
MINUTES
of the
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
held
9.30 am, Thursday, 31 May 2018
at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

Present: Councillors P L Canton (Chair), D M Wensley, S R Brown, S G Bryant, M J Greening, P H Hawkes, D E McNamara, D J Ogilvie, P F Sangster, T A Tuffnell, A C Turley

In Attendance: Community Development Manager (S Edwards), Reserves and Facilities Manager (R Hollier), Senior Horticultural Officer (B Wilkes), Strategic Policy Manager (S Flood), Youth Councillor (J Heath-Keen), Youth Councillor (C Betts), Administration Officer (M Ellis), Executive Assistant (T Fifield)

1 OPENING, WELCOME

The Chair welcomed Youth Councillors, Jade Heath-Keen from Motueka High School (Year 12) and Connor Burts from Golden Bay High School (Year 9). He also welcomed Brent Maru, the Motueka Community Board Chair and Council's new Chief Executive Officer, Janine Dowding.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved Cr Tuffnell/Cr Brown
CD18-05-1

That apologies for absence from Mayor Kempthorne, Cr King and Cr Maling be accepted.
CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

3.1 Liz Thomas

Liz Thomas from Golden Bay spoke in relation to Council's submission on the Local Electoral Matters Bill. She said she was the initiator of a petition that will request Council runs a poll on the electoral voting system Council uses. She advised that when the deadline for getting the petition to Council of February wasn't met, they continued to work with Council and had discussions with the Mayor and the Golden Bay Community Board on how they could continue to collect the required amount of signatures. They have invested a lot of time, travel and money to collect the

signatures from around the District and it is only fair to the 2000 (approx) people who signed the petition to try and get the poll run. Another 200 signatures are needed to get above the 5%. Ms Thomas said she would like confirmation on what is happening and whether Council will be able to run a poll on the electoral voting system with the 2019 election.

3.2 Penny Griffith

Penny Griffith welcomed Janine Dowding, Council's new Chief Executive Officer. Ms Griffith spoke about the electoral voting system petition. She said now that the Bill is in Parliament, she will be writing to the Select Committee rather than the Minister. She talked about the "Dirty Politics in Golden Bay" article in the June 2018 issue of the North and South magazine. She had no knowledge that this article would be included in the magazine. She circulated copies of the article to Councillors for their information.

3.3 Wayne Harrison

Wayne Harrison from Coastguard Nelson spoke about Coastguard Nelson's proposed new rescue vessel. Mr Harrison provided copies of photos of the new vessel. He said the new vessel would be able to get into areas where they cannot presently go. It will also improve the health and safety of the crew and people they rescue.

3.4 Stephanie McKee

Stephanie McKee spoke about McKee Reserve. She said her grandfather, Arthur McKee, donated the Reserve to Council. She advised that she was keen to set up a charitable trust called the McKee Reserve Restoration Trust. She said she has local resident and iwi support for the proposed trust and that they would like to work with Council and help get volunteers onboard and to also raise money through grants. She read an extract from Council's website and asked the following questions: Is there still a McKee Memorial Reserve Committee? Is there still an annual work plan? Has the 1989 Management Plan been updated? Does the Department of Conservation have to approve the management plans as stated?

3.5 Brent Maru

Brent Maru thanked the Committee for allowing the Youth Council to sit at the Council table and Lani Evans for organising it. He acknowledged the current work on the Motueka Library Feasibility Study and also the work involved with the Motueka Reserve Management Plans. He said he has received at least 10 messages from the older youth concerned that the tap at the Motueka skatepark has been taken away. Mr Maru advised it is very important to have the tap back.

3.6 Sara Chapman

Sara Chapman welcomed Youth Council members. She said she has a long term relationship with Community Development staff over the last 12 years. She said the Rec Park Centre, Golden Bay presentation from Nick Schramm today covers the period October 2017 to April 2018. She advised that it does not show the real potential of the centre but shows a benchmark in terms of data. She thanked the staff and contractors who worked on the project and made special mention of Glenn Thorn for his work on the sportsfields. She noted it was great to attend the 10 year anniversary of the Takaka Library.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 LATE ITEMS

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Moved Cr Canton/Cr Wensley
CD18-05-2**

That the minutes of the Tasman Creative Communities Subcommittee meeting held on Tuesday, 10 April 2018, be received.

CARRIED

**Moved Cr Tuffnell/Cr Ogilvie
CD18-05-3**

That the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held on Thursday, 12 April 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Nil

8 PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Sport Tasman Presentation

Nigel Muir, Sport Tasman's Chief Executive Officer, made a powerpoint presentation to Councillors on New Zealand youth participation in being active. He said he recently met with Judge Andrew Becroft, the Children's Commissioner, who believes that "a kid in sport stays out of court". Mr Muir noted that motivation for playing sports shifts from fun to wellbeing at about the age of 15. He said two years ago Sport Taranaki and Sport Tasman launched a collaborative pilot project called "Voice of the Participant in Secondary Schools". He said school sport councils are being developed which are made up of students, teachers, principals, board of trustee members and members of the public.

In response to a question if the cost in sport is a barrier, Mr Muir replied that cost is in the top three barriers.

A discussion ensued regarding graded and representative sports teams and if they could affect students negatively. It was also noted that people tend to drop out of sport when it becomes competitive.

A question was raised if Council can help Sport Tasman deliver non-competitive sports outside of the school environment? Mr Muir said definitely and that there are a lot of fun events like Muddy Buddy and Top Team which are great. He said he welcomed getting the Youth

Council's opinion into Council decision making processes.

Morning tea adjournment was taken from 10.35 am to 10.45 am.

8.2 Rec Park Centre, Golden Bay Presentation

Nick Schramm, Rec Park Centre Manager, provided an update on activities held at the Rec Park Centre, Golden Bay. He said the usage and functions at the Centre will grow in the next six months now that the Centre's clubrooms are open. He said that because the clubrooms hadn't been open, the Centre had \$15,000 of loss revenue from cancelled bookings. It was noted that nearly 80% of the expenditure was operational. The Centre is now able to start taking commercial bookings for the clubrooms until September when they may need to get another Certificate of Public Use.

He noted that they are still carrying on with the community recreation partnership and some of the events include Tata Titanic, Santa Parade and Carols on the Village Green.

Mr Schramm said future planning of the park would be the completion of the project and the issue of a code compliance certificate, permanent carparking and lighting, a website and the addition of a hockey field for next season.

A discussion followed regarding Cyclone Gita and the emergency aftermath at the Centre. He advised that 30 people stayed overnight and that the welfare team have had training.

For future presentations, Councillors requested that the user types data be broken down into commercial, weddings, rugby etc. Also it would be helpful if the age demographic graph be broken down into smaller age gaps (instead of 15-64 years).

9 REPORTS

9.1 Chairperson's Report

The Chair's report was taken as read.

Cr Canton noted that people appreciated Councillors' presence at the recent Citizenship Ceremony.

He also mentioned that the paintings gifted to the Takaka Library by Robin Slow are amazing and are worth a look if anyone is in Takaka.

Moved Cr Hawkes/Cr Wensley

CD18-05-4

That the Community Development Committee receives the Chairperson's Report

RCD18-05-01

CARRIED

9.2 Community Development Manager's Report

Community Development Manager, Susan Edwards, spoke to her report.

A discussion ensued about the Hope Tennis Club clubroom extension. A question was asked that because it is only a basic extension of the current building, is it required to be publicly notified. Ms Edwards advised we do have to publicly notify, as it is a requirement of the Reserves Act.

Staff were asked to encourage the Hope Tennis Club to have a non-competitive youth programme and that we need to try to negotiate a requirement in leases that there is some non-competitive focus included in club activities.

It was noted that in future, any leases that Council have on the reserve will be contemplated in a Reserve Management Plan.

In regard to Council's submission on the Local Electoral Matters Bill, there was some concern about staff access to the non-published roll. It was advised that only two staff members (the Electoral Officer and Deputy Electoral Officer) would require this information and it would only be needed to clarify if the person is on the Electoral Roll so they can make a special vote.

It was noted that at present, the processes in the Local Electoral Act enable those who are elected to decide on the system rather than the public. The Committee asked that the submission include wording that a vote on the electoral system becomes mandatory every six years to be held in conjunction with the Local Government elections.

There was a discussion on Bed Tax but it was noted that it wouldn't work in Marahau as there is very limited accommodation.

In relation to Stephanie McKee's questions in public forum this morning, there is no McKee Memorial Committee (they disbanded a few years ago). There is also no annual work plan and the 1989 Management Plan hasn't been updated.

A question was raised asking if staff are having trouble getting approved contractors. It was advised that across Council we are finding that some tender prices are more than budgeted. It was noted that we do use smaller contractors sometimes but they are very busy due to the recent storm events.

In regard to the upcoming survey in the Mudcakes and Roses publication, it was advised that Councillors would like to include a question as to whether the reader would like \$50,000 per annum to be spent on Mudcakes and Roses. The general community may like the money to go towards other activities. It was noted that the editor of Mudcakes and Roses would like the opportunity to make a presentation to Council. It was also noted it would be great to have a community editorial review board.

Moved Bryant/Cr Sangster

CD18-05-5

That the Community Development Committee appoints Crs Canton (Chair), McNamara and Maling to comprise a hearing panel to hear the submissions on the intention to grant a lease over the Hope Recreation Reserve to the Hope Tennis Club.

CARRIED

Moved Cr Greening/Cr McNamara

CD18-05-6

That the Community Development Committee accepts the submission contained in Attachment 4 on the Local Electoral Matters Bill for submission to the Justice Committee subject to the inclusion of wording in the submission requesting that a vote on the electoral system becomes mandatory every six years to be held in conjunction with the Local Government elections.

CARRIED

Moved Cr Ogilvie/Cr Hawkes

CD18-05-7

That the Community Development Committee:

- 1 receives the Community Development Manager's Report RCD18-05-02; and**
- 2 requests that staff publicly notify the intention to grant a lease to the Hope Tennis Club for an extended clubroom under section 54 (1)(b) of the Reserves Act 1977; and**
- 3 authorises the Chair to co-opt alternative Councillors onto the hearing panel in the event of unavailability of any panel members; and**
- 4 declines the opportunity to present the Council's submission on the Local Electoral Matters Bill at the Select Committee hearing.**

CARRIED

9.3 Action Sheet - Community Development

Progress on the action items from the previous Committee meetings was noted.

Moved Cr Wensley/Cr Sangster

CD18-05-8

That the Community Development Committee receives the Action Sheet - Community Development report RCD18-05-03.

CARRIED

Crs Ogilvie, Bryant, Sangster and Greening left the meeting at 12.40 pm.

Lunch adjournment was taken from 12.40 pm to 1.15 pm

It was suggested that Susan Edwards presentation on Society of Local Government Managers UK Study Tour be deferred to a future meeting or workshop.

Moved Cr Tuffnell/Cr Turley

CD18-05-9

That the Society of Local Government Managers UK Study Tour presentation be deferred to a future meeting or workshop.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 1:25pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair:

Confirmed