

## **The 153rd Meeting of the PNECC 15 June 2011**

### **Attendance:**

Thomas Marchant, Murray McGuire, Matt McDonald, Jacquetta Bell, Phil Wilson, Jocelyn Beleski, Phil Fisher (NCC), Vicki Cordwell-Douglas, Pam Lambert, Bill Rait, Stephen Wynne Jones, Joanna Plows. Russell Mincher, David Frances (EDA)  
Apologies: John White, Grant Rutledge, Grant Jones & Grant Fox.

**Previous minutes:** Accepted.

### **Update on PNL Operations – from Thomas.**

PNL hosted an EECA Energy Efficiency Seminar as part of its commitment as a Cornerstone Sponsor of the Sustainable Business Network. Port Nelson Ltd has done the GAP analysis “Get Sustainable Challenge” looking at the community and financial side of the operation.

Mayoral Taskforce – PNL is also involved with this. 24 leaders from businesses, community organisations and Councillors have been brought together develop a sustainability strategy. The next push will be to get some Tasman businesses along. Thomas outlined the approach to planning, noting the process is currently between two & three. Plan complete by end of 2012.

1. Awareness - Aligning the community around a common understanding of the key issues
2. Baseline analysis - identifying critical sustainability issues
3. Compelling vision - Developing a vision for a sustainable Nelson
4. Down to action - actions that move the community towards their sustainability vision.

### Noise Management update

Only four complaints so far this year, against up to 70 pa a few years ago.

Noise Variation still to be formally adopted, hoping this can be agreed without the appeals going to the Environment Court.

Port Noise Liaison Committee now has a new member, with the other two community reps continuing to serve.

Noise Management Plan & Noise Mitigation Plan have been ratified by the PNNC and the NCC. House Mitigation is now into stage 3, the least affected properties, with owners being advised of their entitlements.

### **The Lighthouse**

Murray McGuire updated on the intention to floodlight the lighthouse for aesthetic reasons. Historic Places Trust called for an architects report, it was favourable, archaeological report also favourable. NCC advised there was a H&S issue over the stair not having a rail. This has been OK'd by HPT, after some to-ing and fro-ing. Lights will be powered by a generator housed in a box alongside the lighthouse, and activated from shore. This will also power the lens of the light, which has been restored and will shine back towards the city. Now ready to apply for a Resource Consent.

### **Biodiesel**

David Francis (EDA) outlined plans to bring biodiesel to Nelson to be stored and refined at Fulton Hogan site at Port Nelson. It's made from cooking oil and rape-seed oil. Nelson will be the centre for top of south. Initially won't be retail sales, but this should happen in the future.

Matt said PNL is looking into using biodiesel, currently price is subsidised, but as production rises this should even out. Allied Petroleum and Mini-Tankers (part of Greenstone Z) are the two companies doing the distribution.

New Liebherr Mobile 550 Crane is close to being commissioned.

### **Strait Shipping**

Bill Rait advised that Strait Shipping is pulling out of Nelson, due to lack of cargo volume, with the service becoming non-viable, in spite of generous efforts from the company to keep going. The

last sailing will be on June 25. Bill has the option to go to head office in Wellington. A sad day after 17 years. Strait works for two international shipping lines, and if they don't get the containers then Strait suffers. Matt said this was part of overall rationalisation of shipping. Thomas thanked Bill for his input to the Environment Committee meetings.

Date of coming committee meetings:

Meeting #3 – Weds 21 September 2011

Meeting #4 – Weds 14 December 2011

**Vicki Cordell-Douglas gave a presentation on MAF Biosecurity.**

Staff of 1800 protect NZ from pests and diseases, bases are in ports and main centres. Has had some good success eg eradicating salt marsh mosquito.

Inspections are carried out at ports, mail, devanning depots etc. 800,000 containers per year come into NZ. Matt noted several PNL staff are MAF accredited and can call in MAF staff when required as a container is unloaded. There is a schedule for inspections depending on the product and country of origin.

Approach is to get public on side, carrot not stick. Inspection techniques include dogs and x-rays.

Nelson is fourth for cruise yacht arrivals, they are searched thoroughly and at risk products removed – eg honey. Instant fines is now \$400, also plus imprisonment or fines of up to \$100,000

Noted there is a lot of background work being done in lead up to RWC. Nelson airport is classified as international as it lands private planes.

Certain risk items declared at airports can be cleaned, fumigated or heat-treated and returned.

Risk goods include honey, meat, eggs, equipment used with animals, skin; fruit, vegetables, flowers, seeds.

Risks include varroa bee mite, foot & mouth, fruit fly, giant African snail, brown tree snake.

The clean up and impact on trade costs of these would be millions.

Spiders are almost a daily find at Port Nelson, often black widows in cars from USA.

Stephen asked about surveillance around the port – Vicki said this is done by contractors.

Jocelyn asked about marine invaders – Vicki said rules have tightened, eg didymo, you now can't bring in felt waders without treatment. Anti fouling also more toughly regulated now.

Vicki circulated several confiscated items til illustrate her talk.

Meeting closed at 1.20pm. Update on Marine Bio Security held over til next meeting.