

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NELSON CITY COUNCIL TO HEAR AND CONSIDER SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT NELSON COMMUNITY PLAN 2009/19 HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HOUSE, TRAFALGAR STREET, NELSON ON THURSDAY 4 JUNE 2009 COMMENCING AT 08.45AM**

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**PRESENT:** His Worship the Mayor, K Marshall, Councillors I Barker, A Boswijk, G Collingwood, M Cotton, D Henigan, M Holmes, A McAlpine, A Miccio, P Rainey, R Reese, D Shaw and G Thomas

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive (K Marshall), Chief Financial Officer (C Fitchett), Manager Strategy & Planning (M Tregurtha) and Administration Adviser (A Rose)

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His Worship the Mayor welcomed everybody to the meeting and outlined the procedure that would be followed.

**1.0 LATE SUBMISSIONS**

Resolved

***THAT Council accept the submissions received after 4pm on Friday 8 May 2009.***

His Worship the Mayor/Shaw

Carried

**2.0 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS**

The Council proceeded to hear submissions to the draft Nelson Community Plan 2009/19.

**2.1 Jocelyn and Paul Bielecki, Submission No 10831, Page 1363**

The submission questioned the wisdom of Council funding with Rugby World Cup and Performing Arts and Conference Centre citing the present economic recession and the consequent predicted lack of travellers and tourists. The submitters also requested charcoal be allowed to be used on open fires, and requested an increased service of The Bus saying that the present service was not frequent enough.

**2.2 Bernard Crawley, Submission No 10372, Pages 39, 97 & 160**

Mr Crawley spoke to his submission and tabled additional information. Mr Crawley was very supportive of Council continuing recycling at the present level.

**2.3 Dr Ed Kiddle, Submission No 10366, Page 231**

Dr Kiddle tabled additional information to his submission and read it. The focus of his submission was climate change and the need to ensure planning for the impacts of climate change was factored into the Community Plan.

**2.4 Mr J Cross, Submission No 11034, Pages 14, 28, 47, 70, 89, 103, 127 & 196**

Mr Cross speaking to his submission said he opposed the deferred loan repayment proposal and spending \$32 million on the Performing Arts and Conference Centre. He also expressed concern about the rise there had been in rates and water charges since 2006. He urged Council to live within his means and said he supported the Brook Sanctuary.

**2.5 Chris Allison, Submission No 11199, Page 364**

Mr Allison spoke to his submission which focused on the need for the Council to develop cycling in Nelson City both for cycling tourism and as a healthy community amenity, and he offered to assist Council in looking at the options.

**2.6 Karen Driver, Submission No 10812, Page 1387**

Ms Driver congratulated Council on its sustainability policy but said that the policy did not go far enough. She said she would like to see more emphasis in the Community Plan focusing on building a sustainable community. She also urged Council to continue with recycling and to spend more money on sustainability initiatives.

**2.7 Sue Bateup, Submission No 10759, Page 1400 and  
Dean Walker, Submission No 10761, Pages 11, 25, 44, 86, 112 & 125**

Ms Bateup and Mr Walker presented their submissions jointly and tabled further information which specifically addressed the City's cycleway network and requested an additional link incorporating North Road, Tasman Street and Alton Street to link the Whakatu Marai, Founders Park, Neale Park, The Green Grocer, Cawthron Institute, Queens Gardens, the Suter Gallery, NMIT, Central School and St Josephs School.

**2.8 Chris Mildon, Jim Matthews and Rob Ford Submission Nos 10678 & 10117,  
Pages 173, 1031 & 1035 respectively**

The submitters urged that construction of the new cycle track facility at Saxton Field be brought forward to 2012.

**2.9 Te Rapuora Health Services, Submission 10751, Page 666**

Ms Tipene Taylor presented the submission on behalf of Te Rapuora Health Services saying that Council needed to have a commitment to mental health. In particular she asked that Council support 'Like Minds Like Mind' and other community groups initiative set for October 2009.

**2.10 Ray Caird, Submission No 10190, Page 56, 95 & 150**

Mr Caird requested more detail to be made public regarding the Performing Arts and Conference Centre proposal. He said he strongly supported the infrastructure and job creation component of this project.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned from 10.20am to 10.40am.

**2.11 Dan McGuire, Submission No 9984, Page 1091**

Mr McGuire was concerned that Council seemed to want to hide its true spending by increasing debt. He said Council should not continue to fund festivals and other non core activities. He said he was concerned particularly that there seemed to be no financial control over events. He said Council should not be doing the Solar City Project or the Rugby World Cup upgrade for Trafalgar Park or the Performing Arts and Conference Centre. All there was needed instead of a Performing Arts and Conference Centre, he said, was an upgrade to the existing Trafalgar Centre.

**2.12 Alf Newman, Submission No 10696, Page 1331**

Mr Newman said that the economic climate was such that more and more people are finding it difficult to make ends meet. He said he did not support the deferring of loan repayments because it appeared to be locking in a double digit rate increase for the next ten years.

**2.13 Kerry Neal, Submission No 10817, page 442**

Mr Neal presented his submission which urged Council to push forward the completion of the Southern Link Road and suggested that a solution for the Victory Square area could be a fly-over coming down at Northesk Street.

**2.14 Paul Blackham, Submission No 10599, Pages 24, 42, 63, 84 & 172**

Mr Blackham said that a Performing Arts and Conference Centre would have very little economic justification. Mr Blackham said he also did not support deferring loan repayments.

**2.15 Nelson Greens, Submission No 10921, Page 1466**

Megannan and Phil Osbourne presented the submission on behalf of Nelson Greens. Megannan complimented Council on the draft plan saying it was user friendly but she said the use of words like sustainability and resilience need to be defined in the plan so as not to become just rhetoric. She said the Nelson Greens also supported the submissions from Transition Towns and the Nelson Environment Centre. Mr Osbourne said he was concerned that there would be lack of demand for a Performing Arts and Conference Centre and asked how Council could justify low income ratepayers paying for something they would not benefit from. With regard to public transport, he said that he would like to see the bus service proposals brought forward. He said the City didn't need bitumen or tar sealed cycleways and that the Nelson Greens were keen that Council did not stop kerbside recycling.

**2.16 Smart Environmental Limited, Submission No 10810, Page 323**

Peter Grennell and Matthew Nant presented the submission on behalf of Smart Environmental Ltd. He said the Company was involved in kerbside recycling and the basis for its submission was to draw Council's attention to the Company's objection to Nelson withdrawing from recycling. Mr Grennell referred Council to the nine points set out in the Company's submission.

**2.17 Solar Peak New Zealand Limited, Submission No 10945, Page 259**

Mr Glenn Harvey, Principal of Solar Peak New Zealand Limited, presented the submission on behalf of the Company saying he wanted to provide Councillors with factual information in order that any funding for a Solar City Programme is in the best interests of the ratepayers and he explained the experience that his Company had had in this field.

**2.18 Angus McNeill, Submission No 9825, Page 134**

Mr McNeill urged Council to be proactive in attracting the right type of industry to the region.

**2.19 The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA), Submission No 11252, Page 284**

Mr Walter Friedel presented the submission on behalf of the EECA. He said the Authority supported the excellent work which the Council is undertaking in terms of household energy efficiency and clean heat programmes, and also its focus on wider energy issues across the region. In particular, he said, it supported the proposals to enhance air quality and the solar city concept.

**2.20 Nelson Environment Centre, Submission No 11186, Page 240**

Ms Katy Steele presented the submission on behalf of the Nelson Environment Centre highlighting concerns the Centre had with climate change and the lack of any integration with the Communities For Climate Protection Plan into the decision making processes of Council. Ms Steele also emphasised that a peak hour bus service between Nelson and Richmond was needed now and she said that the Nelson Environment Centre strongly supported kerbside recycling continuing.

**2.21 Kahurangi Employment Trust, Submission No 11249, Page 393**

Mr Thorn made a powerpoint presentation on behalf of the Kahurangi Employment Trust which focused on the work the Trust does for Council removing graffiti. He urged Council to provide funding towards the costs of sourcing cleaning agents for more effective removal of graffiti.

**2.22 Volunteer Nelson, Submission No 10720, Page 671**

Ms Jude McNabb presented the submission on behalf of Volunteer Nelson which emphasised the worth of New Zealand's Not for Profit Sector to the community.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned from 12.35pm to 1.03pm for luncheon.

**2.23 Brian Mills, Submission No 10934, Page 857**

Mr Mills spoke to his submission which urged Council to build the proposed Performing Arts and Conference Centre in the Para Para Road area as it would create good synergy with the existing Trafalgar Park and Trafalgar Centre. He said the City desperately needed a Performing Arts Centre facility and the present proposed site would make access/egress very difficult and create very significant flow-on traffic issues.

**2.24 Marsden Valley Trapping Group, Submission No 10520, Page 249**

Mr Jonathon Stevenson assisted by Mr Ian Barker presented the submission on behalf of the Marsden Valley Trapping Group. The submitters requested that Council make available \$2000 to provide traps so that the volunteer work currently carried out in Marsden Valley can continue.

A second request was made for use of the unused shed at the Marsden Valley Cemetery as a base for the trapping group's activities.

**2.25 Automobile Association, Submission No 10480, Page 415**

Mr Mike Murphy presented the submission on behalf of the Automobile Association. The submission supported the Council's decision to commission an independently audited study to determine the best long term transport configuration between the Annesbrook and QEII/Haven Road roundabouts. It also raised concern that the continued use of Wakefield Quay as part of the main arterial route through Nelson was in conflict with the proposed development of the area as a tourism centre. Because of these and other conflicts the submission urged Council to defer affected projects until the arterial route study and its findings are completed.

**2.26 Jim Cable, Submission No 10734, Page 1108**

Mr Cable said he believed that the proposed community plan was unsustainable and took little consideration of the economic lot of Nelson ratepayers. In particular, Mr Cable said he was strongly against increasing the Councils indebtedness and strongly against a Performing Arts and Conference Centre costing in excess of \$30 million.

**2.27 Addo Mulders Snr, Submission No 10957, Page 1116**

Mr Mulders presented his submission which enclosed a petition of 255 ratepayers in support of Council increasing the Uniform Annual General charge to 30% from its present 15%.

**2.28 Nelson Tasman Branch of the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society, Submission No 10829, Page 1367**

Mrs Jocelyn Bieleski presented the submission on behalf of the Nelson Tasman Branch of the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society and tabled additional information showing the main drivers to change in biodiversity and ecosystems.

**2.29 Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Trust, Submission No 11216, Page 347**

Mr David Butler, the Chairman, presented the submission on behalf of the Trust which requested Council to maintain its funding provision to the Trust in the Community Plan and requested the Council consider an increase to the Trust's Operational Funding.

**2.30 Nelson Biodiversity Forum, Submission No 9982, Page 225**

Mr Ken Grange presented the submission on behalf of the Forum and tabled additional information which he read. In particular he said, the Forum sought a commitment from Nelson City and Tasman District Councils to jointly fund a strategic planning process for the Waimea Estuary.

**3.0 DURATION OF MEETING RESOLUTION**

Resolved

***THAT in accordance with standing orders 5.6 the meeting finishing time be extended to 4.30pm on Thursday 11 June 2009.***

His Worship the Mayor/Shaw

Carried

#### **4.0 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS CONTINUED**

##### **4.1 Transition Nelson Waste Group, Submission No 11177, Page 326**

Ms Karen Driver presented the submission on behalf of the Transition Nelson Waste Group highlighting that the Group was strongly in favour of continuing the present level of kerbside recycling. She urged Council to take measures to discourage people from throwing their waste away and to give them options for other means of disposal.

##### **4.2 Nelson Tasman Sustainability Forum, Submission No 10854, Page 1342**

Mr Rod Witte and Mr David Purdy presented the submission on behalf of the Nelson Tasman Sustainability Forum and tabled additional information which they read.

##### **4.3 St John Ambulance, Submission No 10677, Page 173**

Ms Fiona Newey presented the submission on behalf of St John Ambulance which requested Council to budget funding of \$25,000 per year, inflation indexed, for five years toward Nelson St John Ambulance Services beginning year 2010/11.

##### **4.4 GE Aware Nelson, Submission No 11246, Page 208**

Ms Susie Lees presented the submission on behalf of GE Aware Nelson which urged Council to consider implementation of land use measures via its Resource Management Plan to control the spread of generically engineered food crops.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned from 3.02pm until 3.15pm.

##### **4.5 Community Housing Tenants Action Group, Submission No 10403, Page 1182 Ivan Ford, Submission No 10717, Page 1157**

Mrs Daphne Stevens, Mr Ivan Ford and Mr Ian Barker presented the submission on behalf of the Tenants Action Group and Mr Ford spoke to his own submission on the same subject, tabled additional material and showed video footage which compared Nelson City Councils Community Housing in Orchard Street with Marlborough District Councils Community Housing. The submitters strongly supported the option of community housing rents being subsidised from general rates and remaining at 25% of superannuation.

Mr Ford said he believed that the cost of administration had put the overheads of community housing up and he asked Council to be more efficient.

##### **4.6 Valerie Kepple-Paish, Submission No 10540, Page 1164**

Ms Kepple-Paish presented her submission which urged no increase to community house rental and expressed concern about Opus Ltd, the contractor who managed Council's community housing.

##### **4.7 Nelson Tasman Tourism, Submission No 10182, Page 594**

Ms Donna Hiser, Chairperson, and Mr Paul Davis, Chief Executive, joined the meeting and presented the submission which strongly supported a number of the Community Plan proposed initiatives and requested that an additional \$100,000 per annum funding per shareholder council be provided to Nelson Tasman Tourism Ltd.

**4.8 NELSUST Inc, Submission No 10922, Page 1457**

Mr Peter Olorenshaw spoke to the comprehensive submission from NELSUST.

**4.9 Tabitha Besley, Andrew Linde and Seb Stewart, Submission Nos 10866, 10867 & 10868, Pages 753, 794 & 795**

Ms Besley presented her submission as Chairperson of the Nayland Alliance of Gays and Straights and the Deputy Chairperson of Q Youth. Mr Linde presented his submission as Co-Chairperson and Group Leader of Q Youth and Mr Stewart presented his submission as Director of Q Youth. The submitters tabled additional information and all urged Council to develop a policy for providing a safe and supportive Nelson for all queer and questioning youth.

**4.10 Dianne Price, Submission No 11057, Page 631**

Ms Price presented her submission which concerned her house and the damage it had suffered because of local land subsidence and she tabled additional material. Mr Don Frame, a builder who has given support and advice to Ms Price, also spoke to the submission.

**4.11 Nelson Tasman Housing Trust, Submission No 10375, Page 622**

Mr Keith Preston spoke to the submission urging that affordable housing should be one of the Councils priorities. He also asked Council to consider funding retro fitting to older houses in the same way as they were funding the solar city proposal. Mr Preston also requested that Council consider assisting the Bond Bank which assisted people who rented accommodation who couldn't afford bonds. In particular he asked Council to fund the work that was needed to administer the fund which he estimated would cost in the region of \$10,000-\$15,000 per annum.

**4.12 Paul Hufflett, Submission No 11923**

Mr Paul Hufflett presented his submission which was in two parts. He said that he was not in favour of any loan repayment deferment and urged Council to keep rate rises within inflation and concentrate on core services. Mr Hufflett then requested that Council consider constructing two to three cycle circuits with lots of jumps known as pump tracks. This, he said, could be part of the cycle city vision for Nelson. He said each track could cost \$50,000 but this could be greatly reduced with donations and free labour. He said there was already one pump track at Ngatimoti.

**4.13 Nelson School of Music, Submission Nos 10948 & 10056, Pages 451 & 957**

Mr Peter Robins, Chairperson, and Ms Frances McElhinney, Chief Executive, presented the submissions which were both on behalf of the Nelson School of Music. In particular they requested that the special funding for the School continue after 2010.

**4.14 Suter Art Gallery, Submission Nos 10399, 10689 & 10809, Pages 989, 980 & 987**

Mr Craig Potton, Chairperson, and Ms Jane Evans, an honorary life member, and Ms Julie Catchpole, Director, spoke to the submissions which were on behalf of The Suter Art Gallery. They requested continuation of a capital/deferred maintenance grant of \$100,000 per annum until such time as the Council contributes to the redevelopment of the Suter. They also requested that the Council make provision in

the Community Plan under capital expenditure on Culture, Heritage & Arts for the future development of The Suter.

**4.15 John Palmer, Submission No 11214, Pages 29, 71, 104, 115, 128 & 200**

Mr Palmer said he was concerned about the proposal for deferment of loan repayment. He also said that in light of the present economic downturn Council should seriously consider whether it goes ahead with the proposed Performing Arts and Conference Centre.

He also questioned whether Bells Island was a good place to invest in for the upgrade to the sewage treatment plant given the predicted rise in sea levels.

**4.16 Wakatu Incorporation, Submission No 11115, Page 1517**

Mr Barney Thomas spoke to the submission from the Wakatu Incorporation speaking out strongly for Maori participation in the decision making process and asking Council to provide funding for Iwi to sit at the Council table and to give assistance with the training of Iwi to become Commissioners to sit on RMA hearings. He also said it was time to review the current Iwi Management Plan and urged Council to consider a referendum to ask its constituents their views on amalgamation with Tasman District Council within the next two years. Iwi, he said, believe that one Council for the two regions would be better.

With regard to people who own property who are prepared to protect heritage sites, he urged Council to consider giving those property owners rates relief and he asked Council to remove the word 'feature' from the description of this type of land.

**4.17 Tiakina te Taiao, Submission No 10702, Page 1226**

Ms Ann Sheridan and Mr Barney Thomas presented the submission on behalf of Tiakina te Taiao in particular requesting Council ensure that the sewerage infrastructure on Bells Island is as well managed as possible and is well able to cope with future demand. They also strongly supported new and innovative ways to treat stormwater and emphasised that it was important to have an iwi voice at the Council table.

**4.18 Marsden Park Ltd and Solitaire Investments Ltd, Submission No 10836, Page 1346**

Mr John McLaughlan and Ms Catherine Randall presented the submission on behalf of the two companies which requested infrastructure upgrade projects required for growth in the Marsden Valley and Ngawhatu Valley be included in the 2009 LTCCP review and requested changes to the Development Contributions Policy.

**4.19 Nelson Tasman Connections, Submission No 11049, Page 746**

Ms Nicola Robb presented the submission on behalf of Nelson Tasman Connections requesting Council to continue with its support for the programme at the current level of funding.



**4.20 Frank Saxton, Submission No 10929, Page 999**

Mr Saxton presented his submission regarding a commercial building he owned at 257-259 Hardy Street requesting that the building line imposed over the site be removed.

The Mayor said that was all the submitters to be heard for that day and the meeting would resume at 8.45am the following day, Friday 5 June 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 5.59pm.

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**The meeting resumed at 8.55am on Friday 5 June 2009 in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson**

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**PRESENT:** His Worship the Mayor, K Marshall, Councillors I Barker, A Boswijk, M Cotton, D Henigan, M Holmes, A McAlpine, A Miccio, P Rainey, R Reese, G Thomas and D Shaw

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive (K Marshall), Chief Financial Officer (C Fitchett), Manager Strategy & Planning (M Tregurtha) and Administration Adviser (A Rose)

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors G Collingwood and M Cotton for part of the meeting

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**5.0 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO NELSON CITY COUNCIL DRAFT COMMUNITY PLAN 2009/2019 CONTINUED**

**5.1 Nelson Bays Community Foundation, Submission No 10564, Page 170**

Mr Jeremy Barton and Mr John Murray presented the submission for Nelson Bays Community Foundation. They described the Foundation, its objects and aims and how it was governed. The submission requested a \$20,000 grant from Council spread over three years to fund the operation of the foundation.

**5.2 Nelson Mountain Bike Club, Submission No 10676, Page 352**

Mr Chris Mildon presented the submission on behalf of the Nelson Mountain Bike Club which supported the development of mountain bike tracks and explained the economic and health benefits that would accrue to Nelson from creating a mountain bike trail cluster.

**5.3 Nelson Cycle Trails Trust, Submission No 11089, Page 1083**

Mr Peter Bone presented the submission on behalf of the Trust saying that he wanted to signal a request from the Trust to the Council's community funding round for the sum of \$40,000 in each of the next two years. This grant, he said, was to enable the Trust to get established. Its aim, he said, was mapping and developing, marketing, maintaining and managing cycle routes throughout the region.

**5.4 Nelson Marlborough Cycle Paths, Submission No 10719, Page 355**

Mr Bill Gilbertson, Chairperson of Nelson Marlborough Cycle Paths, presented the submission. He said that the Council needed to look at some of its internal cycleway links and improve the network connections in the urban area. He also requested that

when Council is installing the duplicate Maitai Pipeline the machinery on site be also used to build a cycle trail into the Maitai as the first part of a track going all the way to Pelorous.

**5.5 Steve Cotter, Submission No 10923, Page 1451**

Mr Cotter spoke to his submission and tabled additional information regarding Locking Terrace and Locking Street corner, requesting Council install a footpath on the top side of the bend connecting with the walkway from Locking Terrace. He also tabled information regarding a request for additional parking at the top of Mount Street and made a request for a facility within the inner city car parks where people with electric cars and scooters can recharge the batteries of their vehicles.

**5.6 Philip Inness, Submission No 10301, Pages 38, 58, 96, 109 & 156**

Mr Inness presented his submission and requested that Council look at other options instead of the building of a Performing Arts and Conference Centre. These included upgrading existing facilities and investigating whether existing school halls could also be upgraded and used.

Mr Inness also requested that Council look at the sustainable use of sewage and find ways of treating sewage inland in smaller units using overseas experience.

**5.7 C Bishop, Submission No 10218, Pages 6, 20, 57, 96 & 152**

Mr Bishop presented his submission urging Council to finish the upgrade of the Trafalgar Centre instead of embarking on the construction of a Performing Arts and Conference Centre. He also questioned why Council was spending large sums of money on building separate facilities at Saxtons Field.

He said he found it difficult to justify the expenditure for the solar city proposal and said it would only benefit those who could afford the costs. He urged Council to keep its spending to the basics in these hard economic times.

**5.8 Bill Sayer, Submission No 10952, Page 1436**

Mr Sayer presented his submission which covered a wide range of topics. He urged Council to consider providing kerbside charging facilities for electric cars and urged Council to consider purchasing one or two electric buses as part of the proposed public transport programme. He also said that Council should start planning now for the sea walls that will be necessary when the sea levels rise as a result of climate change.

**5.9 Merv Johns, Submission No 10210, Page 952**

Mr Johns spoke in support of the Waahi Taakaroa Golf Course and asked Council to consider upgrading it to a seventeen hole course. Mr Johns tabled further information showing how this could be achieved.

**5.10 Errol Miller, Submission No 10828, Page 1372**

Mr Miller presented his personal submission saying he was totally morbid about Council's draft Community Plan. He said that he was opposed to the loan repayment deferment proposal and expressed concern at the cost to the ratepayer for the Rugby World Cup proposal.

**5.11 Inspector Brian McGurk, Area Commander Nelson Police, Submission No 10882**

Inspector McGurk tabled his submission and spoke to it. He acknowledged the close relationship between the Council and the Police and the Memorandum of Understanding which had cemented that relationship. He asked the Council to invest in the future of the City, specifically to have Nelson City accredited as a World Health Organisation Safe Community by 2011. He also requested that there be a firm ongoing commitment from Council to provide more crime prevention cameras and the equipment to record from those cameras. He said that the estimated cost to bring the current CCTV system up to date was in the region of \$20,000 with an ongoing commitment of about \$5,000 per annum.

Inspector McGurk also requested Council consider the establishment of a dedicated Emergency Centre which he said would greatly enhance the capability of the Police and other emergency organisations to provide a coordinated and effective response to any events likely to threaten lives and property in the region.

Attendance: Councillor Cotton arrived at the meeting at 10.20am.

**5.12 Mike Gane, Submission No 10167, Page 1031**

Mr Gane requested Council to consider building the new cycle track at Saxtons Field sooner than 2012.

**5.13 National Council of Women of New Zealand Inc Nelson Branch Submission No 10873, Page 1484**

Ms Queenie Balance presented the submission on behalf of the National Council of Women of New Zealand Inc Nelson Branch. The submission covered a wide range of topics and pointed out that the delay of debt repayment pushes problems onto future generations and requested instead that the Performing Arts and Conference Centre and Heart of Nelson Project could be delayed. There was also concern raised about the Rugby World Cup proposals. The other concerns raised were public transport, no management plan for the Waimea Estuary, that the public toilets at Stoke should be open for longer hours and that Stoke residents would like the date of the extension to their library brought forward.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned from 10.45am until 10.50am.

**5.14 Joyce Sillars, Submission No 10198, Pages 6, 20, 36, 56, 108, 119 & 151**

Ms Sillars spoke against any deferment of debt repayment. She also expressed concern about the Bells Island Pipeline Upgrade saying she would prefer the facility to be relocate inland.

**5.15 Victory Community Association, Submission No 11185, Page 1497**

Ms Andrea Barker presented the submission on behalf of the Victory Community Association and spoke against Council considering putting a road through the community.

**5.16 Tahunanui Street Residents and Schools, Submission No 10730, Page 416**

Ms Annie Boersma presented the submission on behalf of the Tahunanui Street Residents and Schools which expressed concern about the large trucks and trailers passing along Muritai Street particularly at night. Ms Boersma tabled additional information.

**5.17 Nelson Residents Association, Submission No 10335, Page 1244**

Mr Kerry Neal, Co Vice President and Mr Ian Barker, President, spoke to the submission on behalf of the Nelson Residents Association expressing concern over the process around the Heart of Nelson project. There was also concern expressed at the smell from Nelson North Sewage Treatment Plant and the quality of drinking water in some parts of Nelson. There was also concern expressed regarding the deferment of loan repayment proposal.

The submitters also urged Council to complete the upgrade of the Trafalgar Centre before it considers the construction of a Performing Arts and Conference Centre.

**5.18 George Truman, Submission No 11158, Page 482**

Mr Truman spoke to his submission and in particular a scheme that would provide a pedestrian underpass near the Stoke Fire Station that would also act as flood control for the Poormans Valley Stream.

Attendance: Councillor Cotton left the meeting at 11.29am.

**5.19 Can Plan, Submission No 11193, Page 329**

Mr Michael Boocock spoke to the Can Plan submission and he read out the questions on the second page of his submission.

**5.20 Joint Submission from ESOL Home Tutors, Refugee Services Aotearoa New Zealand, Nelson Multi-Ethnic Council, Settling in Family and Community Services, Submission No 11050, Page 674**

Mr Doug Adam presented a powerpoint presentation which summarised the joint submission.

**5.21 Isel House Charitable Trust, Submission No 11279, Page 1601**

The submission on behalf of Isel House Charitable Trust was presented by Ms Sally Papps, Mr Alistair Papps and Mr Ian Bowman. The Trust requested Council not to spend \$80,000 on redeveloping the glass-house area but instead spend \$12,000 on a Heritage Management Plan for Isel Park and Isel House.

**5.22 The Nelson Branch of the Motel Association of New Zealand, Submission No 10872, Page 1110**

Mr Michael Bains, local Branch Chairperson, and Mr John Gilbertson, Chief Executive of the New Zealand Motel Association, presented the submission on behalf of the Nelson Branch of the Motel Association of New Zealand and tabled additional information and referred to the points set out in the summary to the submission on page 1115.

**5.23 OnCue Conferences and Events Ltd, Submission No 10264, Pages 37, 58 & 155**

Ms Lea Boodee and Mr David Monopoli presented the submission on behalf of OnCue Conferences and Events Ltd. They pointed out that a business traveller spends a lot more in the region than an ordinary traveller and they urged Council to support conferences and to build a suitable conference centre.

**5.24 Nelson Tasman Chamber of Commerce, Submission No 10931, Page 1445**

The Chief Executive, Ms Dot Kettle, presented the submission on behalf of the Nelson Chamber of Commerce saying that the Chamber supports the approach the Council proposes which balances the need to keep rate rises to a minimum with a need to continue to invest in infrastructure and capital projects. The Chamber of Commerce also expressed its support for a Performing Arts and Conference Centre and Council's efforts regarding the Rugby World Cup.

**5.25 Gaire Thompson, Submission No 10959, Pages 13, 27, 46, 69, 88, 102, 113, 127 & 192**

Mr Thompson expressed concern regarding the number of car parks which are being removed for beautification purposes saying that the town needs all the car parks it has got. He said that there was a conflict of interest with the Council having free internet services available at the Libraries as this competes unfairly with business that provide these services and which have to pay rates.

He warned that any amalgamation with Tasman District Council would not serve Nelson ratepayers well. It's better, he said, for the two Councils to work together where they can.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned from 12.31pm to 1.03pm for lunch during which time Councillor Miccio left the meeting.

**5.26 Chris Smith, Submission No 10073, Pages 4, 18, 34, 54, 77, 94, 107, 118 & 145**

Mr Smith introduced himself saying that he was a father of four who lived in the Stoke area. He said he was against the proposal for a Performing Arts and Conference Centre if Council was going to borrow to fund it as it was a non essential service. He supported the upgrade of Bells Island pipeline and the Maitai water pipeline. He urged Council to get on and build the Southern Link and he suggested that the runway at the airport should be lengthened.

**5.27 Community Support Services and Community Whanau, Submission No 11226, Page 638**

Ms Brigid Ryan presented the submission on behalf of the Nelson Community Whanau which requested that Council undertake a review of its Social Wellbeing Policy as a matter of priority and was keen to support this review. The submission also supported the solar city proposal and the public transport proposal and requested Council to support integrated funding packages for the voluntary sector of the community.

**5.28 Theatre Alive Nelson Charitable Trust, Submission No 9973, Page 972**

Mr Hugh Neill presented the submission on behalf of the Trust which requested funding of \$20,000 per annum over the next three years to provide a payment to the actors and directors of live theatre in Nelson for shows produced by Theatre Alive. Mr Neill said he found the policy of the Council Arts Festival very frustrating where local performers are barred, for one reason or another, from performing at these events. He suggested that there be a mandatory quota of Nelson artists used at the Nelson Arts Festival.

**5.29 Rod Witte, Submission No 10961, Page 1419**

Mr Witte said that he thought the loan repayment deferment was morally unfair to future generations and he urged Council to consider increasing the rates this year to allow for some repayment. He said that it was incumbent on Council to raise community awareness of the community outcomes. He suggested these could be displayed on boards around town and that Council vehicles could sign written. He suggested that there be an addition to the stated Council priorities, that of building community resistance to economic change.

**5.30 Alan Stewart, Submission No 11179, Pages 104 & 199**

Mr Stewart said he had been in the business of solar water heating in Nelson City for 17 years and he said that the loan proposals had a great deal of merit but he asked Council not to ignore the existing industries within the region. He said he was concerned about the proposed loan repayment deferment and he was against Council proceeding with a Performing Arts and Conference Centre.

**5.31 Victory Primary School, Submission 11190, Page 428**

The submission on behalf of Victory Primary School was presented by The Principal, Mr Mark Brown, The Chair of The Board of Trustees Ms Helen Watson and Mr Peter Kortegast a parent and engineer. Further material was tabled showing what the school was requesting, which was to move the existing Kea Crossing from its current location to beside the school main administration block and entrance, to install a speed table in lower Franklyn Street to slow traffic and provide safe crossing for students, and to install new 90° parking along the southern side of Franklyn Street. The estimated cost of these alterations would be in the region of \$70,000.

**5.32 Nelson Greypower Association Inc, Submission No 10460, Page 1103**

The submission for Nelson Greypower Association Inc was presented by Mr Errol Miller and Mr Alf Newman. Additional information was tabled and read by the submitters.

**5.33 Tasman Bays Heritage Trust, Submission No 9723, Page 801**

The submission on behalf of the Trust was presented by Ms Sara Chapman, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees and Mr Peter Millward, Chief Executive Officer and Mr Peter Carran, a trustee. The Trust requested that the grant of \$747,500 per annum, adjusted for inflation, from Nelson and Tasman Councils continue and in addition the Trust requested that the two Councils conduct a feasibility study to evaluate the provision of a storage facility that would house the Nelson Provincial Museum collection and meet the minimum environment standards and long term requirements.

**5.34 R H Art, Submission 11162, Page 1007**

Ms Rebecca Hamid presented the submission. Ms Hamid asked Council to spend more money on the arts. She also proposed that Council consider the proposal that the Suter Art Gallery collection is sold, that the Suter Art Gallery 'bricks and mortar' are returned to the Suter Art Society, that Council establishes the Nelson City Contemporary Gallery and that gallery run an exhibition programme throughout the Nelson Tasman Region in a range of continuously changing locations.

**5.35 Residents of Elliott Street Heritage Precinct, Submission No 10855, Page 976**

The submission was presented by Mr Neil Deans. He said that the residents of Elliott Street Heritage Precinct support the provisions of the Community Plan in respect of the ongoing protection and enhancement of Elliott Street. In particular they considered that there was a tremendous opportunity associated with the development of Trafalgar Park associated with the Rugby World Cup to enhance the street for the future benefit of Nelson and they look forward to the ongoing support of the Council to work with the residents to enhance the street as a vital part of Nelson's heritage and visitor attraction.

**5.36 Nelson Heritage Advisory Group, Submission 11037, Page 1544**

Ms Anne Rush presented the submission on behalf of NHAG. In particular Ms Rush said that NHAG was extremely concerned about the future of Albion Square and the adjacent public lands and buildings, particularly those which are of high heritage value and which have been neglected. NHAG urged that Council and all the various interests work together better than has been the case in the recent past and that Council take responsibility to make this happen.

**5.37 House 44, Submission No 10729, Page 1309**

The Manager of House 44, Ms Jane Worthington, presented the submission that requested Council assist in the House achieving funding and running costs for a second-hand van. The submission also requested replacing the existing road islands in Karaka Street with judder bars and installing a crossing to the Octopus Gardens as well as a review of the alleyways in south east Stoke to make people using them feel safer especially later in the evenings.

There was also a request for the provision of a skateboard park in the south east Stoke area.

**5.38 Peter and Carol Robins, Submission No 9997, Page 474**

Mr Peter Robins presented the joint submission. With regard to debt funding Mr Robins suggested Council seek funding from investors. With regard to the Performing Arts and Conference Centre proposal Mr Robins said that Council should only facilitate the proposal, and the project should be funded by private investment.

**5.39 Hazel Blowers, Submission No 11018, Page 475**

Ms Blowers presented her submission highlighting the fact that Queens Gardens does not have a management plan, and she asked Council to fast track that plan. She also requested in her role as a 'Friend of The Suter', that Council assist with some maintenance and landscaping at the Suter. In particular she said the Suter Theatre was in a bad way and needed a lot of refurbishment. The backstage area could only

accommodate 1-4 people and she urged that when Council were constructing new toilets they should look at enhancing the backstage area and also the stage lighting. His Worship the Mayor pointed out that Ms Blowers should be speaking to the Board of The Suter. Ms Blowers also asked Council to lobby for the undergrounding of all power lines within the City.

**5.40 Mike Blowers, Submission No 10983, Page 1406**

Mr Blowers said that he was concerned that within the Community Plan there was too much emphasis on growth. He also suggested that a more suitable site for the Performing Arts and Conference Centre should be on the river frontage in the Paru Paru Road area.

**5.41 The Guardians of Nightingale Library Incorporated, Submission No 10378, Page 931**

Mr Ian Barker presented the submission on behalf of The Guardians of Nightingale Library. He explained that there was a 5 person committee of which he had been the Chairperson for the last 8 years. He said that the Guardians believe the Library should not be relocated but it should be improved using existing spaces within the building namely the foyer, the bus shelter and the toilets. There had also been feedback that the book collection is somewhat static and has a low turnover, he said.

**5.42 Kidpower Teenpower Fullpower Trust, Submission No 11281, Page 642**

The submission was presented by Ms Cornelia Baumgartner, Ms Gina Lyon and Ms Deborah van Dam. There was a request for the Nelson Safer Community Council to talk with the Trust and a request that Council takes measures to promote street safety.

**5.43 Andrew Spittal, Submission No 10148, Page 119**

Mr Stephens presented the submission on Mr Spittals behalf and read a statement from him which was tabled. In particular Council was requested to bring the project for the duplication of the Maitai water pipeline forward with construction starting in 2010/11 and completion in 2011/12.

**5.44 The New Hub, Submission No 10697, Page 736**

The submission for The New Hub was presented by Ms Annette Milligan who thanked the Council for the support they give to the facility saying that it is vital for this support to continue.

**5.45 Nelson Youth Council, Submission No 10887, Page 1477**

Mr Andrew Robinson, Ms Brittany Packer, Ms Megan Lewis and Mr Olivier McIntyre presented the submission on behalf of Nelson Youth Council. They thanked the Council for its support regarding the Tahuna BBQ project. The Youth Council supported the Performing Arts and Conference Centre proposal. They emphasised the importance of public transport in Nelson saying it topped the list in their last youth survey. In particular a request was made for the introduction of student rates on buses and for more bus shelters. The Nelson Youth Council submission supported extensions to the Library and it also supported The New Hub facility. The submission also requested that recycling be continued with increased promotion of waste minimisation.



**5.46 Nightwatch Nelson, Submission No 10816, page 495**

Ms Suzie Robinson presented the submission for Nightwatch Nelson which requested new CCTV cameras and the upgrading of the quality of the existing cameras and recording system. The group also recommended the upgrading of lighting at Tahuna around the Lions Playground and the adjacent parking areas.

**5.47 Nelson Bays Citizens Advice Bureau, Submission No 10825, Page 618**

Ms Suzie Robinson and Mr Heath Thomas presented the submission on behalf of the Nelson Bays Citizens Advice Bureau explaining what a Citizens Advice Bureau does and requesting Council funding continue. It was emphasised that the Citizens Advice Bureau needed a higher profile and a request was made to consider including accommodation for the Bureau when Council was modifying Civic House.

**5.48 Bryce Buckland, Submission No 10637, Pages 42 & 173**

Mr Buckland made a submission on behalf of a group assisting the restoration of native birds on The Grampians by reducing the impact of predators. He requested Council support to fund some equipment.

**5.49 Help for Young People at Events and in their Gathering Spaces - Hype-GS, Submission No 11054, Page 749**

The submission was presented by Ms Nicola Robb and Mr Gavin McQueen. They requested that the Council current levels of support and the recognition of Hype-GS be increased and they supported the Council's decision to develop a specific policy relevant to Youth.

**5.50 Glenys MacLellan, Submission 10547, Page 1286**

Ms MacLellan spoke to her lengthy submission which addressed many aspects in the Councils draft Community Plan.

The Mayor said that was all the submitters to be heard for that day and the meeting would resume at 8.45am on Monday 8 June 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 5.12pm.

**The meeting resumed in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson on Monday 8 June 2009 commencing at 08.45am**


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PRESENT:	Deputy Mayor Councillor R Reese (Chairperson), Councillors I Barker, A Boswijk, G Collingwood, M Cotton, M Holmes, A McAlpine, A Miccio, P Rainey, D Shaw and G Thomas
IN ATTENDANCE:	Chief Executive (K Marshall), Chief Financial Officer (C Fitchett), Manager Strategy & Planning (M Tregurtha) and Administration Adviser (A Rose)
APOLOGIES:	Councillor D Henigan and His Worship the Mayor, K Marshall, for lateness

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**6.0 HEARINGS OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT NELSON COMMUNITY PLAN 2009-2019 CONTINUED****6.1 Ian MacLachlan, Submission No 10513, Page 167**

Mr MacLachlan spoke to his submission in particular emphasising the need for Council to proceed urgently with the widening of upper St Vincent Street and Jenner Road. Mr MacLachlan also said that he was against the proposed deferment of loan repayments.

Attendance: Councillor Barker arrived at 8.50am.

**6.2 Nick Kiddey, Submission No 10756, Page 179**

Mr Kiddey spoke to his submission saying he disagreed with any changes with the present recycling system. He said Council should encourage locally processing of recyclables. He also urged Council to plant more food crops in the parks and encourage "fruit tree walks". He said he supported the solar city initiative.

Attendance: Councillor Rainey arrived at 8.55am.

Mr Kiddey also suggested Council tell its community about things that it is doing well. As an example he pointed out that Church Hill had been being managed organically for nearly 8 years and that was something the Council should take pride in.

**6.3 Colin Aitken, Submission 9942 & 10211, Pages 397 & 841 respectively**

Mr Aitken spoke to a submission on behalf of the Stoke Bowling Club Inc as well as his own personal submission.

On behalf of the Stoke Bowling Club, Mr Aitken requested Council make provision in its Community Plan for funding of \$50,000 to the Stoke Bowling Club in the financial year 2010/11 towards replacing one of the existing grass greens with an artificial surface.

With regard to his personal submission, Mr Aitken said he was against the location of the Performing Arts and Conference Centre next to the Rutherford Hotel simply because the theatre being proposed is a stand-alone building. He said that any conference centre, if required, should be provided by the commercial sector. He also asked Council when the first round of consultation will take place on the Performing Arts and Conference Centre. He said his favoured spot for a Performing Arts Centre would be Rutherford Park and there needed to be more consultation as regards the location. Mr Aitken also said Council needed to be very careful regarding the size of any theatre that is built.

**6.4 Jim Williamson, Submission No 10417, Page 314**

Mr Williamson expressed concern about the amount of litter around the City and said Council needed a dedicated staff member to manage this issue. He said punishment for people who litter was not enough and there needed to be a culture change in society beginning with an initiative in the schools. Mr Williamson requested that there be a litter management strategy and action plan incorporated in the final Community Plan.

Attendance: His Worship the Mayor arrived at the meeting at 9.22am and assumed the Chair.

**6.5 Nelson Cricket Association, Nelson Bays Football and Athletics Nelson Submissions 10194 & 10151, Pages 1021 & 1028 respectively**

Mr Jock Sutherland presented the submissions and in particular requested that the utilities building at Saxtons Field be completed by the commencement of the forthcoming 2009/2010 cricket season. In addition, he emphasised the support from Nelson Cricket Association, Nelson Bays Football and Athletics Nelson for the building of the proposed pavilion.

**6.6 Neighbourhood Support Nelson Inc, Submission 10454, Page 724**

Ms Kim MacDonald, Coordinator, and Ms Debbie De Geus, Chairperson, for Neighbourhood Support Nelson Inc spoke to the submission which highlighted the need to establish ongoing funding in the form of a four year contract to support Neighbourhood Support Nelson Inc. They asked Council to consider partnering the organisation so that its service can continue to grow and offer more support to Nelson residents.

**6.7 Victory Community Health Centre, Submission 11925**

Ms Kindra Douglas spoke to the submission on behalf of the Victory Community Health Centre requesting more funding for the Centre from Council. The submission also supported the sealing of the Railway Reserve cycleway/footpath.

**6.8 Daniel Levy, Submission 10762, Page 181**

Mr Levy spoke to his submission strongly supporting the solar city initiative and urging Council to explore other local solar power generation initiatives by lobbying Central Government for power companies to be involved. Mr Levy also strongly supported the present kerbside recycling remaining and requested every effort made to increase the scope of what could be collected.

**6.9 Hancock Forest Management NZ Ltd, Submission 11258, Page 1488**

Mr David Robinson, Area Manager, spoke to the submission expressing concern that the proposed 2009/10 rates to be levied against his Company's forest land in the City will equate to a 19% increase on present rates. He said that this was particularly unfair when his Company pays a significant contribution to the Rural Fire Authority and has just paid \$125,000 for a bridge over the Maitai which has been gifted to the Council. He reminded Council that his Company was more a provider of facilities than a user.

**6.10 The Nelson College Whanau Student Council, Submission 10885, Page 1482**

Mr Johny O'Donnell headed a delegation of six students from Nelson College who spoke to the submission highlighting the following requests:

1. A full time Kiatautoko at the Council
2. A proposal for Council to fund graffiti murals in Nelson City
3. Council to do more to reduce the waste going into the landfill

4. Council to provide more public litter bins

In addition, support was expressed for the developments proposed for Trafalgar Park

**6.11 Cluster Navigators Ltd, Submission 10742, Page 178**

Mr Ifor Ffowcs-Williams spoke to the submission. Mr Ffowcs-Williams said that the Council's role with regard to the Performing Arts and Conference Centre should be limited to facilitating what he said should be a private sector investment. It should not be the City's major project to fund over the coming decade. He also urged an enhanced role for the Economic Development Agency focusing on building local clusters and pointed out that while tourism was important it didn't create high value jobs.

**6.12 Mike Ward, Submission 11204, Page 1499**

Mr Ward spoke to his submission urging Council to show leadership and clearly spell out a vision for the community in its plan. He said that the City needed a robust local economy, but warned against thinking any investment is good. He urged Council to go ahead and build the proposed Performing Arts and Conference Centre but to bear in mind that there needed to be a strong local procurement policy so that when money is spent in this community it stays in local pockets.

He said that Council needs to be the best role model in the City for the environment and it has to set itself targets and report back on those targets regularly.

**6.13 Accident Compensation Corporation, Submission 10941, Page 657**

Mr Mark Preston-Thomas spoke to the submission. He said that last year 20,000 people were injured in Nelson and the Accident Compensation Corporation spent \$30 million in Nelson that year. He said that Nelson City Council has a huge role to play in limiting these injuries. In particular, he said, there was an increasing number of injuries of people using motorcycles and some work was needed in that area. Mr Preston-Thomas also highlighted that falls were the biggest cause of injuries especially to the over 60s and Council needed to be looking at how houses could be made safer as well as public access to public facilities.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned from 10.50am to 11.05am.

**6.14 Hamish Shaw, Submission 11195, Page 863**

Mr Shaw spoke to his submission which favoured the Council proposal for a Performing Arts and Conference Centre in Nelson but was against its location next to the Rutherford Hotel. Instead, Mr Shaw proposed that the site for the new Performing Arts and Conference Centre should be alongside the Saturday Market in Montgomery Square.

**6.15 Springlea Subdivisions Ltd, Submission 11213, Page 246**

Mr James Hopkins presented the submission on behalf of Springlea Subdivisions Ltd. It requested the installation of a high pressure water system to assist with the development of the subdivision be brought forward to the financial year 2011-12 to avoid the need for interim additional storage tanks and booster pumps.

**6.16 Nelson Surf Life Saving Club, Submission 10982**

Mr Marcus Gardner and Mr Paul Matheson tabled indicative plans of a proposed Nelson Surf Life Saving Club to be sited at Tahunanui. Mr Matheson said that no money was being requested from the Council at the meeting today, but gave notice that an approach would be coming to Council sometime in the next three years. He emphasised that the plans tabled were only indicative at this stage. He asked Council to start planning for this complex within the next couple of years, the approximate cost of which would be \$1.7 million.

**6.17 Rainbow Sports Club Inc, Submission 10384, Page 403**

Mr Martin Hay and Mr John Fitchett spoke to the submission and tabled additional information. A request was made for \$90,000 as a suspensory loan to be written off over 7 years, and Mr Fitchett confirmed that the same request was being made to Marlborough District Council and Tasman District Council.

**6.18 Nelson Softball Association, Submission 10443, Page 797**

Messrs Daryl Stratford, Hamish Fletcher and Darren French presented the submission on behalf of Hockey Nelson and Nelson Softball Pavilion Project Team and tabled additional information. The submission supported the proposed \$350,000 for the construction of the two new all weather softball diamonds and associated back nets and services. The submission also supported the proposal to allocate \$2 million with \$568,000 contributed by the Tasman District Council and \$450,000 from the users towards the hockey/softball pavilion. In addition information was tabled regarding a bid for the ISF Junior Mens Fastpitch Softball World Championship for 2012 and the submitters confirmed that the only extra infrastructure needed was lighting and \$100,000-\$200,000 for operational expenses.

**6.19 Nelson Golf Club, Submission 11046, Page 1134**

Mr Peter Hay, Club Manager and Mr Bob Shore, Club President, spoke to the submission which requested Council consider giving the club a reduction in the cost for irrigation water which now amounted to approximately \$80,000 per annum.

In addition, the submission requested Council assist with discussions with the Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit to enable the club to use treated waste water from the Bells Island plant.

It was pointed out that because of airport regulations the club was not allowed to have uncovered water storage on land so close to the airport.

**6.20 Bayview Subdivisions Ltd, Submission 11220, Page 587**

Councillor Cotton declared an interest and left the meeting during the hearing of this submission.

Kathryn Randle spoke to the submission which requested that Council revised the proposed date for the new reservoir and trunk mains for Atawhai No 2 reservoir to 2011/12.

**6.21 Saxton Field Sports Stadium Society Inc, Submission 10254, Page 1014**

Mr Roger Ledingham spoke to the submission which requested that Council pick up any shortfall in the funding for the Stadium construction costs. In addition he requested the Council provide a one off grant for basketball hoops at the stadium of \$40,000.

**6.22 Founders Heritage Park, Submission 10711, Page 1010**

Mr Paul Rosanowski and Ms Pip Jamieson spoke to the submission which proposed free entry to Founders Heritage Park for Nelson City residents and requested a \$10,000 grant from the Council to meet the expected shortfall in entry fees that resulted.

**6.23 Nelson Bays Tennis Association & Nelson Lawn Tennis Club Inc, Submissions 10833 & 10333, Pages 919 & 882 respectively**

Ms Susan Rooney, Mr Ian McKeage and Mr Steve Low spoke to the two submissions and made a powerpoint presentation requesting \$60,000 from Council in the next financial year for floodlighting at the Paru Paru tennis courts and urging Council to retain within its budget \$218,000 for the 2012/2013 stage 2 four court expansion .

**6.24 Ross Wylie, Submission 10587, Page 1294**

Mr Wylie highlighted the many points made in his extensive submission.

**6.25 Student Association of the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology Inc (SANTINMIT), Submission 11234, Page 1492**

Ms Rachel Boyack spoke to the submission highlighting areas of concern for the 800 students on the Nelson Campus. These included lack of parking and lack of public transport, in particular frequency of public transport and no Sunday services and the cost of public transport. She emphasised that any public transport must be cheaper than the cost of running a car. Ms Boyack also expressed concern about the predicted rates increase in years 2, 3 & 4 covered by the plan. Ms Boyack also said students were concerned at the large financial commitment the Council proposed to make to the Performing Arts and Conference Centre and urged that there should be proper consultation completed before large financial decisions are taken. She also said that students were against any reduction to the existing recycling service.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for luncheon from 12.43pm to 1.15pm

**6.26 Nita Knight, Submission 10834, Page 630**

Mr Colin Johnson spoke to Ms Knights submission which supported the continuation of the current 25% of superannuation threshold for community housing rentals and opposed the imposition of any further increase on Council tenants of community housing.

**6.27 Nelson Hockey Association and Nelson Softball Association, Submission 10947, Page 799**

Mr Gary Wilson spoke to the submission. He supported the proposal made in the draft Community Plan to allocate \$2 million with \$568,000 being contributed by

Tasman District Council and \$450,000 being contributed from the users of the facility towards the hockey/softball pavilion at Saxtons Field.

**6.28 Central City Strategy Steering Group, Submission 10074, Page 372**

Mr David Jackson and Mr Robin Wally spoke to the submission which requested an increase to the budget of the project of \$475,000.

**6.29 Rotherham Street Storage Complex, Submission 10179, Page 273**

Ms Keri King spoke to the submission which requested that the property at Rotherham Street, a Storage Complex with 17 unit titles, be given a rates remission for a waste water charges.

**6.30 Health Action Trust, Submission 11203, Page 1509**

The submission was presented by Ms Varie Parker who highlighted the five recommendations in the submission which appeared on page 1512.

**6.31 Nelson Historic Theatre Trust, Submission 10379, Page 1013**

Councillor Rainey declared an interest and withdrew from the meeting during the hearing of this submission.

Messrs Steve Thomas, Andy Fergusson and Greg Shaw spoke to the submission and tabled additional information. The submission requested Council to provide an underwriting facility in the form of a loan for \$1.2 million to finish the rebuilding of the Theatre and a grant of \$800,000 to fit out the rebuilt theatre.

**6.32 Staig and Smith Ltd, Submission 11064 & 11071, Pages 1138 & 1140 respectively**

Ms Jackie McNae spoke to the two submissions which were regarding the Council's Development Contributions Policy. In the first submission Ms McNae spoke for the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology who sought that the NMIT education training facilities be added to the list of exemptions for payment of development contributions. With regard to the second submission Ms McNae tabled additional information which she read, and which explained the relief sought by the 12 land owners and developers represented by Staig and Smith Ltd.

**6.33 Transition Nelson, Submission 10769, Page 1396**

Mr Trevor Houghton spoke to the submission congratulating Council for having a climate change action plan but questioning how that plan will be monitored by Council.

Mr Houghton also mentioned that other Councils were including peak oil initiatives in their planning and he requested that Nelson City Council consider doing the same and put measures in place in the ten year plan. He also requested Council establish a dedicated unit within Council to do emergency planning for climate change and peak oil.

**6.34 Nelson Millennium Centre Trust, Submission 11239, Page 868**

Ms Bronwyn Monopoli spoke to the submission on behalf of the Trust accompanied by Mr Brian Rhoades and Mr Ross Benbow. Ms Monopoli requested Council

confirm the capital provision of \$32.4 million between 2009/10 & 2011/12 and the subsequent provision for annual operating and depreciation of \$400,000 and \$700,000 per annum respectively for the proposed Performing Arts and Conference Centre. She encouraged Council to stay staunch and move ahead with this project.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned from 3.12pm to 3.25pm.

**6.35 Nelson Tasman Youth Workers Collective, Submission 10448, Page 729**

Ms Deanne Kilpatrick and Ms Sally Wood spoke to the submission which supported the Council decision to develop a specific policy relevant to youth. The submitters defined youth as persons between the ages of 14 and 24. They also encouraged Council to give further support for existing youth services and to develop additional services addressing gaps in services for youth in Nelson.

**6.36 Nelson Disc Golf, Submission 10361, Page 159**

Mr Alex Britton and Mr Mark Ryan spoke to the submission on behalf of Nelson Disc Golf and tabled additional information and showed a video of the game being played at Isel Park. They said the game had been played informally at Isel Park for 4 years. It was an excellent venue and they requested assistance from Council in getting tees and baskets put in place. They also invited Councillors to play the game which they said took place at 1pm every Saturday at Isel Park and also suggested that Councillors visit the website [discgolf.co.nz](http://discgolf.co.nz) to learn more about the sport.

**6.37 Donald Steele, Submission 10879, Page 519**

Mr Steele spoke to his submission saying he was concerned about the present system of banking and the general financial system and he propounded the late Mr C H Douglas' ideas particularly those with regard to social credit which he quoted from a publication called *The Social Creditor* and from which he tabled pages 212-215 from volume 83.

**6.38 Penny Griffith, Submission 10057 & 10320, Pages 805 & 821**

Ms Griffith spoke to her personal submission, 10057, and a submission she had organised in the form of a petition. Both submissions requested Council to carry out a professional review of the accommodation and staffing needs for the Heritage Collections of the Nelson Provincial Museum currently located at Isel Park.

**6.39 Ian Challenger, Submission 10883, Page 464**

Mr Challenger spoke to his submission which touched on many aspects of the Council's draft Community Plan. In particular he urged Council to carry on collecting recyclables at the kerbside and work with Tasman District Council to prepare a joint waste minimisation plan.

**6.40 Margot Haley, Submission 10326, Page 975**

Ms Haley spoke to her submission which was on behalf of the residents of Alton Street Heritage Precinct and she tabled additional information. In particular she said that the residents were against a proposal from Council Staff for angle parking and any reduction of the meridian strip in Alton Street. The residents, she said, wanted to keep the integrity of the historic street and were in the process of creating an historic precinct there.



**6.41 Joanna Plows and Hein Kolff, Submissions 10958 & 10953, Pages 1423 & 1432 respectively**

Ms Plows and Mr Kolff presented their submissions jointly. Ms Plows tabled additional information which she read and Mr Kolff urged Council to develop public transport initiatives as an important part of sustainable living.

His Worship the Mayor said there were no more people who had indicated that they wanted to be heard and directed that the meeting would adjourn and resume to consider all the submissions at 9.00am on Wednesday 10 June 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 4.55pm.

**The meeting resumed in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson on Wednesday 10 June 2009 commencing at 9.00am.**

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PRESENT:	His Worship the Mayor (K Marshall), Councillors I Barker, A Boswijk, G Collingwood, M Cotton, D Henigan, M Holmes, A McAlpine, A Miccio, P Rainey, D Shaw and G Thomas
IN ATTENDANCE:	Chief Executive (K Marshall), Chief Financial Officer (C Fitchett), Manager Strategy and Planning (M Tregurtha) and Administration Adviser (A Rose)
APOLOGY:	An apology was received and accepted from Councillor R Reese.

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His Worship the Mayor said that before full consideration could be given to some of the issues raised in the submissions to the draft Nelson Community Plan 2009/19, Council needed to have discussion and consideration of issues and information which were subject to confidentiality because they may pertain to matters of a commercially sensitive nature or matters that could affect the privacy of natural persons.

In order to enable this discussion to take place he advised that it would be necessary for the Council meeting to go into public excluded session and he referred to the resolution that had been circulated with Supplementary Order Paper No 1.

**7.0 PUBLIC EXCLUDED MINUTES**

**7.1 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.***

*a. Performing Arts and Conference Centre*

*Reasons:*

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

*To protect the privacy of natural persons.*

*b. Community Housing*

*Reasons:*

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

*To protect the privacy of natural persons.*

*c. Recycling*

*Reason:*

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

*d. Saxton Field Stadium*

*Reason:*

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

*e. Civic House*

*Reason:*

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

*f. Property Purchases*

*Reasons:*

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

*To protect the privacy of natural persons.*

*g. Chief Executives KPIs*

*Reasons:*

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

*To protect the privacy of natural persons.*

*h. Opera in the Park*

*Reason:*

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

His Worship the Mayor/Thomas

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 9.01am and resumed in public session at 11.45am.

**7.2 Re-admittance of the Public**

Resolved

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

His Worship the Mayor/Miccio

Carried

Attendance: The meeting adjourned from 11.45am to 11.51am.

**8.0 CONSIDERATION TO SUBMISSIONS TO THE COMMUNITY PLAN**

On resuming the meeting discussed and identified the over-arching issues that had been identified by the submissions. These were as follows:

- i. Rates for 2009/10 and the following years, their affordability and whether they were value for money.
- ii. Recycling
- iii. Transport and improvements to roading/carparking
- iv. Public transport/cycling/active transport
- v. Borrowing policy and repayment plans/recession strategy
- vi. Regional governance
- vii. Affordability and Council's ability to facilitate its wish list and the effect on the debt asset ratio
- viii. Branding Nelson including Solar City and Business in Nelson
- ix. Climate Change and emergency planning for community resilience to Climate Change and such things as Peak Oil
- x. Leisure activities including festivals
- xi. Identifying core services – education – environment – communication with the public

- xii. Performing Arts and Conference Centre
- xiii. Community Housing
- xiv. Iwi representation
- xv. Community wellbeing
- xvi. Community/stakeholder engagement
- xvii. Heritage
- xviii. Linkages with the Rugby World Cup and the Central City Strategy

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for luncheon from 12.25pm until 1.00pm.

The meeting then returned to consideration of the identified items.

## 8.1 Community Housing

After discussion considering feedback and submissions on Council's proposal for Community Housing rents rise from 25% to 30% of superannuation and the impact on rates, the meeting expressed the majority view that Community Housing rents should remain where they were at 25% of superannuation.

Resolved

***THAT Community Housing rents remain at 25% of Government Superannuation and depreciation not be funded for the 2009/10 financial year;***

***AND THAT any shortfall in this account as a result be funded from rates.***

Barker/Cotton

Carried

Resolved

***THAT a portion of depreciation remains unfunded for future years until the Community Housing Policy has been reviewed.***

Collingwood/Henigan

Carried

## 8.2 Rates

Community Plan Analysis of Submission Comments, doc no 789318.

The Manager Public Communications joined the meeting and presented the analysis of submission comments and drew the Council's attention to the results of Question 1 – Council proposes an average rate and charges increase of 3.19% in 2009/10, and Question 2 – Council proposes suspending loan repayments for two years and then increasing them by 25% per annum.

### 8.3 Postponement of Loan Repayments

Chief Financial Officer tabled a memo, dated 9 June 2009, which highlighted Audit New Zealand's response to some of the issues raised by submitters against Council's proposal to postpone loan repayments and stated that the proposed Strategy, in the view of Audit New Zealand, remains a valid policy choice for Council.

Although during discussion a minority view was expressed against deferring loan repayments, the majority view of the meeting was to make no substantive change to the proposal to defer loan repayments and have an average rate and charges increase for 2009/10 in the order of 3.2%.

### 8.4 Recycling

Attendance: Councillor Cotton declared an interest as a Director of Nelmac and withdrew from the meeting during the discussion of this item.

The Senior Executive Technical Services, Alec Louverdis, referred to a paper circulated with the submissions entitled "Recycling – Commodity Price Update and Community Plan (LTCCP) Considerations" - document number 777481, dated 22 May 2009 which summarised the status of the current commodity market for recyclables and work done by Nelmac since the collapse of the market in November 2008.

The paper set out two options for Council to consider as a potential way forward from 1 July 2009 – Option A and Option B.

The majority view of the meeting was that Council should adopt Option A which involved full recycling continuing with paper and cardboard going to Full Circle in Nelson, glass going to Fulton Hogan and plastics to Comspec in Christchurch.

The cost of providing this service was estimated to amount to \$698,000 per annum and the resulting land fill changes per tonne as a result, would be increased to \$87 including the Government levy.

Resolved

***THAT Council continue with full recycling as per Option A as set out in the memo dated 22 May 2009 "Recycling – Commodity Price Update and Community Plan (LTCCP) Considerations", document number 777481, dated 22 May 2009.***

Collingwood/Boswijk

Carried

### 8.5 Performing Arts and Conference Centre

The Chief Executive gave a brief update on the position with the Performing Arts and Conference Centre proposal and the process that had been followed to date.

It was felt that before a decision could be made more information was required and the matter was left for discussion until later in the meeting.

## 8.6 Public Transport

The Council was somewhat divided over this issue but the majority view was that Council should await the results of the arterial study and make no change to what had been proposed in the draft Nelson Community Plan 2009/19.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned from 2.55pm to 3.06pm.

## 8.7 Solar City Proposal

It was agreed to leave this proposal in the draft Community Plan 2009/19 unchanged.

## 8.8 Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit Pipeline Upgrade

It was agreed to make no change to the proposal for the Bells Island Pipeline Upgrade as set out in the draft Community Plan 2009/19.

## 8.9 Cycleways

It was agreed that the additional linkages that had been proposed in the submissions should be investigated and some work done over the next few months to get Government funding or subsidy for these linkages.

The Mayor then declared that the meeting would adjourn and reconvene at 9.00am the following day, 11 June 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 3.48pm.

### **The meeting resumed in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson on Thursday 11 June 2009 commencing at 9.06am**

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

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## 9.0 CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT NELSON COMMUNITY PLAN 2009-19 CONTINUED

His Worship the Mayor outlined the consideration process to be followed and there was a discussion as to whether the Council would go through the submissions page by page, but the majority view was that as all Councillors had read all submissions the Council could go ahead and consider what changes could be made to the Community Plan in the light of the submissions.

The Chief Financial Officer tabled a paper entitled Suggested Adjustments to Estimates which was a summary of possible adjustments to the estimates that had come from staff. He said the net effect of these suggested amendments would be that the rates and charges increase for 2009/10 would reduce from 3.19% to 2.63%.

However, he said, these adjustments did not take any account for any requests for funding contained in the submissions. Also referred to were the following papers that had been tabled.

- Requests for funding in submissions to the 2009 Draft Nelson Community Plan
- Items for discussion

The Manager Strategy and Planning tabled a list of matters to be completed as part of the Community Plan process and the meeting considered these items;

### 9.1 The Hub

There was general support for funding to the Hub to continue.

Resolved

***THAT the funding for the Hub continue at its present level.***

Collingwood/Boswijk

Carried

### 9.2 Saxton Field

The Manager Community Projects, Andrew Petheram, joined the meeting and answered questions on the proposed expenditure at Saxton Field.

There was a request that the \$160,000 set aside for cycleways and footpaths at Saxton Field be spent in the City instead on linkages to the existing cycleway network.

It was identified that a Business Plan, Development Plan and Asset Management Plan was required for Saxton Field. There was general support for the proposed expenditure, however before a final decision was made the Mayor directed that the matter be left to lie on the table and discussed further at a later time in the meeting.

### 9.3 Trafalgar Centre

The Manager Community Projects Andrew Petheram, in answer to questions said it would cost \$690,000 to finish stage one.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.31 to 10.45am.

The discussion continued regarding the Trafalgar Centre and it was advised that to finish the upgrade of the Centre completely would cost in the region of \$8 million. The Council after discussion agreed that finishing the full upgrade to the Trafalgar Centre would have to wait until after it considers whether the proposed Performing Arts and Conference Centre proceeds.

Three options were identified, a patch-up job could be done for \$200 - 300,000, retro fitting the building will be done for would be done for \$2 million dollars and a full upgrade would cost in the region of \$8 million.

Councillor Rainey cautioned that an upgraded Trafalgar Centre should not be confused with a Performing Arts Centre. It would always be a flat floor basketball stadium, he said.

Councillor Collingwood urged that the kitchens be upgraded in order that conferences could be run at the Trafalgar Centre and she urged that Council do this in 2010.

There was some discussion about the use of the facility in conjunction with the Rugby World Cup and the need to bring the facility into a state where it could be useful and something that Nelson could be proud of.

His Worship the Mayor directed that the matter lie on the table and discussed further at a later time in the meeting.

#### **9.4 Regional Governance**

The Council discussed the need to put funding into carrying out a survey and get the facts and figures to decide whether amalgamation would be good for the ratepayers and good for the region. It was suggested that such a survey needed to be an open ended piece of research. Council was divided on whether to proceed with funding such a study.

Attendance: Councillor McAlpine left 11.45am.

##### **9.4.1. Founders Park**

There was support expressed for the request from Founders Park proposal for free entry for Nelson residents with Council providing funding of \$10,000 in the 2009/10 financial year to offset lost revenue. It was also agreed that a report on the matter would go to the Community Services Committee setting out how the proposal would operate.

#### **9.5 Customer Service Centre**

It was noted that there had been no submissions received on this matter except that the Citizens Advice Bureau had asked to be co-located on the ground floor with Council.

The meeting turned its attention to the list that had been tabled entitled, "Request for Funding in Submissions to the 2009 Draft Community Plan".

#### **9.6 Traps on the Grampians**

It was agreed that the \$10,000 requested for traps on the Grampians could be provided from existing budgets.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for luncheon from 12.35pm to 1.08pm. During the luncheon adjournment, His Worship the Mayor and Councillors Miccio and Rainey left the meeting. At its recommencement Councillor Thomas chaired the meeting.

#### **9.7 Nelson Bays Community Foundation**

It was agreed that the request for \$20,000 over three years be referred to the Community Assistance Fund.

#### **9.8 St John**

It was agreed that \$25,000 requested for operational funding be referred to the Community Assistance Fund.



**9.9 Biodiversity Programme**

It was agreed that this request would be part of the normal ongoing plan change work and come from existing budgets.

**9.10 Atawhai Reservoir work**

It was noted that this work would remain as set out in the Draft Community plan.

**9.11 Provision of traps or funding and use of shed at Marsden Valley Cemetery**

It was agreed that support for this project could be found from within existing budgets.

**9.12 Change to rating system to provide for targeted rate for retro fitting insulation systems**

Council agreed to note this request at this time but not to support it.

Attendance: His Worship the Mayor returned to the meeting and resumed the chair of the meeting at 1.35pm.

**9.13 Central City Strategy Steering Group**

It was agreed to move \$805,000 funding into year two.

**9.14 Graffiti removal request by KET**

It was agreed that this request could be met within the existing contract from within existing budgets.

**9.15 Stoke Bowling Club - one off grant request to assist with artificial surface \$50,000**

It was agreed to refer this request to the Community Assistance Fund.

**9.16 Rainbow Ski Field suspensory loan written off over 7 years request for \$90,000**

There was general support for this request.

**9.17 Nightwatch Nelson request for an upgrade and additional CCTV equipment**

It was noted that this CCTV upgrade had also been requested by the Police and could be included as part of the Central City Strategy budget.

**9.18 Nelson Tasman Tourism**

The Chief Executive said Tasman District Council were not putting in any additional funding in their budgets from Nelson Tasman Tourism and it was agreed to leave the funding for Nelson Tasman Tourism at the same level as last year plus CPI.

**9.19 Nelson Tasman Housing Trust support for bond scheme**

It was agreed to refer this request to the Community Assistance Fund.

**9.20 Energy Smart- Healthier Homes Project**

It was felt that more details were required and the matter should be referred to the Community Assistance Fund.

**9.21 ESOL new building**

It was agreed that this matter be referred to the Community Assistance Fund.

**9.22 Neighbourhood Support four year funding requested**

It was agreed that this should be referred to the Community Assistance Fund.

**9.23 Nelson Youth workers – Youth Week \$4,000 requested**

It was agreed that this should be referred to the Community Assistance Fund.

**9.24 Nelson Tasman Youth Workers Collective – support for programmes.**

It was felt that there needs to be some investigation in regards to youth groups to avoid duplication but it was felt that any request for funding should go the Community Assistance Fund.

**9.25 The New Hub**

It was noted that the continuation of funding for the New Hub had already been agreed to previously in the meeting.

**9.26 HYPE-GS - provision of Street Ambassadors**

It was pointed out that this project was dependant on funding that Council received.

**9.27 Nelson Provincial Museum – funding for storage facility**

It was felt that such a storage facility needs to have wider usage than just for Museum purposes and it was noted that \$102,000 had been placed in year 2012 for a feasibility study.

Councillor Cotton also pointed out the need to follow up with the local MP regarding the land records for Nelson that had been moved to Christchurch. If Nelson is successful in getting these records returned it might be possible to seek funding from the Government to look after them, he said..

**9.28 Penny Griffiths - increased funding for Nelson Bays Heritage Trust**

In light of the comments above (9.27) it was agreed that there would be no need to support this request.

**9.29 Nelson Lawns Tennis - \$60,000 request for lighting.**

It was agreed to put this on the list for further consideration later in the meeting.

**9.30 Guardians of Nightingale Library Inc**

The meeting noted the comments made by the staff. There was concern expressed that funding should be brought forward to upgrade the library and not spent on a survey.

**9.31 Louis Persico - skateboard Stoke**

Resolved

***THAT the priority for Tahuna and Stoke skateboard parks be swapped around.***

Collingwood/Boswijk

Carried

**9.32 Nelson Car Club Inc - Motor Sport Park request for \$210,000 over 7 years**

It was agreed that this request would be considered via the Regional Funding Forum.

**9.33 Merv Johns - Improvement to the Waahi Taakaro Golf Course**

There was no support for this request.

**9.34 Nelson School of Music – ongoing support after 2010**

There was general support for this request but it was felt that it should be targeted to a governance review. It was agreed that funding of \$50,000 per annum for 2010/11 should be provided.

**9.35 Theatre Alive – production of shows request for \$20,000 per annum for three years**

During discussion of this item there was some support for a policy for Council's Arts Festivals to include at least 30% of local content. With regard to the request for funding, it was agreed to refer it to the Community Assistance Fund.

**9.36 Nelson Cycle Trails**

It was noted that the Trust will be seeking funding to support its activities through the Community Assistance Fund.

**9.37 Surf Lifesaving – new facility**

His Worship the Mayor requested a report on this issue be brought to the Community Services Committee.

**9.38 House 44 - request for funding for a new van**

It was agreed that the submitter be advised of the various sources they could apply to for funding for a vehicle.

**9.39 Victory Village**

It was agreed to refer this request to the Community Assistance Fund.

**9.40 Disc Golf**

It was agreed to explore ways of supporting this submission from within existing budgets.

**9.41 Theatre Royal**

It was agreed to put this item on the list for further consideration.

**9.42 The Suter – request for \$100,000 per annum**

It was agreed that the Capital Works Programme for the Suter should be addressed when the Chief Executive does the review of Council Controlled Organisation.

Regarding the submission from Ms Rebecca Hamid, His Worship the Mayor pointed out that anything to do with the collection policy of the Suter, could be discussed with the Suter, as part of their Statement of Intent.

The meeting then worked through the paper entitled Items for Discussion.

**9.43 Changes to sustainability actions**

The Chief Executive pointed out that one of his KPI's was to make a plan around the sustainable Nelson concept.

**9.44 Litter- J Louden**

It was agreed that Council should have a "litter blitz" once a year or a "litter week". This would need funding and a report on this proposal would come to Community Services Committee.

**9.45 Brook Street car park for mountain bikers**

It was agreed that staff should investigate this matter and bring a report back to Community Services.

**9.46 Tahuna Community Liaison – heavy traffic in Muritai Street**

It was agreed that a report would be brought back to the Infrastructure Committee.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned from 3.05pm to 3.17pm.

**9.47 Neighbourhood Support and Others**

It was agreed that the submitter be referred to the Community Assistance Fund.

**9.48 Request from Youth Workers Collective to hold a Youth Forum in Nelson City Council**

It was agreed that this submission should be referred to the Nelson Youth Council.

**9.49 The Phat Club - improvements to the inner City**

The Manager Planning and Consents, Richard Johnson, joined the meeting and advised that a number of parts in the submission were already within Council work areas. It was agreed that His Worship the Mayor and Councillor Rainey would assist Mr Johnson in the reply to this submission.

**9.50 Heritage Week – Antique To Retro Charitable Trust**

It was agreed that the Divisional Manager Community Services and the Manager Planning and Strategy would investigate what support could be given and reply to this submission.

**9.51 Nelson Bays Football - fence around Number 1 ground at Saxton Field**

It was agreed that \$50,000 be included for a partial fence along the southeast side of the sports ground, along the southwest boundary in front of the trees and behind the embankment. The northeast end of the sports ground and the gaps between the three permanent structures are to remain unfenced but could be closed temporarily with mesh or tape for approved fixtures for which entrance is to be charged.

**9.52 Hugh Briggs proposed Business Development Forum**

It was agreed that this suggestion had some merit and should be followed up.

**9.53 House 44 - alleyways in southeast Stoke**

It was agreed that staff would follow this suggestion up on a case by case basis.

**10.0 DURATION OF THE MEETING**

Resolved

***THAT, in accordance with clause 5.6 of Standing Orders, the Council meeting be extended to 4.30pm on Friday 12 June 2009.***

His Worship the Mayor/Thomas

Carried

His Worship the Mayor said that the meeting would now adjourn and resume at 9.00am the following day Friday 12 June 2009 and the first part of the meeting would be a public excluded session.

The meeting adjourned at 4.14pm

**The meeting resumed in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson on Friday 12 June 2009 commencing at 9.05am**

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

## **11.0 CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT NELSON COMMUNITY PLAN 2009-19 CONTINUED**

### **11.1 Public Excluded Business**

#### **11.1.1. 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 Performing Arts and Conference Centre***

*Reason:*

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

His Worship the Mayor/Boswijk

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 9.06am and resumed in public session at 11.00am.

### **11.2 Re-admittance of the Public**

Resolved

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

His Worship the Mayor/Holmes

Carried

The meeting then returned to discuss the list of items on the whiteboard.

**11.3 Rates for 2009/10 and the following years, their affordability and value for money**

There was discussion regarding the benefits of delaying capital projects and it was agreed to leave them timetabled as in the draft Community Plan. There was a minority view expressed against the deferring of loan repayments but the majority of the meeting was in favour of what had been stated in the draft Community Plan, however it was identified that the reasons for this decision needed to be communicated clearly to ratepayers. His Worship the Mayor said the proposal was designed to reduce the financial burden on ratepayers in 2009/10 and Council always had the options to look at what it would do for future years.

**11.4 Rotherham Street storage units – rating policy**

It was agreed that with regard to this submission the status quo would prevail.

**11.5 Tourism accommodation rating policy**

It was agreed that the submission from the Motel Association would be addressed when the Resource Management Plan was reviewed.

**11.6 Request for the Universal Annual General Charge to be increased to the maximum of 30%**

It was felt that the Universal Annual General Charge at 15% was already as high as it could go without unfairly targeting low value properties, so it was agreed that the status quo would remain.

**11.7 Nelson Golf Club – water charges**

It was agreed that staff would investigate how the Golf Club could achieve some water storage, discuss with them the advantages of artificial turf and explore the possibility of the Nelson Sewerage Business Unit incorporating a return water pipe alongside the replacement pipeline.

**11.8 Sealord Group Ltd - water charges**

It was advised that because of the predicted drop in Sealord Group Ltd water consumption because of the recent closure, there would be a cost rise of 1.5% in the average domestic water charge and that the increase to industrial and commercial users would be greater than that.

**11.9 Development Contributions**

It was agreed to incorporate the points made by the submission.

Resolved

**THAT Council adopt a bonding policy as per page 1152.**

His Worship the Mayor/Shaw

Carried

### **11.10 Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology - Development Contributions**

Attendance: His Worship the Mayor declared an interest and left the meeting at 12.05pm and Councillor Thomas took over the chair of the meeting.

It was felt there was need for some legal clarification and that the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology be asked to prove their case. In the meantime the status quo would remain.

Attendance: His Worship the Mayor resumed the chair of the meeting at 12.10pm.

The Manager Community Projects Andrew Petheram joined the meeting.

### **11.11 Lighting for softball – Saxton Field**

It was agreed that lighting for softball was an extra and it would be premature to put funds in for next year. The meeting agreed to delay it.

### **11.12 Drainage – Cricket Pitch – Saxon Field**

It was considered essential to undertake the drainage of the cricket pitch and an additional \$90,000 would be required.

### **11.13 Other matters – Saxton Field**

It was advised that the budget for the utilities building was sufficient.

It was advised that the pavilion that is being constructed jointly with Athletics and Football should be supported subject to going through the Regional Funding Forum.

It was agreed that the construction of the internal cycle ways on Saxton Field can be postponed.

There was some support to bring the cycle track forward to 2009/10.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon from 12.40 to 1.15pm.

### **11.14 Public Transport**

Councillor Shaw proposed that the budget for public transport be increased from \$192,000 to \$250,000 and there was some support for the suggestion.

### **11.15 Isel Park submissions**

It was agreed to put the Isel House glasshouse proposal back for one year and put \$12,000 in to the budget for a Heritage Plan for Isel Park.

*Note: This was later changed – see 13.14.*

### **11.16 Opera in the Park**

Councillor Rainey declared an interest and withdrew from discussion of this item.

His Worship the Mayor drew the Councils attention to the memo dated 9 June 2009 from Festivals Staff, Annabel Norman and Sophie Kelly, regarding the future of the



Opera in the Park event following the loss of the Sealord sponsorship and requesting Council provides a further \$90,000 a year to produce a community based Opera in the Park, subject to successful sponsorship negotiations.

Resolved

***THAT Council provide a further \$90,000 per year to produce a community based Opera in the Park event subject to successful sponsorship negotiations.***

Boswijk/Collingwood

Carried

Councillor Barker requested his vote against the resolution be recorded.

*Note: See also 13.6.*

## **12.0 DURATION OF THE MEETING**

Resolved

***THAT the meeting be extended to midday on Wednesday 17 June 2009***

His Worship the Mayor/Holmes

Carried

His Worship the Mayor adjourned the meeting saying it would resume at 9.00am on Monday 15 June 2009

The meeting adjourned at 2.45pm.

**The meeting resumed in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson on Monday 15 June 2009 commencing at 9.00am**

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor (K Marshall), Councillors I Barker, A Boswijk, G Collingwood, M Cotton, D Henigan, M Holmes, A McAlpine, A Miccio, P Rainey, R Reese, D Shaw and G Thomas

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (K Marshall), Chief Financial Officer (C Fitchett), Manager Strategy and Planning (M Tregurtha) and Administration Adviser (A Rose)

## **13.0 CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT NELSON COMMUNITY PLAN 2009-19 CONTINUED**

His Worship the Mayor said he wanted to conclude at the end of this meeting with the combined effects of any increases to rates and charges being in the region of CPI.

### **13.1 The Suter**

The Divisional Manager Community Services Susan Coleman joined the meeting and said there had been two requests received from the Suter, \$100,000 per annum for four years for maintenance and an indication that the Suter would need some redevelopment funding in three years time.

It was agreed that the Suter would be given \$40,000 in the 2009/10 financial year and the funding shown in the draft Community Plan remain as is until further information had been received from the Suter.

**13.2 Life Saving club rooms proposal for Tahunanui Beach**

It was agreed to note the proposal only at this stage. Because there were no details, nothing could be put in the draft Community Plan in terms of funding.

**13.3 Theatre Royal**

With regard to the request from the Theatre Royal for a \$1.2 million loan to complete the revamp of the building and an \$800,000 grant for the fit out, there was support for the \$1.2 million loan subject to conditions but there was no support at this stage for the \$800,000 grant.

**13.4 Trafalgar Centre**

It was agreed to complete the toilets, the changing rooms and the seats on the western side at a cost of \$470,000.

**13.5 Tennis lighting**

It was agreed to put the request for \$60,000 for tennis lighting at Paru Paru Road in to the draft Community Plan for 2010/11.

**13.6 Opera in the Park**

With regard to the resolution passed previously in the meeting for an extra \$90,000 for Opera in the Park, it was agreed to keep the festivals budget at the status quo and to bring back a report to Council for the 2009/10 event.

**13.7 Wakefield Quay**

It was agreed to leave funding for Wakefield Quay as it is in the draft Community Plan.

**13.8 Rainbow Skifield**

It was agreed to support the requested \$90,000 over seven years and document this grant as a loan.

**13.9 Maitai Club**

Councillor Thomas said the Maitai Club have asked Council to bail them out and he said that Council staff need to bring a report on this matter indicating what it would cost and what the implications would be on Council. The indications were that the Club were requesting \$1.4 million.

In answer to a question the Chief Financial Officer said that the rating value of the club was \$1.1million.

**13.10 Trafalgar Park**

The meeting discussed the offer from Central Government of a grant of \$1.5 million towards the upgrade of Trafalgar Park for the Rugby World Cup.

Resolved

***THAT subject to Council receiving \$1.5 million Government funding the budget for the upgrade of Trafalgar Park be increased from \$5.9 million to \$7.4 million.***

Boswijk/Cotton

Carried

### **13.11 Property on Main Road Stoke – Dianne Price Submission 11057**

The Chief Executive said as there were a number of issues to be addressed, he said there was nothing that Council could do right now, other than go over the situation in the future and it was noted that there will be further discussions on this matter.

### **13.12 Waimea Estuary Management Plan**

The Manager Environmental Policy Martin Workman joined the meeting and in answer to a question said that the Waimea Estuary Management Plan is currently not in the budget and to address it would mean reallocation of the budget. Tasman District Council had indicated they would be taking the lead but up to now have let the matter lie and are proceeding no further.

The Chief Executive said it was his understanding that the Tasman District Council are not allocating a separate sum of money for this work.

It was agreed that Council would wait for the lead to come from Tasman District Council before doing any work on this project.

It was agreed that if necessary this work would be done using funding from within existing budgets

### **13.13 Late item - adoption of Asset Management Plan for 2009-2012**

Document number 784387, dated 25 May 2009, Supplementary Order Paper number 1 refers

The Mayor said that in accordance with section 47A(7) of the Local Government Official Information Meetings Act 1987, the reason why this item was not on the agenda and the reason why discussion of this item could not be delayed until a subsequent meeting, was because it came to hand after the agenda had closed and it needed to be considered at this meeting because of the need for urgency.

Accordingly the following procedural resolution was required before any discussion and decision can be made.

Resolved

***THAT the item regarding the adoption of Asset Management Plans for 2009-2012 be considered at this meeting, pursuant to section 47A(7) of the Local Government Official Information Meetings Act 1987 because of the need for urgency.***

Holmes/Cotton

Carried

The report sought the adoption of the Water Supply, Waste Water and Storm Water Asset Management Plans for 2009-2012 which were the technical strategy documents that support funding decisions in the Nelson Community Plan 2009/19.

It was pointed out that these plans had been workshopped during the first half of the financial year and adoption had been deferred at that time as Council wanted to consider the overall capital budget prior to committing individual activity budgets.

It was advised that amendments suggested by the Infrastructure Committee had been incorporated in to the Asset Management Plans and those plans had been circulated to Councillors in recent weeks.

Resolved

***THAT the Water Supply Asset Management Plan 2009-2012, Waste Water Asset Management Plan 2009-2012 and Storm Water Asset Management Plan 2009-2012 incorporating amendments agreed by Council from the Nelson Community Plan submissions hearings be adopted.***

Holmes/Cotton

Carried

Attendance: The meeting adjourned from 10.30am and resumed at 2.35pm. During this time Councillor Cotton and Councillor Miccio left the meeting.

#### **13.14 Isel Park**

After further discussion it was agreed to remove the \$12,000 for a separate Heritage Plan and the work be incorporated in the Horticultural Parks Asset Management Plan when it is developed.

#### **13.15 Brook Sanctuary**

It was agreed that funding would remain as per the draft Nelson Community Plan and it was noted that Council had yet to see a Business Plan from the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Trust.

#### **13.16 Public Transport**

It was agreed that \$50,000 would be added to the public transport budget.

Attendance: His Worship the Mayor left the meeting at 2.45pm and Councillor Thomas took over the chair of the meeting.

#### **13.17 Regional study**

There was some discussion about the need to do a regional study for amalgamation and Councillor Holmes moved a motion that a regional amalgamation study remain in the draft Community Plan with funding at the level of \$20,000.

The motion failed for want of a seconder.

Attendance: Councillor Henigan left the meeting at 2.55pm.

That concluded the discussion and consideration on the submissions to the draft Nelson Community Plans 2009-2019.

Resolved

***THAT having heard and considered the submissions to the 2009-19 draft Long Term Council Community Plan;***

**THAT the final plan and estimates incorporating changes and amendments made at this meeting and subject to any amendments agreed to by Committee Chairs for their committee responsibilities;**

**THAT the amended plan be approved for Audit New Zealand review in accordance with section 74 of the Local Government Act 2002.**

Thomas/Shaw

Carried

Councillor Reese abstained from voting.

Councillor Barker requested his vote against the motion be recorded.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 3.42pm.

CONFIRMED AS A CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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