

Marlborough District Council

Report and Minutes of a Meeting of the COMMUNITY & FINANCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE held in the Council Chambers, District Administration Building, Seymour Street, Blenheim on MONDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2007 commencing at 1.30 pm.

Present

Clrs G A Hope (Chairman), G S Barsanti, J L Andrews, C R Bowers, F D Maher, G Taylor, N W Weetman, and Mayor A T Sowman.

Also Present

Clrs A D Barker, W O Brice, J Bunting, E I Davidson, T R Harrison, P J O'Sullivan.

In Attendance

Messrs J M Patterson (Manager, Corporate Finance & Planning), D G Heiford (Manager, Support Services Department) and Ms J R North (Committee Secretary).

Carried

A.07/08.246 *EconomicDevt* Destination Marlborough E045-02

The Destination Marlborough Trust's 2007/08 Business Plan; a review of their activities and achievements for 2006/07; and the Trust's financial accounts for the year ended 30 June 2007 were presented by their Chief Executive Officer, Dominic Moran, along with former Chairman, Trevor Hook who attended in place of the Trust's new chair, Joe Ferraby who was unable to attend the meeting.

Mr Moran advised that a feasibility study is being done on a new Blenheim i-SITE; once completed the Trust will bring a proposal to Council.

Clrs Barsanti/Maher:

That Destination Marlborough Trust's unaudited financial accounts for the year ended 30 June 2007 and its 2007/2008 Business Plan be received.

Carried

A.07/08.247 *EconomicDevt* Marlborough Regional Development Trust E045-03

In line with their Funding Deed with Council, the Marlborough Regional Development Trust had provided their 2007/08 Business Plan; a review of their activities and achievements for 2006/07; and their audited financial accounts for the year ended 30 June 2007.

Supported by Tony Smale, (contract Chief Executive/Project Manager), Graham Lindsay, Chairman of the Trust, presented their Annual Report.

A number of projects are planned for the year ahead including Sustainable Management and growth; implementation of the Workforce Development projects based on the strategy that has been developed over the past year; commence an aviation industry development strategy process; manage the affordable housing project funded by Housing New Zealand Corporation.

It was reported that the Trust has formed a subsidiary company, Marlborough Regional Development Holdings Ltd. This company is to be used to hold shares in other venture companies which will benefit the Marlborough region. The company currently holds shares in five companies; these companies are currently not trading.

Clrs Maher/Taylor:

That the Marlborough Regional Development Trust's audited financial accounts for the year ended 30 June 2007 and its 2007/2008 Business Plan be received.

Carried

NOTE: Clr Gerald Hope (Executive Officer, Marlborough Research Centre Trust) declared an interest in the following item, and in so doing stood down from the chair, and Clr Graeme Barsanti assumed the chair.

A.07/08.248 *EconomicDevt* **Marlborough Research Centre *E045-01***

The Marlborough Research Centre Trust's Annual Report for the 2006/07 year which included financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2007 were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

Representing the Marlborough Research Centre at the meeting were John Marris, Trust Chair, Edwin Pitts, Research Centre Board Chair and Ivan Sutherland, Wine Research Centre Board Chair.

It was reported the Marlborough Research Centre Board reviewed its future direction and looked at ways to ensure regional science projects were being delivered as efficiently as possible. The Board was of the view that the scientific activity connected with the Marlborough Research Centre would be better coordinated under one coherent management entity dealing with the various funding streams which support the Centre's activities.

Therefore, HortResearch was asked to take a greater role as a key partner in the Marlborough Research Centre, handling all administrative and contractual responsibility for scientific programmes. All the scientific staff previously employed by the Marlborough Wine Research Centre agreed to make the transfer to HortResearch from 1 July 2007.

The change more clearly defines the Trust's role and streamlines the management of the science projects, taking the Trust's function back to its original concept. HortResearch has the capacity to administer funding streams and source new funding, handle staff contracts and ensure scientific targets are delivered.

Clrs Andrews/Taylor:

That the Marlborough Research Centre Trust's 2006/07 Annual Report and its audited financial accounts for the year ended 30 June 2007 be received.

Carried

NOTE: Clr Francis Maher, a member of the Marlborough Research Centre Board, declared an interest.

A.07/08.249 *Property* **Taylor Pass Land Developments *S405-03***

Jamie Lyall, Executive Projects Manager spoke to his report which provided an update on Forest Park Views and Taylor Pass subdivision developments along with development of a carpark at the base of the Wither Hills for recreation users.

He advised that Forest Park View subdivision developments were now complete. Resource consent for Boulevard Park on Taylor has been issued and pre-sales have determined the level of development risk to Council is low. A close watch was being kept on subdivision market conditions to ensure Council's risk profile does not increase.

Engineering design had commenced and construction was scheduled to begin in April 2008. Also, design of the Wither Hills carpark was underway and construction was programmed for completion in April 2008.

Clrs Hope/Barsanti:

That the information be received.

Property
Elderly and Access Mobility Issues
Youth
Grants and Donations
Sister Cities

Clr Taylor
Clr Andrews
Mayor Sowman/Clr Barsanti
Clrs Andrews/Taylor
Clr Barsanti

Clrs Hope/Andrews:
That the councillor responsibilities listed above be noted.

Carried

A.07/08.252 *Strategic Plan* **Survey of Residents' Perceptions of Council Services *S360-01***

In August 2007, a telephone survey of 400 Marlborough residents was undertaken to gather information on residents' perceptions of Council's services. The survey questions were based on a similar survey undertaken in 2005, which provides a benchmark for monitoring changes on residents' perceptions.

Tim Leyland, Community Planner, was unable to attend the meeting to give a presentation on the survey results.

Therefore the Committee recommended that the matter be deferred and be brought back to a future meeting when Mr Leyland was available to give a presentation.

Clrs Barsanti/Bowers:
That the matter lie on the table.

Carried

A.07/08.253 *Youth* **Youth Initiatives Plan and Youth Funding *C225-04***

Lyne Johnson, Community Development Co-ordinator provided an update to the Committee on progress of the Youth Initiative Plan actions along with a report on how the youth funding has been expended to date. Council provides a \$60,000 per annum budget.

After completing the Youth Scoping project with Public Health in the latter part of 2005, which comprised a survey of youth service organisations and a Talking Walls project with secondary school students, Council requested that the Council Youth Forum provide information on how the youth initiative funding could be utilised. Council subsequently adopted a Youth Initiatives Plan and sought proposals from organisations who could deliver positive outcomes for youth in relation to that.

Since then a further youth plan has been developed by the 2007 Council Youth Forum and reported to Council. The same format has applied whereby organisations have made proposals to deliver outcomes for youth in relation to the plan.

The Mayor and Chair of the Community and Financial Planning Committee along with one youth representative from each of the secondary schools have continued to have delegated authority for decisions on the youth initiatives proposals.

A progress report on the actions identified in the 2007 Youth Plan was presented to the Committee for information. There had been progress made on those actions and further progress was expected in 2008 once a new Council Youth Forum was established.

The youth funding for 2006/07 was allocated as follows –

- **Investigations 2007**
- **Insurance Issues 2007**

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General Subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
Debtors' Overdue Report Conders – Lease Investigations 2007 Insurance Issues 2007	In order to protect the privacy of natural persons, as provided for under Section 7(2)(a).	That the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under Section 7 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Carried

The meeting closed at 4.05 pm.

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