

# MINUTES

**TITLE:** Special Council Meeting  
**DATE:** Friday 16 June 2006  
**TIME:** 9.00 am  
**VENUE:** Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond  
**PRESENT:** Mayor J C Hurley, Crs S G Bryant, J L Inglis, R G Currie, T E Norriss, E J Wilkins, M J Higgins, S J Borlase, E E Henry, P K O'Shea, E M O'Regan, T B King, R G Kempthorne  
**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive (R G Dickinson), Corporate Services Manager (D G Ward), Accounting Manager (M W Staite), Minute Secretary (V M Gribble)

## APOLOGIES

Moved Crs King/Borlase  
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THAT an apology for absence from Cr Riley be sustained.  
CARRIED

## HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT LTCCP

### 534 GE Aware

S Lees was in attendance and tabled two petitions, one asking Council for a GE-free zone until independent research is available on the health and environmental effects of GE food and crops. The second petition asked for strong controls on GE organisms in Tasman District. She also tabled a report titled Community Management of GMOs II prepared for Whangarei District Council by Simon Terry Associates Ltd and Mitchell Partnerships.

### 535 S Lees

Ms Lees said Tasman District Council's LTCCP is superficial in its approach and lacks vision. The plan takes no notice of our precarious situation as regards GE, Peak Oil or preparation for global warning. She tabled a copy of Energy Descent Action Plan – Kinsale 2021 and asked that it be read. Community vision is essential and suggested how to make Tasman a better district and the communities flourish.

### 536 Mr P Peters

Mr Peters was in attendance and presented his submission. He spoke on climate change and oil shortages and the consequences of those two issues. He asked that Council make mention of climate change and the effect it will have on our coastline in the final LTCCP. He suggested it be put under Coastal Structures on page 92. He said acknowledgement of future intent for partnership with private enterprise could be

inserted about public transport. He believed the time will come when Council will have to subsidise public transport. He suggested Council signs up to Climate Change programme, where they're promoting reduction in carbon emissions and they have a green pack for builders, detailing how a building can be constructed in an environmentally-friendly way. He asked that sea level rising within Nelson Harbour should be measured in conjunction with Nelson City Council so we have a database to work on for climate change.

**537 L Hannah**

Ms Hannah was present and spoke to her submission. She said New Zealand needs natural burial parks as means of disposing of the dead. She believed Tasman District Council had land that was not useful for farming and could be used. Ms Hannah said burial parks could happen on small blocks of land on the outskirts of towns. She hoped they would be public reserves. She said specific graves can be recorded with GPS and recorded in the park. Graves will also be marked with trees. Records for people who don't go regularly need to be available, but in the short term people will know because they've buried their loved ones.

**539 Fraser Walls**

Mr Walls sought that the plan provide greater provision for energy self sufficiency within the district. He said he would like Council to support small power generation schemes where they could contribute to the ecological supply of energy without environmental problems. He said that Council's energy policy could also encourage the installation of solar water heating and that Council could assist by lowering consent fees. He sought that Council had to control heating systems that create air pollution. In his written submission he suggested some measures for further investigation by staff relating to energy conservation issues.

**541 Janet Whittington**

Ms Whittington sought that staff investigate and plan for coastal shipping and rail options in case the increase in the price of oil makes Tasman Region uneconomic in terms of the freighting of goods. She said that fuel costs can make freighting uneconomical and gave the example of milk being taken to Christchurch from Tasman District for processing. The submitter said that rising fuel costs are going to have a tremendous impact on our lives and economy.

**542 Ron Sharp**

Mr Sharp spoke of his concern about future seawater rises and the use and conservation of energy sources. He sought that Council provide a greater emphasis on education about seawater rise and said that the resources of the Environmental Education Officer could assist in that area.

**543 Colin Robertson**

This submitter spoke of his concern about the significant issue of rising fuel prices and the effect on Council's budgeted turnover. He explained how this will impact on

all of Council's functions and services. Mr Robertson sought that Council investigate the effects of continual and exponentially increasing fuel prices on long term planning and asked for the development of a working group to investigate the implications of a continual increase in fuel prices for the local economy and organisation.

Council received the following submissions.

**467 Primary and Community Health**  
**538 E Bryant**  
**540 P Prestel & B Baader**

**545 Mapua Urban Drainage Area**

Council's Chief Executive, Mr Dickinson spoke to this submission and said it is recommended that area "A" be added to the Mapua urban drainage area and area "B" removed from the Mapua urban drainage area.

Cr Higgins said area "B" is deferred until services reach there. If it is removed, would that mean that the downstream pipes would not be designed to accommodate it in the longer term. If it does mean that, we need to take some time to think about whether we want to remove it.

**544 Rod Barker**

Mr Barker was in attendance to speak to his submission. He is concerned about plumes of smoke created by the burning of unwanted wood and rubbish. There are environmental effects of smoke, visual effects and effects on people's health. We need to give an alternative to burning and referred to the TRMP. Bark chipping is one option he suggested. Mr Barker said refuse should be dried out and burnt at high temperatures to reduce the amount of emissions. It's the amount of smoke created, mainly because the material being burnt is green.

**548 Richmond Community Forum**

Richard Everts, Chairperson, Richmond Community Forum and Barbara White were in attendance.

Mr Everts said they represent a lot of people in the community and said improvements are required for the down town Richmond area. There are economic reasons for improving the down town area and they would like the project to proceed.

Mr Everts said plans that Roger Ashworth has shown are for Croucher Street and part of Queen Street. The big plan is to start with Croucher, work into Queen and then Cambridge Street long term, for beautification, eg cobblestoning, creating green areas, planting trees, make footpaths wider, changing traffic flow and creating an area to hold events. Members of the Community Forum are supportive of development in the years ahead, eg Cambridge Street, which would have more green spaces and public amenities and they see it becoming part of the heart of Richmond. Mr Everts said there is a large area on Croucher Street that could be closed to cars and used for outdoor functions.

**161 B M Biggs**

Mr Biggs said his rates have more than doubled in nine years. Council needs to realise there are a lot of people who are struggling to live within their means. He suggested money could be saved by reducing Newsline publication to once a month. He doesn't believe McIndoe Place can handle the amount of traffic that uses Croucher Street/Queen Street.

**401 Community Action for People and Planet**

Mr Duncan Eddy was in attendance and spoke to this submission. They share concerns in the community about the priority being given to roading and believe roads should be upgraded for safety reasons. He commented on people not feeling confident about putting in submissions and asked Council to take consultation out to the community. Support kerbside recycling and encouraged Council to keep it, but is concerned about increasing costs. Encouraged Council to advocate for bottle deposits. He asked that Council put ashtrays on the top of rubbish bins in streets. Asked Council to look at declaring TDC a Genetically Modified Organism-free area. Support concerns about climate change and support a working party being formed to look into the issue. Asked Council to investigate plausibility of encouraging and supporting all Tasman residents to install water tanks. Encouraged Council to consider a trial of free public transport system. He said Council should look at building leisure facilities in Motueka and Golden Bay. Thanked Council for support of the museum. Supportive of Council retaining ward system and community boards. Asked Council to investigate ways to support positive youth activity.

**471 J Cotton**

Mr Cotton was in attendance. He is concerned about the \$3,000 charge for limited notification which is the same as full notification for resource consent. Development contributions do not encourage sustainable infrastructure development, the developer has to pay regardless of the impact and gives no incentive for him to look at putting in water tanks or alternative sewer, water or stormwater. Have concerns about increase in the development contributions and believes that its introduction 2 years ago was too much too soon. There was a steep decline around 2004 and this sector of the economy has not recovered.

**546 Tasman Rugby Union**

Mr Lee Germon and Mr Murray Sturgeon were present to address their submission.

Cr Higgins left the meeting at 12.15 pm.

Mr Germon said there is a criteria that NZ Rugby set in order to qualify for being part of the Air New Zealand Cup competition. 90% of commercial budget has been obtained, the majority for three year contracts. The quickest stadium to develop was in Blenheim at Lansdowne Park and second was development of Trafalgar Park. It is important to have rugby at Trafalgar Park because population and commercial basis is here. We need a stadium that will provide opportunities for youngsters to see top players. The first part is to meet NZRU criteria, with an opportunity to upgrade to

encompass a wide area of the community. The function area is well used by community groups. There is the opportunity to upgrade Trafalgar Park into a prime spectator facility. The facility will have 15,000 capacity, 5,000 seats of which 2,000 are covered. They are talking about a facility that can host a number of different events, with the potential for concerts. We are looking at a \$3m project and Tasman Rugby is committed to raise \$800,000.

Mr Sturgeon supported the submission to Council and asked that favourable consideration be given to it.

Mr Germon said the resource consent process is 95% complete and they haven't included lights in the consent. It was noted by consultants that lights could take a period of time to get through. The only thing waiting for completion is final plans and drawings. The Board has said it doesn't meet the criteria for Super 14 games, but there is a minimum of 4 guaranteed home Air New Zealand Cup games. Parking is part of consent process and the consultant believes it can pass through the system. He said a comprehensive traffic plan has been prepared by the consultants.

Mr Germon said Tasman Rugby supports Sportspark Motueka and had a trial match scheduled but it had to be moved because of the state of the ground after heavy rain.

Mr Sturgeon said it is written in Nelson Bays constitution that when Golden Bay and Nelson unions merged, games should be evenly divided between Trafalgar Park and Sportspark. That is still the attitude and view of the executive today running sub-union games.

Mr Germon said the Tasman Rugby Union is requesting \$630,000 from Tasman District Council.

**510            K Marshall**

Mr Marshall was in attendance and said he supports, reinforces and endorses Mr Conway's submission on berm lands on Waimea River. He believes that eventually the whole of Waimea Plains will have housing on it. He requested Council to think well ahead and earmark and plan for green zones and get them in advance. He said Saxton Field is a good example of future planning.

The following submission was received.

**547            D Mitchell**

The meeting concluded at 12.45 pm.

Chair:

Date: