

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL HELD AT RIVERSTONE LODGE, KARAMEA, ON WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER 2008 COMMENCING AT 2.10 PM.

PRESENT:

His Worship the Mayor PJ McManus (Chairperson), Crs DI Barnes, PA Campbell, JW Halsall, DJ Hawes, MMJ Montgomery, FTW Ratahi, LM Roberts and RM Sampson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive (GM Murphy), Manager Operations (SR Griffin), Manager Corporate Services (A Oosthuizen) and PA Chief Executive (LM Pablecheque).

PUBLIC FORUM

Hamish Macbeth spoke about KEEP (Karamea Estuary Enhancement Programme), the Walking/Cycling Strategy, access issues with Flagstaff, LTCCP consultation, Karamea Landscape Plan and Vision 2010.

Anne Smith speaking on behalf of Frida Inta asked whether the weedspraying contractor could operate without using dye. She also spoke about problems with the water supply to her Market Cross property and the need for large bins at the refuse tip for recycling.

George Van Den Hoeven and Abigail Jones from Karamea Area School spoke about the need for a gym in Karamea. They requested that any surplus equipment from Westport be considered for Karamea.

Dulcie McNabb spoke about the continuing problem of cow manure on both main roads and smaller side roads. She hoped that Council could encourage farmers to use matting in an attempt to remedy the problem. Her support of retaining the RSA building was also stated.

Peter Langford as Chairman of the RSA provided evidence that use of the facility had increased. He hoped Council would look favourably on the request to transfer the \$12,000 allocated to the museum project to the RSA to allow renovations to the building. He also expressed concern that the Karamea Bluff was in an unsatisfactory state of repair at present with numerous slumps.

Paul Murray said mountain biking on the Heaphy Track was underutilised and could provide economic benefits for Karamea.

David Barnes on behalf of the Westport Toy Library said the group were expanding and wanted to build their own premises. They sought from Council any surplus land or buildings that could accommodate a new facility.

It was agreed that the Mayor and Chief Executive meet with members of the Toy Library to discuss their request further.

APOLOGIES

Apologies on behalf of Crs Bainbridge and Neylon were sustained.

1 MEMBERS INTEREST

No Councillors declared an interest in any of the agenda items.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2008 be confirmed subject to Cr Neylon being recorded as leaving the meeting after public excluded item 2.

PJ McManus/FTW Ratahi

Carried Unanimously

3 COUNCIL PROGRAMME OF WORKS

Resolved: That the report be received for information.

PJ McManus/DJ Hawes

Carried Unanimously

4 MATTERS UNDER ACTION

Resolved: That the report be received for information.

PJ McManus/DJ Hawes

Carried Unanimously

5 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 30 NOVEMBER 2008

Resolved: **That the report be received for information.**

PJ McManus/DJ Hawes

Carried Unanimously

6 BORROWINGS AND INVESTMENT REPORT

Resolved: **That the report be received for information.**

PJ McManus/DJ Hawes

Carried Unanimously

7 TENDERS AWARDED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Resolved: **That the report be received for information.**

PJ McManus/DJ Hawes

Carried Unanimously

8 AOTEAROA PEOPLE'S NETWORK

Resolved: **That the District Librarian be congratulated on her efforts in successfully having the network available in both the Westport and Reefton Libraries.**

DI Barnes/RM Sampson

Carried Unanimously

9 BULLER COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Resolved: **That the report be received for information.**

FTW Ratahi/MMJ Montgomery

Carried Unanimously

10 BULLER ART AND RECREATION TRUST

Resolved: That the report be received for information.

PJ McManus/RM Sampson

Carried Unanimously

11 BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS -
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 18 JUNE 2008

Resolved: That the report is received for information.

RM Sampson/PA Campbell

Carried Unanimously

12 LICENCE TO OCCUPY - BRIDGE LITTLE GREY RIVER - PAPAROA
FARMS LIMITED

Resolved: That Council allows the construction of two bridges over the Grey River subject to the following conditions:

1. The applicant obtains resource consents if required from the West Coast Regional Council and Buller District Council and complies with all conditions imposed by those consents.
2. Paparoa Farms Ltd enters into a Licence to Occupy which will require a bond to be furnished to the Council to cover the cost of removal. The costs to be determined by the Manager Operations.
3. Paparoa Farms agree as part of the Licence to Occupy to have the bridges inspected on a three yearly cycle (or at any other time after a major flood event that in the opinion of the Manager Operations is warranted) by a Chartered Engineer and that any maintenance that is identified as part of the inspection is undertaken by the applicant at their cost to the standard required by the engineer who will furnish producer statements for any maintenance undertaken.

4. That while the bridges remains in place that these conditions apply to any successor in title.

PJ McManus/DJ Hawes

Carried Unanimously

The Chief Executive questioned whether Council wanting to continue to approve of such applications or whether staff could be delegated the task.

Resolved: That the Chief Executive prepare a report on Policy 7.17 and the possible delegation to senior managers.

PA Campbell/JW Halsall

Carried Unanimously

13 **SPEED RESTRICTION - UTOPIA ROAD**

Cr Montgomery said she was totally against any change, particularly so because Morris Road contained only two houses and Garveys Road four houses.

Resolved: That Council reduce the speed limit to 80km per hour on Morris Road, Utopia Road and Garveys Road from the intersections with the state highway in accordance with plan submitted.

DJ Hawes/JW Halsall

Carried

Crs Barnes, Montgomery, Sampson and Ratahi voted against

Resolved: That Council staff be requested to review the speed limit on Brougham Street from Domett Street to the Orowaiti Bridge.

MMJ Montgomery/RM Sampson

Carried

Crs Campbell, Halsall and Roberts voted against

14 2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

It was agreed the March meeting would be held in Reefton, July meeting in Punakaiki and September meeting in Karamea. LTCCP consultation roadshows would also take place for a week commencing 27 April.

Resolved: That Council adopt the 2009 meeting schedule with the amendments noted above.

PJ McManus/FTW Ratahi

Carried Unanimously

15 SEDDON WARD FUNDING

Resolved: That the funds not required for the Karamea Museum project be allocated to the Market Cross Community Group.

FTW Ratahi/MMJ Montgomery

Carried

Cr Sampson abstained from voting

16 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Homebuilders West Coast Trust - Letter of Thanks - DC Flights

17 PUBLIC FORUM RESPONSE

Responses to be prepared for participants.

18 DOCUMENTS FOR CONSENT AND SEAL

Resolved: That the transactions be approved and the fixing of the Common Seal under authorised signatories on the appropriate documents be ratified.

Contract

Buller District Council and North Canterbury Excavation and Drainage

Licence to Occupy

Buller District Council and MJ Durkin Ltd

Warrant of Appointment

**BD Middleton
MF Doncliff**

RM Sampson/FTW Ratahi

Carried Unanimously

Mayor McManus advised he had two additional items he would like to discuss ie a representation grant for Sarah Nelson and Migrant Workers.

The Chief Executive explained that Standing Orders allowed for minor items to be discussed but no decision to be made. The matters would have to be referred to the January meeting.

It was discussed that Sarah Nelson could be eligible for a National Representation Grant of \$1,000 to allow her to participate as a member of the New Zealand Women's Chopping Team in Australia in mid January 2009.

Mayor McManus said he had met recently with members of the Migrant Workers Group and they would like a Council representative on their group. Cr Campbell expressed an interest.

These matters will be formally reported on at the 21 January 2009 meeting.

19 PUBLIC EXCLUDED

Resolved: That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

Item No	Minutes/Report of:	General Subject	Reason for Passing Resolution Section 7 LGOIMA 1987
1	Manager Operations - Stephen Griffin	Reseal Tender	Section 7(2)(j) - Enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)

MMJ Montgomery/RM Sampson

Carried Unanimously

Resolved: That the Council revert to open meeting and the resolutions and disclosures made whilst the public were excluded remain confidential.

PJ McManus/PA Campbell

Carried Unanimously

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 5.35pm

Confirmed Date