

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC HOUSE, TRAFALGAR STREET, NELSON, ON THURSDAY 31 JULY 2008, COMMENCING AT 9.00AM**

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- PRESENT:** Councillor D Shaw (Acting Chairperson), Councillors A Boswijk, G Collingwood, D Henigan, M Holmes, A McAlpine, A Miccio G Thomas and R Reese
- IN ATTENDANCE:** V Altmnts (Chief Executive), R Johnson (Divisional Manager Planning and Consents) and R Palmer (Administration Adviser)
- APOLOGIES:** Apologies on behalf of his Worship the Mayor K Marshall and Councillors I Barker, M Cotton, and P Rainey and Councillor R Reece for lateness, were received and accepted.
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**1.0 PUBLIC FORUM**

**1.1 Private Plan Change Request**

John McLaughlin tabled a statement and spoke to the committee in support of the recommendation (Item 6.0 refer) of the staff on the report relating to proposal to rezone land in Marsden Valley.

Mr McLaughlin explained that he was willing to contribute up to \$20,000 to assist in processing the Plan change on the understanding that his objects and interests in the change were not compromised.

Tony Quickfall advised that the other land owners in the immediate area supported the statement made by Mr McLaughlin and the proposed change.

**2.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

19 June 2008

Resolved

***THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee, held on Thursday 19 June 2008, be confirmed as a true and correct record.***

Miccio/Boswijk

Carried

**3.0 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE STATUS AND ENVIRONMENT COURT REPORTS – JULY 2008**

Agenda pages 5-6 refer.

The Divisional Manager Planning and Consents advised that the Department of Labour had indicated it would respond within a month to the concerns raised in relation to the Shell Service Station operation.

Mr Johnson also explained that McDonalds had recently applied for a stay of action in relation to the abatement notice served in respect of the company operating hours and it was likely that this stay would be granted on the basis that the appropriate application for Resource Consent had been lodged and was being processed.

Mr Johnson also explained that having regard to the resourcing issues within the Environmental Planning section the matter relating to licensing hours which could only be addressed via a change to the Plan was not yet programmed for action.

The meeting was advised that Telecom was still looking for alternative sites for its cell phone towers but at this stage there was no new information available.

Resolved

***THAT the Environment Committee Status and Environment Court Reports to July 2008 be received.***

Holmes/Miccio

Carried

#### **4.0 FINANCE STATEMENT FOR ELEVEN MONTHS ENDED 31 MAY 2008**

Document No 678696, dated 22 July 2008, agenda pages 7-10 refer

Resolved

***THAT the report be received and the variations noted.***

Thomas/McAlpine

Carried

#### **5.0 CONTRACT ACCEPTED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

Report 680833, dated 17 July 2008, agenda page 18 refer

Resolved

***THAT the information regarding the contract accepted pursuant to delegated authority in the period 1 May 2008 – 30 June 2008 be received.***

McAlpine/Holmes

Carried

Attendance: Councillor R Reese entered the meeting and assumed the chair.

#### **6.0 PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE REQUEST**

Document No 672200, dated 27 June 2008, agenda pages 11-17 refer

Martin Workman (Manger of Environmental Policy) introduced Anna Crosby to the meeting explaining that she was presently contracted to carry out work in relation to the Marsden Valley Plan Change and had a background in Urban Design and Urban Planning.

Mr Workman outlined the background to the Nelson Urban Growth Strategy explaining that as a general policy the strategy looked at intensification of residential development together with minimal Greenfield subdivision in proximity to existing urban areas to meet the future residential needs of the city, and the proposed change of zoning in Marsden Valley supported those principles.

Mr Workman explained the significance of Council adopting the Plan change, pointing out that the owners of the properties which were involved in the initial private Plan change supported the Council taking over the process.

Mr Workman also advised that staff had spoken to the major land owners between the McLaughlin property and the Brook Valley and they supported further investigation into possible future residential development within this area.

Mr Workman advised that another advantage in the Council undertaking the change was that it could use the opportunity to introduce complimentary changes to the plan particularly in relation to sub division and comprehensive housing which would have relevance throughout the whole city.

It was noted that Infrastructure staff had been involved in the discussions and it was presumed that the Asset Management Plans which would soon be coming before the Council would incorporate provision for the appropriate extensions or upgrades to serve any additional residential areas.

Resolved

***THAT the Council adopt the Private Plan Change 08/01 (Marsden Valley) under Clause 25(2)(a) of the First Schedule to the Resource Management Act 1991 as a Council Plan change; AND THAT that staff be instructed to investigate integrating the contents of the Private Plan Change Request 08/01 (Marsden Valley) with changes to the sub division and comprehensive housing provisions of the Nelson Resource Management Plan, and investigate integrating with potential plan changes for the Enner Glynn to Brook area, and report back to the Environment Committee.***

Shaw/Collingwood

Carried

## **7.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Environment Committee Meeting - September**

It was noted that the Environment Committee which was presently scheduled for Thursday 11 September clashed with a proposed Central City Strategy Technical Workshop.

It was agreed that members would be circulated via email with alternative dates.

### **7.2 Ministry for the Environment**

The Divisional Manager Planning and Consents advised that the Ministry for the Environment had recently released a National Policy Statement regarding fresh water which staff would be reporting on in due course.

He also advised that the Ministry had released a National Environmental Standard relating to ecological flows in waterways to which the Council had no need to respond having regard to the fact it had minimum flows within its Freshwater Plan.

However another National Environmental Standard related to on site waste water systems and staff would need to ensure that the Rules within the plan were in accord with these.

The meeting closed at 10.31am

CONFIRMED AS A CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

\_\_\_\_\_ CHAIRPERSON \_\_\_\_\_ DATE