

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 15 September 2010 at 1pm.

PRESENT:

Councillors Pat Seymour (chair), Craig Bauld, Andy Cranston and Gary Hope

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Lindsay McKenzie, Environment & Planning Manager Hans van Kregten, Consents/Construction Administrator Ian Petty, Intern Natural Resources Policy Katrin Markull, Senior Planner Natural Resources Policy Keriana Wilcox, Principal Planner Urban Design Duncan Rothwell, Planner District Policy Kurt Ridling, Senior Soil Conservator Kerry Hudson, Team Leader Parking and CBD Patrol Paul Stuart and Committee Secretary Lesley Hillan.

APOLOGIES:

Councillors Alan Davidson and Kathy Sheldrake

1. Apologies

MOVED by Cr Hope, seconded by Cr Cranston

That the apologies from Councillors Alan Davidson and Kathy Sheldrake be sustained.

CARRIED

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

Nil.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

Environment & Policy Committee – 11 August 2010

MOVED by Cr Hope, seconded by Cr Bauld

That the minutes of 11 August 2010 be accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

Action Sheet

- i) Report No. 10/402 Heavy Vehicle restrictions in the Rural Industrial Zone: Cr Seymour spoke on the 24-hour truck movements in McDonalds Road. District Policy Team Leader Kim Smith explained that consultants had been contacted but nothing further had been done as Council was waiting for the outcome of the resource consent application for the log storage activity at McDonalds Road and whether there would be any appeals on this decision.
- ii) Report No. 09/274 Earthquake 2007 – proposed street numbers in the CBD: Cr Seymour referred to facades and the fact that some were still to be completed as at 14 October 2009. She asked if they were now completed. Consents/Construction Administrator Ian Petty said that they were not and advised that some buildings like Dick Smith and Food for Thought were not completed yet. He said that this matter

would be completed prior to the next meeting of the Environment and Policy Committee.

4. Matters Arising

- i) Report No. 10/512 Cat Control: Environment & Planning Manager Hans van Kregten advised that other than talking to contractors nothing further had been done. The matter was on-going.

7.9 No. 10/624 Brewery Springs Water Permit Issues

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr Hope

That the Committee

1. agrees to bring Report No. 10/624 Brewery Springs Water Permit Issues to the front of the agenda.

CARRIED

7.9 No. 10/624 Brewery Springs Water Permit Issues (continued)

At the Environment and Policy committee meeting on 11 August 2010 Messrs David Streeter and Garth Ingram, supported by some other residents of the Hexton area, raised a number of matters concerning a water permit that allows water to be taken from the Brewery Springs for bottling. Mr Ingram tabled a report to that meeting and the committee sought a Council officer's report in response. Report No. 10/624 indicated that Council and staff had acted correctly in regard to the RMA responsibilities.

Hexton residents attended the meeting. As they had not seen a copy of the report, District Conservator Trevor Freeman outlined the content which covered background information, information on the RMA and Water Easements, approvals within the Consent Order, the \$125 RMA extension of lapsed period and liability for costs.

The Chairperson explained the procedure for dealing with the matter and asked Mr Ingram if he would like to discuss it in further detail now or take the information away. Mr Ingram chose to take the information away.

MOVED by Cr Bauld, seconded by Cr Cranston

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

CARRIED

5. Notification of late items, questions and general business

- i) Consideration of the Proposed National Environmental Standard for Plantation Forestry Key Comments.
- ii) Informal discussion on an item to be taken with the public excluded at the conclusion of the meeting.

6. Mayor's and Councillors' Reports

For decision

6.1 Nil

For noting

6.2 Nil

7. Staff Reports

For decision

7.1 No. 10/580 Forward Planning Policy and Strategy Work Programme

The programme of major policy and strategy work that will be carried out by Council staff over the next six months (September 2010 to March 2011) was attached to the report.

MOVED by Cr Hope, seconded by Cr Bauld

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. confirms the interim programme.

CARRIED

7.2 No. 10/606 Changes to the Building Act – Effects on the Gisborne District Council

The Minister of Building and Housing had signalled his intention to overhaul the Building Act 2004 to make it less bureaucratic and more cost effect. The Minister issued a Press Statement on 12 August 2010 outlining the changes that will be made in the short term and his view of the possible changes in the future. The changes as detailed by the Department of Building and Housing will not greatly affect the operation or the budget of this Building Consent Authority.

MOVED by Cr Bauld, seconded by Cr Cranston

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. instructs Council officers to initiate a change procedure to the District Plan to make building an extension or an ancillary building of over 15 square metres a controlled activity in land use overlay 2 or 3 and consider any other possible implications for the District Plan as a result of the Building Act changes.

CARRIED

Councillor Seymour acknowledged the Building Inspectors who had been in Christchurch to help out due to the earthquake. Construction/Consents Administrator Ian Petty explained that the damage was similar to what Gisborne had.

7.3 No. 10/598 Provisions to Manage Effects of Coastal Flooding

The report proposed the development of provisions to mitigate the adverse effects of coastal flooding and facilitate decisions on resource consents.

Environment & Planning Manager Hans van Kregten introduced German Intern student Katrin Markull who was studying in the Netherlands. Katrin is working on the Council's Planning Natural Resources Team for a period of 18 weeks.

MOVED by Cr Bauld, seconded by Cr Hope

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. endorses the proposed development of coastal flood hazard provisions.

CARRIED

7.4 No. 10/569 Establishment of Freshwater Advisory Group

Staff had developed an outline Community Engagement Plan that is consistent with Council's Consultation Policy and with best practice nationally. A key element of engagement is the formation of a Freshwater Advisory Group. Council has received funding to cover the establishment and administration of a group and there is a good level of support from stakeholders for a group.

In view of their being a Turanganui-a-Kiwa Water Quality Group, Councillor Bauld said that he was feeling a bit uncomfortable as he wondered if there is a cross-over. Cr Seymour explained that there was a difference with quality as opposed to quantity.

MOVED by Cr Bauld, seconded by Cr Hope

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. endorses the establishment of a Freshwater Advisory Group
3. endorses the draft Terms of Reference for the Freshwater Advisory Group
4. appoints Councillor Pat Seymour to act as Chair for the Freshwater Advisory Group and, under delegated authority, seeks expressions of interest from representatives of interest groups, and finalises the composition of the group.

CARRIED

7.5 No. 10/603 Infrastructure Standards Review – Plan Change 42

The plan change was the result of a review of Council's infrastructure and engineering provisions. The proposed changes to the Plan were summarised in Appendix A and analysed in detail in Appendix B of the report.

The proposed changes are part of a wider project that also involves the development of a new Engineering Code of Practice which will form the next stage of the review.

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 42 to the Combined Regional Land and District Plan as set out in Appendix B
 - b) adopts Appendix B as the analysis of the proposed plan change required under the Resource Management Act 1991 (including under Section 32).

CARRIED

7.6 No. 10/607 Privately Requested Plan Change 5 – Scarly's Way

A privately requested plan change to the Gisborne District Combined Regional Land and District Plan (the District Plan) had been received from Myland Holdings Limited.

District Policy Team Leader Kim Smith advised that the report was just about deciding the process the plan change would take.

MOVED by Cr Bauld, seconded by Cr Cranston

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. **recommends that Council**
 - a) accepts the request by Myland Holdings Limited to initiate a process to change the Combined Regional Land and District Plan as a private plan change
 - b) directs staff to progress the request in accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991 by preparing the private plan change in consultation with the applicant and publicly notify it.

CARRIED

7.7 No. 10/609 Street Names – Shortcut Road, Te Araroa

At the July meeting of the Operations Committee it was resolved that the committee would await further information from the Te Araroa Progressive Society on the desirability of changing the name of Shortcut Road. The Society advised that it does not promote a change of name.

MOVED by Cr Bauld, seconded by Cr Hope

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. declines Mrs Renner's request to change the name of Shortcut Road, Te Araroa.

CARRIED

7.8 No. 10/600 Dog Control Policy and Practices – 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

Section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996 requires territorial authorities to publicly report each financial year on the administration of their dog control policy and their dog control practise (Section 10A(1)) and a variety of dog control related statistics (Section 10A(2)).

MOVED by Cr Seymour, seconded by Cr Bauld

That the Committee

1. receives the report
2. agrees to adopt the annual report on Dog Control Policy and Practices 2009-2010
3. gives public notice of the annual report on Dog Control Policy and Practices 2009-2010 by way of advertisement in the Gisborne Herald and make it available on the Gisborne District Council website
4. sends a copy of this report to the Secretary for Local Government within one month of adopting it.

CARRIED

For noting

7.10 No. 10/637 Update on the Graffiti Prevention Grant

A grant of \$30,000 had been received from the Ministry of Justice Crime Prevention Unit for a graffiti prevention project. The report updated the committee about how and where the funding will be spent.

MOVED by Cr Bauld, seconded by Cr Hope

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

CARRIED

7.11 No. 10/599 Full Year Progress on Annual Plan – 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 (E & P)

The report set out the Environment and Planning Department's full year progress on objectives and reports on performance measures and levels of service for the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010.

MOVED by Cr Hope, seconded by Cr Bauld

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

CARRIED

7.12 No. 10/601 Environment & Planning Department's Financial Results for the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

The financial results for the year ending 30 June 2010 were attached to the report and showed a net cost of activity of \$6.1M, being 97% of the full year budget of \$6.3M. The department contributed towards the 5% efficiency savings with verified savings of \$76K.

MOVED by Cr Bauld, seconded by Cr Cranston

That the Committee

1. receives the report.

CARRIED

8. Late Items

- i) Consideration of the Proposed National Environmental Standard (NES) for Plantation Forestry Key Comments: a document was tabled prepared by District Conservator Trevor Freeman. Environment & Planning Manager Hans van Kregten explained the situation in respect of the NES and said that the Committee's Chair Pat Seymour and staff had attended a meeting held by the Ministry for the Environment earlier in the day at the Emerald Hotel in Gisborne. He said that Council had only had the document for a week so had not been able to prepare a document for this meeting. Mr van Kregten said the provisions on forestry in the District Plan were either operative or about to be signed off by the Environment Court shortly. All issues had effectively been sorted.

District Conservator Trevor Freeman explained the tabled paper which he said was a snapshot not a full synopsis. Land Classification types had not been defined yet. Under NES there would be no requirement to replant.

Environment & Planning Manager Hans van Kregten said that Council would prepare a submission, and that this would be part of the agenda for the September 30th Council meeting.

9. Questions

There were no questions.

10. General Business

There was no general business.

11. Public Excluded Business

There was no public excluded business.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 2.30pm.

Pat Seymour
Chairperson