

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HOUSE, TRAFALGAR STREET, NELSON ON THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2009 COMMENCING AT 9AM

PRESENT: Councillor R Reese (Chairperson), His Worship the Mayor (K Marshall), Councillors I Barker, A Boswijk, G Collingwood, M Cotton, M Holmes, A McAlpine, P Rainey, D Shaw (Deputy Chairperson) and G Thomas

IN ATTENDANCE: K Marshall (Chief Executive), R Johnson (Divisional Manager Planning and Consents), M Workman (Manager Environmental Policy) and R Palmer (Administration Adviser)

APOLOGIES: Apologies on behalf of His Worship the Mayor (K Marshall) for lateness and Councillor A Miccio were received and accepted.

1.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4 December 2008 Resolved

***THAT** the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee, held on Thursday 4 December 2008, be confirmed as a true and correct record.*

Boswijk/McAlpine

Carried

2.0 STATUS REPORT – FEBRUARY 2009

Agenda pages 6-10 refer.

2.1 Proposed National Policy Statement for Fresh Water

A query was raised as to why a submission had not been made in respect of this proposed National Policy Statement.

The Divisional Manager Planning and Consents advised that there had been strong signals that the Government did not support the policy statement in its present form, and as a submission needed to be received by mid-January 2009, i.e. between committee meetings, a decision had been made at executive level not to proceed with a submission.

It was agreed that, in future, the Chairperson should be involved in such a decision.

2.2 Anti-Social Behaviour – McDonald's

The Committee discussed the various items relating to this matter, and agreed that once the appeal period in respect of the Resource Consent had expired it would be appropriate for staff to present a wrap-up report addressing the issues and Council's position in the matter.

2.3 Cellphone Tower Sites

The Chairperson advised that, in conjunction with His Worship the Mayor and Councillor Boswijk, she had met with representatives of Telecom to discuss possible alternative sites, and as a result another site was presently being assessed.

2.4 Swing Moorings

The Chairman noted that the consent was due to be lodged in February 2009 and she expressed the wish to see this matter resolved as soon as possible.

2.5 Harbourmaster's Boat

The meeting was advised that the Harbourmaster had been using the pilot boat over the summer period and was presently trialling other boats in order to ascertain an appropriate purchase, and he and the Chief Executive would be making a decision very soon.

2.6 Cambria Street Site

The Divisional Manager Planning and Consents advised that Mr Gill was not fully complying with the enforcement orders of the Court and therefore Fletcher Vautier Moore was now seeking specific orders which would enable the clean-up to be expedited.

Resolved

THAT the Environment Committee Status Report for the month of February 2009 and the associated information be received.

Rainey/Shaw

Carried

3.0 ENVIRONMENT FINANCE REPORT FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

Document No 725660, dated 28 January 2009, agenda pages 13-19 refer.

Resolved

THAT the Environment Finance Report for six months ended 31 December 2008 be received and the variations noted.

Shaw/Boswijk

Carried

4.0 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

4.1 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting in accordance with section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 on the grounds that the public conduct of this part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists.

i. Port Noise Variation 07/01 Commissioners' Recommendations

Reason: To enable the Committee to deliberate in private on its recommendation as a right of appeal lies to the Environment Court against the final decision of the Council.

Rainey/Holmes

Carried

4.2 Re-admittance of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

Holmes/Rainey

Carried

5.0 HERITAGE INVENTORY PROJECT

Document No 724750, dated 20 January 2009, agenda pages 20-23 refer.

The Manager Environmental Policy presented the report and introduced Sarah Holman to the meeting who would be assisting in managing the project.

Attendance: His Worship the Mayor and the Chief Executive entered the meeting.

Resolved

THAT Councillors G Collingwood and G Thomas be appointed to the Heritage Strategy Implementation Group when acting in the role of a reference group for the Heritage Inventory Project as set out in Report 724750.

His Worship the Mayor/Reese

Carried

6.0 RESOURCE CONSENTS BUSINESS UNIT – FEES AND CHARGES 2009/2010

Document No 710070, dated 5 January 2009, agenda pages 24-37 refer.

Attendance: Mandy Bishop (Manager Resource Consents) presented the report.

Attendance: Councillor P Rainey left the meeting.

Resolved

THAT the new or changed fees and charges for resource consents under s.36 of the Resource Management Act 1991 be adopted as detailed in Appendix A to Report No 710070 and notified by the Special Consultative Procedure in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.

AND THAT the new or changed fees and charges for Property Information be adopted as detailed in Appendix B to Report No 710070.

AND THAT the charges excluding resource consent apply as from 1 March 2009 until such time as they are varied or amended by Council.

AND THAT the charges for resource consents apply as from the date of the Council resolution confirming them.

Reese/Holmes

Carried

7.0 BUILDING BUSINESS UNIT – FEES AND CHARGES 2009/2010

Report No 724944, dated 15 January 2009, agenda pages 38-50 refer.

Attendance: Tracy Quinton-Boundy (Manager Building) presented the report.

Resolved

THAT the new or changed fees and charges for building consents under the Building Act 2004 be adopted as detailed in Appendix A to Report No 724944, and take effect as from 1 March 2009.

Shaw/Boswijk

Carried

The meeting closed at 11.50am.

CONFIRMED AS A CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

_____ CHAIRPERSON

_____ DATE