
Minutes of a meeting of the Works and Infrastructure Committee

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

On Thursday 26 March 2015, commencing at 9.02am

Present: Councillor E Davy (Chairperson), Councillors I Barker, R Copeland, M Lawrey, G Noonan, and T Skinner

In Attendance: Councillors P Matheson, and M Ward, Group Manager Infrastructure (A Louverdis), Manager Communications (P Shattock), Manager Administration (P Langley), and Administration Adviser (G Brown)

Apologies: Her Worship the Mayor R Reese and Councillor L Acland

1. Apologies

Resolved

THAT apologies be received and accepted from Her Worship the Mayor and Councillor Acland.

Davy/Lawrey

Carried

2. Confirmation of Order of Business

Document number A1335154

The Chairperson advised the Committee that there was one late item which councillors needed to resolve to consider as part of the meeting.

Resolved

THAT the item regarding Saxton Creek upgrade – Procurement of construction services 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 procurement of construction services in a timely manner.

Davy/Lawrey

Carried

3. Interests

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

4. Public Forum

4.1 Maitai Shared Path

Charmian Koed spoke about the Maitai Shared Path Collingwood Street to Nile Street redesign.

Ms Koed spoke to the tabled document A1334642.

In response to a question, Ms Koed said that there was no need to widen the path between Collingwood and Nile Street as people were happy to move over and bikes could utilise Domett Street.

In response to a further question, Ms Koed said that she was comfortable with the width of the shared path outside River Kitchen cafe, however, she would rather leave the shared path from Collingwood Street to Nile Street in its current state.

4.2 Shared Pathways

Angela Fitchett and Helen Webber spoke about the interactions of walkers and cyclists on shared paths.

Ms Fitchett informed the Committee that she found the general behaviour of cyclists on shared paths unacceptable and that cyclists approach pedestrians faster than cars. She added that in some overseas countries there was a walking side and a cycle side on paths.

Ms Fitchett said to the Committee that the shared path between Monaco and the Honest Lawyer was used by cyclists and at times pedestrians chose to walk on the road.

Helen Webber said that there was a large population of older people in Stoke, and she believed their needs were not being met in relation to shared paths. She said that there were many cyclists on the railway reserve and due to negative experiences she now walked at Isel Park.

In response to a question, Ms Webber said that increased public education in relation to shared paths could resolve these issues.

5. Confirmation of Minutes – 12 February 2015

Document number A1312332, agenda pages 6-10 refer.

Resolved

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Works and Infrastructure Committee, held on 12 February 2015, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Davy/Barker

Carried

6. Status Report – Works and Infrastructure Committee 26 March 2015

Document number A1150321, agenda pages 11 refers.

In response to a question, Group Manager Infrastructure, Alec Louverdis said that the Highland Pipe Band had secured a temporary alternative location to replace the Highland Pipe Band Hall. However, negotiations were underway in relation to a long term solution. He added that it was still anticipated that the Highland Pipe Band Hall would be demolished by the end of June 2015.

Resolved

THAT the Status Report – Works and Infrastructure Committee 26 March 2015 (A1150321) be received.

Lawrey/Skinner

Carried

7. Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson spoke about shared paths and that they required a partnership between pedestrians and cyclists to be successful. He added that cyclists should only be using areas that were clearly marked 'shared path'.

There was general support for a delineation line of shared paths that clearly identified the cyclists and pedestrian areas along with taking an educational approach.

It was discussed that shared paths were predominantly aimed at non confident riders.

It was highlighted that when considering the Collingwood Street to Nile Street shared path, too much infrastructure could potentially remove the aesthetic appeal of the area.

It was noted that currently no work was being conducted on the Collingwood Street to Nile Street shared path as further data was being compiled.

BUILDINGS

8. Council Owned Earthquake Prone Buildings – Earthquake Assessment Update #3

Document number A1290584, agenda pages 12-24 refer.

Team Leader Engineer, Mel Large presented the report.

In response to a question, Group Manager Infrastructure, Alec Louverdis informed the Committee that the purchase of the Four Seasons and Reliance buildings was part of a strategic land purchase by the Council.

In response to a question, Mr Louverdis said that the officer's report dealt with only critical structural weaknesses which were needed for safety reasons.

In response to further questions, Mr Louverdis said that an overall assessment of all Council buildings was required and would be completed by June 2015, and then long term plans for all earthquake prone buildings could be established. He said that the approximate rough costs for demolishing the Hunting and Fishing, and Four Seasons buildings could be between \$80,000 and \$120,000. He added that there were other locations that could be used for Council storage.

In response to a question, Mr Louverdis said that once the critical structural weaknesses were addressed, the buildings could be used again and potentially leased out if Council decided to do so.

In response to a further question, Mr Louverdis said that now that the State Advances building was no longer deemed to be earthquake prone that there was the possibility of receiving a more positive response if expressions of interest were called for again.

Councillor Davy moved and Councillor Lawrey seconded the recommendation in the officer's report:

Recommendation

THAT the report Council Owned Earthquake Prone Buildings – Earthquake Assessment Update #3 (A1290584) and its attachments (A573820, A573853, A573921 and A1252682) be received;

AND THAT funding is brought forward from the 2015/16 financial year to address the critical structural weaknesses at the old Hunting and Fishing Building (81 Achilles Avenue) at an estimated cost of \$15,000 to mitigate the risk of the south wall collapsing;

AND THAT funding is brought forward from the 2015/16 financial year to address the critical structural weaknesses at the Four Seasons Building(250 Haven Road) at an estimated cost of \$10,000 to mitigate the risk of the southern end of the building collapsing;

AND THAT Council note that no work will be undertaken on the Woodturner Building at this stage as the building is not expected to collapse or cause serious injury during a moderate earthquake event.

A concern was raised in relation to the number of empty Council owned buildings and the related lack of revenue. It was suggested that some buildings should be demolished.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned from 10.08am until 10.12am.

The mover proposed the following changes:

Recommendation

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AND THAT Council note that no work will be undertaken on the Woodturner Building at this stage as the building is not expected to collapse or cause serious injury during a moderate earthquake event.

Recommendation to Council

THAT funding is brought forward from the 2015/16 financial year to demolish the old Hunting and Fishing Building (81 Achilles Avenue) in the current financial year;

AND THAT funding is brought forward from the 2015/16 financial year to demolish the Four Seasons Building (250 Haven Road) in the current financial year.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned from 10.20am until 10.23am.

In accordance with Standing Order 3.9.3, the seconder was not in support of the proposed motion, therefore the meeting returned to the original recommendation in the officer's report.

Resolved

THAT the report Council Owned Earthquake Prone Buildings – Earthquake Assessment Update #3 (A1290584) and its attachments (A573820, A573853, A573921 and A1252682) be received;

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Davy/Lawrey

Carried

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10.35am until 10.40am.

TRANSPORT AND ROADING

9. Bridge Street Upgrade – Alma Street and Fiddle Lane

Document number A1321138, agenda pages 25-36 refer.

Team Leader Engineer, Mel Large presented the report.

In response to a question, Ms Large said that installation of the additional lighting on Bridge Street would commence on 8 June 2015 when the poles are expected to be delivered.

In response to further questions, Ms Large indicated that she was aware of the wall leak where the mural was located, but this was the building owner's issue. She added that the overhead art installation would be high enough so that these could not be damaged.

In response to a question, Ms Large said that the gels located in the lighting already installed on Bridge Street were originally installed to

provide visual effect, however concerns were raised by the local businesses and Police regarding the dark areas on Bridge Street. She added that retailers would be consulted in relation to the new lighting.

It was discussed that warm white lights should be used and that the historic frontage of buildings on Bridge Street should be illuminated at night.

There was general support for the recommendation although it was noted that building owners had a responsibility, and that this should be an ongoing partnership with Council and building owners to improve the environment on Bridge Street.

Councillor Copeland moved and Councillor Noonan seconded the recommendation in the officer's report.

Recommendation

THAT the report Bridge Street Upgrade – Alma Street and Fiddle Lane (A1321138) and its attachments (A1323529, A1257824, A1323532) be received;

AND THAT approval is given to proceed with the upgrade of Fiddle Lane as per attachment 3 (A1323532) to enhance the aesthetic appearance of the lane.

Councillor Barker proposed an additional clause to the recommendation in the officer's report. In accordance with Standing Order 3.9.6 and with the agreement of the mover and seconder this clause was incorporated into the original motion.

Resolved

THAT the report Bridge Street Upgrade – Alma Street and Fiddle Lane (A1321138) and its attachments (A1323529, A1257824, A1323532) be received;

AND THAT approval is given to proceed with the upgrade of Fiddle Lane as per attachment 3 (A1323532) to enhance the aesthetic appearance of the lane.

AND THAT further discussions be held with building owners about enhancing street frontages on Bridge Street.

Copeland/Noonan

Carried

10. Saxton Creek upgrade – Procurement of construction services

Document number A1334898, late item A1335154 refers.

Group Manager Infrastructure, Alec Louverdis presented the report.

In response to a question, Mr Louverdis clarified that the landowners associated with the section of the Saxton Creek upgrade, as detailed in this report, were comfortable with this proposal.

In response to a further question, Mr Louverdis said that the \$1.5 million funding referred to under section 5.1 of the officer's report was funding for this financial year and that the upgrade was a multi year project over five to six years.

Resolved

THAT the report Saxton Creek Upgrade – Procurement of construction services (A1334898) and its attachment be received;

AND THAT approval be given to apply exceptional circumstances to Council's procurement policy allowing officers to enter into a contract with an already appointed contractor to include works on part of Saxton Creek within the Nelson City Council boundary;

AND THAT this be funded from existing 2014/15 budgets.

Barker/Davy

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 11.06am.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date