

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HOUSE, TRAFALGAR STREET, NELSON ON THURSDAY, 18 JUNE 2009 COMMENCING AT 11.38AM**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** R Johnson (Divisional Manager Planning and Consents) and R Palmer (Administration Adviser)

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies on behalf of Councillors M Cotton, D Henigan, M Holmes and A Miccio were received and accepted

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**1.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

7 May 2009

Resolved

***THAT** the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Committee, held on Thursday 7 May 2009, be confirmed as a true and correct record.*

Reese/Shaw

Carried

**2.0 STATUS REPORT – JUNE 2009**

Document Number 662263, agenda pages 4-6 refer.

**2.1 Telecom Cellphone Tower Site**

The meeting was advised that discussions with Telecom indicated that it would like to approach Council to obtain its consent to put forward a site on Corder Park or Titoki Reserve as other options for consultation with the Community in relation to the location of a cellphone tower site to serve Dodsons Valley.

The Divisional Manager Planning and Consents advised that his understanding was that Vodafone would like to co-locate with Telecom in respect of this area, however, that did not remove its wish to proceed with the site adjacent to the Nelson North Sewerage Treatment Plant.

**2.2 Swing Moorings Consent**

It was agreed that this matter had been pending for a long time and it was appropriate that the Divisional Manager Planning and Consents look at enforcement action to encourage the matter to be concluded.

Resolved

***THAT** the Environment Committee Status Report for the month of June 2009 be received.*

Reese/Shaw

Carried

**3.0 RUTHERFORD STREET – ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUS ISSUES UPDATE**

Document Number 732688, dated 4 June 2009, agenda pages 7-21 refer.

The Divisional Manager Planning and Consents advised that the report was an attempt to bring all the issues together and resolve the matter. It was agreed that in terms of the Kerr Street walkway lighting staff should confirm that the lighting upgrade programmed for 2008/09 would proceed. The Divisional Manager Planning and Consents was requested to investigate the possibility of a CC TV camera to provide surveillance of the Shell Rutherford area.

Resolved

***THAT*** the Council continue to work with other appropriate forums and partners to ensure a broad banded community oversight and response to the issues in the Shell Rutherford Street area is ongoing.

***AND THAT*** Council continues to liaise with the Police on this issue.

Shaw/His Worship the Mayor

Carried

**4.0 CONTRACT ACCEPTED UNDER DELEGATE AUTHORITY**

Document Number 786830, dated 29 May 2009, agenda page 22 refers

Resolved

***THAT*** the report regarding the contract for the Heritage Inventory Project let under delegated authority be received.

Shaw/McAlpine

Carried

The Divisional Manager Planning and Consents advised that the total budget for the project was \$150,000; however, there was other work outside this specific contract for which a percentage of the budget had been retained.

**5.0 BUILDING CONSENT AUTHORITY PROCESSING TIME FRAMES**

Document Number 788224, dated 4 June 2009, agenda pages 23-24 refer.

The Chairperson expressed her pleasure with the result, advising that she had received good feedback on the performance of the team and the team should be congratulated.

Councillors acknowledged that the number of processing days related to the actual time worked on the application by staff and that often the time from when the application was lodged with the Council to when the consent was issued was substantially longer from an applicant's perspective.

Resolved

***THAT*** the Building Consent Authority's processing time frames for the report dated 4 June 2009 be received.

Thomas/Shaw

Carried

## 6.0 RESOURCE CONSENT PROCESSING TIME FRAMES

Document Number 787946, dated 18 June 2009, agenda pages 25-28 refer.

The Committee's attention was drawn to the tabled addendum to the report dated 17 June 2009 which provided updated information from the biannual survey of local authorities.

It was acknowledged that although the processing times were not yet where they could be, they were moving in the right direction, and that the most recent time frames were significantly better than those in the Ministry for the Environment 2007/08 report.

Attendance: Councillor Collingwood entered the meeting.

Resolved

***THAT Resource Consent processing time frames for report dated 4 June 2009 be received.***

Boswijk/Rainey

Carried

## 7.0 HERITAGE PROJECT FUND APPLICATIONS 2009

Document Number 778254, dated 13 May 2009, agenda pages 29-43 refer.

Members of the Committee agreed that the total amount available for distribution through the fund should be increased as it seemed that a lot of worthy projects were missing out.

It was raised that perhaps the fund should comprise a percentage of the rates paid on historic properties, i.e. those listed within the Nelson Resource Management Plan.

Councillors acknowledged that there was also the Rate Remission Scheme for Category A and Category B buildings as well as the remission of resource consent fees and the subsidy involved in these initiatives should also be taken into account.

Resolved

***THAT that the information on the allocation of the Heritage Project Fund 2009 as set out in Attachment 2 to Report Number 778254 be received***

***AND THAT the Council revisit the amount allocated to the fund in the context of the 2010/11 Annual Plan.***

Shaw/His Worship the Mayor

Carried

## 8.0 NELSON SOUTH PLAN CHANGE – CONFIRMATION OF DIRECTION

Document Number 781107, dated 4 June 2009, agenda pages 44-49 refer.

Attendance: Martin Workman, (Manager Environmental Policy), and Peter Rawson (Senior Policy Planner) entered the meeting.

The Divisional Manager Planning and Consents advised that the purpose of the report was to obtain the Council's approval before any other work was done to advance the Plan Change including the infrastructure to service the area.

He explained that some of the areas were already undergoing residential development as a result of resource consent; however, there was a need to provide certainty for the land owners and future residents which could not be achieved through the resource consents process.

Attendance: Councillor Rainey left the meeting.

It was agreed that an additional step in the timeline should be added to ensure that sufficient thought was given by the Executive Team to the provision of infrastructure from a whole of Council priority perspective over timing and funding prior to it being reported back to the Plan Change Subcommittee.

Resolved

***THAT the following approach to preparing the Nelson South Plan Change be approved:***

- 1. Rezone the land identified in the structure plan as Areas C and D (see map within Attachment 1) to Residential, and***
- 2. Rezone the land identified in the structure plan as Areas E and F (see map within attachment 1) to Residential, subject to identification of the most appropriate method of dealing with the infrastructure issues of this area.***
- 3. Investigate the appropriateness of applying a Suburban Commercial zone to part of the structure plan area, or an alternative method of encouraging small scale retail activity or advancing the urban village concept within the area.***
- 4. The plan change is prepared according to the process set out in section 8.2 of report 781107.***

Shaw/Collingwood

Carried

Meeting closed 12.30pm.

CONFIRMED AS A CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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