
Minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council to Consider Submissions to the draft Annual Plan 2011/12

Held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson

On Friday 10 June 2011, commencing at 9.04am

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), Executive Manager Support Services (H Kettlewell), Executive Manager Network Services (A Louverdis), Executive Manager Strategy and Planning (M Schruer), Manager Community Development (K Inwood), Executive Manager Regulatory (R Johnson), Executive Manager Community Relations/Kaihautuu (G Mullen), Chief Financial Officer (N Harrison) and Administration Adviser (S McLean)

Apologies: A Boswijk for lateness and P Matheson for early departure.

1. Standing Orders 3.2.1 – Suspension of Standing Orders

Resolved

THAT in accordance with Standing Orders paragraph 3.2.1 the meeting suspend all standing orders in order to allow Councillors to speak more than once on any item.

His Worship the Mayor/Collingwood

Carried

2. Meeting Procedure

The Chief Executive outlined the procedure for considering submissions and highlighted that Councillors should keep an open mind. He reminded Councillors that the Performing Arts and Conference Centre was still a proposal and a final recommendation would be subject to further advice. He stressed that conflicts of interest were still vital to take into account and Councillors should signal any conflicts before a topic commences.

The Chief Executive spoke on the Changes to Rates page (1107440) and highlighted the increase in insurance premiums.

3. Consideration of Submissions

3.1 Rutherford Park Development

The Executive Manager Network Services, Alec Louverdis, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Rutherford Park Development, in particular how a proposed Performing Arts and Conference Centre (PACC) could be accommodated.

In response to a question, Mr Louverdis advised they had yet to work out the detail on the Maitai Walkway improvements. He also confirmed that the PACC project could progress as either a combined centre or standalone.

In response to a question on the proposed grounds, Mr Louverdis said they had not yet completed a geotechnical study due to cost and unknown location.

Mr Louverdis confirmed that the funds for the Maitai Walkway were in the Heart of Nelson budget.

The Chief Executive overviewed the need for a special consultative procedure depending on the decision Councillors made. The Chief Executive advised that Councillors could include a changed proposal into Long Term Plan considerations, which would mean no other consultative procedure would be necessary.

The Chief Executive encouraged the Council to be specific in any detail that would be consulted on.

Concern was expressed at the cost of the facilities and it was questioned why a combined facility would not result in major cost savings.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10.33 to 10.48am

His Worship the Mayor asked each Councillor for their views on what to progress for the Rutherford Park Development. The consensus was to:

- Progress the Trafalgar Centre northern upgrade but have more information made available regarding improvements and costs
- Progress the Maitai Walkway improvements
- Progress the Rutherford Park Development Plan
- Wait for the community to request a performing arts centre
- Not progress with a conference centre

These points were made as Councillors agreed with the majority of submissions that the proposed PACC was not affordable. Councillors also noted the request from many submitters for a review of existing arts infrastructure before the progression of a Performing Arts Centre.

The other components of the Rutherford Park Development were still seen as a priority by Council.

Mr Louverdis tabled the proposed design of the Trafalgar Centre (1078078).

Concern was expressed in the ability to develop Rutherford Park without knowing a potential site for a Performing Arts Centre (PAC).

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for lunch from 12.03 to 1.01pm.

The Chief Executive spoke on the approximate design figures of the Trafalgar Centre, Maitai Walkway and Rutherford Park and said that as each already had design aspects underway, the figures were lower than usual.

In response to a question, the Chief Executive advised that the intention is to have sufficient design work completed in order to commence physical works for the Trafalgar northern upgrade and Maitai Walkway from 1 July 2012. He said that the landscaping of Rutherford Park would need to work around improvements to the Trafalgar Centre and Maitai Walkway.

The Chief Executive advised that staff will need to look further into the current design of the Trafalgar Centre and said that resource consents were not always a certainty. Mr Louverdis confirmed that Arthouse had been appointed for the design work and that they would be used to finalise the design.

The Chief Executive put forward the below recommendation for consideration in final decision making:

Recommendation

THAT provision be made in the 2011/12 Annual Plan for detailed design of Trafalgar Centre (northern end) \$200,000, Maitai River Walkway \$100,000, future landscaping of Rutherford Park \$50,000, and \$100,000 for the Rutherford/Trafalgar Park Development Plan, with a staff report to come to Council in due course with a view to allow construction to progress from 1 July 2012 for the Trafalgar Centre and Maitai River Walkway.

Matheson/Davy

Carried

There was discussion on the proposed \$2.8million (proposed by Councillor Rainey) of additional work to do on the Trafalgar Centre and His Worship the Mayor said that Council needs further legal advice on this.

3.2 Arts and Heritage

Councillor Boswijk tabled three recommendations (1114906) and spoke to them. She said that Nelson still needs balance in terms of arts infrastructure and highlighted that Council needs to make sure existing facilities are adequately maintained while their future management and funding is reviewed.

Discussion was had on the recommendations, with changes and additions made.

Councillor Matheson clarified that Council owns sporting facilities but not arts facilities so there is a difference in financial information required.

Recommendation – Arts and Heritage

THAT Council recognises and supports Nelson City as the arts infrastructure hub for the region;

AND THAT the review of Council's activity management plan for the city's arts and heritage infrastructure and services should include consideration of privately owned facilities and identification of any possible gaps in infrastructure;

AND THAT a comparative analysis of staff support and funding for leisure and recreation activities, a priority also identified by the Social Wellbeing Working Party, be undertaken as part of the research during the development phase of the activity management plan;

AND THAT this work be completed in the 2011/12 year in order that any changes to Levels of Service can be consulted on in the 2012-2022 Long Term Plan.

AND THAT \$20,000 be provided in 2011/12 to assist with the development of the activity management plan.

Reese/Boswijk

Carried

Recommendation – Nelson School of Music

THAT a provision of an additional \$90,000 be made in the Annual Plan 2011/12 for Nelson School of Music operating expenses subject to due diligence and a subsequent staff report.

AND THAT Council support for on-going operational funding be reviewed in the activity management plan;

AND THAT the Nelson School of Music be requested to obtain and supply Council with a current assessment of earthquake risk, an independent assessment of structural performance and the proposal for removal or strengthening work from the increased funding in 2011/12.

Reese/Boswijk

Carried

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea from 2.27 to 2.34pm during which time Councillor Matheson left.

3.3 Marina Fees

Conflict of Interest: Councillor Rainey declared a conflict of interest and withdrew from the discussion on the marina.

Recommendation

THAT marina fees for 2011/12 increase by the Consumer Price Index.

Davy/Rackley

Carried

It was suggested that Council needs to think about the various functions of the marina further especially the needs of the public and private sectors. Councillors also discussed the need for more work with marina berthholders on the quality of the facilities and its future management.

In response to a question, Senior Finance Adviser, Chris Fitchett, said that previous surplus from the marina was used to fund capital expenditure.

It was suggested that the policy at the marina needs review.

3.4 Stoke Skate Park

There was discussion on the youth survey tabled at the Council meeting on 9 June 2011 as well as proposed locations for the skate park. His Worship the Mayor confirmed that a report will be presented to Council at the 30 June 2011 meeting.

His Worship the Mayor adjourned the meeting for the day and directed that the meeting would resume at 12pm, in public excluded, on Monday 13 June 2011 to continue the decision making process.

The meeting adjourned at 3.03pm.

Minutes of a resumed meeting of the Nelson City Council to Consider Submissions to the draft Annual Plan 2011/12

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On Monday 13 June 2011, commencing at 12.00pm

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

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His Worship the Mayor advised that the public excluded items would be dealt with first.

4. 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.

1. Chief Executive Officer's KPIs

Reason:

To protect the privacy of natural persons.

2. Proposed Land Purchase

Reason:

To carry out commercial negotiations.

3. Consideration of Legal Advice

Reason:

To maintain legal professional privilege.

Barker/Davy

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 12.02pm and resumed in public session at 1.30pm. During this time the meeting adjourned for lunch and Councillor Fulton left the meeting.

5. Re-admittance of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

Boswijk/Barker

Carried

6. Continuation of Consideration of Submissions

6.1 Heart of Nelson

The Chief Executive advised that a report on the Montgomery Square project was due to Council in a couple of months once all the outstanding matters were finalised.

6.2 Bank Lane Canopy (David Penrose submission)

The Executive Manager Network Services, Alec Louverdis, said that there was no responsibility on the Council to contribute to the maintenance of the canopy and that this was not in the budget. He said that the canopy is owned and maintained by a private consortium which pays an annual fee to Council.

Mr Louverdis advised that the report on Montgomery Square will include options for Council to consider for the maintenance of Bank Lane, including this canopy.

The Council agreed it was important to make provision for maintenance of this canopy. The Council also discussed whether or not to make provision for the development of the proposed pocket park in Montgomery Square.

The Chief Executive confirmed that any development would only include the concept previously consulted on.

Recommendation

THAT provision for the Montgomery Square development continue however the budget be split to provide for winter 2012 and subject to a staff report to Council.

Shaw/Boswijk

Carried

The above recommendation was put. A division was called and was it was won 7 to 5 (1111154). Voting as follows:

Councillor Barker	No
Councillor Boswijk	Aye
Councillor Collingwood	No
Councillor Copeland	Aye
Councillor Davy	No
Councillor Fulton	Absent
Councillor Matheson	No
Councillor Rackley	No
Councillor Rainey	Aye
Councillor Reese	Aye
Councillor Shaw	Aye
Councillor Ward	Aye
The Mayor	Aye

Recommendation

THAT a provision of up to \$60,000 be made for the canopy in Bank Lane subject to further discussions with Mr Penrose.

Reese/Shaw

Carried

Attendance: Councillor Boswijk left the meeting at 2.20pm

6.3 Commercial Rates

The Council recognised disparity amongst the commercial rates across the City. The Chief Executive advised the decision was not about the total to be collected but about how that total is spread amongst ratepayers. He also advised that it was too late to make any changes at this stage and the earliest a review of the commercial rating policy could be done was during the 2012/13 LTP process.

Attendance: Councillor Fulton entered the meeting at 2.40pm.

Recommendation

THAT the commercial rating policy be reviewed as part of the 2012/13 LTP process.

Collingwood/Rainey

Carried

6.4 Liability Management Plan

The Chief Financial Officer, Nikki Harrison, spoke about the special consultative procedure that proposed a change to the Liability Management Plan. She said the proposal was to take up long term hedging. One submission was received in response to this proposal, which the Council supported.

Recommendation

THAT Council adopt the change in policy regarding the Liability Management Plan as signalled by the special consultative procedure included in draft Annual Plan 2011/12.

Barker/Copeland

Carried

His Worship the Mayor adjourned the meeting for the day and directed that the meeting would resume at 9am on Tuesday 14 June 2011 to continue the decision making process.

The meeting adjourned at 2.55pm.

Minutes of a resumed meeting of the Nelson City Council to Consider Submissions to the draft Annual Plan 2011/12

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On Tuesday 14 June 2011, commencing at 9.02am

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

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Apologies: An apology was received and accepted from Councillor J Rackley for lateness.

His Worship the Mayor reminded the meeting that the Standing Orders had been suspended. He went on to summarise, using the whiteboard, the position that the considerations had reached, concluding by saying that so far the rate overall were increasing by 2.99% with the residential rates increasing by 5.1% on average.

Attendance: Councillor Copeland arrived at 9.08am.

7. Exclusion of the Public

Resolved

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1. Theatre Royal

Reasons:

To carry out commercial negotiations; and

To protect the privacy of natural persons

Shaw/Collingwood

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 9.10am and resumed in public session at 10.25am. During this time Councillor Rainey left the meeting at 9.16am, Councillor Davy left the meeting at 9.25am and Councillor Rackley arrived at the meeting at 9.50am.

8. Re-admittance of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor/Collingwood

Carried

Attendance: Councillor Rainey rejoined the meeting at 10.25am.

9. Continuation of Consideration of Submissions

9.1 Theatre Royal

Recommendation

THAT the following recommendation be released to the public:

THAT provision for the Nelson Historic Theatre Trust be made in the Annual Plan for up to \$100,000 for operating expenses as well as funding to allow the principal payments on the loan to be deferred for the 2011/12 year subject to due diligence and a staff report;

AND THAT Council support for ongoing operational funding be reviewed in the Activity Management Plan.

Matheson/Rackley

Carried

9.2 Increase in Insurance Costs

The Chief Executive gave a verbal update on the need for Council to make provision for expected increases in insurance premiums and in particular the need to set up a reserve to cover any excess resulting from a substantial claim.

It was noted that there was currently \$350,000 in Council's emergency reserve and \$170,000 in the contingency fund.

Attendance: Councillor Davy returned to the meeting at 11.00am.

There was a discussion about the need to provide for the amount of \$50,000 for extra reserve funds to meet an excess payment if there was a substantial claim.

After much discussion it was agreed to leave this matter to be dealt with in the Long Term Plan. It was felt that, should the need arise, funding could be raised by means of a loan.

9.3 List of Issues Raised in Submissions on Draft Annual Plan 2011/12 to be addressed by Council

Document number 1102264.

The above document was tabled and His Worship the Mayor explained that the document was a summary of requests included in the submissions received and Council would work through this summary rather than go through submissions page by page.

9.4 Suter Art Gallery

It was noted that there would be no change to the provision made for The Suter in the draft Annual Plan.

9.5 Tasman Bays Heritage Trust

There was some discussion regarding the request for additional base funding for inventory of \$67,000 and a request from the Trust to waive the \$2.4 million loan.

After discussion the following recommendations were made:

Recommendation

THAT Council confirm the additional base funding for inventory of \$67,000.

Matheson/Davy

Carried

Recommendation

THAT the Nelson City Council does not seek repayment of the loan in 2011/12.

Collingwood/Boswijk

Carried

9.6 Commemoration of Abel Tasman 370th Anniversary

It was agreed that before Council decided on this matter it would take the matter to the next meeting of the Kotahitanga Hui.

9.7 Funding for Tahunanui Function Centre Expansion

Conflict of Interest: Councillor Barker declared an interest and took no part in the discussions of this submission.

Council agreed that as a result of discussions over the proposal for a Conference Centre at Rutherford Park, Council were of the view that it did not want to be involved in developing a Conference Centre at this time.

9.8 Replacing the Existing Trafalgar Park Cycling Track at Saxton Field

It was agreed to leave the funding as it stood in the draft Annual Plan and, because of the timing of the Tasman District Council's funding for this project, indicate to staff to work with the Tasman District Council to progress this project so that it was completed in the 2012/13 financial year.

With regard to the request for the fence to be reinstated at Trafalgar Park, there was no majority support for a temporary fence to be funded through the Annual Plan and it was agreed that the submitters would be advised to apply to Community Grants for funding for such a fence.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for lunch from 12.40pm to 1.10pm.

9.9 Christchurch After Shock Earthquake 13 June 2011

The Mayor acknowledged the two large aftershocks in Christchurch the previous day, saying the thoughts of Council were with the people of Christchurch and a letter of support was being sent.

9.10 Venture Accelerator Limited

Conflict of Interest: His Worship the Mayor declared an interest and withdrew from the meeting at 1.12pm. The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Boswijk, assumed the Chair.

Mr Bill Findlater, Chief Executive of Nelson Bays Economic Development Agency, joined the meeting and gave some background on the submission.

Following discussion it was recommended

THAT provision of \$30,000 be made in the Annual Plan for the Nelson Bays Economic Development Agency to assess a potential business incubator.

Copeland/Reese

Carried

Attendance: His Worship the Mayor rejoined the meeting and resumed the Chair at 1.47pm.

9.11 Frontier Group Limited

Mr Findlater advised that the Nelson Bays Economic Development Agency is doing some work already on how Nelson can assist the Christchurch recovery as proposed by the Frontier Group Limited. Nelson businesses were already getting involved where they can, he said, and it was unclear what benefit the Frontier Group proposal would add.

It was agreed not to support this submission.

9.12 Waimea Water Augmentation Committee

Mr Findlater said that the cost benefit analysis had shown a considerable gain in annual Regional Gross Domestic Product of \$93 million if this project goes ahead. He said it was a good project and needed to be supported. After discussion it was agreed that the figure of \$67,000 towards this project in the draft Annual Plan be confirmed.

9.13 Public Transport and Parking Proposal

There was considerable discussion over this issue and although a minority view around the Council table was in favour of some changes, the majority view of Council was for the proposal as presented in the draft Annual Plan.

Recommendation

THAT the proposal regarding the inner city parking and the public transport as it appears in the draft Annual Plan be confirmed.

Ward/Shaw

Carried

It was agreed to approach the Tasman District Council seeking a contribution for the public transport system to Richmond.

9.14 Uniquely Nelson

It was agreed to explore the suggestion by Uniquely Nelson for free parking on certain days in the winter months.

Recommendation

THAT a provision be made in the Annual Plan of up to \$20,000 for the free Wednesday parking days in the winter subject to a future staff report.

Davy/Boswijk

Carried

9.15 Stoke Skatepark

It was agreed that Councillor Fulton would work on a proposal overnight to present to the Council the following day.

9.16 Rocks Road Pedestrian Refuge by Days Track

It was noted that there was provision in the draft Annual Plan for this project to go ahead.

9.17 Geoff and Kay Gudsell submission opposing their property being classified as multi residential

The Chief Executive advised that the only way this submission can be addressed is as part of a Rating Policy review which will be part of the Long Term Plan (LTP) considerations in 2012.

Following discussion it was agreed that Council recognised the issues raised and undertook to consider them as part of the 2012-2022 LTP.

It was noted that this was also the case for the submissions from Mr Jock Sutherland, regarding rating differential and stormwater charges, and Ren Kempthorne, whose submission sought to reduce the universal annual general charge to 5% so higher value properties pay a bigger proportion of rates.

It was noted, regarding both of these submissions, that Council had considered the matters raised and had recognised the issues and undertook to consider them as part of the 2012-2022 LTP.

9.18 Nelson Sculpture Trust

Council considered the request for \$15,000 but decided not to meet any request for funding from the Trust at this time. It was noted that Council's future relationship with the trust would be considered in the Arts and Heritage Activity Management Plan.

His Worship the Mayor adjourned the meeting for the day at 3.30pm and directed that the meeting would resume at 9am on Wednesday 15 June 2011 to continue the decision making process.

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The Mayor welcomed all Councillors back to the meeting and reminded them that Standing Orders were still suspended.

10. Continuation of Consideration of Submissions

10.1 Late Item

10.2 Christchurch Super 15 Quarter Final at Trafalgar Park

His Worship the Mayor explained that, in accordance with Section 47A (7) of the Local Government Official Information 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 until 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. Accordingly a procedural resolution was required before any discussion can take place.

Resolved

THAT the item regarding Christchurch – Crusaders Super 15 Semi Final at Trafalgar Park be considered at this meeting pursuant to Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information Meetings Act 1987, because of the need for urgency.

Matheson/Davy

Carried

Councillor Matheson spoke of the recent news that the Crusaders had decided that if they succeed in securing a quarter final in the Super Rugby competition they would play that quarter final in Nelson. He said that he believed the city needed to show its appreciation and support to the Crusaders and to Christchurch. He suggested a way this could be done would be to contribute \$20,000 from Council's Events Strategy to the Crusaders to offset the costs of bringing the game to Nelson. He pointed out that the Crusaders had chosen Nelson, a relatively small venue, over Dunedin which had a stadium which could accommodate far more paying spectators. He said they had done this to keep the semi final within the Crusaders home territory.

Councillor Matheson seconded by Councillor Davy proposed the following motion

THAT the Nelson City Council will contribute \$20,000 to the Crusaders' organisation to assist them in bringing the Super 15 Quarter Final to Nelson, the above being subject to the Crusaders being successful and reaching the quarter final in the competition.

There followed discussion during which a question was asked as to how much was Council already contributing because it was not charging for the use of the ground.

It was felt that more information was required before a decision could be made.

Resolved

THAT the matter be left to lie on the table until after the luncheon interval by which time more information could be found.

Shaw/Rainey

Carried

The meeting then returned to consideration of The List Of Issues Raised In Submissions On Draft Annual Plan 2011/12 To Be Addressed By Council, document number 1102264.

10.3 Page and Blackmore Request for Further Investment in Arts Festival

It was agreed that this submission would be considered as part of the Arts and Heritage Activity Management Plan.

10.4 Nelson Heritage Advisory Group (NHAG) / NZ Historic Places Trust Requests

Councillor Collingwood declared an interest as a member of NHAG and took no part in the discussion of this submission.

It was agreed that the matters raised in the submission would be considered as part of the Arts and Heritage Activity Management Plan

The Chief Executive pointed out however, that there were likely to be substantive Government reforms to the Building Act and land use changes that could affect this issue.

10.5 Elliot Street Residents Requests for Undergrounding Power Lines and Other Improvements

The Executive Manager Network Services addressed the Council explaining that Elliot Street had already been upgraded and to comply with the residents' submission would mean that the street would have to be dug up again and Council policy was for such things not to be allowed once the street had already been upgraded.

10.6 Sally Papps, Rachel Newton – Non replacement of Isel Park Glasshouse

Recommendation

THAT the glasshouse in Isel Park not be replaced but instead raised seed beds and an arboreal garden be installed and provision made in the Annual Plan to fund up to \$100,000 for this project.

Barker/Davy

Carried

10.7 M Hodgson – Oppose Purchase of Maitai Club

Mr Hodgson's submission was noted but the Council was of the view to proceed with the purchase of the Maitai Club.

10.8 Glenn Baker and Others Appose Wifi and Free Internet for Visitors

After discussion it was agreed that the submission be declined, but that some of the issues raised should be considered a part of the 2012-2022 Long Term Plan.

10.9 Nelson Tasman Housing Trust and Others to Develop a Housing Strategy

It was noted that some of the work requested would be completed as part of the City Development Strategy and Community Housing Activity Management Plan but the Council was not going ahead with a Housing Strategy *per se* but there would be a lot of relevant information captured in various Council policies and plans.

The need for consultation to involve intimately all the interested parties in this issue was identified.

10.10 Victory for Swimming

Recommendation

THAT the submitters be advised to apply to the Community Assistance Scheme for funding.

Collingwood/Boswijk

Carried

10.11 Nelson Bays Football, FC Nelson, Nelson Suburbs Football Club

His Worship the Mayor declared a conflict of interest and sat back from the meeting and took no part in the discussions of these submissions.

The Deputy Mayor assumed the Chair at 10.10am.

After discussion it was agreed that staff would work with the various clubs and the code and bring recommendations back via the Council's Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

The Mayor reassumed the Chair at 10.20am.

10.12 Nelson Cricket – Turnstiles at Saxton Cricket Oval

The Principal Adviser Reserves and Community Facilities, Andrew Petheram, joined the meeting and advised that no turnstile work had been done as yet and he would not recommend any be done this financial year.

It was agreed that staff work with the Club and bring recommendations back via the Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10.35am to 10.56am.

10.13 Errol Millar – Improve Saxton Cricket Wicket

The Sports Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, Andrew Cavill, together with the Manager Parks and Facilities, Paul McArthur, joined the meeting.

Mr Cavill answered the questions and he assured Council that there was nothing wrong with the wicket except it was playing a bit slow and needs to have more work done by Nelmac to get this right.

He assured Council that there was a plan in place to ensure the wicket played well for the forthcoming cricket season.

10.14 Anne Rush and George Shaw – Dress for RWC 2011

Recommendation

THAT the \$13,870 requested for the Dress Nelson for RWC 2011 project be provided together with a provision for up to \$7,000 for cleaning up afterwards.

Collingwood/His Worship the Mayor

Carried

10.15 Hazel Blowers and Others – Queens Gardens Management Plan

The Manager Policy and Planning, Nicky McDonald, joined the meeting and advised Council that there were no resources for a Queens Gardens Management Plan provided in the 2011/12 financial year.

There followed considerable discussion regarding whether Queens Gardens be addressed separately or be included in the overall Parks Activity Management Plan.

It was identified because of public interest regarding The Suter there was need for some planning to be done.

Recommendation

THAT the Queens Gardens Management Plan become a priority project and staff ensure that adequate provision is made to protect the heritage value of Queens Gardens in relation to any Suter development.

Reese/Ward

Carried

10.16 Standing Orders

It was decided that in view of the workload still in front of Council that the meeting would resume operating under Standing Orders.

Resolved

THAT the meeting resume operating under Standing Orders.

Davy/Boswijk

Carried

10.17 Nelson Hockey

The Principal Adviser Reserves and Community Facilities, Andrew Petheram, joined the meeting and advised that this request from Nelson Hockey should proceed to the Regional Funding Forum and then any recommendation go via the Council's Long Term Plan 2012-2022. The Council agreed with this course of action.

10.18 Stoke Rugby Football Club – Greenmeadows Facility

Recommendation

THAT staff work with the Club and bring recommendations back to Council via the Council's Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

Boswijk/Reese

Carried

10.19 Nelson Rugby Club - Trafalgar Park Management Plan

The Council noted that a proposal was being worked on that would consider this submission.

10.20 Tui Ball – Request for a Fenced Dog Park at Bishopdale

Recommendation

THAT the matter be left to staff to advance if possible.

Barker/Davy

Carried

10.21 Nita Knight – Request for Longer Operating Hours and Earlier Cleaning of Toilets in Montgomery Square

Recommendation

THAT provision be made in the Annual Plan for extra funding of \$10,000 to allow longer operating hours and earlier cleaning of toilets in Montgomery Square subject to a report back to Council and negotiations with the current contractors.

Collingwood/Davy

Carried

10.22 Ann McConchie – Upgrade Book Stock at Stoke Library

After discussion Council saw no reason to change what was happening at Stoke Library with budget already allocated to upgrade book stock.

10.23 Brook Waimarama Sanctuary

Councillors Matheson and Shaw declared a conflict of interest and did not take part in the discussion on this item.

Recommendation

THAT the funding as set out in the draft Annual Plan 2011/12 be confirmed.

Reese/Rainey

Carried

10.24 Chin Community – Request to set up a Chin Garden / Myanmar Park

The Manager Parks and Facilities, Paul McArthur, joined the meeting and advised that staff are currently working with the Chin community but there are so far no monetary implications for Council.

It was agreed that the staff time being put into consulting with the Chin community be supported.

10.25 Tony Healey and Others – Opposing Stoke Skatepark and Requesting a Plan for Stoke

Recommendation

THAT provision be made in the Annual Plan 2011/12 subject to confirmation following a staff report.

Reese/Collingwood

Carried

10.26 Jo McKay and Others – Support Stoke Skatepark and Tahuna Youth Park

The recommendation above also applies to this submission.

10.27 Stephen Conn – Toilet and Camping at Third House

It was noted that a toilet would be provided at Third House as part of the national cycleway project and that camping is provided for in the relevant Reserve Management Plan.

10.28 Anne Rush and Lynn Cadenhead – Request to Establish an Estuarine Park

Recommendation

THAT the submission be considered alongside the Rutherford Park / Trafalgar Park Development Plan and the 2012-2022 Long Term Plan.

His Worship the Mayor/Davy

Carried

10.29 Logan Clarke BMX Club / Tahuna Business Association – Request to Upgrade Tahuna BMX Track

Recommendation

THAT the request for an upgrade of the BMX Track at Tahunanui be investigated by staff and recommendations be brought back to the Council's Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

Reese/Boswijk

Carried

10.30 Nelson Lawn Tennis Club Lighting Project Rutherford Park

Councillor Matheson declared an interest and took no part in the discussion of this submission.

It was agreed that staff would have further discussions with Nelson Lawn Tennis Club and any requests that were not in this year's budget would be considered as part of Council's Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

10.31 Daniel Campbell-Macdonald – Request to Improve the Heating at the Riverside Toddler's Pool

It was noted that the Council do not have capacity to undertake this project in the next financial year.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for lunch from 12.25pm to 1.05pm.

10.32 Late Item-Super 15 Rugby Quarter Final at Trafalgar Park

The meeting resumed the discussion of the late item regarding the Crusaders Quarter Final at Trafalgar Park.

It was advised that the fee for the ground based on Council policy would be in the order of \$6,000.

Councillor Collingwood seconded by Councillor Rainey moved an amendment to the original motion

THAT subject to the Crusaders being successful in securing a quarter final at Trafalgar Park then the Nelson City Council will waive the usual ground charges for the match as a goodwill gesture.

The amendment was put and carried and became the substantive motion and it was resolved

THAT subject to the Crusaders being successful in securing a semi final at Trafalgar Park then the Nelson City Council will waive the usual ground charges for the match as a goodwill gesture.

Collingwood/Rainey

Carried

The meeting then returned to consideration of The List Of Issues Raised In Submissions On Draft Annual Plan 2011/12 To Be Addressed By Council, document number 1102264.

10.33 G and V Quan and Others – Request to Establish a Petanque Facility

Recommendation

THAT staff have further discussions with the Petanque Club and if possible a satisfactory site be identified in the 2011/12 financial year.

Collingwood/Fulton

Carried

10.34 Nelson Society of Modellers – Request to Improve the Modellers’ Pond at Tahunanui

It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the Nelson Society of Modellers advising that staff would be working on the matters raised in the submission with a view to bringing them to the Regional Funding Forum and then to Council’s Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

10.35 Simon Flood and Jan Smith – Opposing an Extension of the Railway from Founders Heritage Park

Recommendation

THAT provision be made in the Annual Plan to allow the Railway project to go ahead subject to the outcome of the Resource Consent and subject to Council’s consideration of the long term plan for the Railway.

Collingwood/Davy

Carried

Councillor Barker requested that his vote against this recommendation be recorded.

10.36 Automobile Association – Review of Street Lighting System for Energy Efficiency

Following advice from the Executive Manager Network Services, Alec Louverdis, it was agreed that Council would write to the Automobile Association advising them what street lighting upgrades are proposed for the forthcoming financial year.

10.37 H L Marcus and Others – Bridge Street Upgrading Lighting and Cameras

It was agreed to respond to the submitters advising what work was programmed for improving Bridge Street in the 2011/12 financial year.

10.38 Auckland Point School and Kindergarten – Request to Reduce Speed Limit and Improve Zebra Crossing Outside the School

Councillor Collingwood declared an interest and took no part in the discussion of this submission.

It was noted that staff needed to do further investigation to see how safety could be improved on the pedestrian crossing, subject to the outcome of the Arterial Traffic Study.

10.39 Nayland College

Recommendation

THAT provision be made in the Annual Plan for up to \$370,000 for speed signs at schools to be determined by the normal process.

Fulton/Reese

Carried

10.40 Tina Cooper – Request to Upgrade Founders Park Disabled Access and the Toilets at Montgomery Square

It was agreed to respond to the submitter with a letter explaining what is under way and what work is proposed for the 2011/12 financial year.

10.41 George Truman – Request to Improve Wheelchair Access to Tahunanui Beach

It was advised that staff were currently investigating this proposal.

10.42 Various Requests for Footpath Upgrades – E Cahill, D Graham, S Cotter and Others / Todd Bush Residents B Crisp, D Smith and Others / Moana Avenue Residents / Bisley Avenue Residents

It was agreed that all of these submissions would be responded to and considered via the 2012-2015 Transport Asset Management Plan.

10.43 John Wares and Others – Request to Lobby for a Reduced State Highway 6 Speed Limit before going ahead with the Local Road Proposal

After much discussion it was agreed that the submitters would be advised that Council could do little but accept the NZTA decision on the matter as it was a State Highway and the road was not under Council control.

10.44 ViaStrada Nelson Ltd – Request to Develop Nelson Tasman Cycling Strategy

It was agreed to advise that this matter would be considered via Council's Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

10.45 Tahuna Beach Holiday Camp and Others – Request for a Tahuna Cycle / Walk Track

Councillor Barker declared an interest and took no part in discussion of this submission.

Following discussion it was agreed that staff will work with the Tahuna Beach Holiday Camp but they be advised that Council had no resources to put to this project in the 2011/12 financial year.

Attendance: Councillor Matheson left the meeting at 2.35pm.

10.46 S Alder – Request to Upgrade Cycle Path by Saxton Field

It was agreed to advise the submitter that the work was programmed for 4-5 years ahead but staff would work on the project and see what could be done to respond to this submission earlier.

The meeting then returned to consideration of The List Of Issues Raised In Submissions On Draft Annual Plan 2011/12 To Be Addressed By Council, document number 1102264.

Attendance: His Worship the Mayor left the meeting at 2.40pm and the Councillor Boswijk assumed the chair.

10.47 Nelson Cycle Trails Trust – Request for Administration Costs

Councillor Shaw declared an interest and withdrew from this part of the meeting.

Recommendation

THAT provision of up to \$10,000 be made subject to an update from the Nelson Cycle Trails Trust.

Boswijk/Copeland

Carried

10.48 S McIntyre – Request for Off Street Road Driver Training Area

It was agreed to thank the submitter for the submission but advise that it was not an appropriate project for Council at this time.

10.49 F King-Turner – Request for Traffic Lights for the Gloucester Street / St Vincent Street Intersection

The submitter be advised that this matter would be considered as part of the 2012-2015 Transport Asset Management Plan.

10.50 Barry Korchoski – Request to Build the Southern Link and Straighten the Whangamoia Road

It was agreed to thank the submitter for his submission and advise that Council had noted his views.

10.51 K Young – Request for Tram System to Richmond

It was agreed to advise the submitter what Council was proposing regarding increasing public transport between Nelson and Richmond.

10.52 William Neal and Shelley King – Request for Council to Maintain Streams for Flood Protection in Nelson North

It was agreed to advise submitters what Council is currently doing and that the matter will be subject to a future report to Council.

10.53 Nelson Environment Centre – Request for Support for E-Waste Recycling

Councillor Shaw declared an interest and sat back from the meeting during the discussion of this item.

Recommendation

THAT the Nelson Environment Centre be advised to apply for a grant under the Community Assistance Grants process.

Davy/Reese

Carried

Attendance: His Worship the Mayor resumed the Chair at 2.50pm. At the same time Councillor Fulton left the meeting.

10.54 Uniquely Nelson – Request for Christmas Decorations, Free Parking Days in Winter and a Business Survey

Recommendation

THAT the sum of \$15,000 be set aside in the 2011/12 Annual Plan to purchase generic Christmas decorations for the CBD.

Copeland/His Worship the Mayor

Carried

10.55 Connections, Youth Transition Service – Request to Maintain the Funding at 2010/11 Level

It was noted that this amount of funding was already in the draft Annual Plan.

10.56 Kahurangi Employment Trust – Request for Loan

Councillors Boswijk and Davy declared an interest and took no part in the discussion of this submission.

The Council were in favour of granting the Employment Trust a loan but the Chief Executive advised that as the Trust had no security it would be unwise for Council to do so and it would be better, if they wish to support the Trust, to make them a grant.

Recommendation

THAT provision be made in the Annual Plan for a grant of up to \$70,000 to the Kahurangi Employment Trust subject to due diligence and a report to Council.

Rackley/Collingwood

Carried

Councillor Barker requested that his vote against this recommendation be recorded.

10.57 Nelson Multi Cultural Council – Additional Funding Request for Race Unity Day, Office Rental and Staff

Recommendation

THAT Council make a \$25,000 grant to the Nelson Multi Cultural Council to assist them with the running of Race Unity Day in 2012.

Reese/Davy

Carried

10.58 Duration of Meeting / Procedural Motion

Resolved

THAT in accordance with Standing Orders paragraph 3.3.7 the meeting continue beyond 6 hours.

Davy/Boswijk

Carried

10.59 Q-Youth – Request to Fund a Fulltime Manager

It was agreed that Council would investigate how to assist the Group via its Social Wellbeing Policy.

Attendance: Councillor Rackley left the meeting at 3.22pm.

10.60 W Blair – Request for Council to Develop a Discharge of Pyrotechnics Bylaw

It was agreed to advise the submitter that these matters were already covered by national legislation.

10.61 G E Ware – Request for GMO Land Use to be Prohibited or Discretionary

It was noted that other Councils were investigating options and that Nelson City Council would wait and see how they progressed and that any Nelson Resource Management Plan change could not over rule this national legislation.

10.62 Andrea Ann Kepes – Submission on a Number of Items

It was agreed that the submitter would be thanked for their submission and advised that the concerns raised had been noted by Council and would be responded to.

10.63 S O’Riordan – Request to Develop Australasia’s Largest Maze and Improve Riverside Pool

It was agreed to thank the submitter for their submission and advise that their comments had been noted.

10.64 John Goodman and Others – Request to Retain Opera in the Park as an Annual Event

Councillor Rainey and Councillor Copeland both declared interests and sat back during the discussion of this submission.

Recommendation

THAT Council reaffirm its status quo regarding Opera in the Park and that it become a bi-annual event.

Collingwood/Davy

Carried

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea from 3.35pm until 3.45pm. During this time Councillor Ward left the meeting.

Immediately after resuming the Chief Financial Officer advised that with all the alterations made so far the overall rates and charges would increase by 3.27% and the residential rates and charges would increase by 5.37%.

10.65 Tim Percival – Request to Increase Spending on Culture and Environment in Particular Pest Plant Control

It was agreed to respond to the submitter explaining what Council currently does with regard to the matters raised in the submission.

10.66 Christine Grove – Submission on a Number of Items

It was agreed to thank the submitter and advise her what the Council is doing already with regard to the matters raised in the submission.

10.67 John Fitchett – Submission Opposing Montgomery Square Upgrade and Requesting Heart of Nelson Budget Clarity and the Revisiting of the Commercial Rating Differential

It was agreed to thank the submitter and advise what Council was currently doing with regard to these specific requests.

10.68 Reg Turner – Refinery Art Space

It was agreed to thank the submitter and advise what Council’s current policy was with regard to the Refinery Art space.

10.69 Garth Gavin – Request for more Toilets near the i-Site and to Upgrade the Shelbourne Street Footpath etc

It was agreed to thank the submitter and advise these matters would be considered as part of the 2012-2015 Asset Management Plans.

10.70 Idea Services – Request for Traffic Lights at Washington / St Vincent Street / Gloucester Street Intersections

It was agreed to thank the submitter for the submission and advise the matter would be considered as part of the 2012-2015 Transport Asset Management Plan.

10.71 Ben Van Dyke – Submission Addressing a Number of Items

It was agreed to thank Mr Van Dyke for his submission and advise what Council is doing to address the points he had made.

10.72 Pam Frahm – Request to Cease Publishing Live Nelson and to Financially Prepare for a large Emergency such as an Earthquake

It was agreed to thank the submitter and advise what Council is doing to address her concerns.

10.73 Wakatu Incorporation – Request to Improve Māori Participation in Decision Making etc

It was noted that the Council will consider Māori participation in decision making later this year and the other matters in the submission could be further explored via the Kotahitanga Hui.

10.74 Don Young – Request for Water Tap for Dogs at the Skating Rink Entrance

It was agreed to advise Mr Young where the closest water tap is at Tahuna.

10.75 Victory Community Health – Submission Containing Various Requests

Recommendation

THAT Council grant \$8,000 towards the Victory National Forum.

Boswijk/His Worship the Mayor

Carried

10.76 National Council of Women Nelson Branch – Submission Covering a Number of Issues

Councillor Collingwood declared an interest and took no part in the discussion of this submission.

It was agreed that the Council thank the National Council of Women Nelson Branch for their submission and advise how the points made in the submission were being addressed.

10.77 Helen Lees – Submission on a Number of Items

It was agreed that Ms Lees be thanked and advised that the points in her submission had been noted by Council.

10.78 Sarah Holman – Request for More Resources to Implement Council’s Earthquake Prone Dangerous and Insanitary Building Policy

The Executive Manager Regulatory, Richard Johnson, advised that work is currently being done by a Council contractor. The contract only allows two days per week work, so the work is falling behind Council’s programme. He also said that there are changes to legislation that will be coming as a result of the Canterbury situation. It was unclear at this time what extra work these changes will involve Council in.

It was agreed that the submitter be thanked for the submission and advised what Council is currently doing.

10.79 Youth Council – Request for Youth Events at The Hub, a Youth Event after the Mask Parade and Other Various Issues

Recommendation

THAT provision be made for up to \$12,000 to support a youth event to be held after the Mask Parade.

Boswijk/Rainey

Carried

There followed a discussion about what could be done to assist with regular music events for youth.

Councillor Rainey declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

Recommendation

THAT provision be made for up to \$30,000 to assist with youth events in the 2011/12 financial year.

Shaw/Reese

Carried

10.80 Richard Butler – Submission on Various Issues

It was agreed to thank Mr Butler and advise what Council is doing to address the issues in his submission.

10.81 Remainder of Submissions

The meeting went through the rest of the items listed on the List of Issues Raised document number 102264, agreeing that a letter be sent to each submitter explaining what Council is doing regarding the issues raised and only the following submissions were referred to specifically:

10.82 Tahuna Business Association – Implement Tahuna Structure Plan and Other Tahuna Issues

It was agreed to thank the submitter for the submission and advise that the matters raised will be considered via the Council's Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

10.83 Sport Tasman – Submission Addressing Many Issues

It was agreed to thank the submitter for the submission and suggest that they apply to the Community Assistance Grants for their Sports Event Bid Funding and suggest that they use the Nelson Youth Council as their Youth Advisory Group.

10.84 Saxton User Group – Request for Saxton Field Access Road

It was agreed to thank the submitter for the submission and advise that the road requested is being designed this financial year and will be constructed next financial year.

10.85 Solar Saver Scheme

Recommendation

THAT the Council adjust the Solar Saver Scheme interest rate from 7.5% to 6.9%.

His Worship the Mayor/Reese

Carried

10.86 Jan Tobin and Others – Requesting Priority be Given to Travel Plans for Hampden Street Primary School and Colleges

Recommendation

THAT priority be given to Travel Plans as set out in Jan Tobin and others' submission.

Collingwood/His Worship the Mayor

Carried

10.87 C Radcliffe – Request to Clean Up Queens Gardens

It was agreed to thank the submitter for the submission and note his comments and advise that staff were to investigate using the Kahurangi Employment Trust to undertake a regular clean up of Queens Gardens.

That ended of the consideration of the Submissions Summary document. The Chief Executive said Council would come back on 23 June to consider a final resolution which would include all the recommendations that had been passed over the last few days and then will come back on 30 June to consider the resolution to strike the rates for the forthcoming financial year.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.02pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

Chairperson

Date
