

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HOUSE, TRAFALGAR STREET, NELSON ON THURSDAY 31 JANUARY 2008 COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

PRESENT: Councillor M Holmes (Chairperson), His Worship the Mayor (K Marshall), Councillors G Collingwood, M Cotton (Deputy Chairperson), D Henigan, P Rainey, R Reese, D Shaw and G Thomas

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor I Barker, V Altmants (Chief Executive), F Galloway (Divisional Manager Infrastructure), M Schruer (Manager Infrastructural Assets) and R Palmer (Administration Adviser)

1.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

21 November 2007

Resolved

***THAT** the minutes of the meeting of the Infrastructure Committee, held on Wednesday 21 November 2007, be confirmed as a true and correct record.*

Collingwood/His Worship the Mayor

Carried

2.0 INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT JANUARY 2008

Agenda page 8 refers.

His Worship the Mayor advised that he had followed up with his counterparts in Marlborough District Council and Tasman District Council regarding briefing meetings with Transit NZ and would be advising the Council further in due course.

It was noted that a report on the membership of the Regional Land Transport Committee would not be presented to the Infrastructure meeting as the Chief Executive had the authority to confirm those appointments.

Resolved

***THAT** the Infrastructure Committee Status Report for January 2008 be received.*

Holmes/His Worship the Mayor

Carried

3.0 ROADING PROJECT PROGRAMME CHANGE

Report No 7395, dated 21 December 2007, file ref RTP-06-01, agenda pages 9-11 refer.

Attendance: Andrew James (Roading Engineer) presented the report.

Members of the Committee generally accepted that as Locking Street was within walking distance to the town it was important that this be progressed as soon as practicable however it was acknowledged that unless the work in relation to Tosswill Road proceeded as outlined in Option 2 of the report, the Council would be in a position where it was not able to fully utilise the Land Transport NZ Subsidy available to it.

The meeting discussed whether or not another option for Locking Street would be to revisit the proposal to establish it as a one-way street however it was acknowledged that the outcome of the Corridor Study would have a bearing on the future of Locking Street and therefore it was not appropriate that this be further considered at this stage.

Mr James explained that the projects in relation to the upgrading of the various streets was driven by the Pedestrian Strategy which prioritised the installation of new footpaths on the basis of need and although the proposal now before the Committee changed the priority the Council's policy was still to work towards completing the work over a specific period.

The meeting discussed the Council's policy in relation to the provision of footpaths and it was agreed that as this proposal now changed the priorities it was appropriate that the Council's policies relating to roading and footpath upgrading should be reviewed as part of the forthcoming estimates process.

Recommendation to the Council

THAT the upgrade of Tosswill Road be brought forward to the 2007/08 financial year and constructed over two financial years;

AND THAT the Locking Street upgrade be included in the next LTCCP for construction in the 2009/10 financial year.

Henigan/His Worship the Mayor

Carried

4.0 SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT DISCUSSION PAPER – UPDATE OF THE NEW ZEALAND TRANSPORT STRATEGY

Report No 7400, dated 3 January 2008, file ref RTP-01-02, agenda pages 12-25 refer.

The Divisional Manager Infrastructure introduced the report outlining the targets which the New Zealand Transport Strategy included and the issues which staff considered should be addressed within a submission.

It was noted that the submission period had now been extended to Friday 29 February 2008.

Resolved

THAT the three Councillors recently appointed to the Regional Land Transport Committee i.e. Councillors Shaw, Henigan and Miccio, and the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Infrastructure Committee, be constituted a special committee to formulate in conjunction with staff an appropriate submission on the Discussion Paper.

Reese/His Worship the Mayor

Carried

It was agreed that any Councillor who wished to provide input to the submission should be advised to submit this to either the Chairperson of the Infrastructure Committee or the Divisional Manager Infrastructure by Friday 8 February 2008.

5.0 PARKING AND VEHICLE CONTROL BYLAW 2004, NO 207 - AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULES

Report No 7391, dated 7 January 2008, file ref 625731, agenda pages 26-28 refer.

Attendance: Alec Louverdis (Manager Technical Services) outlined the report.

He explained that the proposal was to install no stopping lines in various culs-de-sac around the City so as to provide sufficient turning room and safe entry and exit for trucks, particularly those collecting refuse and recyclables.

He pointed out that all culs-de-sac in new subdivisions are required to have no stopping lines installed around the head.

Concern was expressed that there appeared to be no consultation considered in relation to affected residents particularly in those dead end streets which relied on on-street parking more so than a newly designed subdivision.

The Manager Technical Services stressed that the culs-de-sac had been evaluated on a one by one basis and the proposal by no means represented a blanket prohibition.

It was agreed that the Manager Technical Services should ensure that a letter was sent to all those residents affected by the proposed no stopping lines prior to any work being undertaken.

It was acknowledged that this letter should be carefully worded to ensure that the residents were not left with the feeling that any concerns which they might otherwise have were irrelevant.

Recommendation to the Council

THAT the following alterations be made to the Schedules of Bylaw No 207, Parking and Vehicle Control – 2004, all as per the attachments to Report 7391:

i) Schedule 9 – No Stopping and No Parking Areas

Henigan/Holmes

Carried

6.0 CONTRACTS ACCEPTED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Report No 7408, dated 15 January 2008, file ref 631326, agenda page 29 refers.

Resolved

THAT the information regarding contracts accepted under delegated authority in the period 1 November 2007 to 14 January 2008, be received.

His Worship the Mayor/Reese

Carried

7.0 85 PRINCES DRIVE – PROPOSED ROAD STOPPING

Report No 7396, dated 15 January 2008, file ref AP0600-47, agenda pages 31-32 refer.

Attendance: Ian Morrison (Business Assets Advisor) presented the report.

A query was raised as to whether there were opportunities for the Council to be proactive in relation to the disposal of unwanted or unneeded road reserve.

Mr Morrison advised that in a lot of instances where residents had expressed a wish to obtain the land they were deterred by the costs inherent in the exercise, and if Council was to be proactive then it would bear the costs relating to the survey and legalisation procedure, which would likely mean that the exercise was uneconomic.

The Chief Executive advised that the staff periodically reviewed areas of unneeded Council land and wherever possible efforts were made to realise its potential.

Recommendation to the Council

THAT the Chief Executive be delegated the authority to complete the road stopping for about 125m² of unformed legal road adjoining 85 Princes Drive (Lot 2 DP 373816), and to sell that land to the adjoining owners as an amalgamated title, subject to the adjoining owners paying for:

- i) The value of the land as assessed by a registered valuer*
- ii) The valuation, legal and survey costs incurred by Council*
- iii) An administration fee of \$400 plus GST.*

Shaw/Cotton

Carried

Attendance: His Worship the Mayor left the meeting.

8.0 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

8.1 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) Public Excluded Minutes – 21 November 2007*
- ii) Status Report January 2008 Public Excluded*

Reasons:

To enable the Council to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage; and

To protect the privacy of natural persons.

Collingwood/Cotton

Carried

8.2 Confirmation of Minutes

21 November 2007

Resolved

***THAT** the minutes of part of the meeting of the Infrastructure Committee held with the public excluded, on Wednesday 21 November 2007, be confirmed as a true and correct record.*

Collingwood/Cotton

Carried

8.3 Infrastructure Committee Status Report – January 2008 (Public Excluded)

Resolved

***THAT** the Infrastructure Committee Status Report for the month of January 2008 (Public Excluded) be received.*

Thomas/Shaw

Carried

8.4 Re-admittance of the Public

Resolved

***THAT** the public be re-admitted to the meeting.*

Collingwood/Cotton

Carried

9.0 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The meeting was advised that His Worship the Mayor had recently raised the matter of the Council sending a delegate to the Third International Solar Cities Congress to be held in Adelaide from Monday 18 February 2008 to Thursday 21 February 2008 and that Councillor Shaw had indicated that he would be prepared to represent the Council at the Congress.

Attendance: His Worship the Mayor re-entered the meeting.

The Chief Executive advised that due to the fact that the Council held substantial air points the airfare for Councillor Shaw would be of no cost to the Council.

It was agreed that the Congress would provide some valuable information for the Council which had aims in relation to encouraging development in relation to solar energy.

It was accepted that the proposal to send Councillor Shaw to Australia was within the existing policy and that this policy would be subject to review in due course.

The meeting closed at 10.56am.

CONFIRMED AS A CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS