

TAUPŌ DISTRICT COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FENCES, ROADING, RESERVES & DOGS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 72 LAKE TERRACE, TAUPŌ
ON TUESDAY, 31 JANUARY 2017 AT 10.00AM

PRESENT: Cr Barry Hickling (in the Chair), Cr John Williamson, Cr John Boddy, Cr Zane Cozens, Cr Anna Park

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive, Group Manager: Operational Services, Group Manager: Business & Technology, Democracy & Community Engagement Manager Corporate Solicitor, Infrastructure Manager, Transport & Projects Manager, Consents & Regulatory Manager, Senior Reserves Planner, Senior Communications Advisor, Online Communications Advisor, Compliance Team Supervisor, Compliance Officer, Business Support Manager, Business Support Officer and Democratic Services & Legal Officer.

MEDIA AND PUBLIC: Six members of the public
Taupō Times

Note: At the beginning of the meeting, the Chairman advised that item 4.1 would be recorded and the recording would be available on request after the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES

Nil

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Nil

4 REPORTS

4.1 REQUEST FROM MS DENISE BARNES - MENACING DOG CLASSIFICATION

Ms Barnes read out a statement, providing her account of the incident which led to the menacing classification of her dog, Tilly Matilda, and other information to support her view that the dog should not be classified as menacing.

In answer to questions Ms Barnes advised that:

- If Tilly Matilda should be muzzled, every dog should be muzzled. It was a matter of luck as to whether dogs were classified as menacing or not.
- It had not been proven that the marks on the other dog were a result of Tilly Matilda attacking.
- She had decided to keep Tilly Matilda right away from the main path at the market although an SPCA representative had advised there was nothing wrong with Tilly Matilda continuing to collect for that organisation. Another dog had repeatedly come up to Tilly Matilda which had caused her to bark in response.
- She kept Tilly Matilda out of the path of others to prevent her barking and to give more room to others with dogs.

It was decided that Ms Barnes' request should be declined, because an incident did occur and members wanted to be consistent in their decision-making and ensure the public was safe.

FRD201701/01 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Zane Cozens

Seconded: Cr John Boddy

That the Fences, Roading, Reserves & Dogs Committee declines the request for revocation of the Committee's decision FRD201509/04.

CARRIED

Councillor John Williamson requested his dissent to resolution FRD201701/01 above be recorded.

The meeting adjourned at this point [10.59am] and reconvened at 11.06am.

4.2 REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF TREES - WAIRAKEI DRIVE

In answer to a question the Infrastructure Manager advised that in the past Council had borne the cost of this type of work involving trees on the road reserve.

Members decided to defer further consideration of the item until a site visit had been arranged. Planting plans would be provided to members prior to the site visit.

4.3 REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF TREES - 90 RICHMOND AVENUE AND 2 CHERRY LANE

Three maps were tabled to assist members' consideration of items 4.2 and 4.3 – Wairakei Drive; 90 Richmond Avenue; and 2 Cherry Lane [A1864120].

FRD201701/02 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Zane Cozens

Seconded: Cr Anna Park

That the Fences, Roading, Reserves & Dogs Committee approves the removal of the Cyprus tree at 90 Richmond Avenue in Taupō.

That the Fences, Roading, Reserves & Dogs Committee approves the removal of the Cherry tree in Reeves Road at 2 Cherry Lane in Acacia Bay.

CARRIED

4.4 HEARING OF OBJECTION TO DISQUALIFICATION AS DOG OWNER - B HAUMAHA

Mr B Haumaha addressed the Committee and the following points were noted:

- The registration of Mr Haumaha's dog Portia had been overlooked because it was due at a very stressful time – Mr Haumaha's wife was pregnant and experiencing major issues and he was away for work. Mr Haumaha had left a telephone message for one of the Compliance Officers which was not picked up, but he did acknowledge there had been a lack of communication on his part.
- Mr Haumaha had done the best he could to work with Council staff to keep his dog and he was willing to continue working together to get the best outcomes possible.
- Mr Haumaha's work required him to travel overseas for periods of time. He offered to pay registration fees in advance in future to avoid this happening again.
- Portia was classified as a menacing dog, but was completely different with Mr Haumaha's family members. Deer fencing and a padlock were used to keep Portia secure on the property.

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

FRD201701/03 RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Zane Cozens

Seconded: Cr Anna Park

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

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
Agenda Item No: 5.1 Objection to disqualification from being a dog owner - B Haumaha	Section 48(2)(a)(i) - the exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the Council to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation where a right of appeal lies to any court or tribunal against the final decision of the Council in these proceedings	Section 48(2)(a)(i)- the exclusion of the public from the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting is necessary to enable the Council to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation where a right of appeal lies to any court or tribunal against the final decision of the Council in these proceedings

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 11.40am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Fences, Roothing, Reserves & Dogs Committee Meeting held on 21 March 2017.

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CHAIRPERSON