

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HOUSE, TRAFALGAR STREET, NELSON ON THURSDAY 20 MARCH 2008 COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

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

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

APOLOGIES: An apology from His Worship the Mayor for lateness was received and accepted.

1.0 PUBLIC FORUM

1.1 Montgomery Square Political Party Stalls

Joanna Plows spoke to the Committee outlining the Green Party’s wish to be able to take advantage of a parking spot in Montgomery Square outside of the three month run up to the Election. She advised that the Party proposed that each party should be allowed to have up to four stalls per year in Montgomery Square over and above the three month lead up to the Election. Those parties wishing to take up the opportunity would register with the Council and notify the Council at least a week in advance of their wish to occupy a site.

1.2 Earth Hour

Joanna Plows advised the Committee of the international initiative which was gaining acceptance for people to cease all electricity use for an hour from 8.00pm on Saturday 29 March 2008.

She advised that this had been dreamt up as a way of focusing people’s attention on the consequences which unrestrained continued use of energy was having on the planet’s climate.

She explained that the Christchurch City Council was backing the idea and it might well be appropriate for the Nelson City Council to also participate in some way.

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

31 January 2008

Resolved

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Infrastructure Committee, held on Thursday 31 January 2008, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Thomas/Rainey

Carried

3.0 CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

The Chairperson outlined some ideas which he had in relation to encouraging walking to be more used as a mode of transport. He also explained that studies had

indicated that the “Park and Ride” could in certain circumstances give rise to increased private motor vehicle use, particularly in relation to commuters otherwise within walking distance of the terminal.

The Committee discussed the provision of footpaths and the various barriers which pedestrians faced, such as crossing St Vincent Street or Rutherford Street in the vicinity of the Vanguard Street/Anzac Park section.

The meeting was advised that the District Health Board was presently planning a workshop on accessibility and some of these issues would be explored at that.

It was also raised that the Council needed to be careful not to simply equate additional footpaths to the question of pedestrian accessibility or increased walking opportunity and that the residents needs or wishes in relation to particular streets should be taken into account before a lot of money was spent on installing new footpaths.

4.0 INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT – MARCH 2008

Agenda pages 6-7 refer.

It was noted that the status report had not included a comment regarding the letter which the Committee had agreed should be sent to all residents affected by the No Stopping lines proposed to be installed around the various cul-de-sac heads.

It was agreed that any action initiated by a Committee regardless of whether or not it was part of a recommendation to the Council, should be included within the Committee status report and commented on.

Resolved

THAT the Infrastructure Committee Status Report for March 2008 be received.

Cotton/Shaw

Carried

5.0 INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING – 1 MAY 2008

Attendance: His Worship the Mayor entered the meeting.

Resolved

THAT the May meeting of the Infrastructure Committee be held on Thursday 8 May 2008.

Holmes/Shaw

Carried

6.0 PUBLIC TRANSPORT WORKSHOP

The meeting was advised that Councillors were invited to attend a half day workshop facilitated by Brian Smith of Parsons Brinkerhoff on Tuesday 8 April 2008 to discuss public transport options for the region. The time of the workshop and the venue would be advised.

7.0 BEATSON ROAD – PROPOSED ROAD CHANGES

Document No 630047, dated 3 March 2008, agenda pages 8-17 refer.

Alec Louverdis (Manager Technical Services) presented the report.

The Committee discussed other options that might exist in relation to traffic on Beatson Road, such as a part time closure at peak hours, establishing Beatson Road as a bus priority lane and the possible installation of a compulsory stop.

The meeting also discussed the access road from the Observatory Hill subdivision which was proposed to exit onto Beatson Road and have priority over that through route, which in itself could well discourage the use of Beatson Road as a shortcut.

The Committee generally agreed that the future of Beatson Road would be an integral part of the future transport planning for this part of the city and therefore it would not be appropriate for the Council to commit itself one way or the other at this stage.

Resolved

THAT Beatson Road remain open for the time being and that all residents who were originally surveyed be so advised.

Henigan/His Worship the Mayor

Carried

8.0 MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE – COMMITTEE REPORT

Document No 647115, agenda pages 18-22 refer.

It was generally agreed that the report with the narrative was the most appropriate format and that it would not be necessary for staff to circulate the “table” with the Council’s newsletter.

Councillors requested that a map showing the Capital Projects proposed to be undertaken be provided in the Councillors Lounge and that information be provided as to the progress being made in relation to the various projects which the report covered.

Resolved

THAT the report on major Infrastructural Projects be received;

AND THAT an update report in the narrative format be included on the Agenda for subsequent Committee meetings.

Thomas/Shaw

Carried

9.0 INFRASTRUCTURE – CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Document No 646616, dated 10 March 2008, agenda pages 23-28 refer.

Resolved

THAT the information in respect of Expenditure for major Infrastructural Asset projects as requested at the Corporate Governance Committee meeting of 28 February 2008, be received.

Henigan/Cotton

Carried

10.0 WATER TREATMENT HYDRO GENERATION PROPOSAL AND EECA FUNDING

Document No 644247, dated 28 February 2008, agenda pages 29-30 refer.

Alec Louverdis (Manager Technical Services) presented the report.

Resolved

THAT the Council proceed with the proposal to implement electricity saving measures at the Water Treatment Plant by the installation of a hydro generation unit subject to obtaining an interest free loan from EECA;

AND THAT the work on the proposal commence in the 2008/09 Financial Year;

AND THAT the loan be repaid from the funds set aside for electricity at the Treatment Plant.

Shaw/Henigan

Carried

11.0 POLITICAL PARTIES – ALLOCATION OF LONG TERM SPACE IN MONTGOMERY SQUARE

Document No 646667, dated 10 March 2008, agenda pages 31-37 refer.

Pat Dougherty (Divisional Manager Support Services) presented the report.

Mr Dougherty tabled an amended recommendation which proposed to offer the first choice of sites to the Nelson Electorate MP, Nick Smith.

Concern was expressed that the provision of space for political parties was not part of Council’s business and the establishment of political caravans in Montgomery Square detracted from the purpose of the Market. The Council therefore shouldn’t contaminate the Market but rather look at alternative sites which might well be made available such as the 1903 Square.

The Chief Executive advised that the matter of political caravans, particularly around the time of the general Election, had always been a headache for staff and needed to be resolved.

The meeting discussed whether or not the sites should be made available for any member of Parliament who was resident within the Nelson Electorate regardless of which party they represented and how they had been elected, or whether or would be more appropriate to remain with the status quo, where a site was provided only for the member of Parliament directly elected by the electors of Nelson.

A motion was proposed:

Moved Councillor Henigan; seconded Councillor Shaw

THAT

- (i) *Space for 4 sites be provided within the primary area shown on attachment 1 to Document No 646667 for use by political parties.*
- (ii) *The party whose candidate wins the Nelson electorate in the general election be offered first choice of sites and the party that wins the party vote for the Nelson electorate in the general election be offered second choice of sites in Montgomery Square between 8.00am and 12.30pm on Saturdays.*

The remaining sites be made available for the use of other parties on a first come first serve basis.
- (iii) *Each political party be restricted to a maximum of one site each (including sites allocated to political parties in the three months prior to the general election).*
- (iv) *Each site will comprise the equivalent of two adjoining car parks.*
- (v) *Parking charges will be waived.*
- (vi) *It will not be Council's responsibility to reserve the sites. Each party will be responsible for being on site early enough on Friday night/Saturday morning to reserve their allocated site.*
- (vii) *Each party will be responsible for health and safety issues whilst occupying their site.*
- (viii) *The use of loudspeakers/loudhailers will not be permitted*
- (ix) *Each political party will be responsible for picking up any of their pamphlets or flyers that are discarded in Montgomery Square.*
- (x) *The allocation of sites be updated following the general election (or any by-election).*

The motion was put and LOST.

The Committee accepted that this meant that the status quo would remain.

12.0 PARKING AND VEHICLE CONTROL BYLAW 2004, NO 207–AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULES

Report No 642158, dated 26 February 2008, agenda pages 38-40 refer.

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 the report 642158*

- (i) *Schedule 7-Resident Parking Space*

(ii) *Schedule 14-Give way Signs*

Henigan/Cotton

Carried

13.0 CONTRACTS ACCEPTED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Document No 643791, dated 26 February 2008, agenda pages 41-42 refer.

Resolved

THAT the information regarding contracts accepted under delegated authority in the period 14 January – 25 February 2008 be received.

Reese/Rainey

Carried

14.0 PROPOSED AIR SPACE LEASE FOR 68 ACHILLES AVENUE

Document No 636383, dated 27 February 2008, agenda pages 43-46 refer.

Ian Morrison (Business Assets Adviser) presented the report.

Concern was expressed that the Council had no policy on streetscape and the appearance of building frontages and it should not be dealing with this type of thing in isolation on a piecemeal basis.

Resolved

THAT the Chief Executive be authorised to complete negotiations for an air space lease pursuant to Section 341 of the Local Government Act 1974 in respect of approximately 4.6 square metres at 68 Achilles Avenue for a term of 50 years, and a commercial rental to be assessed by a recent valuer, subject to the applicant taking any other consents required, and that the applicant meet the cost of

(i) *Council's valuation and legal fees*

(ii) *An administration fee of \$500 plus GST.*

Shaw/Henigan

Carried

The meeting closed 11.35am.

CONFIRMED AS A CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

_____ CHAIRPERSON

_____ DATE