
MINUTES
of the
REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETING
held
1.30pm, Thursday, 28 November 2019
at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

Present: Councillor D Wensley (Chair), Councillor D Ogilvie (Deputy Chair), Mayor T King, Councillors S Bryant, C Butler, M Greening, C Hill, C Hutt, K Maling, C Mackenzie, D McNamara, T Tuffnell, A Turley, T Walker

In Attendance: Environment and Planning Manager (D Bush-King), Executive Assistant (J Jar)

Part Attendance: Team Leader Biosecurity & Biodiversity (P Sheldon), Environmental Information Manager (R Smith), Biosecurity Officer (K Wright), Policy Planner - Natural Resources (D Worthy), Resource Scientist – Contaminants (A MacKenzie), Compliance and Investigations Officer (J Stuart), Regulatory Manager (A Humphries), Team Leader – Monitoring and Enforcement (C Cheeseman)

1 OPENING, WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Cr Hill opened the meeting with a Karakia.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Ian and Lawson Davey spoke about the difficulty they were having arranging a meeting with the CEO so have come to public forum to address their matter.

Lawson Davey spoke about a long standing roadway issue between themselves and the neighbours and the ongoing issues they are facing.

Mr Davey tabled correspondence between the new owners and Mr Dennis Bush–King, the Environment and Planning Manager and highlighted the crux to the matter was raised on the second page which states they didn't breach any rules so this is not maintenance and repair work. Mr Davey stated TDC should require the Bakers to complete the work to the proper standards and sign off should be required when those standards have been met.

The Chair advised she will pass on the information to the CEO to see if a meeting date can be set.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 REPORTS

5.1 Annual Biosecurity Report

Mr Paul Sheldon – Team Lead Biosecurity and Biodiversity spoke to his report. Mr Sheldon introduced Mr Ken Wright, Biosecurity Officer who undertook the fieldwork for the pest species named in the report.

In response to a question whether the interventions are having a long term impact, Mr Sheldon highlighted how some species like old man's beard are getting ahead of us and our best hope is our investment in biological controls but that in other areas positive results are being achieved.

In a discussion about the lack of facilities for de-fouling hulls, Mr Sheldon said a report was commissioned reviewing the Nelson/Tasman area. Nelson City Council was looking to increase hardstands available but there is a substantial shortfall across both Council areas. A number of concerns were raised about the fouling of hulls and the pest species which are ever being translocated, nationally and from overseas. Limited provision had been provided in the Port Tarakohe redevelopment plan.

Moved Deputy Mayor Bryant/Cr Hutt RC19-11-1

That the Regulatory Committee

- 1. receives the Annual Biosecurity Report RRC19-11-1; and**
- 2. receives the Review of the 2018-19 Operational Plan attached as Attachment 1 to RRC19-11-1; and**
- 3. approves the 2017-18 Operational Plan for the Tasman-Nelson Region attached as Attachment 2 to RRC19-11-1.**

CARRIED

5.2 Annual Biodiversity Report

Mr Paul Sheldon – Team Lead Biosecurity and Biodiversity spoke to his report which was taken as read. Mr Sheldon highlighted it had been a busy year managing a number of contractors doing ecological survey work and trying to develop policy within Council to manage biodiversity issues.

With regard to the need for further traps, it was noted there is a number of traps that haven't been used for the last 12 months. Mr Sheldon said he could have a conversation with DOC and

find out who supplied them and will respond.

Mr Sheldon was thanked for his excellent report and the important job he is doing.

Moved Cr Hill/Cr Ogilvie

RC19-11-2

That the Regulatory Committee receives the Annual Biodiversity Report RRC19-11-2;

CARRIED

5.3 Annual Air Quality Report

Ms Diana Worthy, Policy Planner - Natural Resources, Ms Anna MacKenzie, Resource Scientist – Contaminants and Jane Stuart, Compliance and Investigations Officer spoke to their report which was taken as read.

In response to a concern on what effect the current fires in Australia were having to our local air quality, Ms MacKenzie said you can see the impact on the readings on the website but it's not overly high. It was noted it won't push us over our exceedance levels.

In response to a question about whether education is in place for people that are still burning coal around the Motueka area, Ms Worthy said their focus is on woodburning home heating, they are aware some people still use coal, however they provide general education measures around how you use burning materials and that this was more of a national issue.

In response to a question on the outdoor burning trial, Ms Worthy said this would be part of our education tool from the trial and staff would be making a video for the Council website and updating other materials.

A discussion took place around current fines for those who are non-compliant with their burning and the need for this to be actively monitored.

In response to a question on the development of hops, Ms Stuart said staff are aware that owners are burning hop waste and that staff have developments in place to improve current practice.

Moved Cr Hill/Cr Wensley

RCCCC19-11-3

That the Regulatory Committee receives the Annual Air Quality Report RRC19-11-3.

CARRIED

5.4 Regulatory Manager's 6 Monthly Report

Mr Adrian Humphries, Regulatory Manager spoke to his report which was taken as read.

It was noted the issues around marine safety and Mr Humphries advised the harbourmasters have been very educationally focused and have a good liaison with all our commercial operators. The main issue we are facing is poor behaviour on jet skis in relation to the close proximity to the shoreline and people. Jet ski clubs and other organisations have been advised. Mr Humphries said interventions will be in proportion to risk.

Moved Cr Tuffnell/Cr Turley

RC19-11-4

That the Regulatory Committee receives the Regulatory Manager's 6 Monthly Report RRC19-11-4;

CARRIED

5.5 Chairman's Report

The Chair highlighted the important work of the Committee and its role in working with the community and Central Government.

In response to a question around reports in the past containing more financial information, Mr Bush-King said he would raise this with Mike Drummond, Corporate and Governance Services Manager as financial information was to be reported to the Council. It was noted the Mayor was holding a debrief with Chairs after the first round of Committee meetings to review the new Committee Structure.

Moved Cr Maling/Cr Tuffnell

RC19-11-5

That the Regulatory Committee receives the Chairman's Report RRC19-11-5;

CARRIED

5.6 Environment and Planning Manager's Report

Mr Dennis Bush-King, Environment and Planning Manager advised the Councillors that any new matters for Councillors relevant to the Regulatory portfolio he would bring through this activity report.

Mr Bush-King spoke to his report which was taken as read. He provided a brief breakdown on the various items in his report.

In response to a question on the submission to MBIE around solar panels being more arduous than MBIE had recommended, Mr Bush-King said he will have to get advice from staff.

Mr Bush-King explained why the Waimea Community Dam was one of the projects to have been exempted under Schedule 1 of the Building Act.

There was an issue raised that Councillors were not made aware of the meeting of the Moutere Catchment Group, Mr Rob Smith said Landcare Trust had organised the meeting, but staff would alert Councillors to future events.

There was a suggestion raised with the number of submissions coming up if there was any interest between the Councillors in forming a dedicated group that staff could liaise with. It was highlighted that Councillors hold varying interests so could offer their various skillsets for different submissions rather than have a dedicated group. The Chair encouraged the Councillors to get involved in the submissions as it was important to be heard.

Moved Cr Wensley/Mayor King

RCC19-11-6

That the Regulatory Committee:

- 1. receives the Environment and Planning Manager's Report RRC19-11-6; and**

- 2. receives and endorses the submissions listed in section 4.2 and Attachments 1 – 6 of the Report**

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 3.05pm. Cr Hill did a farewell Karakia

Date Confirmed:

Chair:

Unconfirmed