
MINUTES
of the
REGIONAL PEST MANAGEMENT JOINT COMMITTEE
MEETING
held
9.30 am, Wednesday, 26 April 2017
at
Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond

Present: Tasman District Council: Councillors S Bryant, S Brown, D McNamara
Nelson City Council: Councillors B McGurk, K Fulton

In Attendance: Tasman District Council: Coordinator - Biosecurity & Biodiversity (P Sheldon), Biosecurity Officers (K Wright, R van Zoelen and L Barber), Executive Assistant (H Simpson)
Independent Contractor (L Vaughan)
Nelson City Council: Environmental Programmes Advisor (Richard Frizzel)

Part Attendance:

1 OPENING, WELCOME

Cr Stuart Bryant welcomed all those present to the meeting and explained that he would be acting as Chair of the meeting until a permanent Chair and Deputy Chair had been confirmed.

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved Councillor McGurk/Cr Fulton
RPMC17-04-8

That apologies be accepted for absence from Cr Lawrey.

CARRIED

3 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

Members discussed nominations for the positions of Chair and Deputy Chair and agreed to maintain the status quo from last term, with Cr Bryant as Chair and Cr McGurk as Deputy Chair.

Moved Cr McNamara/Cr Fulton

RPMC17-04-9

That Cr S Bryant be confirmed as Chair of the Regional Pest Management Joint Committee.

CARRIED

Moved Cr Fulton/Cr Brown

RPMC17-04-10

That Cr B McGurk be confirmed as Deputy Chair of the Regional Pest Management Joint Committee.

CARRIED

4 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

6 LATE ITEMS

Nil.

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr Fulton/Cr McGurk

RPMC17-04-11

That the minutes of the Regional Pest Management Joint Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 21 September 2016, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

8 PRESENTATIONS

Lindsay Vaughan gave a presentation to Councillors, aided by a series of PowerPoint slides. Mr Vaughan also tabled a supplementary document of quantitative analysis relating to the Tasman-Nelson Regional Pest Management Plan proposal (the Plan) for Councillors information.

Councillors discussed management of pests not included in the Plan, with specific reference to the Great White Butterfly. Paul Sheldon advised that pests not currently present in New Zealand are an issue for the Ministry of Primary Industries and that there is no scope within the new legislation for these to be included in the plan. He noted that the Committee could converse with either the Department of Conservation or the Ministry of Primary Industries over their concerns.

Councillors suggested that a brief table of terms, specifically to reference the old terminology, be included in the plan.

The meeting broke for morning tea at 10.45am and was reconvened at 11.00am.

Councillors discussed whether areas of particular ecological importance should have specific rules for weed management, and how this might be incorporated in to the draft plan.

9 REPORTS

9.1 Draft Regional Pest Management Plan

This report was taken as read. Coordinator - Biosecurity and Biodiversity, Paul Sheldon was present to answer questions.

In response to a question, Cr Fulton noted that this Committee could make recommendations to their respective Councils outside of the Plan.

The classification of certain weeds as 'pests' was discussed. Staff said that the plan was aimed on modelling how to get community groups reaching their full potential, with Councils taking a lead. It was noted that the Mapua and Districts Community Association had a demonstrated a successful model, showing leadership and creating synergy with community groups.

Paul Sheldon explained that Councils had missed out on national funding for wilding pines and that further work needs to be done on Mount Richmond Forest Park, which has been put into the plan as a placeholder.

In response to a question concerning heritage trees, Mr Sheldon advised that staff were not aware of there being any in the area. Responding to a further question, Mr Sheldon also noted that only 2 of the 8 iwi in the region had engaged so far.

**Moved Cr McNamara/Cr Fulton
RPMC17-04-12**

That the Regional Pest Management Joint Committee

- 1. receives the Draft Regional Pest Management Plan report and Proposal; and**
- 2. approves targeted stakeholder consultation using the draft Proposal as a basis for discussion; and**
- 3. requests staff to report back on incorporating into the draft proposal a mechanism to identify a site lead approach to pest management for areas of significant ecological importance; and**
- 4. acknowledges the revised timelines contained within Attachment 5.**

Cr Brown asked for her vote AGAINST to be recorded in the minutes.

CARRIED

The meeting concluded at 12.11pm.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: