the results of the public consultation undertaken recently on the Motueka West and Central Urban Development Consultation Paper and make recommendations on any necessary changes to the Motueka West and Central Structure Plan.

Cr Norriss said Council needs to get the preferred route for a Motueka bypass protected.

Mr Markham said the Council and NZ Transport Agency are working collaboratively to address transportation issues for Motueka, one of which is the bypass, including the crossing of the Motueka River.

Cr Glover said Council can not address anything until it knows for sure where the roads will be. There is a major traffic issue on High Street.

Ms Biss said there would be no plan changes progressed until the traffic issue is addressed.

**Moved Crs Bryant / Wilkins
EP09/07/08**

THAT (Report EP09/07/09):

- 1. A buffer area be provided between the houses on the north side of King Edward Street and the future industrial zone by relocating the future stormwater area and road further south.**
- 2. The area of open space provided in association with higher density residential development is enlarged.**
- 3. The extent of future industrial area at the northern end of the Motueka aerodrome runway in the Whakarewa Street/Green Lane block is reduced to minimise hazard risk.**
- 4. The future standard residential area east of Grey Street and south of Whakarewa Street has some provision for higher density residential development.**
- 5. The Tourist Services zoning at High Street remain in its existing zoning and allow for a town entrance feature.**
- 6. An indicative road between Courtney Street and King Edward Street is added to the structure plan.**
- 7. New urban zoning is deferred for all services.**
- 8. This resolution takes into account that the Motueka Transportation Study (MTS) is still at an early stage with a final report not due until December 2009. There may need to be some iteration of the structure plan to ensure that the transport recommendations are fully integrated.**

CARRIED

6. COMPLIANCE MONITORING QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2009 TO 30 JUNE 2009 - REPORT EP09/07/10

Compliance Officer, D Shaw, was in attendance to present the report on behalf of Co-ordinator Compliance Monitoring, C Cheeseman.

The report outlined complaints, incidents and general monitoring undertaken as part of the Compliance Monitoring Department's programme of work over the period 1 April 2009 to 30 June 2009.

Discussion was held on the issue of outdoor fires being lit and the pollution caused by smoke from the fires.

Cr Ensor asked for an opportunity to discuss this matter further and change the time when burning can occur.

Mr Bush-King said Council encourages people to be good neighbours and they have a general duty to minimise adverse environmental effects.

Mr Shaw said an updated guide to good practice could be issued when the fire permit is uplifted.

**Moved Crs Bryant / Higgins
EP09/07/09**

**THAT the Compliance Monitoring Quarterly Report for the period 1 April 2009 to 30 June 2009 (Report EP09/07/10) be received.
CARRIED**

7. FARM DAIRY COMPLIANCE REPORT (2007 / 2009) - REPORT EP09/07/11

Compliance Officer, K Bunting, was in attendance to present the report contained in the agenda. The purpose of the report was to present the final results of compliance for the 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 dairy seasons with respect to those farm dairies that hold resource consent to discharge treated dairy effluent to water, and also compliance with respect to those farms that operate under the Permitted Activity Rule 36.1.3 of the Proposed Tasman Resource Management Plan - Discharge of Dairy Effluent to Land. The report also updated where Council stands with respect to the five national targets as set out in the Clean Streams Accord.

**Moved Crs Glover / Norriss
EP09/07/10**

**THAT the Farm Dairy Compliance Report (2007 / 2009) (Report EP09/07/11) be received.
CARRIED**

**8. POLICY MANAGER'S REPORT ON RESOURCE POLICY PROGRAMME -
REPORT EP09/07/12**

Policy Manager, S Markham, was in attendance to present his report that provided a briefing on the current and likely situation with present and programmed resource policy planning projects and recommended a review of priorities under current budget for some of the projects not yet commenced.

Mr Markham said in a number of urban locations in the district the drivers for residential or urban development are limited by funding capacity for lifeline infrastructure, e.g. Richmond, Mapua/Ruby Bay. It is very likely also the case in Eastern Golden Bay and clearly the situation in Wakefield. With all these projects current, it is affecting not just policy planning staff but infrastructure engineers as well.

Cr Higgins summarised saying rural futures and Golden Bay could be given a priority grading of 1 (b) and that Brightwater/Wakefield and Waimea Estuary projects should assume a higher priority.

**Moved Crs Bryant / Wilkins
EP09/07/11**

**THAT Environment & Planning Committee confirm the priority status of projects in the updated programme with amendments to 10 and 19 to 1b) respectively.
CARRIED**

9. ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING MANAGER'S REPORT - REPORT EP09/07/14

9.1 Capital Budget Carry Over

Mr Bush-King advised of two loan-funded budgets which have unspent balances and sought Committee approval to carry over to the 2009/2010 year.

**Moved Crs Norriss / Ensor
EP09/07/12**

**THAT the Environment & Planning Committee approve the carry over of \$173,486 (Rainfall runoff model - \$158,454 and Plant Account \$100,000 loan-funded expenditure into the 2009/2010 year (Report EP09/07/14).
CARRIED**

**Moved Crs Currie / Glover
EP09/07/13**

**THAT the Environment & Planning Manager's report (S611) - (Report EP09/07/14) be received.
CARRIED**

10. WAIMEA ESTUARY INTEGRATED CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY - REPORT EP09/07/13

Policy Planner, Neil Jackson, was in attendance to present the report that recommended an adaptive community process for inquiring into issues and actions for the effective integration of the management of the values of Waimea estuary and its contributing catchments.

**Moved Crs Ensor / Glover
EP09/07/**

THAT the Environment & Planning Committee agree to the commencement of the Waimea Estuary Integrated Catchment Management Strategy as described in report EP09/07/13.

11. CHAIR'S REPORT - REPORT EP09/07/15

Cr Higgins asked Mr Bush-King to purchase a copy of Ian Wishart's book Air Con that deals with climate change and global warming and to seek staff comment in the issues raised.

Cr Higgins asked that a workshop on consents process be held within the next E&P Meeting to review our consents process, a the halfway stage of this Council.

**Moved Crs Norriss /Glover
EP09/07/15**

**THAT the Chair's report (Report EP09/07/15) be received.
CARRIED**

12. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Moved Crs Wilkins / Glover
EP09/07/16

THAT the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of the matter while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each 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
Richmond East development area policy report - report EP09/07/08	Good reason to withhold exists under section 7	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

Reason to withhold information under Section 6 or 7	Section
To receive policy advice	Section

CARRIED

(Refer to Confidential Minute Book).

Moved Crs Ensor / Norriss
EP09/07/17

THAT public meeting be resumed.
CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 4.30 pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: