

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HOUSE, TRAFALGAR STREET,
NELSON ON TUESDAY 18 MARCH 2008 COMMENCING AT 9.04AM**

- PRESENT:** Councillor P Rainey (Chairperson), His Worship the Mayor (K Marshall), Councillors I Barker, A Boswijk (Deputy Chairperson), M Cotton, M Holmes, A McAlpine, A Miccio and G Thomas
- IN ATTENDANCE:** V Altmants (Chief Executive), P Dougherty (Acting Chief Executive), S Coleman (Divisional Manager Community Services), Scott Miller (Youth Councillor) and J Costello (Administration Adviser)
- APOLOGIES:** An apology for lateness was received and accepted from Councillor A McAlpine.
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1.0 PUBLIC FORUM

1.1 Multiuse Building on Tahunanui Reserve for Surf Lifesaving

Paul Matheson (New Zealand Community Trust), Hamish Blanch (Nelson Police) and Sherp Tucker (Search and Rescue Co-ordinator) addressed the Committee regarding their proposal for the Nelson Surf Lifesaving Club to be housed at the beach by adding another level onto the existing ablution block.

Paul Matheson advised that the New Zealand Canterbury Trust (NZCT) would seriously consider funding a portion of the Surf Lifesaving Club, however final figures need to be confirmed and the support from the Council decided before the Trust will progress any further with it.

Originally the Surf Lifesaving Club wanted a standalone building, however after discussions, the upgrade of the current block had been identified as the preferred option as the site that it is currently on has all the necessary utilities.

Hamish Blanch advised that it would also be quite timely to reconfigure the current block that is there as it is opposite the area where the Youth Park is to be developed.

1.2 Emergency Housing Committee Charitable Fundraising Project

Seddon Marshall addressed the Committee with regards to the establishment of a Wishing Well in the CBD to raise funds for those requiring the use of the short term emergency housing. The funds raised would help assist the people requiring emergency housing integrate back into society. He said that if \$2,000 a year could be raised it would be of great benefit, and if excess funds were raised then they could be redirected elsewhere. He explained that he had come up with the concept of a Wishing Well as it was a good way to extract funds from a variety of people and it could be fully relocateable and vandal proof.

Mr Marshall advised that he had not yet worked on a design as he wanted to have approval from the Council before proceeding any further. He suggested that a possible location could be outside Farmers on the left hand side of the existing sculpture. However, he advised that he would leave the final decision on placement to the Council.

1.3 Nelson United Football Club

John Sauer (Nelson United Football Club Inc) and Murray Leaning (Nelson Bays Football) addressed the Committee regarding Nelson United Football Club seeking funding for their lights to be relocated from Rutherford Park to Neale Park due to the playing surface being destroyed by the redevelopment of the Trafalgar Centre.

Mr Sauer tabled a letter and a copy accompanies the minutes (document no 646313).

In discussion about Neale Park, Mr Leaning and Mr Sauer advised that they did hold some reservations about the placement of the Skatepark at Neale Park, which had resulted in the loss of one of the playing grounds. Their concerns were largely to do with the impact the use of the Skatepark could have on the playing fields.

Mr Leaning and Mr Sauer said they were not consulted on the development of the Skatepark at Neale Park.

On a separate matter Mr Leaning raised a concern held by Nelson Bays Football with regards to the Council's Grounds Allocation Policy for winter sporting codes. Mr Leaning requested that Nelson Bays Football be consulted before grounds are hired for football to anyone other than Nelson Bays Football, as this would allow them to discuss the hiring proposal with them and offer them any resources or assistance including a free referee, ensuring the safety of the players and reputation and image of the game.

Mr Leaning tabled a letter and a copy accompanies the minutes (document no 649300).

Attendance: His Worship the Mayor joined the meeting at 9.38am.

1.4 Motor Caravan Association

Neville Baldwin addressed the Committee with regards to there not being enough dump stations in the Nelson region. He stated that now would be an opportune time for the placement of an additional dump station at Rutherford Park. Currently there are two public dump stations in the Nelson area: 1) BP on Haven Road, however it is not suitable for larger motor homes, 2) Mobil in Tahunanui.

Mr Baldwin explained to members that a motor home is required to be emptied every 3/4 days and that when planning a trip, the details are based just as much around dump stations as they are on sites to be visited. Mr Baldwin said that in his opinion, he envisaged people would stay longer in Nelson if there was a dump station placed at Rutherford Park.

Mr Baldwin also stated that he thought Saxton Field would be an ideal place for the placement of a dump station.

1.5 Deputation and Resolutions Regarding Natureland

Carol Ercolano spoke first on behalf of the deputation, presenting a document with the resolutions from the Public Meeting that had been organised by the Nelson Residents Association held on 17 March 2008.

A copy of the resolutions accompanies the minutes (document no 649684).

Mrs Ercolano read out the resolutions from the Public Meeting followed by her own statement on why she believed the decision made by the Council should be reversed, stating that Natureland provided humane education and taught respect and empathy, which no other public place in the region could provide children.

Mr Jim Cable then spoke to members and explained that the elected members are required to act on behalf of the Community and in this situation the Council had not been seen to be acting on behalf of the Community's desires. He stated that the Council should be more aware of the Local Government Act 2002 consultation requirements. In closing, Mr Cable said that Natureland was an asset that was valued by many Nelsonians.

Ms Betty Don then addressed the Committee supporting Natureland to remain open, stating that where Natureland was currently situated provided easy access to a number of other facilities, such as the beach and other recreational amenities down at Tahunanui, and was far away enough from traffic and residents not to cause any harm.

Attendance: The acting Chief Executive left the meeting at 10.01am when the Chief Executive joined the meeting.

1.6 Guardians of the Nightingale Library

Bill Chapman-Stone addressed the Committee regarding revenue generated from the hire of the meeting room at the Nightingale Library Memorial and he stated that to date, \$4,500 had been raised through the hiring of the room over the past six years.

Mr Chapman-Stone provided details of what the fund had been used for such as the replacement of chairs, a new microwave, electric jugs and a Christmas tree. Mr Chapman-Stone also took the opportunity to comment on the new landscape around the library and stated that it is looking good, however there were still a few outstanding areas such as there being no parking on either entrance for the wheelchair bound, access from the beach side is difficult for many and it is a long walk from the car park to the Rocks Road side entrance for some. The bike stand cannot be seen from where it currently is and the Fell Memorial is only half finished.

Mr Chapman-Stone expressed his sincere thanks to the Library Manager, his predecessor, the Community Librarian and Library staff in sharing with the Guardians the visions for the future regarding the Nightingale Memorial Library.

A copy of Mr Chapman-Stone's presentation accompanies the minutes (document no 649691).

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

29 January 2008

Resolved

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee, held on Tuesday 29 January 2008, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Boswijk/Miccio

Carried

3.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES STATUS REPORT – MARCH 2008

The Divisional Manager Community Services, Susan Coleman, advised that in the future a Major Projects update would also be provided.

With regards to the Nelson Multi Ethnic Council (NMEC) having a member observe the Citizenship ceremonies it was suggested that the work that NMEC does be promoted at the Citizenship ceremonies. The Mayor agreed with this suggestion and said that this could possibly be done by identifying the representative from the NMEC in his speech.

Resolved

THAT the report be received.

Holmes/His Worship the Mayor

Carried

4.0 KAHURANGI EMPLOYMENT TRUST

Roger Thorn, Manager Kahurangi Employment Trust (the Trust), provided a montage of photos during his annual presentation to the Committee.

He explained that the Trust had been in operation for two decades and they held a number of contracts which had a wide range of benefits for the community including keeping the city graffiti free and litter free, tree planting and encouraging emerging artists. Mr Thorn explained that the Trust was an approved Council contractor for tree planting.

Discussing the role of Tidy Town, he explained that they were responsible for keeping the city graffiti free and approximately 40/60 notifications of graffiti were received per month to which there is a 40 hour response time to. Tidy Town also operate the litter cart in the CBD.

Mr Thorn confirmed that the Trust does not receive annual funding from either Nelson City or Tasman District Councils unless an application is submitted. He explained that all the people employed by the Trust are subsidised, so this provides a source of income and then their remaining income is obtained through contracts that they hold. He confirmed that the rent of the building in Halifax Street is subsidised by the Council.

Mr Thorn confirmed that if the opportunity was ever available for the Trust to submit a tender for the recycling contract at the Pascoe Street Transfer Station they would certainly like the opportunity to do so.

Members congratulated the Trust on the outstanding work that they are doing.

Attendance: Councillor McAlpine joined the meeting at 10.45am.

5.0 NELSON YOUTH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

Document No 645128, dated 3 March 2008, agenda pages 16-20 refer.

Manager Cultural Social and Recreation Services, Kath Inwood, presented the report.

Resolved

THAT the Nelson Youth Council Constitution, supported by the Youth Councillors at their meeting on 14 February 2008 and attached as Appendix One to document no 645128, be adopted.

Holmes/Boswijk

Carried

6.0 CIVIC AWARDS FOR SCHOOL PRIZE GIVING CEREMONIES

Document No 644871, dated 3 March 2008, agenda pages 21-25 refer.

Manager Cultural Social and Recreation Services, Kath Inwood, presented the report.

Members discussed the concept of Council sponsorship of Civic Awards at Nelson school Prizegiving Ceremonies and the general consensus was that this was a positive concept, however the necessity of a trophy was questioned.

Councillor McAlpine said that with regards to the criteria for the award that she was happy to work with the schools through the Principals Association on this and the profiling of the Awards.

Scott Miller, the Youth Council Representative, said that it would be beneficial if the Youth Council could consider the proposal for the development of the Civic Award and members agreed that this would be of benefit, therefore before making a final decision they would await feedback from the Youth Council.

The report on Civic Awards in school Prizegiving Ceremonies generated a discussion on the Community Civic Awards process and it was noted that it may be time for an overall review of the Civic Award process.

Resolved

THAT document no 644871 be noted;

AND THAT the matter be further discussed following feedback from the Nelson Youth Council.

His Worship the Mayor/Miccio

Carried

7.0 STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL FOR THE SALE OF BLACKWOOD STREET LAND

Document No 644936, dated 1 March 2008, agenda pages 26-32 refer.

Manager Parks and Facilities, Paul McArthur, presented the report.

Mr McArthur advised members that the land would not be sold under valuation and if it was not sold it would be maintained as a low level reserve.

Recommendation to the Council

THAT the proposed indicative subdivision of the Blackwood St land as shown in Attachment 2 and the draft Statement of Proposal as shown in Attachment 3 in Report No 644936, be approved for consultation under the Local Government Act 2002;

AND THAT this special consultative procedure be included in the 2008/09 Draft Annual Plan consultation.

Barker/Holmes

Carried

8.0 PROPOSED REVOCATION OF PART OF THE MAIRE STREET RESERVE

Document No 642359, dated 21 February 2008, agenda pages 33-57 refer.

Manager Parks and Facilities, Paul McArthur, presented the report.

Members queried the necessity to sell the land and the preference was that the land not be sold and be developed in conjunction with neighbouring properties in the planting of a low shrub reserve.

Mr McArthur stated that whilst this was possible it was not necessarily in a specific budget to develop that piece of land.

Recommendation to the Council

THAT the land not be sold and that it be developed in consultation with neighbours.

Cotton/His Worship the Mayor

Carried

9.0 REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES

9.1 Founders Heritage Park Subcommittee

18 December 2007

Resolved

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Founders Heritage Park Subcommittee, held on Tuesday 18 December 2007, be received.

Holmes/McAlpine

Carried

10.0 REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS**10.1 Nelson Youth Council**

14 February 2008

Resolved

***THAT** the minutes of a meeting of the Nelson Youth Council, held on Thursday 14 February 2008, be received.*

Boswijk/Thomas

Carried

11.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**11.1 Public Forum Discussion****11.1.1 Multiuse Building on Tahunanui Reserve for Lifesaving**

Members agreed that based on the limited information they had received the proposal sounded positive however they requested that staff investigate the matter further and prepare a report.

Scott Miller asked that the Youth Council be consulted during the preparation of the staff report to ensure the proposed concept is complementary to the Youth Park.

11.1.2 Emergency Housing Committee Charitable Fundraising Project

Members noted that if a Wishing Well was to be proceeded with, then there needed to be an educational component attached to it. It was queried that if it was only \$2,000 being sought would it not be more efficient for the Emergency Housing Committee to apply for a grant.

It was also queried that if the Wishing Well was proceeded with, who would pay for the water costs.

The Chairperson advised that he would contact Mr Marshall to discuss the request further.

11.1.3 Nelson United Football Club

Staff advised members that it was not as simple as relocating the lights to Neale Park from Rutherford Park and that the lights that are owned by the Club do not meet the required standards and that the matter was a work in progress.

Members were also advised that staff are aiming to stop training sessions on playing surfaces and that there are 10 full size fields in the City available and currently only 5 are being used. There are also new lights being placed in Victory Square and at Tahunanui.

With regards to the allocation of grounds to groups outside of Nelson Bays Football Association, staff advised that the Council used to leave it to the Association to manage, however now that there are resources in place to manage the bookings, the Policy has been adjusted.

Andrew Cavill, Ground Maintenance Supervisor, said that he had taken on board the recommendation that the club had provided and an additional clause had been added into the contract for hirers, asking them to make contact with Nelson Bays Football.

He explained that the Marlborough District Council and the Tasman District Council operate in a similar way and that it was of his opinion that it stay status quo.

Concern was expressed by members that Nelson Bays Football had not been consulted during the development of the Skatepark.

11.1.4 Motor Caravan Association

Susan Coleman, Divisional Manager Community Services, read out the resolution from the Infrastructure Committee in April 2005, regarding motor homes parking overnight at Rutherford Park.

Referring to the resolution read by Ms Coleman members noted that the resolution required motor homes to be self contained.

Ms Coleman explained that the three dump stations within the city are considered sufficient by staff. She also recommended that the request for a dump station at Rutherford Park not be progressed since staff are currently developing a development plan for Rutherford / Trafalgar Park.

Attendance: Councillor McAlpine left the meeting at 11.52am.

11.1.5 Natureland

The deputation and resolutions regarding Natureland were noted.

12.0 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

12.1 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting in accordance with section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 on the grounds that the public conduct of this part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists.

- ***Confirmation of Minutes – 29 January 2008***

Reasons:

To protect the privacy of natural persons;

To enable the Council to carry out negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage.

- ***Community Services Status Report – March 2008***

Reasons:

To protect the privacy of natural persons;

To enable the Council to carry out negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage.

Holmes/Barker

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session from 12 noon and resumed in the public session at 12.02pm.

12.2 Re-admittance of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor/Barker

Carried

The meeting closed at 12.02pm

CONFIRMED AS A CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

_____ CHAIRPERSON

_____ DATE