

29 October 2013

Memo To: Her Worship the Mayor and Councillors

Memo From: Administration Advisers

**Subject: INAUGURAL COUNCIL MEETING – 29 OCTOBER 2013
LATE ITEM 2**

1. Mayor's Report

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A report titled Mayor's Report is attached to be considered as a major late item at this meeting. This report was listed as item 3 on the public agenda for the Inaugural Council meeting on 29 October 2013 to ensure elected members were aware that it would be presented to this meeting.

Section 46A(1)-(6) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and Standing Order 2.15.8 require that agendas are distributed with the associated reports. As this report was not distributed with the agenda for this meeting, it must be treated as a major late item to be considered at this meeting.

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 is required before a major item that is not on the agenda for the meeting may be dealt with.

In accordance with section 46A(7)(b)(i) the reason why the item was not on the agenda is because it came to hand after the agenda had been distributed.

In accordance with section 46A(7)(b)(ii) the reason why discussion of this item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting is to enable Council to establish its governance structure in a timely manner.

Recommendation

THAT the item regarding Mayor's Report 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, to enable Council to establish its governance structure in a timely manner.

Mayor's Report

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 For the Mayor to present her Inaugural Speech. Please see Attachment 1 for the Inaugural Speech.
- 1.2 To recommend to Council the appointment of the Deputy Mayor, the establishment of a committee structure, the appointment of Committee Chairpersons, and adoption of nominations for appointments to external organisations.

2. Recommendation

THAT the Mayor's Report (1611086) and its attachments (1626142; 1625606) be received;

AND THAT Paul Matheson be appointed as Deputy Mayor;

AND THAT the Council establish four Committees as follows:

Committee	Chair	Deputy Chair	Membership
Community Services	Pete Rainey	Gaile Noonan	Ruth Copeland Matt Lawrey Paul Matheson Tim Skinner Mike Ward
Works and Infrastructure	Eric Davy	Matt Lawrey	Luke Acland Ian Barker Ruth Copeland Gaile Noonan Tim Skinner

Planning and Regulatory	Brian McGurk	Kate Fulton	Ian Barker Ruth Copeland Eric Davy Matt Lawrey Mike Ward
Governance	Ian Barker	Luke Acland	Eric Davy Kate Fulton Brian McGurk Paul Matheson Gaile Noonan Pete Rainey

AND THAT the nominations for appointments to the respective external organisations listed in Attachment 2 to this report be adopted.

3. Background

- 3.1 Section 41A of the Local Government Act 2002 became operative on 12 October 2013. In summary, section 41A provides the Mayor with a discretionary power to appoint the Deputy Mayor, establish Committees, and to appoint Committee chairpersons. This section also allows for the Mayor to be a member of all committees of the local authority.
- 3.2 It is not intended to invoke the use of these mayoral powers. Instead, this report seeks the support of Council for the recommendations which have been formed through a series of prior discussions and meetings with councillors individually and as a group.

4. Discussion

- 4.1 The people of Nelson have elected an enthusiastic and capable team of councillors who together are ready to deliver a good, strong council for the community.

Deputy Mayor

- 4.2 It is recommended that Paul Matheson QSO is appointed as Deputy Mayor.
- 4.3 Paul Matheson brings huge experience to the role as Deputy Mayor, having served as Mayor for three terms from 1998 and, before that, as a councillor. He brings a varied range of skills to the role of Deputy Mayor, along with a desire to build a strong Council that is better connected to the community.
- 4.4 Deputy Mayor Matheson will be a key support for newly elected councillors, who could not be served by a better mentor.

Committees

- 4.5 It is recommended that Council be governed by the establishment of four Committees to streamline information and decision making processes and to make Council more understandable and accessible to the public.
- 4.6 The recommended appointments to these Committees endeavour to put together a council structure that respects each person's skills, experience, and the areas of council business where each person has the capability to make a particular contribution.
- 4.7 An attempt has been made to balance the workload across councillors, but Committee Chairs play an important driving role. All Chairs understand the expectations and are committed to delivering on these leadership positions.
- 4.8 The use of co-opted members on some committees has also been discussed. It is expected that one member will be co-opted on to the Community Services and the Planning and Regulatory Committees respectively. It is also expected that two members will be co-opted on to the Governance Committee. This would be in recognition of the benefits to Committees of utilising the skills, attributes and knowledge of people who are not elected members of Council. Recommendations to appoint co-opted members to these Committees will come to a future meeting of Council for adoption.

Appointments to external organisations

- 4.9 There are three main reasons for Councillor appointments to external organisations:
- Liaison: to be an interface between Council and an organisation;
 - Engagement: to involve people and organisations in the decisions that affect them; and
 - Representation: to represent Council's financial or governance interests in an organisation.
- 4.10 Please see Attachment 2 for a list of nominations for appointment to external organisations.
- 4.11 Council also has appointments to joint committees and working groups with Tasman District Council. A recommendation on these appointments will come to the 12 November 2013 Council meeting.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 That the recommendations for the appointment of Paul Matheson as Deputy Mayor, the appointment of Committee Chairpersons, the establishment and membership of four Committees, and the appointment to external organisations be resolved.

Rachel Reese
Mayor

Attachments

Attachment 1: Inaugural Speech from Mayor Rachel Reese ([1626142](#))

Attachment 2: Mayoral appointments to external organisations ([1625606](#))

No supporting information follows.

The Mayor's Inaugural Speech

E te tini, e te mano, tena koutou katoa.

To the many gathered here, greetings. I welcome you all to the Inaugural Meeting of this term of Council.

It is an honour and a privilege to be elected as Mayor of Nelson. I thank the people of Nelson for allowing me the opportunity to serve in this role. I recognise the challenges that are before me and I welcome them.

I acknowledge the other people who sit with me at this table – your City Councillors. I am supported by Councillors who have engaged in this new term of Council with energy, enthusiastic and a high degree of collegiality. Each and every person will make a valuable contribution to the leadership of this city over the coming three years.

To those who have joined us for this Council meeting, I value your presence.

I acknowledge the Kaumatua and Kuia of the iwi of Te Tau Ihu o te Waka a Maui who have joined us, especially Archdeacon Harvey Whakaruru who sits with me on this occasion.

I acknowledge the Dean of Christchurch Cathedral, The Reverant Nick Kirk. The Cathedral holds a significant place in our civic lives. We are a city by virtue of our Cathedral and our Bishop. As a Council we must not lose sight of that link and the importance of Christchurch Cathedral on Piki Mai.

I acknowledge the Honourable Dr Nick Smith Member of Parliament for Nelson, and his parliamentary colleagues.

I acknowledge Clare Hadley the Chief Executive of Nelson City Council who sits to my left. Council is a partnership between elected representatives and local government servants. Mrs Hadley leads a team committed to making Nelson a better place.

To our Council family – the companies and trusts that represent the breath of council activity - welcome. Council has a long reach through out our community and your endeavours are important and valued.

To other community leaders who have joined us today, thank you for sharing in this celebration. My intention over the coming years is that we build on and strengthen Council's connection with the community and you are all leaders who can help achieve that objective.

And to my family and friends, and to the family and friends of every Councillor, you have supported us through our journey in local government and the election period. That is not an easy task. Elections come with risk. But today you can relax and enjoy – this is a day to be proud and to share in achievement.

Attachment 1

I believe in the value of Local Government. Local Government New Zealand's Vision Statement is, "Local democracy powering community and national success." That message resonates with me. I also believe in the strength of partnership.

Over the Labour Day holiday weekend we have seen what success and partnership look like for Nelson. On Friday night we saw the mighty Tasman Makos power to championship success under lights at our Trafalgar Park on one of the best playing surfaces in the country. On Sunday we celebrated the generous partnership contribution of \$2.3M from the Minister for the Arts, Culture and Heritage to The Suter Redevelopment - community, local and central government coming together to secure a flagship project for Arts and Heritage. On Monday we watched an economic success that builds on the foresight and tenacity of Port Nelson Limited as the Raroa entered The Cut set to deliver significant economic gains to our regional businesses.

We are in good heart and we are learning what success looks like.

Turning to the work at hand for us as a Council, there will be difficult decisions to make. Nelson's rating system is due for review. Our Long Term Plan needs to set a programme of capital works that is realistic and deliverable, but at the same time protects the investment made by residents and businesses. We need to plan infrastructure for growth. In coming months we have social policy issues to address around a Local Alcohol Policy. It is important we don't shy away from the difficult decisions. Leadership is not about picking the low hanging fruit. Leadership is about doing the things that will really make a difference, that will power success.

Bishop Richard Ellena gave me a congratulatory card on my election. It had a message that read 'A leader gets things done. A great leader gets things done while serving others rather than themselves.'
And that is what good local government is about - getting things done while serving others. That message will guide all of us through the next three years.

It is now with pleasure that I present the recommendations in my report.

No reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena tatou katoa.

Rachel Reese
Mayor of Nelson

Arts Council Nelson

Mike Ward

Broadgreen Society

Gaile Noonan

Nelson Youth Council

Matt Lawrey

Pete Rainey

Marina Users Group

Ian Barker

Pete Rainey

Eelco Boswijk Civic Awards

Mayor

Eric Davy

Tim Skinner

Paul Matheson

Pete Rainey

Kate Fulton

Waimea Inlet Forum

Brian McGurk

Ruth Copeland

Mike Ward

Kahurangi Employment Trust

Kate Fulton

Matt Lawrey

Nelson Tasman Business Trust

Ruth Copeland

Te Tau Ihu Sustainability Forum

Mike Ward

Kate Fulton

Ruth Copeland

Matt Lawrey

Nelson Biodiversity Forum

Brian McGurk

Eric Davy

Kate Fulton

**Advertising Commercial Sexual
Services Bylaw Panel**

Mayor

Paul Matheson

Luke Acland

Urban Design Champ

Pete Rainey

**Community Action Youth and Drugs
(CAYAD)**

Brian McGurk

Kate Fulton

Sport Tasman Trust

Tim Skinner

Tahunanui Beach Holiday Park

Eric Davy

Positive Ageing Forum

Gaile Noonan

**Top of the South Scenic and
Heritage Trails Trust**

Mayor

Trustpower Community Awards

Mayor

Ian Barker

Sister Cities Co-ordinating Group

Mayor

Eric Davy

**Tasman Bays Heritage Trust
Appointments Committee**

Mike Ward

Ian Barker

**Youth and Community Facilities
Trust**

Luke Acland

Youth Nelson

Luke Acland

**Waimea Water Augmentation
Committee**

Paul Matheson

Community and Whanau Network

Pete Rainey

Gaile Noonan

Active Transport Forum

Brian McGurk

Nelson Tasman Housing Forum

Mike Ward

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