
Riverton Harbour Subcommittee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Riverton Harbour Subcommittee held in the Southland District Council Office, Riverton on Monday, 24 July 2017 at 5.00pm.

PRESENT

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| Members (Acting Chair) | Blair Stewart Graeme Stuart Hayley Nelson Muriel Johnstone | Riverton/Aparima Community Board Riverton/Aparima Community Board Riverton Harbour Berth Owner Oraka Aparima Runaka |
| Councillor | Nick Perham | |

IN ATTENDANCE

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| Environment Southland | Lyndon Cleaver |
| Environment Southland | Ian Coard |
| Committee Advisor | Alyson Hamilton |
| Community Engineer | Greg Erskine |
| Property Asset Management Officer | Colin Pemberton |

1 Apologies

Moved Member Johnstone, seconded Cr Perham and **resolved:**

That the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee accept the apology for non-attendance by Member White.

2 Leave of absence

There were no requests for leave of absence.

3 Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4 Public Forum

There was no Public Forum.

5 Extraordinary/Urgent Items

There were no Extraordinary/Urgent items.

6 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolution

Moved Member Stuart, seconded Member Stewart **and resolved:**

That the minutes of Riverton Harbour Subcommittee meeting held on 20 March 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Reports for Resolution

7.1 Riverton Harbour - Living on Boats

Record No: R/17/7/15692

Colin Pemberton (Property Asset Management Officer) presented the report.

Mr Pemberton advised the purpose of the report is to seek the subcommittee's consideration for putting in place rules for people staying/living on board vessels berthed at wharves in Riverton Harbour.

Mr Pemberton advised at the previous meeting of the subcommittee members considered the report regarding Living on Boats however declined to make a decision pending further information being sought by staff in regards to the ruling and policing at other harbour/ports of boat owners living on vessels.

Mr Pemberton explained this issue was raised by Environment Southland following reports of people living on board vessels berthed at Riverton Harbour wharves and requested Council investigate this and put in place some rules around if and when such an activity is allowed.

Mr Pemberton advised that inquiries relating to terms and conditions at various marinas around New Zealand has indicated that no staying overnight or living on

board shall be permitted at the berth at any time.

The subcommittee noted Council has indicated that 5 nights might be an acceptable length of time. This would cover occasions when fishing boats returned to port to unload and heading out again within a couple of days. Likewise a similar situation could apply to a charter vessel.

Mr Pemberton confirmed Environment Southland has accepted a maximum of 5 nights for any one stay.

Mr Pemberton advised if vessel owners suggest there is a need for a greater length of stay, the response should be that Riverton has suitable accommodation options and opportunities available.

Mr Pemberton further advised Environment Southland has indicated that Council may well be in breach of its consent, if people are in fact living on vessels.

Member Nelson suggested that a night limit not be permitted at all, further suggesting the responsibility be placed with the berth owner. Member Nelson explained if a person living on a boat becomes a problem then Council can ask the berth owner to deal with that person.

Member Nelson commented that the whole idea of a nightly limit makes more responsibility for the subcommittee who will find it hard to enforce.

Mr Pemberton responded the clause will be included in all new licences issued and all licence owners will be advised accordingly.

Following discussion the subcommittee agreed that persons be allowed to stay on vessels berthed at wharves in Riverton Harbour for a maximum of 5 nights only, where the vessel has adequate and separate grey water and sewage holding tanks, and that a suitably worded clause be included in all new licenses issued and that existing licence holders be advised that this decision will be applied to their licences.

Resolution

Moved Member Stewart, seconded Cr Perham **and resolved:**

That the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee:

- a) **Receives the report titled "Riverton Harbour - Living on Boats" dated 17 July 2017.**
- b) **Determines that this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002.**
- c) **Determines that it has complied with the decision-making provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 to the extent necessary in relation to this decision; and in accordance with Section 79 of the Act determines that it does not require further information, further assessment of options or further analysis of costs and benefits or advantages and disadvantages prior to making a decision on this matter.**
- d) **Agrees that it is not appropriate to have people living on vessels without adequate holding tanks for both grey water and sewage.**

- e) **Agrees for persons being allowed to stay on vessels berthed at wharves in Riverton Harbour for a maximum of 5 nights only, where the vessel has adequate and separate grey water and sewage holding tanks.**
- f) **Agrees that a suitably worded clause be included in all new licenses issued and existing licence holders be advised that this decision will be applied to their licences.**

Reports

8.1 Riverton Causeway Ownership

Record No: R/17/7/15565

Community Engineer, Greg Erskine, presented the report

Mr Erskine advised that when the resource consent was issued for the removal of the railway bridge over the Aparima River estuary some years ago there were conditions imposed.

Mr Erskine explained one of the conditions was that the eastern causeway be retained and ownership transferred to Council through the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee.

Mr Erskine added this condition also required that the causeway be bought up to a standard acceptable to Council prior to the ownership being transferred.

Members noted the delay in the transfer to date has been due to the work not being undertaken to an acceptable standard.

Mr Erskine advised the subcommittee at its meeting in August 2016, considered that if the repair work as set in the report dated December 2014 prepared by David Hamilton and Associates was undertaken, this should then bring the causeway up to a standard suitable for the ownership to transfer to Council. All costs to undertake this work to the required standard should be that of Land Information New Zealand (LINZ).

Mr Erskine advised the specified works were completed in June 2017, as well as some subsequent minor works and was subsequently inspected by the Community Engineer, LINZ staff members, three members of the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee and Council's Strategic Property Manager, Kevin McNaught on 1 June 2017.

It was agreed the repair work has been completed to a satisfactory and enduring standard and it was further agreed to accept the transfer of ownership of the causeway and that Southland District Council will accept ongoing responsibility for the upkeep of the causeway.

Resolution

Moved Member Stuart, seconded Member Stewart **and resolved:**

That the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee:

- a) **Receives the report titled "Riverton Causeway Ownership" dated 17 July 2017.**
- b) **Agrees to accept transfer of ownership of the causeway since the repair work has been completed to a satisfactory and enduring standard and that Southland District Council will accept ongoing responsibility for the upkeep of the causeway.**

8.2 Report to Riverton Harbour Subcommittee for the period ended 30 June 2017

Record No: R/17/7/15576

Greg Erskine (Community Engineer) presented the report.

Mr Erskine reported work is continuing on two projects. These being;

- Removal of railway irons; ongoing communications with Environment Southland in regards to obtaining a resource consent with the view of changing the status of the consent from non-notified to notified and to liaise with the Oraka Aparima Runaka.
- Road into T-wharf has had some erosion issues and repair work is to be undertaken.

Mr Erskine explained the over expenditure in the general projects budget relates to resource consents costs and the EMTECH engineering report costings.

Discussion on the tender of Berth L35 due to the condition of the berth

Resolution

Moved Cr Perham, seconded Member Johnstone **and resolved:**

That the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee:

- a) **Receives the report titled "Report to Riverton Harbour Subcommittee for the period ended 30 June 2017" dated 19 July 2017.**

9.1 Chairperson's Report

- Member Stewart expressed appreciation to Member Nelson for assisting with removal of fence surrounding beacon at Taramea (Howells Point).
- Member Stuart raised the issue of craypots/codpots having placed at the T-wharf blocking access to the crane and partially blocking the accessway.

It was agreed the Community Engineer contact the owner to arrange removal of same.

- Member Nelson suggested an approach be made to Maritime New Zealand at the possibility of obtaining oil spill equipment at no cost to the subcommittee such equipment to be placed at the wharf with berth owners being advised of its location.

It was agreed Mr Cleaver investigate this option and report back to the subcommittee.

- Discussion was held on a boat being illegally moored at Berth L35 and that a letter be forwarded to the boat owner Mr Tony Thomson requesting its removal.
- Member Stewart raised the issue of the usage of electricity at the long wharf advising currently the subcommittee is funding the power usage for not only the lighting but also the berth owners and felt that it should be user pays.

Member Stewart commented that currently there is one boat moored at the Riverton Wharf where the owner is living on board, connected to the power on the long wharf and no payment being received.

Mr Pemberton explained power is required for lighting of the long wharf, and suggested an option that if berth owners require power they make an approach to an approved electrician for individual connections and pay costs accordingly.

It was agreed that staff investigate power options and costings for the long wharf and that a report be presented to the next meeting of the subcommittee.

Resolution

Moved Cr Perham, seconded Member Stewart **and resolved:**

That the Riverton Harbour Subcommittee:

- a) **Requests that staff investigate power options and costings for the long wharf and that a report on this issue be presented to the next meeting of the subcommittee.**

The meeting concluded at 6.10pm

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RECORD AT A MEETING OF THE RIVERTON
HARBOUR SUBCOMMITTEE HELD ON
MONDAY 24 JULY 2017.

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CHAIRPERSON:.....