
MINUTES
of the
ENVIRONMENT AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Komiti Ture
held
9:30 am, Thursday, 14 March 2024
at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

Present: Councillor C Hill (Chair), Councillor B Maru (Deputy Chair), Deputy Mayor S Bryant, Councillors C Butler, B Dowler, G Daikee, J Ellis, M Kininmonth, C Mackenzie, K Maling and D Shallcrass.

In Attendance: Golden Bay Community Board Member (G Knowles), Motueka Community Board Member (D Armstrong), Chief Executive Officer (L Rae), Group Manager - Environmental Assurance (K Drummond), Group Manager – Information, Science and Technology (S Manners), Group Manager – Community Infrastructure (R Kirby), Group Manager – Strategy and Policy (J Ridd), Environmental Information Manager (R Smith), Team Leader – Subdivision Consents (A Reid), Democracy Services Officer (R Harvey), and Executive Assistant – Environmental Assurance (J Connor).

1. OPENING, WELCOME

The Chair invited Group Manager – Environmental Assurance, Kim Drummond to open the meeting with karakia.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved Councillor Ellis/Councillor Maru
RC24-03-1

That apologies be accepted from Councillor Greening for absence and from Councillor Walker for absence on other Council business, and from Mayor King for lateness.

CARRIED

Mayor King subsequently tendered an apology for absence.

3 PUBLIC FORUM

3.1 Vehicles on Beaches Bylaw

Cynthia McConville, Golden Bay Forest and Bird, spoke on the detrimental effect of vehicles on beaches to birdlife. She tabled a document detailing Golden Bay Forest and Bird signage put up on Department of Conservation land. She requested that work progress on a Vehicles on Beaches bylaw which Council had started in 2021.

Attachment 2 Public Forum - 14-03-2024 - Forest and Bird Handout

3.2 Bike Trails and Public Access

Glen Leys spoke on behalf of Martin O'Connor (who was unable to attend), on the proposed bike trail and public access on river stopbanks adjacent to O'Connor farming land. The stopbanks were used to move stock and detailed how the proposed public access would impact the operations of the farm.

Attachment 1 Public Forum - Presentation - G Leys (Bike Trails and Public Access)

3.3 Powers of entry to private land for enforcement officers under Section 332, 333 and 334 Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA)

Mathias Schaffner, Tasman Democracy, spoke on the use of powers by officers under the Resource Management Act, particularly in reference to their use in matters of non-consented dwellings.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Kininmonth declared an interest in relation to discussion in the Resource Consent Manager's report on the Mapua Boat ramp.

5 LATE ITEMS

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Councillor Ellis/Councillor Butler
RC24-03-2

That the minutes of the Environment and Regulatory Committee meeting held on Thursday, 23 November 2023, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

Moved Councillor Dowler/Councillor Maru
RC24-03-3

That the confidential minutes of the Environment and Regulatory Committee meeting held on Thursday, 23 November 2023, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS

7.1 Group Manager's Report

Group Manager – Environmental Assurance, Kim Drummond presented the report, which was taken as read. Mr Drummond introduced new staff and answered questions.

Moved Councillor Maru/Councillor Mackenzie

RC24-03-4

That the Environment and Regulatory Committee

- 1. receives the Group Manager's Report RRC24-03-2.**

CARRIED

7.2 Resource Consent Manager's Report

Team Leader – Subdivision Consents, Annie Reid presented the report on behalf of Resource Consents Manager, Katrina Lee, which was taken as read, and answered questions.

ACTION: Staff to follow up and ensure that communication on both applications and approvals goes to all Councillors.

ACTION: Staff to ensure that Councillors are provided with details on when Hearings are scheduled to take place.

Moved Councillor Butler/Councillor Dowler

RC24-03-5

That the Environment and Regulatory Committee

- 1. receives the Resource Consent Manager's Report RRC24-03-6.**

CARRIED

7.3 Building Assurance Manager's Report

Building Assurance Manager, Matt Feely, presented the report which was taken as read, and answered questions.

Moved Councillor Maling/Councillor Ellis

RC24-03-6

That the Environment and Regulatory Committee

- 1. receives the Building Assurance Manager's Report RRC24-03-7.**

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51am and reconvened at 11:07am.

When the meeting was reconvened, Group Manager – Strategy and Policy, John Ridd, provided Councillors with further information regarding questions raised in the Group Manager's report on Fast Track Consenting.

ACTION: Staff to email the final copy of the Tasman District Council letter to Minister Bishop on potential projects for fast-track consent consideration to Councillors.

7.4 Rivers and Coastal Structures

Environmental Information Manager, Rob Smith, presented the report which was taken as read, and answered questions. Councillors confirmed that they would like the Rivers and Coastal Structures report to continue as a stand-alone report going forward.

ACTION: Staff to provide photos of river dumping that were provided to Councillor Maling, to all Councillors.

ACTION: Staff to follow up with Deputy Mayor Bryant with further detail on gravel removal from the Wai-iti river.

Deputy Mayor Bryant exited the meeting at 11:26 am.

**Moved Councillor Maling/Councillor Kininmonth
RC24-03-7**

That the Environment and Regulatory Committee

- 1. receives the Rivers and Coastal Structures report RRC24-03-4.**

CARRIED

7.5 Environmental Information Manager's Report

Environmental Information Manager, Rob Smith, presented the report which was taken as read, and answered questions. Mr Smith's sample demonstrating biological control agents on Old Man's Beard was passed around.

ACTION: Staff to ensure that information on possible contamination of land data is easily accessible to the public.

ACTION: Staff to provide a link to the Environmental Information Manager's report as a standalone report on the website, and publicise on social media pages.

**Moved Councillor Dowler/Councillor Butler
RC24-03-8**

That the Environment and Regulatory Committee

- 1. receives the Environmental Information Manager's Report RRC24-03-3.**

CARRIED

8 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

Nil.

Councillor Hill closed the meeting with karakia.

The meeting concluded at 12:15pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings by resolution on 24 April 2024.

RC24-04-9

That the minutes of the Environment and Regulatory Committee meeting held on Thursday, 14 March 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Confirmed