

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NELSON CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HOUSE, TRAFALGAR STREET, NELSON ON THURSDAY 16 DECEMBER 2010 COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

PRESENT: His Worship The Mayor, (A Miccio), Councillors I Barker, A Boswijk (Deputy Mayor), G Collingwood, R Copeland, E Davy, K Fulton, P Matheson, J Rackley, P Rainey, R Reese, D Shaw and M Ward

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (K Marshall) and Administration Adviser (A Rose)

1.0 OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was given by Councillor Eric Davy.

2.0 PUBLIC FORUM

2.1 Friends of Nelson Library Inc

Jill Bletchingly, accompanied by Priscilla Wardell from the Friends of the Nelson Library Inc, presented a cheque for \$6,000 to Council, for the Library, from the Friends of the Library.

The presentation was greeted by acclamation from the Councillors.

His Worship the Mayor thanked the Friends of the Library for the donation and commended them for their good work on behalf of the Council.

2.2 Internet at the Libraries

Mr Glenn Baker addressed the Council regarding the free internet access at the Library.

Mr Baker tabled a paper that he read. He requested that Council accept an offer from the National Library New Zealand and immediately install a login/password system on the APNK wifi system and restrict availability of this to New Zealand library card holders only, or immediately disconnect the optional APNK wifi at the Council libraries.

Mr Baker also reminded Council that, at its meeting of 12 August 2010, the Council had agreed that the 10 ratepayer funded computers at the library would be restricted to library card holders. He said that this job had not been done as yet and he urged Council to either get it done before the end of the year or disconnect these computers from general use until the upgrade has been carried out.

He also requested that the proposal set out in the Library Manager's email to him, dated 25 November 2010 regarding the APNK fixed computers be implemented immediately.

Mr Baker emphasised that, because the computers in the library are free to the user with very little restriction, this free service becomes very attractive to tourists and figures since the installation have confirmed this. This free internet for tourists at Council libraries was impacting seriously on Nelson businesses that provide this service commercially, he said.

His Worship the Mayor thanked Mr Baker for his presentation and said the matter would be discussed by Council later in the meeting.

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2 December 2010

Resolved

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council, held on Thursday 2 December 2010, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Reese/Boswijk

Carried

4.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

4.1 Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit Wastewater Reuse for Irrigation

Councillors Matheson and Reese reported on the positive responses they had received to their enquiries for potential clients wishing to use the Bells Island wastewater for irrigation.

proposed Councillor Matheson seconded Councillor Reese

THAT the Council proceed with the installation of a 250mm pipeline from Bells Island to Monaco for wastewater for irrigation purposes.

The Mayor said that in order to discuss the motion in full Council would need to consider commercially sensitive information and he directed that the matter be adjourned to the public excluded part of the meeting.

5.0 MAYOR'S REPORT

5.1 Local Government Hearings on the Proposed Union between Nelson City and Tasman District Councils

His Worship the Mayor commended Councillor Boswijk for the way she had presented Council's submission to the Local Government Commission and this praise was echoed by the Council.

The Chief Executive explained the process for considering this matter after the submissions had been heard.

5.2 Christmas Celebrations

His Worship the Mayor reminded Councillors that later in the day they would have a Christmas celebration with the Tasman District Council and the following day in the afternoon there would be another Christmas celebration with representatives from the various Council Controlled Organisations.

5.3 Appreciation to the Emergency Services

Resolved

THAT the His Worship The Mayor write and send the seasons greetings to the Fire, Police and Ambulance Services and thank them on behalf of Council and the citizens of Nelson for their efforts on behalf of the City over the past 12 months.

Barker/Ward

Carried

6.0 SIX MONTHLY REVIEW OF RUGBY WORLD CUP 2011 STEERING GROUP

Document No. 1014278, agenda pages 10-31 refer.

The Executive Manager Community Services, Susan Coleman, joined the meeting and presented the report.

After extensive discussion there was general support for the recommendation but it was agreed that included in the recommendation should be appreciation from the Council to the Steering Group and Working Party members for their contribution to date.

Resolved

THAT Nelson's Rugby World Cup 2011 Steering Group be disestablished;

AND THAT the Economic Development committee provide leadership, support and advice in relation to the creation of business legacy through RWC 2011;

AND THAT staff report back to the 3 February 2011 Council meeting if any changes are required to the annual work programme to enable the Economic Development committee to be given reasonable support;

AND THAT members of Nelson's RWC 2011 Steering Group and working parties be formally advised and thanked for their significant contribution to date.

Rainey/Reese

Carried

7.0 HON MARYANN STREET MP

Ms Street joined the meeting and addressed the Council briefly thanking it for the work it does. In particular, as Patron of the organisation, she thanked the Council for the support they had given to Q-Youth.

His Worship the Mayor invited the Hon Ms Street to join the Councillors for morning tea.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned from 10.41am to 11.04am.

8.0 STATE OF ENVIRONMENT MONITORING REPORT 2010

Document No. 1016722, agenda pages 32-171 refer.

The Monitoring and Research Manager, Martin Workman, and Monitoring Coordinator, Paul Sheldon, joined the meeting and presented the report.

Council congratulated staff for the report and were generally supportive of the recommendations.

There was some discussion regarding iwi and Māori involvement. The Chief Executive reminded the meeting that, at a recent Kotahitangi Hui, Council had been given a clear message that iwi did not want adhoc consultation.

It was pointed out that the report, if approved, would be discussed with iwi along with possible actions in response at appropriate times. Māori freshwater and coastal environmental indicators have been developed and Council was working with iwi to have these monitored.

Resolved

THAT the State of Environment Monitoring Report 2010 be approved and be made available to the public as a reference document;

AND THAT the focus of further state of environment reporting will be annual score cards;

AND THAT the following actions are considered for inclusion in the 2011-12 Annual Plan process subject to being found a priority as part of Council's prioritising of policy and project work:

- a) Prepare a Maitai Catchment Management Plan.***
- b) Commence a staged programme to prepare Catchment Management Plans for other Nelson catchments.***
- c) Changes to sewer pipe renewals to target catchments of polluted rivers and streams.***
- d) Investigate the source of bacteria in the Wakapuaka River.***

- e) ***Investigate the effects of discharges from the Maitai Dam on the Maitai River.***
- f) ***Investigate options for improving storm water quality.***

Davy/Collingwood

Carried

9.0 JOINT NELSON CITY COUNCIL/TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION INITIATIVE

Document No. 1017673, agenda pages 172-215 refer.

The Engineering Adviser Johan Thiart joined the meeting and presented the report which he said was to update Councillors on the progress towards a joint Nelson and Tasman Waste Management and Minimisation Plan and to call for nominations for members of a joint working party with the Tasman District Council.

He reminded Council that the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 required Council to prepare a Waste Minimisation Plan and allows for joint waste minimisation plans to be prepared by a number of territorial authorities. The Act requires a review of each Council's Waste Minimisation Plan by July 2012.

The Chief Executive cautioned Council that the outcome of a Joint Waste Minimisation Plan may well be for costs to move from the Tasman District ratepayers to Nelson City ratepayers and Councillors should bear this in mind.

Resolved

THAT Councillor Shaw, Councillor Copeland and Councillor Ward be nominated as members of a joint working party to develop a Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan with the Tasman District Council.

Fulton/Matheson

Carried

10.0 LATE ITEM

10.1 Amendment Timetable of Meetings for 2011

It was explained that in accordance with Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the reason why the item was not on the agenda, and the reason why discussion of this item could not be delayed till a subsequent meeting, was because it came to hand after the agenda had closed and needed to be considered at this meeting because of the need for urgency.

Resolved

THAT the item regarding Timetable of Meetings for 2011 be considered at this meeting pursuant to Section 46(A)7 of Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, because of the need for urgency.

His Worship the Mayor/Boswijk

Carried

Resolved

THAT an additional Council Workshop be scheduled for 14 February 2011;

AND THAT the Annual Plan 2011/12 Hearings and Decisions meetings be scheduled for 27, 30 and 31 May 2011 and 10, 13 and 14 June 2011;

AND THAT the meeting to adopt the Annual Plan 2011/12 be scheduled for 23 June 2011;

AND THAT the resolution to strike the rates be considered at the ordinary Council meeting scheduled 30 June 2011

AND THAT Council meetings where the Chief Executive's Report be scheduled for 21 April, 7 July, 29 September and 16 December 2011;

AND THAT all scheduled RWC 2011 Steering Group meetings scheduled for 2011 be cancelled;

AND THAT the first Economic Development Committee meeting for 2011 be held following the Audit, Risk and Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday 22 February 2011.

His Worship the Mayor/Boswijk

Carried

It was noted that care will have to be taken to ensure that Hearing Panel meetings do not occupy the Council chamber when it is required for Citizenship ceremonies.

11.0 DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC FORUM ITEMS

11.1 Friends of Nelson Library Inc

It was agreed that the Mayor would send a letter to the Friends of Nelson Library Inc thanking them for their generous donation and wishing them Season's Greetings.

11.2 Internet at Libraries

The Library Manager, Ian Littleworth, joined the meeting and tabled some background information regarding the internet provision at Nelson Public Libraries and answered Councillor's questions.

His Worship the Mayor said that the matter for Councillors to consider was does the Council want to be in the business of providing free internet access for tourists.

There was discussion regarding the pros and cons of Mr Baker's presentation earlier in the day.

At the end of the discussion there was no majority support to change the status quo. The Mayor directed that if the matter was to be progressed any more it should be brought back to the 2011/2012 Annual Plan process.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for lunch from 12.30pm until 1.10pm. During this time Councillor Copeland left the meeting.

12.0 PUBLIC EXCLUDED MINUTES

12.1 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved

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

i) Nelson City Council Minutes – 2 December 2010

Reasons:

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

To protect the privacy of natural persons.

ii) Nelson Market Ltd – Deed of Licence

Reason:

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

iii) Nominations for Mayoral Taskforce on Sustainability

Reason:

To protect the privacy of natural persons.

iv) Appointment of Directors Nelson Tasman Tourism

Reasons:

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

To protect the privacy of natural persons.

v) Reconsideration of Directors Fees for Port Nelson and Nelson Airport

Reasons:

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

To protect the privacy of natural persons.

vi) **Statements of Expectation for the Suter, Tasman Bays Heritage Trust and NELMAC**

Reason:

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

vii) **Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit Wastewater Reuse for Irrigation**

Reason:

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

Rackley/Barker

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 1.10pm and resumed in public session at 3.07pm. During this time, at 3pm a resolution was passed in accordance with Standing Orders 3.3.7

THAT the meeting continue beyond six hours.

Reese/Shaw

Carried

12.2 Re-admittance of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor/Barker

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 3.07pm.

CONFIRMED AS A CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

_____ CHAIRPERSON _____ DATE