
MINUTES
of the
ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
held
9.30 am, Thursday, 10 July 2014
at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

Present: Cr S G Bryant (Chair), Mayor R G Kempthorne, Crs B W Ensor, J L Edgar, T E Norriss, Z S Mirfin, M J Higgins, B F Dowler, P L Canton, J L Inglis, T B King

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

1 OPENING, WELCOME

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved Cr Inglis/Cr Ensor
EP14-07-1

That apologies for Cr Greening, Cr Bouillir and Cr Sangster be accepted.
CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 LATE ITEMS

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr Norriss/Cr Dowler
EP14-07-2

That the minutes of a Development Contribution Committee meeting held on Tuesday 13 May 2014 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.
CARRIED

Moved Cr Norriss/Cr Ensor
EP14-07-3

That the minutes of an Animal Control Subcommittee meeting held on Wednesday 21 May 2014 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting
CARRIED

Moved Cr Ensor/Cr Higgins
EP14-07-4

That the minutes of an Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday, 22 May 2014, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Moved Cr Inglis/Cr Ensor
EP14-07-5

That the minutes of an Commissioner Consent meeting (CBH Limited) held on Wednesday 28 May 2014 be received.
CARRIED

Mayor Richard Kempthorne joined the meeting.

7 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Nil

8 PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Deputation by Murchison Community Council

Wendy Wood, Secretary of the Murchison Community Council spoke to the meeting about Horse Terrace Bridge. She noted that Eric Thomas and Barry Whitnall were also in attendance. Both had family histories relating to the construction of Horse Terrace Bridge. Ms Wood thanked the Chair for making the assessment report public. She stated that Horse Terrace Bridge was as important to the community now as in the past. Ms Wood gave a background to the bridge, and also the scope of its current use. She recognised the historic significance of the bridge and the high level of support for the bridge from the community.

Eric Thomas spoke to the meeting. Ms Thomas gave her family history of Horse Terrace Bridge. She said that the bridge needs protecting and looking after for the future.

Barry Whitnall spoke to the meeting and reiterated the importance of the bridge to the town and the community. He understood that little maintenance costs would be needed.

Ms Wood noted that Simon Blakemore, Chair of the Murchison Community Council sent his apologies and would have liked to have been present at the meeting.

Councillor Mirfin joined the meeting at 9.40am.

Councillors asked about the previous proposal for the hydro scheme on the Matakītaki river and the impact that would have had on the bridge. Ms Wood said that Network Tasman had proposed the scheme. The hydro proposal had now been shelved because it didn't stack up economically and financially. The scheme would have resulted in the demolition of the bridge. It was confirmed that there was no resource consent had been applied for any hydro proposal.

The Chair and Mayor Kempthorne thanked the deputation for joining the meeting.

9 REPORTS

9.1 Heritage Schedule Horse Terrace Bridge

Rose Biss, Policy Planner, Rural & Urban Development, spoke to her report contained in the agenda. Ms Biss said that ongoing maintenance costs for the bridge would be minimal. She said the life of the bridge was assessed at 40 years. The heritage assessment of the bridge was undertaken by Clare Kelly. The summary was included as an appendix to the report, and Ms Biss was happy to make the entire assessment available to Councillors. Ms Biss recommended that the bridge be included in the Heritage Schedule in the next Tasman Resource Management Plan change.

Ms Biss confirmed that the Heritage listing would not require the bridge to be maintained beyond its expected life of 40 years. Resource Consent would be needed if Council wanted to replace the bridge with a different sort of bridge at the end of the 40 years; and this would not mean that Horse Terrace Bridge would be replaced/removed at that time – a new bridge could be built alongside.

Councillors asked about the approach to the bridge, noting a 90 degree bend on the road. Ms Biss stated that there was no roading work planned by the Council's Engineering department on the approach to the bridge.

Moved Cr Norriss/Mayor Kempthorne EP14-07-6

That the Environment and Planning Committee:

- 1. receives the Heritage Schedule Horse Terrace Bridge Report REP14-07-03; and**
- 2. agrees to include the Horse Terrace Bridge at Upper Matakītaki in the next update of the Tasman Resource Management Plan Heritage Schedule.**

CARRIED

9.2 2013-2014 Farm Dairy Effluent Compliance

Kat Bunting, Compliance and Investigations Officer, spoke to the report contained in the agenda.

Councillors asked when would court action be taken against a non-compliant farm. Ms Bunting confirmed that this would occur when there had been a history of non-compliance with a particular farm. When asked about compliance visits, Ms Bunting said it would depend on nature of complaint to determine if the farm was notified in advance of a proposed visit or staff would just arrive.

Ms Bunting stated that the main point of difference between farming activities as 'permitted activity' as opposed to holding a resource consent, was that that is no cost recovery for staff time on-farm with a permitted activity, where in the case of a resource consent, the Council can recover time on-farm, usually a portion as an annual charge.

Councillors noted that non-compliance had increased and asked the reason. Ms Bunting said that Council is very strict on applying full compliance rules. The technical or minor ponding non-compliance recorded has increased but the environmental effects were minimal.

Cr Tim King joined the meeting at 10.03am

Moved Cr Ensor/Cr Norriss EP14-07-7

That the Environment and Planning Committee receives the 2013-2014 Farm Dairy Effluent

Compliance report.

CARRIED

9.4 Environment and Planning Manager's Report

Dennis Bush-King spoke to his report contained in the agenda. He noted the appointment of a new National Rural Fire Officer. He also noted 322 call-outs in the Tasman district last year and that fire risk needs to be carefully managed.

Mr Bush-King will report on the Environment and Planning aspects of the Annual Report at the next meeting.

A discussion was held of the letter received from the Minister of Environment in regard to the National Monitoring System for the Resource Management Act. This is an increased demand in reporting and data. The Council computer system – NCS can be modified to produce some of the data, but some will need to be manually accumulated. Councillors expressed concern that this would result in increased cost to Council, as a result of a central government decision, at a time when central government is lobbying for councils to reduce their costs and operate more efficiently.

Councillors asked about three resource consent currently being processed for the aerial spread of 1080 in the Kahurangi National Park, and whether they would be notified applications. Mr Bush-King said that these applications will be assessed as needed and go through the resource consent process. Councillors expressed concern that the environmental assessment may not be site-specific and to an appropriate standard.

Mr Bush-King confirmed that once the resource consent application is lodged, it is available to the public.

Moved Mayor Kempthorne/Cr Inglis EP14-07-8

That the Environment and Planning Committee

- 1) receives the Environment and Planning Manager's Report REP14-07-06;**
 - 2) approves**
 - Changes 12, 23 Waiting lists for water allocation, site to site transfer of water permits, Moutere water management; and**
 - Changes 13, 24 Water allocation review (Motueka area)**
- to the Tasman Resource Management Plan under Clause 17 of Schedule 1 RMA to commence as operative changes under Clause 20 at notification of Update 49 to the Plan, expected to be beginning of August 2014.**

CARRIED

The meeting broke for morning tea and resumed at 10.42am

9.3 Environment and Planning Committee Chair's Report

Councillor Bryant spoke to his Chair's report contained in the agenda.

He noted that:

- the Mussel Inn is expected to make an application to amend consent conditions. A new**

traffic management plan is proposed. A long-term solution will be needed for more parking off the road.

- the number of submissions on the draft Dog Control Bylaw had risen to 72
- the Wetlands identification project a Maruia is taking longer than expected.

Cr Norriss raised two issues:

- in regard to the Good Wood agreement – if suppliers don't supply to the Richmond Airshed they wouldn't be concerned about supplying green wood; and
- staff advice in regard to a query about commercial property in Motueka. He believed the business owners had been incorrectly told by Council staff that a resource consent would need to be applied for.

**Moved Cr King/Cr Canton
EP14-07-9**

That the Environment and Planning Committee receives the Environment and Planning Committee Chair's Report REP14-07-05.

CARRIED

10 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

10.1 Procedural motion to exclude the public

**Moved Cr King/Cr Ensor
EP14-07-10**

That the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting. The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

10.1 Richmond Residential Density Project - Decision on Nominations for the Richmond Residential Advisory Group

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Particular interest(s) protected (where applicable)	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.	48(i)(d) - To deliberate in private in a procedure where a right of appeal lies to a Court against the final decision.	s48(1)(a) The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.

10.2 Motueka West and Central Decisions on Plan Changes 43 and 44

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The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.	<p>48(i)(d) - To deliberate in private in a procedure where a right of appeal lies to a Court against the final decision.</p> <p>s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)</p> <p>The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.</p>

CARRIED

Moved Cr Inglis/Cr Higgins

EP14-10-17

That the open meeting be resumed.

CARRIED

From the Confidential Session:

Moved Cr Edgar/Mayor Kempthorne

EP14-10-13

That the Environment and Planning Committee receives the Richmond Residential Density Project - Decision on Nominations for the Richmond Residential Advisory Group (RRAG) REP14-07-07; and

- 1) **approves the membership of RRAG from the nominations received as: Jess Breeze, Toni Lane, Richard Carver, Marc Barron, Paul Newton, Jackie McNae, Blue Hancock , Graham Vercoe; and**
- 2) **approaches a second person from the developer/builder stakeholder group to join even if this can only be secured after the inaugural meeting of RRAG; and**
- 3) **agrees to report the above decisions into open meeting.**

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 11.54am

Date Confirmed:

Chair: