

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HOUSE, TRAFALGAR STREET, NELSON ON THURSDAY 19 JUNE 2008 COMMENCING AT 9.02AM**

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**PRESENT:** Councillor R Reese (Chairperson), Councillors I Barker, A Boswijk, G Collingwood, D Henigan, M Holmes, A McAlpine, A Miccio and G Thomas

**IN ATTENDANCE:** V Altmants (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 M Cotton, P Rainey and D Shaw (Deputy Chairperson) were received and accepted

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**1.0 PUBLIC FORUM**

John Riding of Marico Marine New Zealand briefed the Committee on the risk assessment which his company had carried out in respect of the Nelson Harbour and which had recently been approved by Maritime New Zealand.

Mr Riding was accompanied by Martin Byrne, Manager of the Port Company, and the Harbourmaster, Roy Skucek.

Mr Riding advised the Committee that the basic findings of the assessment were that leisure / recreational activities were becoming more prevalent in the harbour, and there was a need for the Committee to make some decisions regarding the manner in which the Harbourmaster would be resourced to enable him to properly perform his role.

Mr Skucek reiterated the fact that the Council, as the harbour authority, needed to have a presence on the water in order to properly carry out its functions to manage and maintain the harbour for its intended use.

The meeting discussed the Council's options in relation to the employment of a Harbourmaster and Mr Riding advised that in his opinion the existing situation with the Harbourmaster being employed by the Port Company, but warranted and having a responsibility to the Council as the harbour authority, was in his opinion the best model.

The Divisional Manager Planning and Consents advised that ongoing discussions were being had with the Tasman District Council regarding the harbour bylaws and the Harbourmaster resources required by the two authorities.

Mr Riding advised that the next stage in the process would be for the Council and Port Company to develop a Harbour Safety Management System. From this document would flow actions which the two bodies would need to take to ensure that their respective areas of responsibility for the management and use of the harbour were satisfied.

Mr Johnson advised that the Council would need to formally adopt the Harbour Safety Management System and as part of that he would be reporting as to any additional work or resourcing which would be required by the Council.

It was noted that there was no specific money budgeted within the 2008/2009 Annual Plan to cover additional resourcing of the harbour authority functions.

## 2.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

13 May 2008

Resolved

***THAT** the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee, held on Tuesday 13 May 2008, be confirmed as a true and correct record.*

Boswijk/Reese

Carried

## 3.0 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT – JUNE 2008

Agenda pages 10-12 refer.

### 3.1 Shell Rutherford Street Issues

The Committee noted the resolution from the Infrastructure Committee meeting of Thursday 12 June 2008 relating to the situation at the Shell Service Station / McDonalds area.

The following comments were raised in relation to this matter:

- i) The issue of the Late Late Bus service in general should not be lost sight of as it was an important part of the late night / early morning transport options.

Attendance: Councillor Henigan left the meeting.

- ii) The Department of Labour had been provided with all the information regarding the activities at the Shell Service Station and the Divisional Manager Planning and Consents would follow up with the Department after a month to ascertain the results.
- iii) The situation regarding toilets within the area was a level of service matter to be addressed by the appropriate Asset Management Plan which would be discussed as part of the LTCCP process.
- iv) Licensing hours were an issue which would be addressed as part of the review of the Nelson Resource Management Plan.
- v) While the issues relating to the congregation of young people at McDonalds in the early hours of the morning cut across a number of Committees the matter could be co-ordinated to a single report via the Council in due course.

### 3.2 Atawhai Cellphone Tower

There had been no information from Telecom regarding alternative cell phone locations and the Chairperson undertook to follow up with Telecom regarding its intentions in this regard.

### 3.3 Environment Court Proceedings

The Divisional Manager Planning and Consents advised:

- i) That the Court's decision on the Genera appeal in relation to the use of methyl bromide at the Port had been released and the Council's Air Quality Plan could now become operative, subject to no further appeals.
- ii) Fulton Hogan had recently lodged an appeal with the Environment Court against the decision of the Council regarding its proposed Cable Bay quarry.

It was agreed in future the chart would contain a date of when the relevant appeals or proceedings were initiated.

Resolved

***THAT the Environment Committee Status Report for June 2008 be received.***

Holmes/Collingwood

Carried

### 4.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

Document number 668752, dated 5 June 2008, agenda pages 13-17 refer.

Resolved

***THAT the finance statement for 10 months ended 30 April 2008 be received.***

Thomas/Barker

Carried

### 5.0 BUILT HERITAGE FUND APPLICATIONS 2007/2008

Document No 670336, dated 4 June 2008, agenda pages 18-30 refer.

Resolved

***THAT the information regarding the application of the Built Heritage Fund for 2007/2008 set out in attachment 2 to document number 670336 be received.***

Collingwood/Holmes

Carried

It was noted that a report would be presented to the Committee in due course regarding the fund and its criteria.

### 6.0 PLANNING AND CONSENT DIVISION – MAJOR PROJECT UPDATE

Document No 672120, dated 9 June 2008, agenda pages 31-33 refer.

Resolved

***THAT the status of major projects in the Planning and Consent Division as at 9 June 2008 be received.***

Miccio/Thomas

Carried

The meeting closed at 11.05am.

CONFIRMED AS A CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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