

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Regulatory Committee

Held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street,
Nelson

On Thursday 2 April 2015, commencing at 9.03am

Present: Councillor B McGurk (Chairperson), I Barker, E Davy, K
Fulton (Deputy Chairperson), M Lawrey, and M Ward, and Ms
G Paine

In Attendance: Group Manager Strategy and Environment (C Barton),
Manager Communications (P Shattock), Manager
Administration (P Langley), and Administration Adviser (G
Brown)

Apologies: Her Worship the Mayor R Reese and Councillor R Copeland
for attendance, and Councillor K Fulton for lateness

1. Apologies

Resolved

***THAT apologies be received and accepted from
Her Worship the Mayor and Councillor Copeland
for attendance, and Councillor Fulton for
lateness.***

McGurk/Lawrey

Carried

2. Confirmation of Order of Business

There were no changes to the order of business.

Councillor Davy advised that in accordance with Standing Order 3.7.6
he wished to discuss election sign rules in the Nelson Resource
Management Plan (NRMP) as part of the Chairperson's Report.

Attendance: Councillor Fulton joined the meeting at 9.04am.

3. Interests

There were no updates to the Interests Register, and no interests with
agenda items were declared.

4. Public Forum

- 4.1 The dangers of pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides on our health and environment

Carolyn Hughes from Nelson Environment Centre, Ami Kennedy from Permaculture Institute NZ and Nelson Permaculture Group, and Susie Lees from GE Free New Zealand, presented.

Ms Lees, spoke to the presentation (A1338643) and tabled documents (A1338502, A1338506, A1338507, and A1338509).

Ms Hughes spoke to a tabled document (A1338789). She added that the Bay of Plenty District Council had identified genetically engineered organisms as a threat.

In response to a question, Ms Lees said pesticide residue levels had increased in products such as corn and soy.

In response to a question, Ms Kennedy said that in Denmark steam weeders were being utilised instead of pesticides.

Questions were raised in relation to the amount of pesticides used by Council especially around waterways. It was also asked whether Council owned a steam weeder.

Council officers advised that further information would be provided in relation to the questions raised.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

- 5.1 12 March 2015

Document number A1327896, agenda pages 6-12 refer.

Resolved

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Regulatory Committee, held on 12 March 2015, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

McGurk/Barker

Carried

- 5.2 19 February 2015

Document number A1316156, agenda page 13 refers.

Resolved

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Regulatory Committee, held on 19 February 2015, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Lawrey/Paine

Carried

6. Status Report – Planning and Regulatory Committee 2 April 2015

Document number A1155974, agenda page 14 refers.

In response to a question, the Chairperson advised the reason for the delay in the draft Local Approved Products Policy was due to a change in legislation which had impacted the timelines.

Resolved

THAT the Status Report – Planning and Regulatory Committee 2 April 2015 (A1155974) be received.

Barker/Davy

Carried

7. Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson provided a verbal update in relation to de-sexing programmes for cats and dogs, which was funded by the National Office of the Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to animals. He said this year local SPCA's had to partly fund the programme.

He informed the committee that Council management had agreed to contribute \$9,000 to the local de-sexing programme offered by the Nelson SPCA.

It was suggested that this funding could potentially be considered for community assistance funding.

The Chairperson added that work was underway for a joint approach for cultural impact assessments from all local iwi.

In accordance with Standing Order 3.7.6, a minor item not on the agenda was discussed in relation to election signs. Councillor Davy advised that the rules in the NRMP around election signs needed to be reviewed.

There was general support for the rules regarding election signs to be reviewed, and Council officers advised that further information would be provided.

REGULATORY

8. Fees and Charges: Consents and Compliance (non RMA) 2015 - 2016

Document number A1318731, agenda pages 15-25 refer.

Manager Consents and Compliance, Mandy Bishop, presented the report.

There was a discussion that Land Information Memorandum (LIM) applications should be supplied at no cost to the applicant with the Certificate of Compliance and resource consent. Ms Bishop advised that a LIM was not compulsory and was not a requirement during the building consent process.

It was noted that an individual would not be aware if the site was on contaminated land, if they did not purchase a LIM.

In response to a question, Ms Bishop advised that the increase in Environmental Health Licence and Other Activities Fees and Charges forecasts had been incorporated into the Funding Impact Statement which related to the Long Term Plan 2015-2025.

In response to a further question, Ms Bishop clarified that health licenses had not increased, the 20% penalty charge was being highlighted only.

Resolved

THAT the report Fees and Charges: Consents and Compliance (non RMA) (A1318731) and its attachments (A1324979, A1324986 and A1324990) be received.

Recommendation to Council

THAT the Dog Control Fees and Charges for 2015 - 2016 be adopted as detailed in Attachment 1 to Report A1318731;

AND THAT the Environmental Health and other activities fees and charges for 2015-2016 be adopted as detailed in Attachment 2 to Report A1318731;

AND THAT the Provision of Property Information Fees and Charges for 2015-2016 be adopted as detailed in Attachment 3 to Report A1318731;

AND THAT the charges for Dog Control, Environmental Health and Provision of Property Information activities apply as from 1 July 2015 until such time as they are varied or amended by Council;

AND THAT the Dog Control charges be publicly advertised in accordance with Section 37(6) of the Dog Control Act 1996.

Barker/Ward

Carried

9. Submission on Proposals for Regulations (Cost Recovery) under the Food Act 2014

Document number A1318785, agenda pages 26-47 refer.

Resolved

THAT the report Submission on Proposals for Regulations (Cost Recovery) under the Food Act 2014 (A1318785) and its attachments (A1317637 and A1319085) be received;

AND THAT the submission in Attachment 1 of this report (A1318785) be confirmed by the Committee as the position of the Council on the proposals for regulations (cost recovery) under the Food Act 2014.

Davy/Paine

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.49am.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date