



MINUTES
of the
ENVIRONMENT AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE
MEETING
Komiti Ture

held
9:30 am, Thursday, 10 October 2024

at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

Present: Councillor C Hill (Chair), Mayor T King (Zoom), Deputy Mayor S Bryant, Councillors C Butler, G Daikee, J Ellis, M Greening, B Maru (Deputy Chair) and T Walker

In Attendance: Golden Bay Community Board Member (G Knowles), Motueka Community Board Member (D Armstrong), Group Manager - Environmental Assurance (K Drummond), Group Manager - Environmental Science (R Smith), Group Manager Community Infrastructure (R Kirby), Team Leader - Natural Hazards & Geomorphology (A Clement), Team Leader Compliance and Monitoring (C Cheeseman), Compliance and Investigations Officer, (S Waters), Senior Resource Scientist Freshwater and Estuarine Ecology (T James), Resource Consents Manager (K Lee), Environmental Health Support Officer (M Welsh), Team Leader Soils and Land Use (M Langford), Team Leader Regulatory Support (S Green), Resource Scientist – Groundwater (M Westley), and Governance Officer (R Grover)

Absent:

1 OPENING, WELCOME

Chair Hill opened the meeting with karakia.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

**Moved Councillor Walker/Councillor Maru
RC24-10-1**

That the apologies be accepted from Councillors K Maling, C Mackenzie, B Dowler, M Kininmonth, D Shallcrass and from Mayor T King for lateness.

CARRIED

3 PUBLIC FORUM

3.1 Mathias Schaeffner - Tasman Democracy

Mr Schaeffner discussed his appearance at the March Environment and Regulatory committee meeting and outlined his correspondence with council staff. He referred to emails to staff and elected members asking for the relevant previous court cases that Mr Drummond had taken into account when the Council applied to the Court for an Enforcement Order that applied to his property. He discussed his correspondence with the Motueka Community Board Chair, and noted inconsistencies with staff signatures on emails.

Action: Kim Drummond to look into inconsistencies with staff email signatures.

Attachment 1 Tasman Democracy Tabled Documents

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

5 LATE ITEMS

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Moved Councillor Butler/Councillor Ellis
RC24-10-2**

That the minutes of the Environment and Regulatory Committee meeting held on Thursday, 29 August 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

7 REPORTS

7.1 Group Manager - Environmental Assurance Report – Kim Drummond

Group Manager – Environmental Assurance, Kim Drummond presented the report and highlighted:

- central government activity and the current reforms that were being embarked on or progressed.
- fast tracked projects - it would be the Government clarifying the project schedule and projects, some of which would apply to the Tasman District.
- the Enquiry into Climate Adaptation had now been reported on by the Finance and Expenditure Committee in early October.
- the pattern of reinforcement messages from the Government relating to changes to the Local Government Act and the Resource Management Act, also important changes to the Biosecurity Act and the Building Act which were progressing to council.
- recent regulatory changes and updates and the new equipment at the Harbourmaster's office following additional council investment for the current financial year.

Questions and discussion included projects relating to Tasman (Sams Creek Mine) and the fast tracked consenting act that was currently being progressed by the Government, maintaining council service levels (transition to in-house from contracted service providers), parking enforcement changes, fees and communications.

Mayor King joined the meeting at 10.00am.

**Moved Deputy Mayor Bryant/Councillor Maru
RC24-10-3**

That the Environment and Regulatory Committee

- 1. receives the Group Manager - Environmental Assurance Report.**

CARRIED

7.2 Environmental Information Manager's report

Group Manager - Environmental Science, Rob Smith, presented the report and invited Team Leader – Rivers & Coastal, David Arseneau, to present an update item regarding reducing the gravel extraction fees in the Upper Motueka River.

Mr Smith noted an increase in public engagement and removal activity following the recent Taiwan Cherry media coverage.

He discussed the Biosecurity Act Review, and answered questions relating to river system measurement methods and scheduled fees and charges.

A PowerPoint presentation was provided by Team Leader - Natural Hazards & Geomorphology, Alastair Clement.

Flood model results were discussed and Cyclone Gabrielle was outlined as a key example of the rationale for this work.

Action: Alastair Clement to discuss presenting the PowerPoint to the Golden Bay Community Board.

**Moved Deputy Mayor Bryant/Councillor Maru
RC24-10-4**

That the Environment and Regulatory Committee

1. receives the Environmental Information Manager's report

CARRIED

Attachment 1 Takaka Flood Model Presentation

7.3 Building Assurance Manager's report

Building Assurance Manager, Matt Feely presented the report and provided a brief summary.

Mr Feely highlighted a reduction in consent applications, change management in the consenting space and increased changes impacting the Council following recent government announcements. He also noted a public consultation document would go out next year relating to the reform changes.

Questions and discussions included:

- a spike in subdivision numbers – yet to translate into building activity,
- the central government reforms and how the economy was tracking; and
- customer satisfaction and the timing of surveys relating to consent applications.

Action: Matt Feely to look into how consent satisfaction and delivery timeframes were tracking across other councils.

**Moved Councillor Butler/Councillor Ellis
RC24-10-5**

That the Environment and Regulatory Committee

1. receives the Building Assurance Manager's report

CARRIED

7.4 Groundwater SOE report

Resource Scientist – Groundwater, Melanie Westley presented the report.

Discussion and questions included private water bores, drinking water protection and water treatment methods.

**Moved Deputy Mayor Bryant/Councillor Daikee
RC24-10-6**

That the Environment and Regulatory Committee

- 1. receives the Groundwater Statement of the Environment report.**

CARRIED

Unconfirmed

8 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

8.1 Procedural motion to exclude the public

**Moved Deputy Mayor Bryant/Councillor Maru
RC24-10-7**

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:

8.2 Ex Gratia Payment Proposal

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
<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>	<p>s7(2)(g) - The withholding of the information is necessary to maintain legal professional privilege.</p> <p>Contains reference to legal advice and the release would undermine potential settlement negotiations</p> <p>s7(2)(i) - The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).</p> <p>Contains reference to legal advice and the release would undermine potential settlement negotiations</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>

The text of these resolutions is made available to the public who are present at the meeting

CARRIED

RESTATEMENTS

It was resolved while the public was excluded:

8.2 Ex Gratia Payment Proposal RC24-10-8

That the Environment and Regulatory Committee

- 6. agrees that the report, decision and settlement outcome remain confidential at this time.**

Chair Hill closed the meeting with karakia at 11.12am.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings by resolution on Enter date .

Unconfirmed