

WAIROA DISTRICT COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
Hearing of LTCCP Submissions

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Council held in the War Memorial Hall on Thursday, 18 June 2009 at 8.05am.

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor Mr L Probert (Chairman)

COUNCILLORS

B Cairns, D Caves, D Eaglesome, J Heron, B McKinnon, D Evans

IN ATTENDANCE: P J Freeman (Chief Executive Officer)
N Cook (Engineering Manager)
R Snow (Finance Manager)
J Baty (Administration Manager)
M Jones (Secretary)

CIVIC PRAYER

The civic prayer was given by Councillor Eaglesome

APOLOGIES - Nil

CALLS FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

1. Councillor Cairns advised of a Conflict of Interest when considering the submission received from the Hawke's Bay Regional Council.
2. There was also discussion on the possible Conflict of Interest shared by His Worship the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor in respect of the submissions from the Wairoa Community Development Trust.

General Items

1. Late Item - Mahia Wastewater (Engineering Manager)
2. Late Item - Ormond Drive – Ruawharawhara Urupa Deviation (Engineering Manager)
3. Te Mahia School – LTCCP Submission
4. Stormwater Discharge Resource Consent (Engineering Manager)
5. Pine Trees – Dump Farm (Chief Executive Officer)

SCHEDULE OF SUBMISSIONS

F01.20.01

His Worship the Mayor welcomed those in attendance explaining the procedure for the Hearing of Submissions and subsequent deliberations by Council.

He also spoke of the tremendous amount of work put into the LTCCP process by the staff and wished to have it recorded

<u>Resolved:</u> Council notes its appreciation for the work done by staff on the Long Term Community Council Plan. Heron/Evans

His Worship advised Councillors that written submissions would be considered up until it was time to hear from those who wished to speak at 10.00am. At the completion of the verbal submissions, Council would resume consideration of the non-speaking submissions.

<u>Resolved:</u> That the speaking and non-speaking submissions to the Draft LTCCP 2009-2019 be received. Evans/Heron

SUBMITTER: Debden Whaanga
SUBMISSION: Rubbish Bin required at Snapper Rock

The Engineering Manager spoke to the submission explaining the reasons he submitted this request to the LTCCP process.

The Chief Executive advised that he had engaged Sue Dick to complete the rest of the Reserve Management Plans for the Mahia area and this request would fall into that category.

Recommended Action: Mr Whaanga be advised his submission is to be referred to the Reserve Management Plan process.

SUBMITTER: Sustainable Future Institute
SUBMISSION: Long term future thinking and capability to be built into the LTCCP process.

Recommended Action: Submitter be advised Council already has a Policy in place and that it is incorporated in the Plan.

SUBMITTER: Mayors Taskforce for Jobs
SUBMISSION: Zero Waste of Young People

Recommended Action: Submitter to be advised goals and vision are already written in to Council's plan and their Youth Policy.

SUBMITTER: Grant Norbury
SUBMISSION: Effective and sustainable protection of ecosystems on private land in Wairoa

Recommended Action: Submitter to be advised his submission has been referred to the District Plan process.

SUBMITTER: W T & J H Taylor
SUBMISSION: Erosion of embankment at end of Oraka Road

The Engineering Manager commented that Council had already responded to Mr and Mrs Taylor when they first contacted Council, at which time the situation did not appear that bad.

Recommended Action: Council to look at situation again to see if it should continue with the Resource Consent process.

SUBMITTER: Murray & Shari Riddell
SUBMISSION: Walkway – Mahia to Taylor's Bay & Mahia to Opoutama

Recommended Action: Submitter be notified that their suggestion for a walkway to be built is to be referred to the Walking and Cycling Strategy.

The other issues raised in the Riddell Submission would be dealt with at the Deliberation Stage.

SUBMITTER: W E Shortt
SUBMISSION: Council Expenditure

Council discussed the position of Policy Analyst in respect of the comments made by Mr Shortt.

SUBMITTER: Mahanga E Tu Inc
SUBMISSION: 1. Tsunami Warning Device
2. Mahanga Wastewater Assessment
3. Mahanga Beach Dune Restoration

Recommended Action: 1. Council to investigate Civil Defence Warning.
2. Submitter to be advised of Water and Sanitary Services Assessment.
3. Advise Submitter that Sue Dick will be in touch with the Society to discuss their concerns.

SUBMITTER: Dave Fraser
SUBMISSION: Mahanga Water Supply

The Engineering Manager commented on the submission advising that the whole system needs to be looked at.

Recommended Action: Engineering to update.

SUBMITTER: Creative Tairawhiti
SUBMISSION: Arts & Culture Policy

Recommended Action: To be referred to Policy Analyst to draft a policy for Arts and Culture in the Wairoa District.

SUBMITTER: Te Iwi o Rakaipaaka Inc
SUBMISSION: Nuhaka Wetland Restoration, Recreation Facility, Historic Walkway and Flood Control Project

The Chief Executive advised that both he and the Engineering Manager have had some discussions already in respect of the above project. He also noted that there was still some money in the Reserve Management Budget that could be used to help Rakaipaaka move forward.

The remaining submissions were looked at and discussed by Council. As a large proportion of them dealt with common issues such as the Mahia Wastewater Scheme, Significant Issues and the like, Council agreed to suspend making a decision on individual submissions until the entire Agenda had been dealt with.

ADJOURNED: 9.55 am
RECONVENED: 10.00 am

His Worship again welcomed the new arrivals and explained the process.

Verbal Submissions were considered.

SUBMITTER: Sport Hawke's Bay
SUBMISSION: Funding Request

Sara Rangi spoke to the submission. She thanked Council for their continued support.

Mrs Rangi spoke to one such application that Council had made written support for and that was an application to SPARC to secure funding for the Tu Kaha Te Wairoa Project. The project would see the employment of a Development Officer-Community to work in building the capability and capacity of Wairoa Clubs as well as Wairoa schools. The outcomes of the project would be to utilise the strengths of the Wairoa College Sports Academy, development of a co-ordinated approach to increasing

physical activity for Wairoa youth, facilitate better coach development opportunities and develop more sports volunteers.

Despite having successfully received \$170,000 over 3 years from SPARC and input of \$10,000 per annum from Sport Hawke's Bay and \$5,000.00 from the Community Services per year of in kind services, the project was still short of funds. Sport Hawke's Bay were therefore asking Council to commit \$5,000 per annum for 3 years toward the project.

SUBMITTER: Pan Pac
Hawke's Bay Forestry Group
SUBMISSION: Rating

Mr Gilmore spoke on behalf of Pan Pac and the Hawke's Bay Forestry Group. He gave a brief overview of the organisations, both of which he stated paid between two or three more in rates on a per hectare basis to the Wairoa District Council than other similar holdings they represent. It was their belief that restricting rates increases to forestland to an absolute minimum should be a major Council goal.

Mr Gilmore said both the organisations he was speaking on behalf of supported Council's approach/focus to an increased investment in sealed pavements, that the current road maintenance philosophy on unsealed roads should be maintained and links with the Forest Industry. Also supported was Council's need to meaningfully engage Maori and where appropriate, the development of formalised partnerships.

Mr Gilmore made suggestions for areas to be included in the Plan, specifically around Plantation Forestry, Climate Change and Soil Sustainability.

The views expressed by both organisations in respect of the Targeted Rooding Rate for Forestry and Targeted Rooding Rate were well known to the Council, Mr Gilmore said.

SUBMITTER: Hawke's Bay Regional Council
SUBMISSION: Regional Collaboration and Shared Services

Hawke's Bay Inc
Economic Development

Mr Fenton Wilson spoke on behalf of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council and reiterated the Regional Council's support for exploring the possibilities of Councils working together on a number of issues, e.g. regional and/or district plans, compliance processes under the Building Act and efficiencies in engineering activities thereby enabling Councils in the region to become more effective and efficient.

Having taken over the responsibility for the RoadSafe Function, Council were seeking an incremental funding increase over the next three financial years to assist with the road safety work programme and increase capacity in the RoadSafe area. The Wairoa District Council's current level of funding is \$6,000 per year. An increase of \$650 per year for the next three years was sought bringing the total contribution from Wairoa to 2009-10 - \$6,650, 2010/11 - \$7,300 and 2011/12 - \$7,950.

Mr Wilson thanked Council for the opportunity to speak and passed over to Mr Don McLeod of HB Inc to speak to the second half of the submission.

Mr McLeod spoke to the desire by Hawke's Bay Inc to establish a strong relationship with Wairoa so that any opportunities to collaborate and add value to Wairoa initiatives can be identified and considered.

SUBMITTER: Mr Guy Panckhurst on behalf of Residents and Owners at YMCA Rd
SUBMISSION: 'Gateway to Mahia' Road Options

Mr Panckhurst commenced by thanking Council for the opportunity to and also to present one further submission, which hadn't made it in to the Agenda one of the owners of property on YMCA Road.

The owners and residents of YMCA Road were all strenuously opposed to "Option 4 – Plantation". It was felt that if Option 4 were to be constructed, the negative effects on the character and amenity values of YMCA Road would be immeasurable.

SUBMITTER: IPENZ – Mr Neil Cook
SUBMISSION: Funding Contribution – Engineering Scholarship

Mr Cook gave a brief background on IPENZ Hawke's Bay and the IPENZ Foundation. He went on further to say that one of the key objectives of the Foundation was to encourage New Zealand school leavers into tertiary education in engineering and technology. One of the ways in which this was achieved was by offering scholarships.

Mr Cook stated that IPENZ Hawke's Bay was seeking funding contributions from all local authorities in the Hawke's Bay Region as well as private companies and individual members to enable talented local youth to succeed in engineering and science studies at tertiary level. To this end IPENZ request the Wairoa District Council allocate a sum in the order of \$500-\$1,000 to IPENZ Hawke's Bay for each of the 3 financial years 2009/10-2011/12.

SUBMITTER: Opus International Consultants
Quality Roding and Services (Wairoa) Limited
Wairoa District Council Engineering Department
Wairoa College
SUBMISSION: Collaborative 'Rotational' Cadetship Programme

Mr Cook and Mr Cox spoke to the submission. The scheme was about trying to keep some of the children in the district and if successful ultimately may lead to having a pool of local engineers. Commitment to the proposal must be for the whole term of the cadetship.

SUBMITTER: Te Mahia School
SUBMISSION: Extension of footpath to Kaiuku Marae / Tuahuru Marae

A presentation from the Te Mahia School outlined the reasons behind their request for the extension of the existing footpath. One of the main reasons stated was the safety factor.

SUBMITTER: Wairoa Rugby Junior Advisory Board (JAB)
SUBMISSION: Maintenance and Improvements required for Lambton Square

Mr Cox also introduced Pauline Symes who was the Convenor of the Ross Shield.

Mr Cox noted the submission today was a follow-up to a presentation made to Council late in 2008 where a number of areas of maintenance and improvements to Lambton Square were highlighted. Also at that time Council were advised of the upcoming Ross Shield Tournament. JAB now sought immediate support and assistance to undertake the maintenance and improvement work listed in the schedule they provided. An estimate of the work was in the order of \$7,500.

Mrs Symes then spoke briefly of the Ross Shield Tournament and the benefits she believed Wairoa receives from the influx of visitors. A grant of \$6,000 was sought to help run the 2009 Tournament.

SUBMITTER: Wairoa Community Development Trust
SUBMISSION: Expression of Interest – Management of Wairoa Information Centre

Ms Swan spoke on behalf of the Trust reiterating the Trust's interest in taking over management of the Information Centre.

Ms Swan said the Trust believed that their goals were closely aligned with those outlined in the LTCCP.

SUBMITTER: Wairoa Community Development Trust
SUBMISSION: Wairoa Social Development Project

Dr Terry Loomis, Consultant spoke on behalf of the Trust briefly describing the details of the Social Development Project and actions to date.

It was noted that the Project had now entered Stage 2, with funding secured from the Ministry of Social Development. However there was still a shortfall of funds and the Trust sought a commitment from Council of \$10,000.00 in the 2009-2010 towards the project.

SUBMITTER: Kim O'Gorman
SUBMISSION: Water Rates

Mrs O'Gorman, speaking on behalf of Frasertown Residents, sought to have Frasertown residents pay the same for their water supply as that received by Wairoa Urban and Wairoa Rural residents.

She also briefly spoke on her second submission regarding Domestic Refuse Collection. Her option was for Option 2, which was a partially subsidised system.

SUBMITTER: Lake Waikaremoana Hapu Restoration Trust
SUBMISSION: 1. Service Contracts
2. Reserves Management

Mr Fraser Waiwai shared briefly the vision and goals of the Restoration Trust before introducing Mr Robert Waiwai, who addressed the issues of Service Contracts and Reserves Management in Waikaremoana.

The Trust, Mr Waiwai said, believed that the people of Waikaremoana were more than able to take responsibility and management of matters pertaining to Waikaremoana and requested Council invest in the future of the people of that community. He cited instances where they had already undertaken some contract work on behalf of Council.

SUBMITTER: Federated Farmers of New Zealand
SUBMISSION: 1. Rating
2. Economic Development/Tourism
3. Fees and Charges
4. Levels of Service
5. Rooding

Mr John Ross, Chairman of the Wairoa Branch of Federated Farmers spoke to the submission. He commended Council on the LTCCP Summary Document, noting how easy it was to follow. Of particular interest was the graph on Page 11 indicating where a typical urban ratepayer's money will be spent. He wondered whether or not a similar graph could be done for the rural ratepayers.

Overall Mr Ross said Federated Farmers generally supported the objectives in the draft plan. However there were a number of small areas where they believe the balance is not right.

SUBMITTER: Mr Ian Pickering
SUBMISSION: Cleaning up of Reserve near corner of YMCA Road and Ormond Drive

Mr Pickering speaking on behalf of the New Zealand Native forests Restoration Trust was seeking permission to cut down pines and clear blackberry and also help with funding in the cleaning up of the Reserve near the Corner of YMCA Road and Ormond Drive, Opoutama.

It was noted by Ms Wairau that the area of which Mr Pickering was speaking, was subject to a claim.

SUBMITTER: MIRRA
SUBMISSION: Mahia Wastewater Scheme

Mr Plowman again stressed the concerns the residents of Mahia, which his group represented, had with the Mahia Wastewater Scheme.

He was supported in his comments by Alison McKay.

Mr Plowman and Ms McKay also mentioned that the late item report written by the Engineering Manager in respect of Mahia Wastewater Scheme was very well written.

SUBMITTER: Pauline Tangiora
SUBMISSION: Miscellaneous Issues

Mrs Tangiora spoke on a number of issues which included collaboration both district and regionally, building, safe living environment, waste management, Resource Planning, landfill hours, sewerage and roading.

SUBMITTER: C A Raskin
SUBMISSION: 1. Significant Issues
2. Parking Restrictions

Mrs Raskin spoke to her submissions briefly expanding on the Use of Reserve Funds to offset rates increase, long term disposal options and landfill hours of operation. She also sought parking restrictions of two hours be put in place, Monday to Friday, 9-5pm on both sides of Marine Parade from Locke Street to Westpac Bank, along Paul Street to Queen Street on the business side and all of Clyde Court carpark.

SUBMITTER: Terry Hickling
SUBMISSION: Nuhaka Domain Board

Mr Hickling spoke on behalf of the Nuhaka Domain Board and briefly backgrounded its history. He noted that the Board had met with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor in mid-2008 to discuss the state of the facilities and what Council might do to improve the facility. The engineering Manager also attended the meeting.

Mr Hickling highlighted 3 main areas of concern – the mowing of the field, the painting of the exterior and the replacement of flood lights. These were seen as priority works by the board.

Another concern raised by Mr Hickling was the maintenance of Kokako Road.

SUBMITTER: Aram Goes
SUBMISSION: 1. Significant Issues
2. Dust Seal – Waikokopu Village & YMCA Road

Mr Goes expanded on his comments made in respect of the Significant Issues with particular emphasis regarding increased investment in sealed pavements. Of concern also was the issue of

dust seal in Waikokopu Village and on YMCA Road. Mr Goes highlighted issues such as health and safety risks due to excessive dust getting into water supplies, dust nuisance and health issues for asthmatics.

SUBMITTER: N & B Waugh
SUBMISSION: Mahia Wastewater Scheme

Mrs Waugh spoke to the submission. She expressed concern about the cost of the scheme on individuals.

SUBMITTER: Alice Wairau
SUBMISSION: 1. Rating Differential
2. Mahia Wastewater Scheme

Ms Wairau speaking on behalf of Te Rakato Marae Trust spoke of the financial burdens suffered by families at Mahia and of the Trust's support for an equity differential of 0.3 rather than 0.5.

She also sought clarification of what "on hold" means in regard to Kaiwaitau.

The Chief Executive Officer explained the situation.

SUBMITTER: Garth Duley
SUBMISSION: Significant Issues

Mr Duley spoke in support of a Wastewater Scheme. He went on further to state that there were at least 6 other property owners besides himself whose septic tank system were required to meet a certain standard and the costs they paid to the Hawke's Bay Regional Council were very high. He wanted to see the playing field levelled.

SUBMITTER: Mere Whaanga
SUBMISSION: Mahia Wastewater Scheme

Mrs Whaanga said it was her belief that not only was the proposed scheme too expensive but that it was also unnecessary. She added that as part of her consent she was forced to install a self-contained sewage system which she did at a considerable cost and this was checked every year. Her system is compliant she says and the consent for it does not expire until 2013. The scheme would affect many of those Mahia Beach residents who were on fixed incomes.

Mrs Whaanga went on further to say that the new Mahia Sewerage rate levied in the 2008/09 year of \$737.30 was not lawful.

SUBMITTER: Ruawharo Marae Trustees
SUBMISSION: 1. Reserve Funds
2. Footpaths

An apology was received from Lis Battes. Her submission would be presented by Mr Hira Te Whati.

Of particular concern Mr Te Whati said was the lack of footpaths in the area. Increasingly people were using the road as a footpath. This had serious risks attached to it. The Trustees saw the provision of footpaths around their community as having a beneficial effect in on safety and would promote safe outdoor activities.

SUBMITTER: Mr Denys Caves
SUBMISSION: 1. Removal of trees beside Marine Parade Shop fronts
2. Maori Liaison Activity

Mr Caves advised he had been approached from a number of business owners seeking the removal of the trees due to the nuisances caused by fouling, leaf-falls into kerbing and the like.

Mr Caves second submission sought an explanation regarding the costs for Maori Liaison.

The Chief Executive advised the cost of the Maori Liaison Activity had not increased.

SUBMITTER: Operations Manager, Wairoa District Council
SUBMISSION: Additional Funding

The Engineering Manager spoke to the report. It was noted that some renewal projects have already been listed for consideration in the 2009/10 financial year but an analysis of other plans has highlighted the need for additional funds. This was for renewal work only, Mr Cook said.

SUBMITTER: Administration Manager, Wairoa District Council
SUBMISSION: Additional Funding - Pensioner Housing

Mr Baty spoke to the report advising Council it was an update on the maintenance programme relating to its Pensioner Housing stock and to request a further allocation of \$45,000 to complete urgent repairs and maintenance identified in the recently completed internal inspection process.

SUBMITTER: CEO/Regulatory Manager
SUBMISSION: Rural Fire Budget

The Chief Executive Officer updated Councillors on the current situation with Rural Fire and sought an additional \$25,000 be allocated for the 2009/2010 financial year to employ a Principal rural fire Officer on a contract basis.

ADJOURNED: 2.20 pm
RECONVENED: 2.30 pm

SUBMITTER: Rex & John McIntyre
SUBMISSION: Significant Issues

Mr McIntyre primarily dealt with the need to have a dedicated fund for seal extensions – perhaps 3kms a year as a target and drew Council's attention to the Hastings District Council's sealing programme for the last 10 years, suggesting their policy could be a good template for Wairoa.

He also briefly touched on the Mahia Wastewater Scheme stating that with the subsidy offered from central government it would never be cheaper.

There being no further verbal submissions, Council resumed consideration of the remaining submissions.

ORMOND DRIVE – RUAWHARAWHARA URUPA DEVIATION

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Mr Cook presented an in-depth report for Council to consider at the deliberation stage, options for the diversion of traffic from Ruawharawhara Urupa and select a preferred option for staff to take forward to design, consent (if required) and implementation.

There being no further business His Worship the Mayor advised that due to the lateness of the hour, the deliberation stage of the proceedings would commence on Tuesday, 23 June at 9.00am.

He would therefore declare the meeting closed:

CLOSED: 4.30pm

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Chair