
Minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council – to Approve the draft Annual Plan 2013/14 for Public Consultation

Held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson

On Thursday 21 March 2013, commencing at 9.02am

Present: Councillors A Boswijk (Chairperson), I Barker, G Collingwood, K Fulton, P Rainey, R Reese and M Ward

In Attendance: Chief Executive (C Hadley), Chief Financial Officer (N Harrison), Acting Executive Manager Community Relations (R Ball), Executive Manager Network Services (A Louverdis), Manager Resource Consents (M Bishop), Executive Manager Strategy and Planning (M Schruer), Executive Manager Support Services (H Kettlewell), Executive Manager Kaihoutu/Community Relations (G Mullen), Manager Policy and Planning (N McDonald), Project Management Adviser (C Blythe) and Administration Adviser (L Canton)

Apologies: His Worship the Mayor A Miccio, Councillors E Davy, R Copeland, P Matheson, J Rackley and D Shaw

Opening Prayer

1. Apologies

Resolved

THAT apologies be received and accepted from His Worship the Mayor A Miccio, and Councillors E Davy, R Copeland, P Matheson, J Rackley and D Shaw.

Boswijk/Collingwood

Carried

2. Interests

There were no updates to the Interests Register and no conflicts of interest were indicated.

3. Confirmation of Order of Business

The Chairperson advised that a memorandum (1476226) had been circulated detailing a late item for the meeting.

The Chairperson explained that, in accordance with section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and Standing Order 3.7.5, a procedural resolution was required before a major item not on the agenda for the meeting could be dealt with.

3.1 Draft Annual Plan 2013/14

The Chairperson explained that, in accordance with section 46A(7)(b)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the reason why the item was not on the agenda was because it came to hand after the agenda had been distributed.

She said that, in accordance with section 46A(7)(b)(ii), the reason why discussion of the item could not be delayed until a subsequent meeting was because a resolution on the matter was required to undertake public consultation on the draft Annual Plan 2013/14 in order to meet statutory deadlines as required by the Local Government Act 2002.

Resolved

THAT the item regarding the Draft Annual Plan 2013/14 be considered at this meeting as a major item not on the agenda, pursuant to Section 46A(7)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, as the item requires a decision before the next scheduled Council meeting to undertake public consultation in order to meet statutory deadlines as required by the Local Government Act 2002.

Boswijk/Reese

Carried

4. Draft Annual Plan 2013/14

Document numbers 1471877 v6 and 1472828 v5, late item refers.

The Chief Financial Officer, Nikki Harrison, presented the Statement of Proposal incorporating the draft Annual Plan 2013/14. She explained that it was produced on an exceptions basis, to update what had been planned for 2013/14 in the Council's Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

Councillors asked a number of questions regarding the content of the plan. The following minor amendments were noted:

- Page 13 – a resource consent for accidental discharges has now been granted.
- Page 33 – clarification that, although the total cost of the Nelson part of the Cricket World Cup 2015 tournament would be likely to exceed \$2 million, Council's budget was capped at \$900,000 and the balance would not be a cost to ratepayers.

Councillors discussed the Statement of Proposal. A view was expressed that the draft Annual Plan 2013/14 did not take into account the implications of the debt increase and rates rise for future years. Councillors noted that the increase in debt related to activities that they had agreed were important.

Councillors also recognised that it was necessary to deliver Council services in a more cost effective way. They expressed confidence that future years would involve a similarly robust planning process and a commitment to meet capital expenditure budgets, which would enable affordable rates increases to be achieved.

Resolved

THAT the Statement of Proposal incorporating the draft Annual Plan 2013/14 be approved for public consultation from 25 March to 26 April 2013 with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor delegated authority to approve any minor amendments required.

Boswijk/Reese

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.35am.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date