

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HOUSE, TRAFALGAR STREET
NELSON ON THURSDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2008 COMMENCING AT 9.00AM**

PRESENT:	Councillor G Thomas (Chairperson), His Worship the Mayor (K Marshall), Councillors I Barker, A Boswijk, G Collingwood, M Cotton, D Henigan (Deputy Chairperson), M Holmes, A Miccio, P Rainey, D Shaw
IN ATTENDANCE:	Deputy Chief Executive (P Dougherty), Chief Financial Officer (C Fitchett) and Administration Adviser (A Rose)
APOLOGIES:	Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors A McAlpine and R Reese.

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that Item 7, an application by Eventiac Event Management for a reduction in the standard fees payable to the hire of Trafalgar Park had been withdrawn at the request of the applicant.

1.0 PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

2.0 PRESENTATION BY THE KURAHAUPO KI TE WAIPOUNAMU TRUST NEGOTIATING TEAM ON THE TREATY SETTLEMENT PROCESS

Mark Moses, Waihaere Mason, Lea-Jane Hemi and Raymond Smith joined the meeting. Mark Moses gave a powerpoint presentation from Kurahaupo, a trust comprising the three iwi Ngāti Apa, Ngāti Kuia, and Rangitāne. They tabled a copy of their presentation and answered questions.

The group confirmed, in answer to a question, that the Crown looks at which iwi was where in 1840, and takes account of what was happening before that date.

In answer to another question, it was confirmed that it was still a matter of debate as to who may own what, but it was pointed out that iwi often define ownership differently to the purely legal definition, including customary rights for fishing and harvesting.

It was also confirmed that Council land was not Crown land, so was unlikely to be part of any settlement with the Crown. With regard to a question on grievances that may be held by iwi against other iwi who came and conquered, it was stated that the attitude was “let’s not forget, but let’s move on”, particularly when in the intervening time there had been a lot of marriages between the different iwi involved.

In answer to a question regarding whether there will be any right of appeal if iwi thought the settlement was inadequate, it was stated that the outcome desired was for a durable settlement.

The Chairman thanked the delegation for their presentation, and said that the Council looked forward to working with them in the future.

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**3.1 Corporate Governance 11 December 2007**

Resolved

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Corporate Governance Committee, held on Tuesday 11 December 2007, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Mayor/Holmes

Carried

3.2 Policy Committee 4 September 2007

Resolved

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Policy Committee, held on Tuesday 4 September 2007, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Shaw/Holmes

Carried

4.0 STATUS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2008

Agenda page 10 refers.

4.1 Saxton Field

The Chief Financial Officer tabled a paper showing the budget situation for Saxton Field at the end of 2006/07, 2007/08, 2008/09.

4.2 Councillors' Appointments

A list of all the various Councillors' Appointments was requested to be drawn up and circulated to Councillors.

Resolved

THAT the Status Report for February 2008 be received.

Holmes/Barker

Carried

5.0 FINANCE STATEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

Document No. 633640, dated 29 January 2008, agenda pages 11-36 refer.

The Chief Financial Officer presented the finance statement for the six months ended 31 December 2007 and answered questions.

Councillors were reminded that if they had questions about specific items in these reports, they were encouraged to ring the Chief Financial Officer for the information prior to the meeting, so he could research and give a complete answer.

It was agreed that staff would investigate how to better report on major projects' expenditure against budget.

Resolved

THAT the finance statement for the six months ended 31 December 2007 be received and the variations noted.

Holmes/Collingwood

Carried

6.0 SCHEDULE OF DOCUMENTS SEALED

The schedule of documents sealed from 12 December 2007 to 8 February 2008, agenda pages 37-39 refer.

Resolved

THAT the schedule of documents sealed from 2 November 2007 to 8 February 2008 be received.

Collingwood/Shaw

Carried

The meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10.20am to 10.35am.

7.0 AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUBMISSION

Document No. 642198, dated 19 February 2008, circulated after the agenda on memo dated 25 February 2008.

The Manager Environmental Policy joined the meeting and presented the report, to which was appended the draft submission.

The Committee were split over their views on the submission, with the majority supporting the draft submission as presented, and the remainder of the Committee expressing the view that the submission should be broadened to suggest ways to help make the Bill better. It was felt by this latter group that the submission should say where the Bill has gone wrong and how it could be improved.

After discussion it was agreed that the recommendation should include Council's concern that affordable housing was a major issue in Nelson, and that the Council should offer to assist government in reaching a workable outcome.

Resolved

THAT the Corporate Governance Committee approve the draft submission on the Affordable Housing Bill attached to Report 642198, dated 19 February 2008, with an additional clause being added stating that Nelson City Council recognises affordable housing as a major issue in Nelson and would like to offer to assist the government in finding solutions.

Shaw/Barker

Carried

Councillor Collingwood requested her vote against the resolution recorded.

8.0 UNIQUELY NELSON

Background information was circulated after the Agenda went out in a memo dated 26 February 2008.

Alison Rutt from Pascoes Jewellers (the Chairperson of Uniquely Nelson), together with David Moir of Paper Plus (a Board Member), and Sherry Mirfin (Uniquely Nelson Co-ordinator), joined the meeting and gave a powerpoint presentation in support of the request from Uniquely Nelson for an additional \$50,000 per annum over and above the existing \$70,000 per annum that the Council currently grants the organisation.

The group presented two options by which the additional funding requested could be found. The first option was that it could be funded from the Inner City Parking and Development Account, and the second option was that it could be funded via a special targeted rate.

The Uniquely Nelson Board said that they supported the first option.

The three representatives were supported by various other members of the organisation, including Allan Puller of the Linen Press, Victoria Harding from Café Affair, and Barry McCann from the House of Ales all of whom addressed the Committee.

The Chairman thanked them for their presentation and advised them that the matter would be discussed at the Council meeting next Thursday 6 March.

9.0 WAIMEA WATER AUGMENTATION COMMITTEE

Memo from Waimea Water Augmentation Committee, dated 19 February 2008. Agenda pages 44-46 refer.

A delegation from the Waimea Water Augmentation Committee joined the meeting, comprising Murray King (Chairperson), Barney Thomas (Iwi Representative), Councillor Tim King (Tasman District Council representative), Martin Heine (Department of Conservation representative). Also present in the room were Julian Raine (Deputy Chairperson), Dave Plant (Nelson City Council representative) and Councillor Mark Holmes (Nelson City Councillor representative).

Mr Thomas gave a powerpoint presentation, and he and the Chairperson answered questions. He explained that the upper Lee Valley site that had been chosen was currently in joint ownership with the Department of Conservation, Crown Land and three private owners.

In answer to another question, he said that indications at the present led him to believe that all the issues regarding ownership of land could be worked through to a satisfactory conclusion.

In answer to another question, Mr Thomas said it was impossible to state what the cost would be at this stage. He also explained that the proposed dam would be 16 metres higher than the Maitai Dam, and would be able to run a small electricity generating plant.

The iwi representatives said that from an iwi perspective the project was an excellent model and iwi were happy with the consultation that has taken place.

The Chairperson thanked the representatives from the Waimea Water Augmentation Committee for their presentation.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.48pm and resumed at 1.30pm. During the luncheon period Councillor Henigan left the meeting.

10.0 POLICY STRATEGY WORK PROGRAMME 2008

The Manager Strategy and Planning, Mark Tregurtha, gave a powerpoint presentation outlining the policy/strategy work programme for 2008 and tabled copies of the policy and work strategy programme 2008.

11.0 PUBLIC EXCLUDED MINUTES

11.1 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.

i) Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes – 11 December 2007

Reasons:

To enable the Council to carry out negotiations or commercial activities without prejudice or disadvantage; and

To protect the privacy of natural persons.

ii) Minutes of the Combined Shareholders Group meeting on 14 December 2007

Reasons:

To enable the Council to carry out negotiations or commercial activities without prejudice or disadvantage; and

To protect the privacy of natural persons.

iii) Natureland

Reasons:

To enable the Council to carry out negotiations or commercial activities without prejudice or disadvantage; and

To protect the privacy of natural persons.

iv) Cross Quay-Sale of Surplus Land

Reasons:

To enable the Council to carry out negotiations or commercial activities without prejudice or disadvantage; and

To protect the privacy of natural persons.

Holmes/Cotton

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 1.58pm and resumed public session at 3.28pm.

11.2 Re-admittance of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

Thomas/Cotton

Carried

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 3.28pm.

CONFIRMED AS A CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

CHAIRPERSON

DATE