

MINUTES

TITLE: Grants and Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee
DATE: Friday 5 August 2005
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: Downstairs Meeting Room, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

PRESENT: Crs P K O'Shea (Chair), E E Henry, S G Bryant, T B King, N Riley

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr E J Wilkins, Corporate Services Manager (D G Ward), Community Services Manager (L L Kennedy), Corporate/Engineering Administrator (V M Gribble)

1 RECEIPT OF MINUTES – 25 MAY 2005

Moved Crs Henry/O'Shea
CS05/08/01

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Grants and Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee, containing resolutions numbered CS05/05/13 to CS05/05/26 held on 25 May 2005 be received.

CARRIED

2 PROJECT STATUS REPORT

2.1 Maruia Hall

Cr Bryant noted that the work is commencing on this project. Construction of the complex will be completed in November 2005.

Moved Crs Bryant/King
CS05/08/02

THAT the sum of \$75,000 be made available to the Maruia Hall Board from Council's Community Facilities Rate fund, as a one-off contribution towards the construction of the Maruia Hall/Community Centre.

CARRIED

2.2 Murchison Sport Recreation and Cultural Centre

Mr Ward briefed the Subcommittee on meetings that have been held with the immediate neighbours and the community. He noted the neighbours accepted the new siting of the complex.

The architect is preparing a final site plan and revised designs following a request from the community committee advocating for the project. Following the acceptance of final designs and project costs from the architect, Council staff will need assurance

from the local committee that its fundraising programme is able to satisfy the criteria for the community facilities rate fund.

Cr King considered the cost of the project is too much for the community to be able to fundraise for.

Cr O'Shea said the issue of the range, number and scope of projects that the community facilities rate and the district can support needs to be addressed.

Cr Henry said there is the question of needs versus wants and the question of what happens to the other hall assets in Murchison. Would they be better to have two things - the existing hall and a much smaller sports complex. She is concerned at the ability of the community to maintain the asset and use it and said the community should be advised of our concerns.

Cr O'Shea said there are existing facilities that may be impacted on because of new complexes.

Cr King said when the Moutere Sports Complex first came to us there project cost was \$800,000 and has gone to \$2.4 million, with extras that had to be considered.

Cr Riley reiterated what Cr King said. He was concerned that the people are being allowed to go on with planning and then Council will tell them it is unaffordable.

Cr Bryant agreed that the existing building is past its use by date, but considers the proposed project is too big. He didn't consider the grandstand was needed and said the community should be looking at a smaller project.

Cr Henry referred the Subcommittee to the Council's Project Management Strategy and said the strategy should be followed so that a recommendation can be made to the Murchison committee.

Mr Kennedy said the Community Services requested that an independent assessment be undertaken of the project. He suggested a professional firm who could go into the community and assess what is needed be employed to do the assessment. He said if one or two options were presented the planning committee it would give more scope. He doesn't agree that they need a grandstand.

2.3 Golden Bay Performing Arts Centre

Cr O'Shea said strong reservations were expressed at the Community Services Committee about the library being added to the proposal. The Committee did not want to see the library work derailed because of the proposals.

Cr Riley said the general feeling in the community is that the library is a stand alone project.

2.4 Tasman Tennis Centre

Mr Kennedy said the first upgrade of Tasman Tennis Centre was completed recently and Council has allocated funding of \$190,000 for the second stage.

2.5 Nelson Hockey Association

Mr Kennedy said the funds were allocated in the last financial year. The total cost of the project is \$2.25 million.

**Moved Crs Bryant/Henry
CS05/08/03**

THAT:

- a) Council provides the sum of \$410,000 for the Nelson Hockey Association project from its Community Facilities Rate fund, payable in four single monthly instalments between August and November 2005.**
- b) A loan of \$410,000 be raised to meet the cost of this commitment. Debt servicing costs will be charged against the Community Facilities Rate fund.**

CARRIED

2.6 Rugby Park Grandstand, Motueka

Cr Riley expressed concern that it is still being called Rugby Park.

Mr Kennedy said the organising committee have agreed to alter the name of the Park.

Cr O'Shea said the public perception of the project would be improved if the name was changed.

Cr King requested that when the brochure is distributed, the new name should be used.

2.7 Lake Rotoiti Community Hall

Mr Ward advised that the Education Board have agreed to make a financial contribution and Council will shortly receive the sum of \$100,000 plus GST as a contribution towards the project. He said there are only a few outstanding issues to do with the building to be resolved.

Cr Bryant noted that the locals have undertaken the majority of the building work corrections and the problems yet to be rectified need to be done by the builder.

Mayor Hurley arrived at the meeting at 10.15 am.

2.8 Moutere Sport Recreation and Cultural Centre

Mr Ward reported that the official opening is scheduled for 8th October 2005.

Cr Norris had expressed concern that extra things were added into the Centre and he was concerned that contingency funds were used to pay for them.

Cr King said a contingency is built in for the project for if something goes wrong, not for extras.

Cr O'Shea asked that the financial reporting of projects be discussed at the workshop.

2.9 Motueka Community Pool

A report has been requested from the architect for the proposed complex detailing facilities design, site footprint and anticipated operating costs. Following receipt of the architect's report and consideration by this Subcommittee, an information brochure will be prepared for public comment.

Cr O'Shea considered a survey should be undertaken to gauge support or otherwise for the project.

Cr Wilkins agreed that a survey should be undertaken.

Mayor Hurley asked about the background to the need for a survey.

Cr O'Shea said she is receiving comments from people who want the pool and people who don't want it.

Mayor Hurley said he is uncomfortable with the proposal and doesn't believe the siting is right. He said cost will be the final deciding issue.

Moved Crs King/Riley CS05/08/04

**THAT the Project Status report as contained in the agenda be received.
CARRIED**

3 FUNDING CRITERIA

Cr O'Shea said that for the LTCCP Council needs to discuss keeping a facilities rate and regional rate but it may want to shift some projects that are listed under community facilities rate and put them under regional so the community will know which is which.

Cr King questioned whether the facilities rate should be adjusted. He said this is the third year it has been collected and the flexibility is there to do project management without having to increase the rate. Mayor Hurley said he would like to see the facilities rate kept at a steady rate and only increased about every five years.

Mr Ward said if there are no more projects starting, other than those notified, the community facilities rate will not need to be increased until 2007/2008.

Cr King said looking to what is likely to happen in the next few years, most of the projects will be Saxton Field related. If Council had two rates, \$35 for community facilities would stay the same for up to five years, and the new rate created would start at \$8.40 and that would go up. People would then get to comment on regional facilities.

Cr O'Shea was uncomfortable with keeping the community facilities rate at \$35 when it wouldn't be needed.

The Subcommittee requested a staff report to the next meeting showing what would be in community facilities and regional facilities and what the rates would be, including projections.

Cr Henry noted the \$260,000 for the Suter is missing from the report and said it needs to be taken into consideration.

**Moved Mayor Hurley/Cr King
CS05/08/05**

**THAT the Funding Criteria report and the Facilities Rate Forecast report be received and a report be requested assessing the regional and community facilities rate, where current projects would sit within the two rates and what they would need to be and a process for including them in the draft 2006 LTCCP be recommended
CARRIED**

Mr Kennedy undertook to find out more information about the letter from Hon Chris Carter concerning Significant Community-Based Projects Fund.

4 FORMAT AND FREQUENCY OF PROJECT REPORTING

Cr O'Shea asked if project reporting could be made available similar to what is provided for the Museum, for major projects.

**Moved Crs King/Bryant
CS05/08/06**

**THAT reporting along the lines of those received on the Moutere Hills Complex and the Council office extensions be circulated to Councillors on a monthly basis for all projects in progress.
CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 11.15 am.

Confirmed:

Date: