
MINUTES
of the
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
held
9.30 am, Thursday, 7 December 2017
at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

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

In Attendance: Community Development Manager (S Edwards), Executive Assistant (T Barron)

Part Attendance: Strategic Policy Manager (S Flood), Community Relations Manager (C Choat), Community Partnerships Coordinator (M Tasman-Jones), Reserves and Facilities Manager (B Wilkes)

1 OPENING, WELCOME

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved Cr Hawkes/Cr McNamara
CD17-12-2

That apologies for lateness be accepted from Mayor Kempthorne.
CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 LATE ITEMS

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Moved Cr McNamara/Cr Maling
CD17-12-3**

That the open minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held on Thursday, 21 September 2017, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

**Moved Cr Hawkes/Cr Tuffnell
CD17-12-4**

That the confidential minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting held on Thursday, 21 September 2017, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Nil

8 PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Murchison and Districts Community Council on Housing for Older People

Simon Blakemore and Michele Howley from the Murchison and Districts Community Council spoke to the Committee with regard to the pensioner units in Murchison.

Ms Howley expressed her view the units were not up to standard, particularly for the elderly. She considers the units are damp with louvre windows in bathrooms and toilets and were generally badly built. Ms Howley was concerned for the elderly who have given to the community all their lives and asked Council to take responsibility for upgrading the units.

Simon Blakemore spoke to the Committee about the units and suggested that Council commence building two new units on the adjacent land.

It was advised a Council Workshop was planned in 2018 to discuss pensioner housing. A proposed Pensioner Housing Working Group is planned for mid-2018.

It was noted of the four units in Murchison only two units are currently occupied. The units have been insulated and heat pumps installed.

A suggestion was made on whether an Abbeyfield living situation may work in Murchison. It was noted by the Murchison and Districts Community Council that this was on their agenda for discussion.

Beryl Wilkes, Reserves and Facilities Manager spoke to the Committee to outline recent building works which had been undertaken on the units. Mrs Wilkes advised a DOC officer was living in one of the units which had been vacant and was very happy with the tenancy. A new kitchen has been installed in one unit. Mrs Wilkes advised there were differing opinions in the community on the fit for purpose of the units.

It was agreed to arrange for Councillors visit the units.

8.2 Sport Tasman Presentation

Brent Maru, General Manager Facilities, spoke to the Committee on his presentation and provided an overview of activities undertaken and planned for the future.

The presentation also provided statistics and trend information covering door counter activity data, participation in programmes and attendance by age demographic, income analysis and facility expenditure.

Mr Maru spoke to the specific partnerships with Council, including the partnership in a regional Spaces and Places programme, which will be a Nelson and Tasman combined group formed to deliver a Regional Plan by 2020.

Mayor Kempthorne joined the meeting at 10.00am.

Mr Maru noted there had been some challenges with swimming pools in the region.

A question was asked on participation in junior sport. Mr Maru said there did not seem to be as much school teacher involvement as in the past. More young people will choose to play for a club rather than a school. Mr Maru said he will come back to the Committee in 2018 and provide some statistics on participation.

Sport Tasman are running outdoor movies, beach fun days, and many other activities.

Mr Maru noted there was a huge part of the community who do not access what the region has to offer, beaches, sports fields and playground etc, which unfortunately is more common than recognised and very sad.

The Committee thanked Mr Maru and Sport Tasman for everything they do for the community.

9 REPORTS

9.1 Chairperson's Report

The Chair's report was taken as read. Cr Canton thanked all Councillors for their efforts and commitment through the Waimea Dam community consultation process recently held across the region. A question was asked around the authorisation of the advertisements refuting some of the claims from other parties relating to the Dam. The matter was referred to Full Council.

There was some discussion around the pressure staff were under with requests to provide reports.

Mayor Kempthorne left the meeting 10.22pm.

Following the earlier presentation with regard to housing for older people, the Committee agreed they would like to arrange a trip to Murchison to look at the four pensioner housing units and that the working group on community housing needs to be established by mid-2018.

The Committee agreed there was a need for Council to make a statement with regard to climate change. There has been robust discussions around this topic in recent Council workshops.

A question was raised with regard to district facilities, what facilities are in line for the next ten years. It was noted there are no district facilities in the long term plan, therefore no plan was required.

Cr Wensley requested a review of the Community Development Department management and handling of various matters. The request did not receive sufficient support.

A question was asked with respect to the closing of Reilly Street in Golden Bay. It was advised this was a Police initiative.

Moved Cr Maling/Cr Hawkes
CD17-12-5

That the Community Development Committee receives the Chairperson's Report RCD17-12-03.

CARRIED

9.2 Community Development Manager's Report

Cr King left the meeting.

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

Ms Edwards thanked the Councillors for their support in the opportunity to participate in the recent SOLGM UK Council Study Tour. A report on the Study Tour is currently being prepared for the Local Government sector and will be provided to Councillors when complete.

Ms Edwards highlighted a report on Opera in the Park will be going to the Full Council meeting on 14 December.

There was some discussion on the Richmond Aquatic Centre over the damage to the tiles in the lane pool, resulting in people being hurt on cracked tiles. Staff are currently looking at re-tiling options.

Ms Edwards advised the Motueka Library Request for Proposal document is now available and will be sent to the Working Party members.

It was noted Richmond Library staff were working with engineering on the information boards for Queen Street. The Committee discussed the information boards.

A concern was raised on how much the Council was involved in the process of producing the boards and at what cost. Mr Choat advised Waimea South Historical Society were doing all the research and the Library were collating the information.

It was noted Strategic Policy were very busy with most reports going straight to Full Council.

The Tourism infrastructure Fund application was still pending a decision, the new Government may have prolonged that outcome.

There was discussion around the Reserve Management Plans (RMP's) and the need to allocate more staff time so these are not delayed.

Ms Edwards noted it was a staff resourcing issue and timing with LTP workloads and timelines.

With respect to the Representation Review feedback, it was asked if Council were making people aware of certain criteria that needs to be met, were we providing information to the community. Ms Flood advised there was information available on the website to provide correct understanding.

The Committee discussed the information available to the community from both Council and other parties on the Waimea Community Dam proposal.

It was noted the Richmond A&P Show Waimea Dam consultation was a great success in connecting with public.

Ms Edwards spoke to the new format of the Reserves & Facilities section of the report.

Councillors thanked Mrs Wilkes for the improved format report. It was noted work was required on the Stephens Bay walkway to Kaiteriteri. An update was asked for in regard to Stephens Bay to Tapu Bay signage (Anarewa Crescent). Mrs Wilkes advised a shed has now been removed so work will proceed. Reserves and Facilities staff are working closing with property owners for work to commence on signage.

A question was raised in relation to Decks Reserve adult fitness installation being delayed. It was advised that staff are currently working alongside the Motueka Community Board to obtain additional funding and to determine an appropriate location for the equipment.

The Committee congratulated Glenn Thorn, Reserves and Projects Officer on his work in managing the Saxton Velodrome project.

There was discussion around Templemore Pond and other waterways which are deteriorating. It was agreed there was a need to look at education work around where we could make a difference.

It had been noted the McKee Recreation Reserve gate had been locked at night. The caretaker has been told not to lock the gate as it is a health and safety issue. Staff are working closely with engineering in monitoring numbers in the reserve.

The Committee thanked the team for all the work they undertake.

A question was asked on web site upgrade with Councillors expecting the search engine was going to be strong. Mr Choat advised that staff have identified a key risk is search engine facility and this will be addressed.

Moved Cr Bryant/Cr Sangster

CD17-12-6

That the Community Development Committee receives the Community Development Manager's Report RCD17-12-04.

CARRIED

9.3 Community Feedback on Making Tasman Great for Older People

Brylee Wayman, Senior Policy Advisor took her report as read.

Cr King returned to the meeting 12.00 pm.

Ms Wayman advised the main areas of concern were housing, with more housing choice particularly in downsizing, and transport for social connection.

With regard to housing demand, Councillors asked if there were any trends on what people were keen to see, ie having a mix of choice, retirement villages, housing complex (Abbeyfield), Waimea Village and rentals.

Ms Wayman advised feedback on the Richmond Housing choice observations were people wanting this type of framework in other parts of the district; the community seem to be happy with smaller sections being offered.

It was noted smaller sections are a requirement for both older and younger in our community and the need to plan for the future for both old and young.

The importance was stressed for Council to know what space they are in with housing.

Ms Wayman advised Developers were looking at smaller sections and smaller homes.

Moved Cr Wensley/Cr Ogilvie

CD17-12-7

That the Community Development Committee receives the Community Feedback on Making Tasman Great for Older People report RCD17-12-05.

CARRIED

9.4 Action Sheet - Community Development

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

Ms Edwards provided an update on the Wakefield Hall report which is now expected to be available to Councillors after the Christmas/New Year period.

Moved Cr McNamara/Cr Maling

CD17-12-8

That the Community Development Committee receives the Action Sheet - Community Development report RCD17-0-12-06.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 12.20 pm

Date Confirmed:

Chair: