

MINUTES

TITLE: Community Services Committee
DATE: Wednesday 8 February 2006
TIME: 9.30 am
VENUE: District Library, Queen Street, Richmond.

PRESENT: Crs P K O'Shea (Chair), E E Henry, M J Higgins, N Riley (9.42am), E J Wilkins, S J Borlase, E M O'Regan, J L Inglis, T E Norriss and R G Kempthorne (from 11.09 am)

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr L Kennedy (Community Services Manager) Mr J Frater (Manager Property), S E Hartley (Administration Advisor), B Wilkes (Reserves Manager)

APOLOGIES

Moved Crs E M O'Regan/E J Wilkins
CS06/02/01

THAT apologies from His Worship the Mayor and Crs Currie and Bryant be received and sustained.

CARRIED

1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1.1 Minutes of Community Services Committee

Moved Crs E E Henry/E J Wilkins
CS06/02/02

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 1 December 2005 containing resolutions CS05/12/01 to CS05/12/16 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

1.2 Grants & Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee

Moved Crs E E Henry/S J Borlase
CS06/02/03

THAT the minutes of the Grants & Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee meeting held on 22 November 2005, containing resolutions CS05/11/01 to CS05/11/07 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

2 ACTION SCHEDULE AND PROJECT UPDATES

Mr L Kennedy spoke to this explaining that these items had stemmed from earlier meetings, and an update on their progress was reported at each meeting.

Cr O'Shea asked that the St Arnaud School Pool deepening request be removed from this list, as the Committee was simply supporting the children's wishes.

Cr Norriss advised that the Ngatimoti Fire Station was under budget and progressing well.

Mr Kennedy referred to the Motueka Grandstand Progress Report, which showed that the project appears to be within budget, and advised that Sportspark Motueka had recently received \$20,000.00 from the Lions Foundation.

Mr Kennedy outlined the Aorere Centre proposal to build on to the Collingwood Museum, and advised that as the Museum Society would not consent to such, the proposal would be notified.

3 REPORTS

3.1 Chair

Cr O'Shea spoke to her report on the agenda, which welcomed new Committee members, and gave an insight to the duties and responsibilities of the Community Services Committee.

**Moved Crs E E Henry/E M O'Regan
CS06/02/04**

**THAT the Chair's report be received.
CARRIED**

3.2 Manager Property

Mr J Frater was in attendance to speak to his report, and advised that tenders for the Upper Moutere Hall will be advertised this weekend.

In answer to questions about the Takaka Library, Mr Frater explained that there were difficulties with the existing site for extending the current library, including protected trees, public toilets and the rose garden, and therefore it was decided to build a new library on another site and lease the current building. Architects have been appointed to do concept drawings, and money has been put in the 2006/2007 budget for construction. Regarding the district library, Mr Frater advised that development options were being looked at which would include extending the library space downstairs and leasing the office space upstairs.

Cr O'Shea asked that progress reports on the main office development be put on Corporate Services agendas so that all councillors can be kept informed.

**Moved Crs S J Borlase/E J Wilkins
CS06/02/05**

**THAT the Manager Property's report be received.
CARRIED**

3.3 District Librarian

Mr B Patterson was in attendance and spoke to his report. He highlighted that the downward trend in book lending was being experienced with other libraries throughout the country, and explained that the way people used the libraries were changing. Mr Patterson also highlighted the successful children's summer reading programme, and advised that no negative feedback had been received on the changing of library hours.

**Moved Crs E M O'Regan/E E Henry
CS06/02/06**

**THAT the District Librarian's report be received.
CARRIED**

3.4 Reserve Manager

Mrs B Wilkes was in attendance and spoke to her report, updating the Committee on projects throughout the district.

Cr O'Shea suggested that a presentation be given on Saxton Field at a future meeting.

**Moved Crs E O'Regan/S J Borlase
CS06/02/07**

**THAT the Reserve Manager's report be received.
CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 10.38 am and resumed at 10.55 am.

3.5 Community Recreation Advisor

Mr Kennedy spoke to this report which included a comprehensive list of summer events, swimming pool subsidies for pools open to public, grants and funding rounds, community awards and youth council activities.

Discussion ensued on rural travel fund rules and regulations, and it was agreed that the Community Recreation Advisor be asked to report on such at a future meeting.

**Moved Crs E E Henry/S J Borlase
CS06/02/08**

**THAT the Community Recreation Advisor's report be received.
CARRIED**

3.6 Richmond Town Hall Complex

Mr Kennedy spoke to this report, explaining that the management lease with Tasman Regional Sports Trust expires on 30 March 2006. The management of the facility had been sound and continued to promote the use of the Town Hall Complex, and staff were of the opinion that the management lease continue on a similar basis.

**Moved Crs R Kempthorne/E O'Regan
CS06/02/09**

THAT staff be authorised to negotiate a lease and management agreement with the Tasman Regional Sports Trust for the Richmond Town Hall Complex for a period of five years, and that staff invite the views of the Richmond Town Hall Committee to this proposal, and that this to be reported back to a full Council meeting for a final decision.

CARRIED

3.7 Collingwood Trafalgar Society

A letter and copy of a financial statement from the Collingwood Trafalgar Society thanking Council for assistance by way of grants from rates, which enabled the Society to take part in the Trafalgar 200 celebrations in Collingwood.

**Moved Crs N Riley/E E Henry
CS06/02/10**

THAT this report be received, and a letter of congratulations be sent to this Society on the success of their operation.

CARRIED

3.8 Meeting Venues 2006

Members considered a report on alternative meeting venues for the next meeting, due to the alterations to the Richmond office.

Members agreed that the 22 March 2006 Community Services meeting be held in Motueka at the Cricket Pavilion in Pah Street.

4 INFORMATION ITEMS

**Moved Crs M J Higgins/R G Kempthorne
CS06/02/11**

THAT the Rural Fire Network Report for November/December 2005 and the Motueka Grandstand Progress report be received.

CARRIED

5 GOLDEN BAY HOUSING TRUST (GBHT)

Cr Borlase introduced Keith Preston (GBHT consultant), Mik Symmons (GBHT Secretary), Belinda Barnes (GBHT Chair) and Kindra Douglas (Chair Nelson/Tasman Housing Trust).

In presenting the Trust's proposal, Mr Symmons said that Golden Bay had been identified in the NZ Housing Strategy as unaffordable for housing, and the Trust had been established as a community response to this problem. Its proposal today is to acquire the Council's community housing in Takaka to enable the Trust to use the equity from these units as a community contribution for funding of up to \$2 million from Housing New Zealand's Innovation Fund. Mr Symmons pointed out that nothing would change for the council tenants, and a caveat could be put on the cottages to ensure that they could be sold back to Council under the same terms and conditions as they were purchased for.

After further discussion, Committee members, although generally supportive of the concept, decided more information was required before a final decision could be made by Full Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12.31 pm and resumed at 1.15 pm.

**Moved Crs E E Henry/M J Higgins
CS06/02/12**

THAT staff provide a copy of the GBHT Trust Deed and any other relevant information, along with an updated report, including financial implications and the Special Consultation Process, and that this information be considered at the next Community Services Committee meeting.

CARRIED

6 CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.31 pm.