

MINUTES



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MEMBERSHIP: Pat Seymour (Chair), Craig Bauld, Andy Cranston, Alan Davidson, Gary Hope, Kathy Sheldrake and His Worship the Mayor (ex officio).

MINUTES of the ENVIRONMENT & POLICY Committee

Held in the Committee Room, 15 Fitzherbert Street on Wednesday 14 July 2010 at 1pm.

PRESENT:

Councillors Pat Seymour (chair), Craig Bauld, Andy Cranston, Alan Davidson and Kathy Sheldrake.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Lindsay McKenzie, Environment & Planning Manager Hans van Kregten, Chief Financial Officer Mike Drummond, Chief Environmental Health Officer Sarwan Kumar, Senior Environmental Health Officer Angela Joe, District Conservator Trevor Freeman, Construction Inspector Bruce Smith, Legal Officer Melanie Walker, Senior Planner Reserves De-Arne Sutherland, Team Leader Natural Resources Policy Yvette Kinsella, Team Leader (District Policy) and Committee Secretary Eileen Marshall

APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Councillor Gary Hope

1. Apologies

No apologies were received.

2. Public forum, petitions, deputations and representation from tangata whenua

Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Environment & Policy Committee – 9 June 2010

MOVED by Cr Bauld, seconded by Cr Cranston

That the Minutes of 9 June 2010 be accepted.

CARRIED

Action Sheet

- a) **Report No 10/064 - Eastland Rural Fire District** - Councillors asked what progress was being made with the Eastland Rural Fire District disbanding and moves to form an enlarged Rural Fire District.

Environment and Planning Manager Hans van Kregten advised that this matter is being addressed and Eastland Rural Fire District, Wairoa District Council, National Rural Fire Authority and the Department of Conservation are working together towards agreement.

- b) **Report No 09/262 – Elgin Playground Location** – Cr Sheldrake asked what progress was being made with the location of the playground.
Senior Planner Reserves De-Arne Sutherland said another site had been investigated but was not available so this matter has gone back to the drawing board.

4. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

5. **Notification of late items, questions and general business**

There were no items of general business.

6. **Mayor's and Councillors' Reports**

For decision

Nil

For noting

Nil

7. **Staff Reports**

For decision

7.5 **No. 10/424 Bridge Jumping: Review of Public Places Bylaw**

Jumping off the William Pettie Bridge during the summer period is an attraction for a lot of teenagers and Council needs to consider how to manage this activity safely.

A draft pamphlet regarding bridge jumping had been prepared for consideration to the public but after discussions with Police Officer Maui Aben and the Committee it was decided that a suitable clear sign be erected on the bridge alerting the public of the dangers of bridge jumping would be appropriate.

MOVED by Cr Bauld, seconded by Cr Sheldrake

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. agrees that it is not practical to stop people from jumping off bridges by way of Council bylaws, but that Council will alert jumpers to the risks of bridge jumping.

CARRIED

7.1 **No. 10/436 Street Names**

In 2009 Council received two requests to change the names of two roads in the northern part of the district. One of the requests was to change "Shortcut Road", near Te Araroa to either "Roddick Road" or "Waikoriri Road". The other request was to change the name of "Puhunga Road" near Mata to "Whakapaurangi Road".

MOVED by Cr Bauld, seconded by Cr Sheldrake

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. declines the requests for changes of road name near Mata ("Puhunga Road" to "Whakapaurangi Road")
3. awaits further information from the Te Araroa Progressive Society on the desirability of a road name change of "Shortcut Road".

CARRIED

7.2 No. 10/437 Streamlining the Consent Process for Solar Water Heating Building Consent Applications

A submission was made during the Annual Plan process with regard to making the installation of solar water heating systems more affordable.

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr Bauld

That the Committee

1. receives the report

CARRIED

MOVED by Cr Davidson, seconded by Cr Cranston

That the Committee

2. Request the Community Development Committee be asked to research a possible funding partner.

CARRIED

7.3 No. 10/459 Application for Suspension of Special Licence

An application had been made by the Alcohol Harm Reduction Officer Sergeant Isaac Ngatai under s.133 of the Sale of Liquor Act for the suspension of special licence numbered 5833 in relation to the sale of liquor made to a person under the age of 18 years.

The licensee, the Hikurangi Sports Club in Ruatoria, agreed to voluntarily suspend their licence for a period of twenty four hours on Saturday 17 July 2010.

MOVED by Cr Bauld, seconded by Cr Davidson

That the Committee (acting as the District Licensing Agency)

1. receives the report

2. makes an order to suspend the Special Licence issued to the Hikurangi Sports Club for a period of 24 hours on Saturday 17 July 2010 beginning from 2pm.

CARRIED

7.4 No. 10/426 Second-hand Sundays

At its meeting on 12 May 2010 the committee suggested that staff investigate organising additional Second-hand Sundays.

MOVED by Cr Sheldrake, seconded by Cr Seymour

That the Committee

1. receives the report

2. agrees to increase the frequency of Second-hand Sundays to the first Sunday of every month for a trial period of twelve months

3. continues to investigate ways of improving waste minimisation outcomes of Second-hand Sundays.

CARRIED

7.6 No. 10/438 Pest Management Proposed National Plan of Action

The Minister of Biosecurity has approved the release of the Pest Management National Plan of Action 2010-2035 for public consultation.

The key characteristics will help identify whether the proposed changes to the Pest Management system are successful and guide future system improvements.

MOVED by Cr Bauld, seconded by Cr Sheldrake

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. approves the submission attached to Report No. 10/438 for forwarding to the Pest Management Group convened by the Minister for Biosecurity.

CARRIED

7.7 No. 10/425 Notify Draft Rere Reserves Management Plan and Plan Change 41, and declare Stock Paddock land at Rere Falls as Recreation Reserve

The Committee suggested that rubbish bins be taken out of the Reserves Management Plan as there are too many rubbish bins in some areas in the Gisborne District.

MOVED by Cr Sheldrake, seconded by Cr Bauld

That the Committee

1. receives the report

CARRIED

MOVED by Cr Cranston, seconded by Cr Bauld

2. **Recommends that Council**
 - (a) approves Appendix A 'Draft Rere Reserves Management Plan', as amended, for public notification
 - (b)
 - i) adopts Appendix B 'Analysis of alternatives, costs and benefits' (Section 32 report); and
 - ii) approves notifying Proposed Plan Change 41 (to the Part Operative Combined Regional Land District Plan)
 - (c) agrees to combine public notification processes and submission timeframes of the Draft Management Plan and Plan Change 41, for a two month period consistent with the Reserves Act (extending the minimum four week period under the Resource Management Act 1991 to eight weeks)
 - (d) declares DP Pt Lot 2 DP 1128 (area 1899m² all CFR GS5C/346) to be Recreation Reserve, under section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977.

CARRIED

7.8 No. 10/435 Plan Change 38 – Review of Financial Contributions, Funding Principles and Esplanade Provisions

It was recommended that Council notify Proposed Plan Change 38 to the Combined Regional Land and District Plan (the Combined Plan).

Team Leader (District Policy) Kim Smith gave a presentation to the Committee.

MOVED by Cr Bauld, seconded by Cr Cranston

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. **Recommends that Council**
 - a) agrees to notify Proposed Plan Change 38 to the Combined Regional Land and District Plan as set out in Appendix A
 - b) adopts Appendix A as the analysis of the proposed plan change required under the Resource Management Act 1991 (including under Section 32).

CARRIED

Cr Davidson left the meeting at 2.20 pm.

7.9 No. 10/429 Proposed Resolution for Chapter 4.9 Protection Management Areas of the District Plan

There have been several appeals on Chapter 4.9 – Protection Management Area Overlay of the Part-operative Combined Regional Land and District Plan (“the District Plan”). The appellants and parties attended informal mediation on 14 May 2010 and agreed all of the issues could be resolved.

MOVED by Cr Bauld, seconded by Cr Cranston

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. **Recommends that Council**
 - a) endorses the attached Memorandum to the Environment Court and draft consent orders and directs officers to apply to the Environment Court to resolve by consent appeals on Chapter 4.9 – Protection Management Areas Overlay
 - b) agrees to correct scale inaccuracies in the District Planning maps and asks the Chief Executive to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Hikurangi Forest Farms outside of the appeals process to amend scale inaccuracies affecting their forestry blocks
 - c) resolves, subject to the Court’s confirmation of the attached consent orders, under clauses 17(2) and (3) of the First Schedule to the RMA, to make all provisions of Chapter 4.9 – Protection Management Areas Overlay operative by affixing the Council Seal and publicly notifying an operative date.

CARRIED

For noting

7.10 No. 10/427 Building Consents, Animal Control and Parking Activity Reports – 1 February to 31 May 2010

Various questions were asked by the Committee concerning the inability for parking to monitor the outer city areas.

The time to change this is when the LTCCP comes up for review again but the Environment and Planning Manager Hans van Kregten undertook to have answers to this question available at the next Environment & Policy Committee meeting.

MOVED by Cr Sheldrake, seconded by Cr Seymour

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

CARRIED

7.11 No. 10/431 Township Plans 2010 Update

The report updated the committee on progress in the preparation of the Township Plans in 2010 for Manutuke, Matawai/Motu, Rangitukia/Tikitiki and Te Puia Springs/Waipiro Bay.

The purpose of the Township Plans is to assist Council in planning for the future development and viability of specific rural townships in the Gisborne region. The Plans are an expression of the current issues and aspirations for the future of the community.

MOVED by Cr Sheldrake, seconded by Cr Seymour

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

CARRIED

7.12 No. 10/434 Update on On-Site Wastewater Issues at Wainui/Okitu and Makorori

The report covered progress on the work completed and work proposed for the 2010/2011 period.

MOVED by Cr Sheldrake, seconded by Cr Bauld

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

CARRIED

8. Late Items

There were no late items.

9. Questions

There were no questions.

10. General Business

There were no items of general business.

11. Public Excluded Business

There was no Public Excluded business.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 3.02 pm.

Pat Seymour
Chairperson