

Minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council

Held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street,
Nelson

On Tuesday 24 February 2015, commencing at 9.00am

Present: Her Worship the Mayor R Reese, Councillors I Barker, E Davy, K Fulton, M Lawrey, P Matheson (Deputy Mayor), B McGurk, G Noonan, P Rainey, T Skinner, and M Ward

In Attendance: Chief Executive (C Hadley), Group Manager Community Services (C Ward), Senior Strategic Adviser (N McDonald), and Administration Adviser (G Brown)

Apologies: Councillors L Acland and R Copeland

Opening Prayer

Councillor Davy gave the opening prayer.

1. Apologies

Resolved

THAT apologies be received and accepted from Councillors Acland and Copeland.

Matheson/Davy

Carried

2. Confirmation of Order of Business

There were no changes to the order of business.

3. Interests

There were no updates to the Interests Register, and no interests with agenda items were declared.

4. Mayor's Report

There was no Mayor's Report.

5. Council Representative Reporting on External Organisations

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Her Worship the Mayor advised councillors that the list of appointments on which representatives would be reporting back would be taken in the order in which they were presented.

5.1 Arts Council

Councillor Ward advised that the Arts Council was one of the most successful in New Zealand and had in the past organised events including a number of training programmes. However, the Arts Council's role had changed and it now had a particular interest in establishing a community arts centre, focusing mainly on the visual arts.

Attendance: Councillor Rainey joined the meeting at 9.04am.

He advised that the Arts Council recently appointed a new chairman, Ian Bowell and that it continued to receive a large number of enquiries.

Councillor Ward added that the demise of the Kahurangi Employment Trust had affected the Arts Council in that exhibitions could not be held until such time as the future of the refinery had been determined.

He suggested that the Arts Council should not be solely dependent on Council funding and that building audiences and creating a city of theatre goers, would be advantageous to the Nelson community.

Councillor Ward believed his appointment on the Arts Council was beneficial.

In response to a question, Councillor Ward said that Tasman District Council (TDC) did not have a representative on the Arts Council but did provide some funding.

It was suggested that when sponsoring events, marketing through Council's publications should be pushed, and that developing facilities for these organisations should take priority.

5.2 Broadgreen Society

Councillor Noonan advised that Council owned the house and that the committee consisted of a number of volunteers. She said there was a large amount of time spent on operational discussions, and at times felt uncomfortable as she believed she could not assist as this was not a governance role.

She advised that the Broadgreen Society met monthly for approximately two hours and that Broadgreen House was included in the Parks and Reserves Asset Management Plan and was a category A building therefore there was a limitation to what the society or Council could do with the building.

In response to a question, Councillor Noonan advised that there were not many new people joining the committee, however two university students were recently employed for the summer period who were enthusiastic and promoted Broadgreen House on social media.

It was suggested that a review of the engagement model with the Broadgreen Society was required.

5.3 Cawthron Institute Board

Her Worship the Mayor advised that the Trust Board granted funding to a number of different organisations and that Cawthron had a good reputation in the marine and water sciences.

She added that as a business they were significant, and in relation to infrastructure and development opportunities, it was beneficial for Council to be aware of these. She said that twice a year the Chief Executive provided an update on Cawthron's strategic plan which she found helpful.

Her Worship the Mayor advised that every two months she attended a half day meeting. In addition, she said that Cawthron were receiving some significant central government funding in relation to a sustainable salmon farming.

5.4 Eelco Boswijk Civic Awards

It was discussed that this civic award should be seen as special and once a year have an overall winner for ordinary people achieving extraordinary things.

It was suggested that Nelson Anniversary would be a good time to announce the award and that February 2016 could be considered.

5.5 Nelson Tasman Business Trust

As Councillor Copeland was an apology, there was no report back.

5.6 Nelson Tasman Mayoral Relief Trust

Her Worship the Mayor advised that there had been no emergencies therefore there was no need to call a meeting.

5.7 Safer Community Council

Attendance: Councillor Davy left the meeting at 9.43am.

Councillor McGurk advised that it was beneficial to be involved in the Safer Community Council and that meetings occurred every two months.

In response to a question, he advised that organisations such as Neighbourhood Watch would contact the council who would in turn support ideas and get organisations started with projects.

Attendance: Councillor Davy returned to the meeting at 9.45am.

5.8 Sport Tasman Trust

Attendance: Councillor Lawrey left the meeting at 9.46am.

Councillor Skinner advised that Sport Tasman covered the Nelson, Buller, Westport, Greymouth and Tasman areas and that being a representative had assisted his understanding of the governance and administration role of the organisation.

In response to a question, Councillor Skinner advised that funding was mainly from the Canterbury Community Trust, other Councils, Sport New Zealand and the Ministry of Social Development. He added that he believed Sport Tasman had charitable status.

Attendance: Councillor Lawrey returned to the meeting at 9.49am.

Councillor Skinner said that he believed it was useful to be a representative on the Sport Tasman Trust as it assisted Council in keeping up to date with community events.

Attendance: Councillor Barker left the meeting at 9.50am.

5.9 Tahunanui Beach Holiday Park

Councillor Davy advised that the holiday park was a Council asset and that it was the largest holiday park in Australasia.

He advised that the Board members were volunteers and that over \$300,000 came back to Nelson City Council. He raised concerns that the holiday park even though a Council asset had to borrow money for improvements.

He said that a new manager had recently been appointed and that a strategic plan for the holiday park should be completed in the coming months. He added that the holiday park was receiving a new boiler system and the lease was up for review in 2018.

Councillor Davy said the holiday park was vital to the Nelson tourism industry and that it provided subsidised rates for members of the Caravan and Motorhomes Association.

It was noted that there was currently a review of Nelson's camping grounds underway.

In response to a question, he advised that the committee were not concerned about the number of semi-permanent residents and that this was not increasing.

Councillors queried that the campground was too big and that the process regarding who was allowed to have semi-permanent status needed review along with the need for affordable housing.

5.10 Talking Heads

Her Worship the Mayor advised that the Chief Executives of councils had not met yet, so there was currently nothing to report.

5.11 Top of South Scenic and Heritage Trails Trust

There had been no request for a meeting, therefore a review was needed.

Attendance: Councillor Barker returned to the meeting at 10.08am.

5.12 Trustpower Community Awards

Councillor Barker advised that Trustpower was a large organisation, operating throughout New Zealand. He advised that regional representatives assessed and considered applications and an overall winner was chosen for each region. He advised that there was a large turnout and this year the award was received by Project Butterfly which related to parents who had lost a child. He advised that he was involved in choosing and judging the awards.

It was discussed that Trustpower appreciated Council's input and that it was a service to the community.

5.13 Whakatu Marae

Her Worship the Mayor advised that this was a busy role and involved monthly meetings at the Marae which was a significant part of the Nelson community. She advised that the Marae had a change of manager, and the Marae's accounts were now processed by an outside organisation.

She added that it was important to maintain this relationship as the Marae was a cultural heart of the city, and had been embracing and welcoming new people. She said that there was an element of social housing provision and that the Marae faced similar issues to Council with funding maintenance and upgrading.

Her Worship the Mayor said that there was a real professionalism in the way the Marae operated and there was potentially going to be some structural changes at a governance level due to the treaty settlements.

She clarified that the Marae committee was not representative of iwi, it was only there to provide governance to the Marae.

It was noted that the 20th anniversary of the meeting house was in April.

Attendance: There was a morning tea break from 10.22am until 10.39am.

5.14 Youth and Community Facilities Trust (The New Hub)

Councillor Acland was an apology so there was no report back. It was highlighted that this was no longer the correct name and needed to be amended to Youth and Community Trust.

5.15 Youth Nelson

Councillor Acland was an apology so there was no report back.

5.16 Community and Whanau Group

Councillor Rainey advised that this was a success story of the collective groups that have been meeting for some years. He believed that this was the best opportunity for Councillors to engage with the community as the group was growing and networking was strong.

Councillor Noonan added that it was a diverse group with a large database and anyone could attend. She advised that Council provided regular updates at meetings and the discussions were focussed on topics such as housing and food.

Those who initially set up the group were noted and it was highlighted that the notes from all these meetings could be viewed online.

5.17 Nelson Youth Council

Councillor Lawrey advised that he really enjoyed sitting with the youth councillors and hearing their thoughts. He said that there were 16 new youth councillors.

Councillor Rainey added that Nelson City Council was one of the few councils in the country who allowed youth councillors to attend meetings and the ability to speak to items. He said that this should be encouraged and Council should continue to challenge them with engagement. He said that it was also encouraging to see some of the youth councillors taking on roles in the community.

In response to a question, Councillor Rainey said that Marlborough youth council and NCC youth council had joined forces in the past and it was suggested that councillors view the Marlborough Youth Initiative Plan and consider its relevance to Nelson.

In response to a further question, Councillor Lawrey said that long term discussions took place at Youth Council and Nelson 2060 was

referred to in conversations. He added that the youth councillors ranged from 13 to 17 year olds.

5.18 Marina Users Group

Councillor Rainey advised that the group met twice a year and discussed a range of different issues. He advised that there was approximately 300 plus berths at the marina.

Councillor Barker added that he was uncomfortable at times during meetings due to the discussions on negotiations with Council. He believed that there would be value in attending if discussions did not concentrate on the negotiations.

It was suggested that the group needed to acknowledge that they could only comment on negotiations, as negotiations were with individual berth holders.

It was said that staff members needed to be involved in these discussions and it was queried whether staff members received the email circulated by the group; representatives were unsure.

It was felt that it was worthwhile attending these meetings, however it was incurring the same issues as the Broadgreen Society.

5.19 Sustainability Forum

Councillor Mike Ward advised that he had attended several meetings and that it consisted of groups of individuals looking at how groups in the community were contributing to sustainability. He said that the discussions were worthwhile and attendees were coming as far as Marlborough.

Councillor Lawrey added that it was useful because it considered the entire top of the south. He said that Ian Challenger who was part of the Natural Step programme would be putting forward a customised half day programme for Nelson and that invites would be distributed.

It was noted that when staff members were involved, there seemed to be a lot more progress as there was the ability to discuss operations.

Her Worship the Mayor asked councillors to think about the purpose of this forum and how it could work going forward.

5.20 Nelson Biodiversity Forum

Councillor McGurk advised that this forum was a critical partnership for Council and it represented 40 different organisations. He said that Council benefited greatly by being involved in this forum and that it was a dynamic and varied group with the ability to support Council with its regional responsibilities.

Attendance: Councillor Noonan left the meeting at 11.16am.

Councillor Davy added that it was an important forum for the future and Her Worship the Mayor said that it was a real success story.

Attendance: Councillor Noonan returned to the meeting at 11.17am.

5.21 Nelson Tasman Connections Steering Group

Her Worship the Mayor advised that these were short meetings. They focused on issues for young people. She said the representatives included the councils and government agencies and recent discussions included mental health issues and support systems in the community for young people.

She asked councillors to consider how Council should engage with the community in relation to these issues and it was mentioned that Council needed to create a community where people felt supported.

5.22 Positive Ageing Forum

Councillor Noonan advised that this was an extremely useful forum where people were well connected and informed. She said that the forum met quarterly at the Richmond library and focussed on facilities and challenges for the older person. She said that the Age Concern update informed the forum that elder abuse was quite high in the Nelson Tasman area.

She added that each year there was a positive ageing expo which was well received along with other events for the community.

In response to a question, Councillor Noonan advised that a staff member attended this forum.

5.23 Sister Cities

Councillor Davy advised that he had been a member of the group since the start of the term and noted positive initiatives including receiving the delegation from Huangshi and the Mayor's visit to Miyazu.

He said that there were benefits of the sister city relationship between Nelson including business opportunities.

Her Worship the Mayor added that the Sister City Coordinating Group met regularly and that Nelson received regular invitations to establish other sister cities. It was noted that Council could not support further relationships at the moment, and the Eureka Sister City was not active.

She said that Miyazu had changed over time and the population had declined to 23,000, due to young people moving to larger cities. She said that the marine school at Miyazu was very interesting and there were opportunities for a relationship with NMIT.

Attendance: Councillor McGurk left the meeting at 11.42am and returned at 11.43am.

5.24 Tasman Bay Heritage Trust Appointments Committee

Councillor Barker advised that he received papers for applicants only once and it was noted that the workload for the Trust was minimal.

Attendance: Councillor Rainey left the meeting at 11.48am.

5.25 Waimea Water Augmentation Committee

Councillor Matheson informed councillors that he had never attended but supported the dam in principal and followed the minutes.

Her Worship the Mayor added that a review was required as the committee had existed since 2006. She added that she had attended two meetings however was waiting on the economic analysis review.

Attendance: Councillor Rainey returned to the meeting at 11.49am.

5.26 Community Action Youth and Drugs (CAYAD)

Councillor McGurk said that CAYAD came from the Health Action Trust and that it was attended also by TDC representatives around 3 or 4 times a year. He added that it dealt with issues such as legal highs and the supply of alcohol.

Councillor Fulton indicated that she had not attended many meetings however advised that from past meetings the group had good intentions but not enough action. She said that many groups were covering youth issues and these groups needed to be connected.

Her Worship the Mayor said that strategic thinking was needed across all these groups along with picking up on the Nelson 2060 objectives and that Council officers needed to consider this feedback.

5.27 Nelson Tasman Housing Forum

Councillor Ward advised that this forum had not met and suggested that the forum be broadened to include all organisations involved in housing.

Councillor Barker informed councillors that attendance at this forum had dwindled and the final result was to cease the meetings.

Councillor Ward highlighted that housing was an issue and that the question should be asked as to why this forum ceased to continue. Her Worship the Mayor advised that this question needed to be asked to Council officers.

There was general agreement that other parties with a common interest needed to be involved in this forum.

Attendance: Councillor Noonan left the meeting at 12.04pm.

It was suggested that the forum was a talking group rather than a doing group so if Council wanted a different outcome then it needed to be planned differently.

Her Worship the Mayor asked Councillor Ward to compile an outline for this forum and speak to Council officers to see where the opportunities existed in the region.

5.28 Waimea Inlet Forum

Councillor McGurk informed councillors that he had not attended any of these meetings but received copies of communications which were more TDC focussed around the Waimea Inlet, Mapua and Rabbit Island.

Councillor Barker said that he was the council representative for the last two terms and the main objective was to compile a plan which had been achieved.

It was suggested that Councillor Ward's appointment to the Waimea Inlet Forum be checked.

It was suggested that the invitations to meetings be formalised through Microsoft Outlook. Her Worship the Mayor advised however, that some organisations did not utilise this tool.

6. **Kotahitanga Hui**

Her Worship the Mayor advised that this would evolve over the next 12 months and encouraged councillors to attend.

Attendance: Councillor Noonan returned to the meeting at 12.12pm.

It was mentioned that groups needed to drive towards the Nelson 2060 outcomes as it was a community document.

Attendance: Councillor Barker left the meeting at 12.13pm.

Councillor Rainey questioned when he would be advised of his responsibilities as Urban Design champion. Her Worship the Mayor asked Council officers to arrange a briefing for Councillor Rainey.

Attendance: Councillor Barker returned to the meeting at 12.15pm.

Her Worship the Mayor asked councillors to think about how much time was allocated to these roles and whether the outcomes were achievable. She added that trustee roles and liability insurance also needed to be considered.

Councillor Davy added that he attended 'Accessibility for All' which met every 3 months and also the Tasman Regional Transport Committee which met quarterly.

It was suggested that conversations needed to take place with NMIT to organise meetings on a regular basis to develop this relationship.

Councillor McGurk referred to the 'Safe at the Top' programme, and that this should be formalised as accreditation was due in two years time through the World Health Organisation. He added that priorities had changed in relation to workplace, outdoor and public place safety. Her Worship the Mayor advised that she was in agreement that a representative should attend these meetings.

7. Council Representative Reporting on External Organisations

Document number A1314193, agenda pages 4-6 refer.

Resolved

THAT the reports from Council representatives on external organisations be noted.

Matheson/Noonan

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 12.24pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date