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

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

On Friday 27 May 2011, 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), Executive Manager Support Services (H Kettlewell), Executive Manager Network Services (A Louverdis), Executive Manager Strategy and Planning (M Schruer), Executive Manager Community Services (S Coleman), Executive Manager Regulatory (R Johnson), Executive Manager Community Relations/Kaihautuu (G Mullen), Chief Financial Officer (N Harrison) and Administration Advisers (L Laird and A Rose)

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting and outlined the procedure for hearing submissions.

1. Hearing of Submissions

The Council proceeded to hear the submissions to the draft Annual Plan 2011/2012.

1.1 Dave Tippet and Nigel Muir– Sport Tasman, Submission 982, page 1572

Mr Muir congratulated the Council on the Saxton Field development and on hosting RWC 2011. He said the draft Annual Plan made no provision for the cycling track and he encouraged the Council to bring this forward.

Mr Muir also welcomed conversations with the Council about the management structure of Saxton Field. Councillors were invited to visit Saxton Stadium and further discuss some of these issues with Sport Tasman staff.

1.2 Vaida Holland, Submission 517, page 1768

The submitter gave a PowerPoint presentation (1111973) and compared the costs associated with the proposed Performing Arts and Conference Centre (PACC) and the Tahunanui Function Centre. She said the costs involved in the proposed PACC were very high and she did not support the project.

1.3 John Bilderbeck – Tahunanui Function Centre, submission 1361, page 89

Mr Bilderbeck gave a PowerPoint presentation (1111972) on the Tahunanui Function Centre and tabled additional information (1114091) to support his submission. He said it was only the Trafalgar Centre that could cater for the same numbers as the Tahunanui Centre. He believed the Council should concentrate on conferences for fewer than 500 delegates.

In response to a question, Mr Bilderbeck said usage was consistent all year round and the noise from the airport was only an issue when the doors were open. This could be solved by laminating the glass or double glazing, he added.

1.4 D S Brathwaite, submission 1148, page 58

Mr Brathwaite tabled additional information (1114064) and said an expansion of the facilities at the Rutherford Hotel would compete with a Performing Arts and Conference Centre and would prefer to see Rutherford Holdings undertake such a project. He added that conference centres should be attached to large hotels.

1.5 L A Cawdron, submission 881, page 312

The submitter spoke to her submission and said she believed such a project was best left to private business. She added that she believed the Council had three options, to not proceed with the Rutherford Park Development, to take it to a poll or to encourage Rutherford Holdings to combine an entertainment centre with their conference centre.

1.6 Michael Dowrick, submission 1050, page 531

Mr Dowrick said he supported a multi purpose arts centre however he believed it would be better to proceed with enhancing what Nelson already has. This would include further developing the Trafalgar Centre so it can cater for large events with a larger audience, he added.

Mr Dowrick said a large scale conference facility would not make a profit owing to the operating costs it would incur.

1.7 Bob Bickerton, submission 850, page 71

The submitter spoke to his submission and added that performing arts infrastructure in Nelson was at risk of being destroyed and instead of proceeding with a performing arts and conference centre, the Council

should give priority to existing infrastructure. He told the Council that the current level of funding to the performing arts was minimal. The submitter encouraged the Council to acquire and maintain the School of Music and the Theatre Royal.

1.8 Ken Beckett, submission 739, page 43

Mr Beckett said each component of the Performing Arts and Conference Centre should be considered as a stand alone element so it can be run on its own. Mr Beckett said he supported the upgrade to the northern end of the Trafalgar Centre however opposed the construction of a separate Performing Arts and Conference Centre.

1.9 Janice Gill, submission 670, page 222

The submitter said low and modest income earners cannot afford the rates rise that would be incurred by the proposed Performing Arts and Conference Centre. The Council already under funds existing facilities, she added.

1.10 Ann Cumpstone – Tahuna Holiday Park, submission 1004, page 95

Conflict of Interest: Councillor Barker withdrew from the table for this presentation.

Ms Cumpstone (Manager Tahunanui Holiday Park) spoke about the Tahunanui Function Centre and reminded the meeting that this was a Council owned facility. She said conferences these days are smaller and many delegates choose to take their family along, making Tahunanui an ideal location for a conference centre.

Secondly, Ms Cumpstone submitted that she supported the cycle track from the airport to Tapawera however encouraged the Council to extend it from the airport to the BMX track in Tahunanui.

1.11 Craig Potton, submission 537, page 18

Attendance: Councillor Matheson entered the meeting at 10.05 am

Mr Potton encouraged the Council to support the arts and sports with equal regard. Mr Potton spoke in support of the proposed Performing Arts and Conference Centre.

Attendance: the meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10.10 to 10.35am

1.12 Glenn Baker, submission 257, page 737

Mr Baker tabled additional information (1114047) to his submission and said he believed the Aotearoa People's Network Kaharoa (APNK) system does not work well in tourist towns like Nelson and undermines usage by Nelson residents.

Mr Baker encouraged the Council to stop using the APNK system and allow tourists the use of Council computers by purchasing temporary library cards. Mr Baker also supported the purchasing of Envisionware software so the Council can track what websites are being used on Council computers.

1.13 Carolyn Marshall – Chin Community, submission 1348, page 950

Ms Marshall was accompanied by members of the Chin Community. She spoke on their behalf and said the Chin Community wished to establish a Chin Garden and requested Council allocate space and some staff time to assist in the development of the garden.

She added the garden would be accessible to all Nelson residents and would be a scenic garden rather than a working garden of vegetables.

1.14 Allan Wright, submission 808, page 660

Mr Wright spoke in opposition to the proposed price rise at the Marina. He agreed that costs are higher at other marinas however they provide better facilities and services than what was currently offered at the Nelson Marina.

The submitter added that there should be more consultation with the Marina Association before a decision is made.

1.15 Peter Robins, submission 166, page 1910

Mr Robins spoke to his submission and said he supported the cycle ways.

Mr Robins spoke in opposition to a performing arts centre as the significant financial burden of operating costs would fall on the ratepayers. Mr Robins favoured a conference centre however he said he was not supportive of how the Council proposed to do it. He said such a facility should be owned and managed by the private sector.

Mr Robins said a performing arts centre 'was a potential disaster', and that Nelson was too small to warrant a dedicated arts centre, particularly of the size proposed. He added that such a facility should take place when there is a better long term plan in place for the City.

1.16 Council discussion

The Council discussed how the submissions would be considered during the consideration part of the meeting. The Chief Executive advised that Councillors should contact either himself or the appropriate Executive Manager if they required further information about a particular submission.

1.17 Hugh Neill, submission 755, page 2297

Mr Neill encouraged the Council to approve operational funding of \$100,000 per year for the Theatre Royal and to write off the loan of

\$1,500,000. If it could not be written-off Mr Neill asked that Council defer loan payments by the Theatre. Mr Neill acknowledged the Theatre is not owned by the Council however he said it provides a vital service to the community.

He also said he would like to see a proper plan for maintaining and supporting arts infrastructure in Nelson. Mr Neill requested Council consider funding the arts with the same regard as it does the sports.

1.18 Hugh Briggs, submission 495, page 1774

The submitter spoke in support of the need for a strategic vision for the City with particular respect to the proposed Rutherford Park Development, as the Council needed the planning context before making these significant decisions.

Mr Briggs supported the need for a large conference centre however he proposed that the need was for a combined multi-purpose facility, purpose built to cater for groups of about 700 – 750 people. He agreed that Rutherford Park was the ideal and most appropriate location.

1.19 Bill Leonard, submission 749, page 1737

Mr Leonard asked Council to consider implementing a bylaw to control the torture of animals including medical experimentation. He also encouraged Council to consider passing a bylaw against the improper distribution of junk mail. He said other Councils had included such provisions within their Trade Waste Bylaw and this was an option for the Nelson City Council.

1.20 Tim Bayley, submission 663, page 1434

The submitter spoke to his submission and said he believed a Performing Arts and Conference Centre needed to be developed in partnership with private enterprise and that appropriate accommodation needed to be in very close distance to any conference centre. He added that Nelson cannot afford this facility and that there was enough appeal to draw people to Nelson already.

1.21 Warwick Blair, submission 273, page 1251

Mr Blair spoke about the unpredictable discharge of fireworks throughout the year and the effect this has on animals and people, particularly the elderly and young whose sleep patterns are disturbed during these nights.

Mr Blair encouraged the Council to introduce a bylaw to prohibit the unauthorised discharge of fireworks, especially around Guy Fawkes. He said Council could allow the use of fireworks by permit. The permit would help fund community notification of the use of fireworks, he added.

Attendance: the meeting adjourned for lunch from 12.00 to 1.00pm.

1.22 Carol Ward, submission 792, page 113

Ms Ward presented her submission which opposed the proposed Performing Arts and Conference Centre proposal. She expressed concern that the predicted cost for the Centre could balloon and also the facility, when built, would not be self sustaining to run.

She was also opposed to the principle that Public Transport be funded from increased parking charges and was opposed to increasing marina charges.

1.23 Richard Carruthers, submission 182, page 165

Mr Carruthers presented his submission using his background as the Director of the Nelson Youth Theatre to comment that the Performing Arts and Conference Centre, if built, would not be affordable to use or to attend. He advised Councillors that it was currently impossible to make a profit or even breakeven when running community shows. He said that such community shows would not be able to fill a Performing Arts Centre, or afford it so it could not be regarded as a community facility.

He said that the Performing Arts Centre, as proposed, would only be used about five times a year and only then by professional touring companies. He urged Council to listen to the voice of the people and to not proceed with the project.

1.24 Nelson Branch National Council of Women of New Zealand, submission 929, page 1420

Ms Queenie Balance presented the submission on behalf of the Nelson Branch of the National Council of Women of New Zealand. The submission commended Council on working towards a Joint Waste Minimisation Plan with Tasman District Council and on its successful recycling business and in particular the electronic waste disposal initiatives.

She said that the submission did not support the proposal for a Performing Arts Centre and Conference Centre and urged Council to take notice of the warning given by the recent Christchurch earthquakes and give attention to the maintenance and protection of the City's essential infrastructure.

The submission supported funding The Suter, the Theatre Royal, the School of Music and also the Museum. The submission also requested toilets being installed on Church Hill.

The submission opposed the proposed parking fee increase and the proposed Marina charges increase, but supported improved public transport.

1.25 Joe Bell, submission 768, page 2092

Mr Bell presented his submission and tabled additional information (114119) which he read.

He said he was opposed to the building of a new Conference Centre because he believed this should be the role of private enterprise. If necessary the conference facility of Tahuna Beach Holiday Park could be improved as a public owned facility.

He said he was opposed to the proposed Performing Arts Centre. He also said that if such a project is to be considered as a regional project it should be considered by the region and Council should wait until the Nelson Tasman proposed amalgamation is completed to enable this to happen.

Mr Bell said he supported increases to parking charges provided the funds were going to be used to increase Public Transport between Nelson and Richmond. He also suggested there be Park and Ride opportunities which could utilise parking in places such as Richmond Showgrounds and/or Saxton Field.

1.26 Bruce Polkinghorne, submissions 759 & 752, pages 2729 and 728 respectively

Mr Polkinghorne said he was strongly opposed to the 15% increase in Marina fees stating that there had already been a 5% increase in berth fees as well as a 12% increase in live aboard fees in June 2010.

70% of boat owners were also ratepayers in Nelson and it was unfair that they would be facing these increases. He pointed out that the Marina gives the Council a surplus and all development costs, which had been funded by loans, had been covered by Marina users through charges.

In his other submission Mr Polkinghorne said he was strongly opposed to the Performing Arts and Conference Centre proposal but supported the proposal to increase bus services between Richmond and Nelson.

1.27 Nelson School of Music, submission 997, page 415

Mr Paul Rosanowski and Ms Francis McElhinney presented the submission on behalf of the School of Music. Mr Rosanowski said that the school was requesting \$120,000 funding from Council.

Although it supported the proposed Conference Centre, the School of Music was worried that creating the Performing Arts Centre would damage the commercial viability of the existing competing facilities.

The submitters also urged Council to increase its financial support for the City's existing arts facilities.

In answer to a question regarding whether Nelsonians go out more or less often than people in other comparable sized centres, Ms McElhinney said that bookings in Nelson were traditionally three fold higher when compared with centres like Ashburton or Blenheim.

1.28 Lindsey Duff, submission 3333, page 1929

Mr Duff presented his submission and said he strongly opposed any increase in Marina charges. He said that the Nelson Marina was an asset to the city and is a tourist asset and should be compared with marinas such as Port Motueka and Port Tarohe but not with marinas outside the region such as those in Marlborough.

He questioned whether the city needed or could afford the proposed Performing Arts and Conference Centre.

1.29 Ren Kempthorne, submission 740, page 2305

Mr Kempthorne said he was strongly opposed to both the proposed Conference Centre and the proposed Performing Arts Centre. He said that the Council proposal for a Conference Centre could not compete with that at the Rutherford Hotel and that the proposal for a Performing Arts Centre had shown no proven need for a 1200 seat facility nor he said would the poorer people of the city be able to afford to use it.

1.30 Paul Lunberg, submission 787, page 2031

Mr Lunberg presented his submission. Mr Lunberg said he strongly opposed the proposed Conference Centre saying it was not the role of the Council to make this kind of investment. He said with rising oil prices, and increasing use of the internet for conferencing, the future is likely to move away from large conferences.

Mr Lunberg said he was also strongly opposed to the Performing Arts Centre. He said he had researched other theatres around the country and all of them seemed to be costing their respective Councils huge amounts of money each year and were far from self supporting.

Mr Lunberg strongly supported Council's proposal to increase bus services between Richmond and Nelson and supported the increase of Marina charges.

1.31 Robert Wesley-James, submission 1225, page 151

Mr Wesley-James presented his submission saying he was strongly opposed to the proposed Conference facility as he believed it was a commercial undertaking and therefore not a proper Council activity. He was also strongly opposed to a Performing Arts Centre, because there already were many venues such as the Theatre Royal, School of Music and Trafalgar Centre to accommodate the need for such a proposal. He reminded Council that its first priority was to provide the fundamental needs of the people which were potable water and an efficient system of solid and liquid waste disposal. He urged Council to keep its feet on the ground and be fiscally prudent.

1.32 Pam Jeffrey, submission 1550, page 69

Ms Jeffrey said she strongly opposed the Conference Centre proposal, but strongly supported the Performing Arts Centre proposal saying that good cultural activities will always provide a good platform for a great city and will encourage more people to visit and stay.

1.33 David Penrose, submission 1698, 1699, 1700, 1701 and 1702, pages 1209, 557, 563, 569 and 575 respectively

Mr Penrose presented his submissions which objected to Council's proposed policy of charging universal annual charges and waste water charges for each separately used portion of a commercial property.

He said this had led to rates increases on properties he was involved with of 23% to 48% and was grossly unfair. Mr Penrose said it was also misleading for the draft Annual Plan to state that the increase on average residential properties is only 2.5%, while making no mention of likely increases in the inner city commercial rating system. He also requested Council to go back to the system they had used pre July 2007. He suggested that the Council could achieve its ends by a small increase to the commercial differential.

1.34 Brian Nelson, submission 126, page 581

Mr Nelson presented his submission and tabled additional information (1114116).

Mr Nelson objected to Council applying a universal annual general charge and waste water charge to each separately used or inhabited part of a commercial property. He said that for small shops and offices this would mean another \$740 in rates per year in addition to the general rates. He said this was unreasonable for small retailers when large supermarkets only have to pay similar amounts. He said Council was tilting the table against the small business owner.

1.35 Geoff and Kay Gudsell, submission 225, page 552

Mr Gudsell presented his submission saying that it was wrong for Council to classify properties such as his house, which operated as a small non commercial operation providing Bed and Breakfast for a maximum of 4 guests per night, as a multi residential unit. He said that as a result of being classified as multi residential, the additional rates that had been charged have no relation to the amount of services the property used.

In order to rectify this situation, Mr Gudsell suggested that similar accommodation providers should be able to sign a rating relief waiver declaring that they are not using any areas on their properties as flats occupied by permanent residents living there independently apart from the hosts.

1.36 Errol Millar, submission 1207, page 1303

Mr Millar presented his submission. He firstly congratulated the Council on its moderate 2.5% average residential rate rise.

He criticised the Council about the lack of detail in the Plan particularly regarding the Performing Arts Centre and Conference Centre.

He expressed concern about the possibility that the Theatre Royal was requesting its \$1.5 million loan to be written off and the ratepayers fund its operating costs by \$100,000 per annum.

He also urged Council to investigate a major reconstruction for the cricket wicket at the Saxton Oval.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea from 3.00pm until 3.10pm.

1.37 Seager Mason, submission 993, page 1257

Mr Mason presented his submission which urged Council to put in place a policy to make 'GMO land use' a prohibited or discretionary activity.

He also asked Council to write to ERMA and the Government to insist on full disclosure of the whereabouts of all intended GE organism locations.

1.38 Nelson Branch – Motel Association of New Zealand, Paul Anderson, submission 1604, page 1454

Mr Paul Henderson, Branch President of the Motel Association of New Zealand, presented the submission. The submission was supportive of many proposals set out in the draft Annual Plan, however the submission did not support the provision of free service to non-residents including access to internet services at the libraries.

This submission also did not support the Council providing a Conference Centre in competition to private enterprise.

1.39 John Fitchett, submission 971, page 1345

Mr Fitchett presented his submission which set out his opposition to aspects of the Heart of Nelson proposal, in particular where it related to the Montgomery Carpark.

Mr Fitchett also expressed his dissatisfaction with proposals in the draft Annual Plan regarding commercial rating differentials.

Mr Fitchett was also opposed to increasing the car parking fee to subsidise public transport. In answer to a question on this issue Mr Fitchett said that he wanted his paying customers to be able to get to his business as easily and simply as possible.

1.40 Nelson Bays Football, submission 279, page 767

Mr Clive Beaumont and Mr Ross Butler presented the submission on behalf of Nelson Bays Football. This submission supported the development of a Conference Centre but was strongly opposed to the development of a Performing Arts Centre. The submitters paid tribute to the quality of the facilities available for football in Nelson. Mr Beaumont said that Neale Park is the key to growth in soccer in the region and asked Council to give consideration to improving the field in Spring. Mr Beaumont and Mr Butler also asked for Council support in the campaign to secure some games from the FIFA under 20's Championship in Nelson in 2015.

1.41 Nelson Youth Council, submission 884, page 1430

Members of the Youth Council, Connor Ward, Weriana Te Thierry, Matt Buckingham, Britt Benson, Kassi Barrett-Hemi, Sara Donald, Jamie White, Maddy Pearse, Alex Knot and Izzy O'Connor presented the submission on behalf of the Nelson Youth Council. The submission was wide ranging and supported in general many of the things proposed in the draft Annual Plan.

The submission also set out some areas that the Youth Council would like to see provision made for. These included supporting Kapa Haka events and the Poly/Cultural Fest Extravaganza. The submission also requested Council provide an urban wall art facility where youth can express themselves through urban art or tagging. The submission also sought lighting on the Railway Reserve, increased initiatives to promote walking and cycle safety. The Youth Council expressed support for the youth event at the Masked Parade and requested Council support of regular youth events at The New Hub. In addition the Youth Council requested Council support the Te Kura Kaupapa Maori O Tuia Te Matangi an immersion Maori school being established in the region and forecast to open in 2012.

1.42 Jacob Fulton, submission 394, page 2199

Master Fulton presented his submission which urged Council to develop more cycleways in particular the cycleway up and down Days Track. He also requested Council develop more drinking fountains around Victory Square and more pedestrian crossings on Vanguard Street, St Vincent Street and Waimea Road.

He also asked Council to consider a sealed track from Princess Drive down to Emano Street so people living in the area could bike safely to Victory School, Nelson Boys College and Nelson College for Girls.

His Worship the Mayor adjourned the meeting for the day and directed that the meeting would resume at 9am on Monday 30 May 2011 to hear the remainder of submissions.

The meeting adjourned at 4.28pm.

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

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2. Hearing of Submissions (Continued)

2.1 Murray King – Waimea Water Augmentation Committee, submission 370, page 1194

The submitter thanked the Council for the support they received from Councillors on the Committee. He added that they were in the process of receiving a report from the Nelson Regional Economic Development Agency that will signify this project as one of regional significance with huge economic benefits for the region.

2.2 Terry Kreft – Alliance Group, submission 1198, page 1195

The submitter was joined by Clayton McIntyre (Manager ENZA Foods). Mr Kreft tabled additional information (1114213) and gave a brief description of both ENZA and Alliance Group. He said both organisations were large employers in the region. Mr Kreft also explained the history of the water supply scheme and the historic agreements between the Councils and industry water users in the Nelson Tasman region.

2.3 Lynley Bradshaw – Nelson Repertory Theatre Inc, submission 1677, page 506

Ms Bradshaw encouraged the Council to better fund the arts in comparison to the sports. She provided figures that illustrate the

inequality of funding levels between the two and tabled this information (1114237).

Ms Bradshaw asked the Council to assist in better establishing Nelson as an arts centre especially with the utilisation of the Theatre Royal and School of Music. Ms Bradshaw then gave a brief description of the history of the Theatre Royal including its original ownership by the Repertory Theatre.

In response to a question, the submitter said it was likely the loan could be repaid however she said the money would otherwise be able to be spent on other activities and could be re-distributed to benefit the people of Nelson.

2.4 Dan McGuire, submission 24 and 98, page 393a and 2730

Mr McGuire encouraged the Council to follow due process during the development of the proposed Performing Arts and Conference Centre. In opposition to the proposal, Mr McGuire said such a proposal exhibited financial recklessness and would impact negatively on low to moderate income residents.

2.5 Wendy Logan – Nelson District Association Kindergarten, submission 1269, page 1593

Ms Logan requested Council consider upgrading the Haven Road pedestrian crossing as it was a busy part of the road where cars travel at high speeds. It was a crossing used frequently by students attending Auckland Pont School.

She also requested the Council consider fencing the River Road Reserve so it can be safely used by the schools for excursions with the children.

2.6 Allison Cormack, submission 1667, page 469

Ms Cormack spoke to her submission and said she supported the other submissions in favour of increasing Council support for the arts in Nelson. She requested the Council approve additional funding of \$100,000 a year towards operating expenses for the Theatre Royal and to write off the Theatre's loan. This would allow for ease of mind for the Trust and could assist in reducing the daily hireage fee, she said.

In response to a question the submitter said there were options for making the arts training more accessible to young people, including subsidising fees.

2.7 Elizabeth Byrne, submission 1650, page 493

The submitter encouraged the Council to write off the Theatre Royal's loan and approve an annual contribution to its operational costs. She said a small increase in funding could make a huge difference for the arts in Nelson.

2.8 Judy Fanselow, submission 1626, page 418

The submitter spoke in support for earthquake strengthening measures to be taken at the School of Music and that this be made a priority.

In response to the question the submitter said she did support the building of a dedicated arts centre however added that if such a centre went ahead, support for the School of Music should continue.

2.9 David Kemp, submission 1622, page 468

Mr Kemp said the Suter Gallery is a well used facility for exhibiting works by local artists and encouraged the Council to make better use of the rich base of artists in Nelson.

Mr Kemp spoke about the limited opportunities for local artists to market themselves and said most artists cannot afford the local marketing rates. He encouraged the Council to intervene and assist artists in marketing their products.

In response to a question, Mr Kemp said he did not make a submission to Tasman District Council.

2.10 Jo Kinross and Ronnie Martin – Arts Council Nelson, submission 960, page 471

The submitters spoke to their submission and told the Council that the Nelson Region had the highest number of working artists in this region per capita.

The submitters encouraged the Council to fund a dedicated arts adviser to work on a long term vision for the arts industry and to implement the Arts Strategy. They also requested the Council increase funding for the Arts Council.

Lastly, the submitters said they supported the submissions made on behalf of the Suter Gallery, Theatre Royal and School of Music.

Point of order: it was raised by Councillor Rainey that not all Councillors were able to ask questions of the submitters owing to the short amount of time allocated per speaker. He requested the Mayor extend question time and shorten the lunch break. This was agreed.

2.11 Peter Millward – Tasman Bays Heritage Trust, submission 1711, page 525a

Mr Millward spoke to the submission and the importance of completing the inventory of the collection. He said there is currently not enough resource to complete this and additional staff were required as there was much work to be done.

The submitter spoke about the importance of this piece of work, which he said had been thoroughly outlined in the written submission. He

encouraged the Council to consider increasing the current level of funding to the Trust in order to complete the very important inventory of collections.

2.12 Peter Rigg – Page and Blackmore Booksellers, submission 1192, page 531

As a principal sponsor of the Readers and Writers sessions of the Nelson Arts Festival, the submitter encouraged the Council to continue financially supporting the Festival.

He added that the Festival enhances the social wellbeing of the City and was an excellent asset for the people of Nelson. Mr Rigg added that the inequality of funding between the sports and arts was a concern.

2.13 Kerry Marshall and Christine Hatton – Theatre Royal, submission 2, page 460

Mr Marshall and Ms Hatton spoke to the submission from the Theatre Royal and tabled additional information (1114268).

The submitters requested that the Council consider either holding off repayment of the loan for another year or write it off completely. They also encouraged the Council to assist the Theatre with its operational costs and grant additional funding.

Such support would enable the Council to encourage good community participation in the Theatre thereby improving social wellbeing, Mr Marshall added.

In response to a question, Mr Marshall said the \$1,500,000 loan was used to insulate under the floor, improve the lighting and heating. He said he was not able to provide more detail at the meeting however could make this information available to the Council.

The Council said they needed reasons for why there are so many submissions stating that the Theatre Royal cannot repay the loan and needed more specific information as to whether or not the Theatre was under financial pressure.

Mr Marshall confirmed that if the loan was written off, the Trust would be happy to hand it over to Council ownership.

2.14 Mike Thomas and John Gilbertson – Tahunanui Business Association, submission 1641, page 1514

The submitters spoke to their submission and encouraged Council to include community representation on planning for the Tahunanui area. They said this had been well covered in point 4 of their written submission. They added that they would like to see some of the structure plan implemented.

The submitters added that they have an interest in the Modellers Pond and believe the poor water quality (particularly the weed and algae problem) had a negative impact on the perception of tourists to the area and minimises the ponds use.

2.15 Andrew Greenhough – Nelson Sculpture Trust, submission 838, page 512

Mr Greenhough spoke on behalf of the Nelson Sculpture Trust to seek funding from the Council towards public art works for the City. Trust members would then use that funding to leverage additional funding from the community, he said, and it would signal to members a partnership between the Trust and Council.

In response to a question, the submitter said he had not yet applied to Tasman District Council for funding. He did however confirm that the Trust will apply through the Nelson City Council Community Grants process later this year.

2.16 Janice Marthen – Theatre Royal, submission 1661, page 489

Ms Marthen introduced herself as the Manager of the Theatre Royal and spoke to her submission. In response to a question, she said she was the only full time employee and there was one other part-time employee of 20 hours a week.

Ms Marthen explained that there were no formal rules set around the use of the Theatre however current usage by the community sits at about 30% and the rest is by professional artists. She confirmed that the Theatre relies on the professional hireage for the majority of their income.

In response to a question, Ms Marthen said the previous forecast of loan repayments was based on purely professional hireage with no allowance made for use by the community. In comparison to other community theatres, Ms Marthen said she believed it was abnormal for the Council not to contribute to the operating costs of the Theatre Royal.

Attendance: the meeting adjourned for morning tea from 11.10 to 11.20am.

2.17 Sarah Holman – Nelson Heritage Advisory Group, submission 980, page 535

Ms Holman spoke on behalf of the Nelson Heritage Advisory Group (NHAG) and said the level of funding for the Heritage Project Fund has not increased in a few years which concerns her in light of the February 2011 Christchurch earthquake. Ms Holman requested Council increased the funding to improve the standards of heritage buildings. She welcomed a conversation with Council about the priority of earthquake strengthening.

Ms Holman spoke of the general lack of funding to adequately support Nelson's cultural institutions including the Suter Gallery, Theatre Royal and School of Music and said she believed there was a major disparity between funding levels of sports and that of the arts.

It was noted that the meeting dates for the next NHAG meetings will be circulated to Councillors so they could attend.

2.18 Sarah Holman, submission 820, page 1425

Ms Holman said the funding levels in the draft document do not adequately support the cultural sector to maintain social wellbeing. The range of cultural activities adds to the value of Nelson as a City and plays a role in attracting families and individuals to the City, she said, and was therefore worth decent funding.

Ms Holman emphasised the need to strengthen earthquake prone buildings.

2.19 Judith Unwin and Frankie Morgan-Stock – Nelson Decorative and Fine Art Society, submission 744, page 442

The submitter tabled additional information (1114288) and said she supported the Performing Arts and Conference Centre in principle however the financial flow on effects would be huge for the ratepayers. She also added such a facility did not meet the needs of Nelson residents and a 700 seat facility was too large.

The submitter encouraged the Council to support a substantial upgrade and refurbishment of the Suter Gallery and added that earthquake strengthening should be a priority of the Council.

2.20 Penny Griffith, submission 1586, page 519

Ms Griffith presented her submission and spoke in support of the Nelson Provincial Museum and the need to fund it to appropriate levels to ensure it remains a central focus of the identity of Nelson. Additional information was tabled (1114286).

2.21 Ellen Brinkman, submission 659, page 437

Ms Brinkman spoke in support of the Suter and encouraged the Council to include a Conservation Management Plan for Queens Gardens before the Suter starts any design work.

Ms Brinkman said she strongly opposed the construction of a Performing Arts and Conference Centre as there will not be enough opportunities to make it viable.

2.22 Tom Broad, submission 483, 484 and 1170, page 341, 526 and 1144

Mr Broad presented all the submissions made from himself and Ms Broad. He said they did not support the Performing Arts and Conference Centre proposal.

He also said they did support the Nelson Provincial Museum as a regional and national resource that it should be adequately supported by the Council.

Mr Broad spoke about road safety on State Highway 6 to Atawhai, particularly the intersection off State Highway 6 on to Bayview Road. He said the intersection is particularly hard to manoeuvre and did not approve of the proposed solution, which was to access Bayview Road through a slip road. Mr Broad encouraged the Council to leave the intersection as it was and change the speed to 80km.

2.23 Lynda Keene and Phil Taylor – Nelson Tasman Tourism, submission 1615, page 1492

The submitters presented the submission from Nelson Tasman Tourism (NTT) and the proposed funding to NTT under this Annual Plan.

They said a Performing Arts and Conference Centre will have a significant impact on the rest of the economy and will support both public and private investment.

The submitters said there was much international interest in the Nelson economy, presenting a perfect opportunity to grow the internal market.

2.24 Addo Mulders Sr, submission 1160, page 2393

Mr Mulders questioned how the Council works out rates rises and questioned that the average section price is higher than \$177,000, as stated on the submission form.

Mr Mulders commented on the changes made to intersection at Hastings Street and Washington Valley. He said the intersection is now unsafe and that there should have been consultation on this change.

2.25 Keith Woods, submission 1201, page 2625

Mr Woods spoke in opposition to increased bus services between Richmond and Nelson and said Richmond residents should not benefit from services paid for by Nelson ratepayers.

Regarding a Performing Arts and Conference Centre, the submitter said if the business community will benefit the most then they should fund the facility. The submitter agreed with constructing a facility of suitable size however believes that residents cannot afford to run it.

The submitter said he did not support any rise in marina fees.

Mr Woods said Shelbourne Street had become a parking area for Nelson Girls College, creating safety hazards and requested Council to carry out works to upgrade the road.

2.26 Christine Grove, submission 990, page 1338

Ms Grove spoke to her submission and encouraged the Council to improve the conditions for cycling along Vanguard Street and elsewhere in Nelson. She said she supported a reduction in the overall use of cars and the number of cars in Nelson. She added that Council should promote public transport and other initiatives to reduce car use. Ms Grove said litter minimisation initiatives were also needed.

2.27 Brian Mills, submission 387, page 81

Mr Mills presented his submission to the Council and said Nelson did not need a Conference Centre of the size proposed. He said such a centre should be built and run by the private sector.

Mr Mills said he supported a Performing Arts Centre as well as the proposed upgrade to the northern end of the Trafalgar Centre.

Attendance: the meeting adjourned for lunch from 12.50pm to 1.15pm.

2.28 Gerald Renshaw, Submission 782, page 2107

Mr Renshaw spoke in favour of the proposed Performing Arts and Conference Centre (PACC). He also spoke on the submission procedure and its inequity based on the types of people who usually submit. Mr Renshaw suggested the decision making process for the PACC should be taken to referendum.

2.29 P J Spencer, Submission 1184, page 2623

Mr Spencer spoke on behalf of the Nelson Petanque Club. He advised that their playing area at Maitai Club had been destroyed and, despite being told the contrary, has not been re-established. The current area they are using at Rutherford Park is inadequate in size and they cannot use it exclusively. He also mentioned that they will be hosting Petanque Masters Games despite the inadequacy of the grounds.

2.30 Joel Bolton, Submission 1608, page 2195

Mr Bolton spoke in support of the Nelson School of Music and highlighted the benefits of music to society. He added that they are grateful for past funding and urged Council to continue its support.

2.31 Gaire Thompson – Thompson Property Group, Submission 1670, page 1457

Mr Thompson spoke on the Montgomery carpark and stated that funding allocated for this in the budget should now be removed in order to lower rates. He said that the Performing Arts and Conference Centre is not affordable and summarised other Council expenditure that he saw as unnecessary.

Mr Thompson said he was against the rise in parking fees, free internet at the library and the proposed waste water charges for tenants. He also indicated the Nelson Aero Club was lacking support. Mr Thompson tabled figures on rate increases for various types of land classifications (1114299).

2.32 Matt Shipman & Suzanne O’Neill – The New Hub, Submission 1359, page 1549

Mr Shipman and Ms O’Neill tabled a presentation on The New Hub (1114299) and spoke to it. Mr Shipman highlighted the need for better street lighting and public transport at night. Ms O’Neill spoke on job opportunities for youth and suggested that Council actively promote youth employment in conjunction with the Job Ops subsidy. She suggested media promotion for employers who took on youth with the subsidy.

In response to a question, Mr Shipman confirmed that there is currently no support from Tasman District Council for The New Hub and that they are in contact with the Nelson Youth Council.

2.33 Bronwyn Monopoli – Nelson Millennium Centre Trust, Submission 1704, page 13

Ms Monopoli stated that the work done by the Nelson Millennium Centre Trust on the need for and scope of the Performing Arts and Conference Centre should not be ignored. She suggested that capital costs could be reduced by making it an integrated facility.

Ms Monopoli added that there is opportunity for fundraising but that Council needs to be realistic with the amount that could be obtained. She also spoke on funding and the background for the use of a trust for the Majestic Theatre.

In response to a question, Ms Monopoli said that she has suggested a larger floor space in order to increase the flexibility of use. She also added that it should now be known as the Millennium Centre, as Performing Arts and Conference Centre is no longer useful. Ms Monopoli tabled copies of the report on the Nelson Millennium Centre Feasibility Study (1114667).

2.34 Peter Olorenshaw – Nelsust Inc, Submission 1651, page 1464

Mr Olorenshaw overviewed the positives of his log barging proposal and asked that Council fund a more in-depth study for this. He also spoke on the measuring of finer particles in relation to air pollution, as some current studies only measure coarse particles.

Mr Olorenshaw said that Council should progress the four metre wide walkway/cycleway for Rocks Road.

2.35 Susan and Carl Horn, Submission 1647, page 1459

Mr Horn joined the meeting and indicated that the Performing Arts and Conference Centre (PACC) was not included in the Sustainability Strategy

Workshop held recently. He suggested that those benefiting from the PACC will be those travelling in to Nelson and this would promote greenhouse emissions. Mr Horn thought this would be contradictory to developing a Sustainability Strategy and said that the PACC would not benefit Nelson residents.

2.36 Andrew Irving – Irving Smith Jack Architects, Submission 1598, page 1449

Andrew Irving indicated his support for a Performing Arts and Conference Centre (PACC) and felt that having a civic presence was important. He mentioned that clarity seemed to have been lost since the project started and a better focus would be on Rutherford Park enhancement. Mr Irving was also in support of the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary, Suter Art Gallery and for increased funding for the Theatre Royal.

In response to a question, Mr Irving confirmed that taking into account the current research on the PACC, he could have a compelling document to Council in approximately four months.

2.37 J G Sutherland, Submission 1581, page 1445

Mr Sutherland indicated that the stormwater drains on Champion Road were unsatisfactory. He also mentioned that basing rates on land values that have not been realised is inequitable.

2.38 Adrian Parlane, Submission 1583, page 1498

Mr Parlane was not in support of the marina fee increase. He suggested that Council commit to forming a partnership with the Nelson Marina Berth Holders Association to manage and develop the facility for the future

Mr Parlane was in support of the Heart of Nelson strategy, cycle ways and the Performing Arts and Conference Centre. He said that something needed to be done about the issues on Bridge Street on Friday and Saturday nights. In response to a question, Mr Parlane said he was under the impression that the marina was gifted to Council.

2.39 C Ratcliffe, Submission 1338, page 2471

Mr Ratcliffe commented that the water in Queens Gardens needs to be cleared as it is in a bad state. He was not in support of the Performing Arts and Conference Centre and thought that Nelson was perceived as too difficult to get to for performances and that the project would go over budget. Mr Ratcliffe said that a parking building could solve the bus service and parking problems.

2.40 Reg Turner, Submission 967, page 1361

Mr Turner spoke on the Refinery Artspace Gallery and suggested it needed a change in philosophy and management. He highlighted that the opening hours were inappropriate for a gallery and that with three galleries closing in Nelson, there was more opportunity for market share. Mr Turner was

advised by Councillor Reese that the Refinery was not intended by the Kahurangi Employment Trust to be a commercial gallery.

2.41 John Duncan, Submission 1285, page 2497

Mr Duncan spoke on the Performing Arts and Conference Centre. He said that it would not incur profit and that Blenheim had built a venue for \$17million. He said it would impact on existing venues and spoke on expenses to maintain and upgrade these. Mr Duncan also mentioned that the rates calculation was hard to understand and that a parking building could do well in Buxton Square.

2.42 Logan Clarke – Nelson BMX Club, Submission 1360, page 994

Mr Clarke spoke on the condition of the BMX track in Tahunanui. He emphasised that it was difficult to train for national competitions in Nelson and that it costs to train and attend events in other cities. In response to questions, Mr Clarke's father advised that the existing site could be used and to bring it to international standards would cost \$150-\$200k conservatively. He added that there is a lot of support from businesses and that the track is very popular in weekends, with 50-100 children using the site each day.

2.43 Amy Brooke, Submission 1272, page 2495

Ms Brooke said that the Suter Art Gallery and Nelson Libraries should open earlier with also some longer evening hours for those working during the day. She added her support for the Nelson School of Music.

Ms Brooke stressed that she felt Cable Bay Road was highly dangerous and in need of attention. She also said that the air pollution data that Council had used in relation to wood burners was inadequate and tabled an article (1114299) in support of this.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea from 2.55pm to 3.06pm

2.44 Paul Harrington, Submission 1022, page 2055

Mr Harrington provided and tabled a Power Point presentation (1111989) with photos of the Sidney Myer Bowl in Melbourne. He spoke on its applicability to Nelson and also presented ideas for art in Nelson and for Civic House.

2.45 Barry Thompson, Submission 1268, page 1677

Mr Thompson spoke on amalgamation policy and the difference in rates for areas of Nelson compared to Tasman District Council. He pointed out that parking is getting worse and policing it is difficult. Mr Thompson said that the Performing Arts and Conference Centre should be done with Rutherford Holdings and should be closer to town. He also spoke further on multi level carparking.

2.46 Roy Eaton, Submission 1142, page 2361

Mr Eaton indicated that the rates increases were hard to understand and the marina fee increase was a concern as it looked like it was subsidising rates. He added that people are having to live within their means due to the recession and that Council should hold a referendum regarding the Performing Arts and Conference Centre.

2.47 Zachary Domike, Submission 1262, page 2431

Mr Domike stated that he would support a study that asked the proper questions for the Performing Arts and Conference Centre (PACC). He highlighted that Nelson is lacking opportunities for people around age 19 and suggested that the PACC space could double as study rooms for a tertiary institution. In response to a question, Mr Domike said the PACC would need to be in a different location to that proposed.

2.48 Ross Wylie, Submission 1244, page 1632

Mr Wylie indicated his dissatisfaction with the rates increase and pointed out that there is minimal explanation for the difference in proposed rates. With regards to the Performing Arts and Conference Centre, Mr Wylie emphasised that Council needs to find out from the community what they want funding to go towards.

2.49 Brian Keeper, Submission 1239, page 2411

Mr Keeper spoke on the extension to Will Watch Way and that he rarely meets people on lower section of the track. He stated that he was not in support of the increased marina charges. Mr Keeper also pointed out that the channel from the boat harbour is currently unsafe due to increased berths.

2.50 Chris Portman, Submission 1211, page 2727

Mr Portman indicated that he was not in support of the marina fees increase and compared it to other sporting activities. He also stated that the Performing Arts and Conference Centre will just add to Council debt.

2.51 Paul Blackham, Submission 1026, page 1708

Mr Blackham spoke on the Performing Arts and Conference Centre (PACC) and said that the arguments for the project lacked substance. He disagreed with the level of spending due to poor returns and the current recession. He also stressed that timing would be critical in making a project like the PACC beneficial.

Mr Blackham went on to speak on alternative energy and Nelson's potential to grow and become central in this industry. Mr Blackham indicated favour for the support of local banking and also suggested a permanent, roofed market area for Nelson.

His Worship the Mayor adjourned the meeting for the day and directed that the meeting would resume at 9am on Tuesday morning 31 May 2011 to continue hearing submissions.

The meeting adjourned at 4.03pm

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

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

On Tuesday 31 May 2011 at 9.00am

Present: His Worship the Mayor A Miccio, Councillors I Barker, A Boswijk (Deputy Mayor), G Collingwood, R Copeland, K Fulton, P Matheson, P Rainey, R Reese, D Shaw and M Ward

In Attendance: Chief Executive (K Marshall), Executive Manager Support Services (H Kettlewell), Executive Manager Strategy and Planning (M Schruer), Executive Manager Community Services (S Coleman), Executive Manager Regulatory (R Johnson), Executive Manager Network Services (A Louverdis), Executive Manager Community Relations/Kaihautuu (G Mullen), Chief Financial Officer (N Harrison) and Administration Advisers (A Rose and S McLean)

Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors E Davy and J Rackley

3. Hearing of Submissions (Continued)

3.1 Anne Rush and George Shaw, submission 1364, page 408

Ms Rush and Mr Shaw presented their submission which sought to dress up Nelson City for the forthcoming Rugby World Cup and take the opportunity to market Nelson positively to a world wide audience. The submission requested that Council provide approval and resource of \$13,870 in the Annual Plan to allow this to happen.

3.2 Anne Rush, submission 1365, page 403

Ms Rush presented her submission which requested that Council provide resource and staff time in the Annual Plan to develop a long term strategy and implementation plan for sustainable arts and cultural infrastructure and services within Nelson City.

She said that this strategy and action plan should be "match fit" for the 21st Century and the long term action plan should be placed and implemented as the integral part of the next long term community plan

for Nelson City 2012-2024. It should also be visionary in scope with the acclaimed Saxton Field infrastructure as a model. Ms Rush tabled a book entitled "Creative New Zealand, New Zealanders and the Arts: Attitudes, Attendance and Participation in 2008"

Link: (<http://www.creativenz.govt.nz/en/developing-the-arts/research-and-publications/resources>).

3.3 Anne Rush and Lynne Cadenhead, submission 1363, page 961

Ms Rush presented her submission for an estuarine coastal park for Nelson City which would cover the coastline at the end of Trafalgar Street, the Maitai River mouth, Kinsett Terrace, Peace Grove and Haven Holes. She said an estuarine coastal park in this location could be regionally and nationally unique.

The submitters requested that appropriate resource be allocated to research and investigate the feasibility of such an estuarine coastal park in the 2011-12 Annual Plan and further requested that the project be included in the next ten year plan for Nelson City.

3.4 Cycling Tasman Academy Inc, submission 1600, page 816

Geoff Campbell presented the submission speaking on behalf of Murray Cameron of the Nelson Tasman Cycling Inc. The submission requested Council to build a velodrome at Saxton Field coordinated with Tasman District Council and to move the funding for this project forward to 2011-12 financial year. In answer to a question Mr Cameron said that the existing cycle track at Trafalgar Park was no longer suitable or safe because of the lack of barriers and fences around the track.

3.5 Bob Duncan, submission 127, page 634

Mr Duncan presented his submission and in particular highlighted his strong opposition to any increase in marina charges, saying that it was not fair to expect a recreation group to pay in excess of what it costs to run their facilities.

He pointed out that the marina users were the only hobbyist/sports group in the community that pays its way and most of its users live in Nelson and are ratepayers.

3.6 Chris Millson, submission 1594, page 629

Mr Millson presented his submission highlighting his strong opposition to Council's proposal to increase marina charges. Mr Millson said he was a marina berth user and pointed out that lots of vessels like his in the marina are simple family vessels. He said that Council should not view the marina as a profit making company and pointed out that it had recorded a significant operating surplus over the past years and this was no basis for increasing the fees. He asked Council for full costs of the marina to be disclosed and the Management Plan be developed for the marina in consultation with the users.

3.7 Lorraine Long, submission 1302, page 686

Ms Long presented her submission saying she was a member of the Nelson Marina Berth Holders Association and a pensioner. She said she currently paid \$2,400 for her berth at the marina and she also lives and pays rates in Nelson City. Increasing the fees she said will mean that many ordinary people will not be able to afford to keep a boat at the marina and will be forced to sell their boats.

Before this proposal came out, she said, there had been no survey done of marina berth holders and Council should get to know the marina users and their financial circumstances. She said she was strongly opposed to any increase in marina fees.

3.8 Suzie Stocker, submission 1250, page 683

Ms Stocker presented her submission highlighting that she was strongly opposed to any increase in marina charges particularly there should be no increase in visiting berthage fees as proposed. She said that there needs to be a reduction in short/medium term visitor berthage fees to bring them into line with other marina associations around the country. Ms Stocker gave examples of charges in other areas.

3.9 Rob Ford and Jim Matthews, submissions 1420, 701 and 1391, page 831, 840 and 842 respectively

Mr Ford, assisted by Mr Matthews, presented the submissions. Mr Ford explained that submission 1420 was on behalf of Bike Nelson, submission 840 was his own individual submission and submission 1391 was Mr Matthew's submission. All the submissions urged Council to bring forward the funding for developing a new cycling facility at Saxton Field to replace the old cycle track at Trafalgar Park. The submitters requested that the funding be made available in the 2011-12 financial year. The submitters said the Saxton Field Cycling Facility funding needs to be allocated in this years Annual Plan and construction needs to be completed by the end of 2012.

They tabled statistics (1115112) to show that the sport of track cycling in the district was attracting a lot of families with young children and was growing and urged Council to accommodate that growth.

3.10 Football Club Nelson (FC Nelson), submission 1166, page 789

Ms Rebecca Douglas-Clifford presented the submission on behalf of Football Club Nelson. She said she was the Vice-President of the Club which had in excess of 900 players both male and female. The submission requested that, due to greater usage at Neale Park, Council commit resources to improving the ground and turf at Neale Park. In addition, she said, the submission sought the establishment of a regular consultative forum with appropriate Council staff on soccer facilities in Nelson.

3.11 Ray Caird, submission 1557, page 50

Mr Caird made his submission on the Rutherford Park proposal saying that there should be a focused theme. He suggested calling it Rutherford Energy Park and that the Performing Arts Centre and Conference Centre could form part of such a themed energy park which would focus on such important issues as global warming and sustainability.

3.12 Nelson Hockey Association (1993) Inc, submission 979, page 796

The submission was presented by Mr Allan Matheson, Projects Manager for Nelson Hockey Association. Mr Matheson said that Nelson Hockey Association requests that in setting the budget for the 2011-12 financial year consideration be given to inclusion of a sum to contribute towards replacement of the old sand turf playing surface at the hockey facility at Saxton Field.

In answer to a question Mr Matheson said the cost to Nelson City Council is likely to be \$½ million there would also be a contribution from Tasman District Council and from the Hockey Association.

In answer to another question he said there was approximately only 12 months life left in the old pitch.

3.13 Colin Starnes, submission 1602, page 617

Mr Starnes presented his submission which was strongly opposed to any increase in marina fees.

Mr Starnes' extensive submission gave data from 2010 financial statements of the various New Zealand Port Companies which compared the Nelson City Council's 2010 financial performance data for the marina against port assets operated under full commercial imperatives. In addition he said the data in the submission showed that the marina, despite being a sport and recreational facility, was operating comparably against port assets operated on a fully commercial basis. Indeed he said on each conventional rate of return measured the marina at Nelson had performed at least on a par with Port Nelson Ltd.

3.14 Lynda Fitzgerald, submission 327, page 1933

Ms Fitzgerald presented her submission. She said she was strongly opposed to any increase in rates and in particular the proposed development of Rutherford Park with a Performing Arts and Conference Centre. She urged Council to have restraint when setting their rates and expenses. She also indicated that she did not support Council not making capital repayments on its loans.

3.15 Derek Milligan, submission 274, page 1937

Mr Milligan presented his submission saying Council should live within the means of its ratepayers. He said he was strongly opposed to a Performing

Arts and Conference Centre, because he believed the City could not afford it.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10.42am to 10.55am.

3.16 Justine Kennard, submission 1368, page 829

Ms Kennard presented her submission which supported Council providing funding to develop the new cycle track at Saxton Field in the 2011-12 financial year. She also raised concerns about the safety of the current track at Trafalgar Park.

3.17 Dr Phil Silva, submission 763, page 599

Dr Silva presented his submission which focused on the Councils proposal to increase marina charges and tabled additional information (1115112). He said he was Chairman of the Nelson Swing Mooring Holders Association and Vice-Commodore of the Tasman Bay Cruising Club. He reminded Council of the recent meeting at the Cruising Club, to discuss the proposal to increase marina charges by 15%, which he said was attended by 226 people, all of whom were opposed to the increase for a variety of reasons.

Dr Silva said that his main argument against the increase is that it will inevitably cause hardship. Berth holders will have to quit and the Council will earn less from fewer berth holders. The present system he said is acceptable to berth holders and highly profitable for the Council and he urged Council not to spoil it.

3.18 Jill Ellison, submission 678, page 839

Ms Ellison presented her submission which supported the development of a velodrome facility at Saxton Field. She said there was a huge potential for Nelson to develop as a cycling centre for all ages and she urged that Council proceed with this development by making financial resources available in the 2011-12 financial year.

3.19 Annie Hill, submission 275, page 672

Ms Hill tabled additional information she read (1114112). Her submission was strongly opposed to any increase in marina fees and in her additional information she showed that Nelson was no cheaper than other marinas around the Country. She pointed out that the marina was not a cash cow but a recreational amenity and that it was how it should be treated. She urged Council not to go ahead with the proposed increases.

3.20 Jim Mills, submission 1216, page 689

Mr Mills presented his submission which was strongly opposed to the proposal to increase marina fees. He said that since Council first took over the marina from the port company there had been an agreement with the berth holders that the fees charged would be used only for the maintenance and operation of the marina. This position had been

confirmed a number of times over the years at meetings between berth holders, of which he was one, Councillors and Council staff.

The present proposal to use the marina and its occupants as a cash cow to help keep City rates down, he said, was an abrogation of all those agreements and a totally unacceptable and unfair approach to the financial management of the City. He said he was strongly opposed to the proposal and also considered the way the proposal had been presented on the submission form also gave him cause for concern.

3.21 Graham MacLean – Stoke Rugby Football Club, submission 1, page 808

Mr Graham MacLean presented his submission on behalf of the Stoke Rugby Football Club and tabled additional information in the form of a book (1115112). He said that the club was asking for a change to the Draft Annual Plan with regards to Parks and Recreation and was asking Council to consider the introduction of new changing and public toilet facilities at Greenmeadows. He said the Stoke Rugby Football Club was also interested in building new club rooms on top of these facilities and there was a possibility the Club would have substantial funds available for this purpose.

In answer to a question Mr MacLean said that he felt that the \$½ million proposed to be allocated to the Stoke Skatepark would be far better spent developing the facilities outlined at Greenmeadows.

3.22 Nelson Suburbs Football Club, submission 3, page 793

Mr Stephen Alder presented the submission on behalf of the Nelson Suburbs Football Club. He said that the Club was asking Council for an in-ground (pop-up) irrigation system to be placed on what is known as the training ground. Also for permanent seating to be placed in front of the football pavilion as well as requesting that work commences to progress the removal of the radio mast from Saxton Field.

3.23 Barbara Graves – Safe at the Top, submission 959, page 1239

Barbara Graves said that Safe at the Top would like to thank the Council for their ongoing commitment in terms of contributing personnel at governance, working group and task group level and also for the financial contribution to the accreditation process. She said that Safe at the Top looked forward to continuing to develop its relationship with the Council as a long term Council plan process begins. She tabled additional information (1115112).

She said that Safe at the Top would also like to request that the Council includes wording in the Annual Plan to reflect their support for the project and suggests the following statement would fit well on page 94 of the document under Community Development:

“Nelson City Council supports the work of the International Safe Communities “Safe at the Top” and provides it with financial and staff

support. The Mayor has endorsed the project and Councillors and staff are involved in work group and task group levels."

3.24 Roger Gibbons, submission 162, page 1442

Mr Scott Gibbons presented his submission on behalf of Mr Roger Gibbons. He said there were three issues that were being opposed, the Performing Arts and Conference Centre which he said was not sustainable or affordable and will restrict the Council's ability to fund its legitimate infrastructure needs. In particular the Conference Centre he said should be left for private enterprise. The second issue was public transport. He said it was not the duty of the Council to subsidise public transport and the third thing that was strongly opposed was an increase to marina charges. Mr Gibbons said that 15% increase was not justifiable and there needs to be a lot more detail given before any increase is introduced.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for lunch from 12.12pm until 1.03pm.

3.25 Dot Kettle and David Moir – Nelson Tasman Chamber of Commerce, Submission 1354, page 1542

Ms Kettle spoke on the need for Council to support a strong and vibrant business community and stated the economic strategy should include a population strategy. She pointed out that Nelson needs to attract and maintain the 25-35 age group and that there is a perception of less jobs and infrastructure to support them.

Ms Kettle indicated that the Chamber of Commerce supports the Performing Arts and Conference Centre proposal and pointed out the pressure on Christchurch events due to the earthquake devastation. They do not, however, agree with the funding allocated and think this is unsustainable.

Ms Kettle went on to highlight the perception that rates are disproportionate on the small to medium enterprises. She also pointed out that rates were now a major expense for business in the city and asked for a review of the commercial rating system.

Mr Moir stated that they support improved public transport but that the revenue from car parking should be returned to improve the quality of parking in the CBD as increased costs would have a detrimental impact on businesses.

In response to a question, Mr Moir said that a civic facility would be in the best interests of Nelson, compared to a hotel owned facility. He also confirmed that the Chamber of Commerce supports the enhancement of Rocks Road and supports an alternative route.

3.26 Philip Nevell – Frontier Group NZ Ltd, Submission 1601, page 1228

Mr Nevell said that support for the rebuild in Christchurch should be considered in the Annual Plan and Long Term Council Community Plan. He summarised his request for funding for a standalone project working

alongside the Economic Development Agency (EDA). In response to a question, Mr Nevell confirmed that the \$70,000 requested covers a 12 month period.

Mr Nevell summarised his dealings with the EDA and support from other groups and stated that he felt the project should be prioritised by the EDA.

3.27 Rowena Richards – Uniquely Nelson, Submission 1043, page 1220

Ms Richards tabled and gave a PowerPoint presentation on Uniquely Nelson (1114306). She summarised the current promotions for Nelson and put forward a suggestion that Council increase funding towards Christmas decorations for the city.

3.28 Mark Houghton-Brown & Nick Ferrier – Venture Accelerator Ltd Submission 1143, page 1223

The submitter spoke on the need for a business incubator in Nelson. Mr Ferrier highlighted this as an economical public investment in creating jobs for the region and stressed the need for a more dynamic business culture.

In response to a question, Mr Ferrier said there was not a specific amount of funding that they were requesting and felt it should be a Council initiative. He confirmed that there was currently no strategy for forwarding the project if Council made the decision not to fund it.

Mr Houghton-Brown added that even though they are a private enterprise, the project needs to become Council business if it wants to keep investment in Nelson. He confirmed that they had talked to the Economic Development Agency (EDA) but the EDA were not acting on it. Mr Houghton-Brown also confirmed that they were aware of the Nelson Tasman Business Trust but felt it was not fulfilling the needs as a business incubator would.

3.29 Roger Thorn – Kahurangi Employment Trust, Submission 1643, page 1235

Mr Thorn gave a presentation on the Kahurangi Employment Trust and spoke to supporting documents which he tabled (1114306). Mr Thorn summarised his thoughts on art in Nelson, exhibition areas and the current loss of galleries in Nelson. He also confirmed that they had just had their lease renewed to 2015.

In response to a question, Mr Thorn said that the loan requested was to put the Trust back on an even level and that he would not be applying for a grant.

3.30 Evey McAuliffe – Nelson Multicultural Centre, Submission 776, page 1241

Ms McAuliffe spoke on their newcomers network, the reporting system for racist incidents and their migrants booklet. She added that the Nelson Multicultural Centre was a leader in its field nationwide but received less funding compared to other centres. Ms McAuliffe asked for increased funding in order to operate at their full potential.

In response to a question Ms McAuliffe confirmed that they work collaboratively with Refugee Services.

3.31 Liz Hegarty – Nelson Tasman Connections, Submission 329, page 1231

Ms Hegarty and Tania O'Donnell gave an overview on the Connections service, their meetings and their database of school leavers from 15-19 years old. Ms O'Donnell spoke on Memorandum of Understandings with secondary schools and highlighted that Nelson youth employment rates are doing well nationally. She thanked Council for its support.

In response to a question, Ms O'Donnell confirmed that The Hub already had a youth transition service so Connections were not involved there.

3.32 Julie Catchpole – The Suter Te Aratoi o Whakatu, Submission 1613, page 433

Julie Catchpole and Donner Hiser gave a PowerPoint presentation (1114306) on the Suter Art Gallery. Ms Catchpole emphasised the need for an architectural plan and ongoing funding for urgent maintenance. She summarised the Suter's principals and objectives and added that they were grateful for the increase in support in the draft Annual Plan 2011/12.

In response to a question, Ms Catchpole confirmed they were aware of the conservation plan and restrictions for Queens Gardens and plan to better link the gardens with the Suter Art Gallery.

3.33 Jane Evans – Suter Ambassador, Patron Nelson Arts Festival, Submission 265, page 1922

Ms Evans spoke in support for the Suter Art Gallery, the School of Music and the Theatre Royal. She supported the Performing Arts and Conference Centre (PACC) but did not think that funding should be redirected from existing facilities. She felt that it would be better to extend existing facilities and make them more sustainable. Ms Evans added that the PACC was not on the 10 year Community Plan and thought this should be corrected. She was also in support of the arts festival and masked parade and thought that Nelson had potential to be known as a festival town.

3.34 Cynthia McConville, Submission 919, page 2555

Ms McConville asked that funds be put aside for a significant review of the current rating system. She also spoke on the Cawthron Institute and saw it as unfair that they did not pay rates. Ms McConville also suggested that rates be related to income level instead of land value.

With regards to the Council website, she said that the statement that most cities use land value for rates should be removed as it is incorrect. She also wanted removed the statement that people living in a mansion on a smaller section would benefit from the current rating system.

Ms McConville also suggested that more information be made public on how the Council works out the rates.

3.35 Charles Hufflett, Submission 985, page 1716

Mr Hufflett spoke in support of the proposed bus service but did not agree with the method of funding. He was not in support of the level of spending on a Performing Arts and Conference Centre and said that the money should go into other facilities and for getting youth to stay in Nelson.

In response to a question, Mr Hufflett added that the marina was required to have a certain percentage of recreational area to comply with government requirements.

3.36 David Wayne, Submission 1303, page 1650

Mr Wayne spoke on his opposition to the increase in marina fees. He made comparisons to other marinas and added that the current marina facilities were not adequate.

3.37 Ron Geiger, Submission 943, page 1373

Mr Geiger spoke on the Nelson marina and its lack of sensible toilet/shower facilities. He felt that the increase in rates was disproportionate and also pointed out the lack of clear financial data. Mr Geiger said that it was a pity that Nelson had lost its tidal grid. In response to a question, Mr Geiger stated that he was not happy with the consultation process for the marina.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea from 2.52pm to 3.07pm

3.38 Mike Ingram - Wakatu Incorporation, Submission 952, page 1391

Mr Ingram spoke on the changes to rates and acknowledged Council's involvement with iwi and Maori issues. He advised Council that Mr Thomas would be in Wellington for approximately the next five months.

Mr Ingram pointed out that Matangi Awhio, a culturally significant area, did not get any dispensation or discounts on rates. Regarding the Arterial Traffic Study, Mr Ingram felt that a decision should be made quickly. He was in support of the Performing Arts and Conference Centre and its location but said that costs should be kept to a minimum.

3.39 Kindra Douglas – Victory Community Health Centre, Submission 924, page 1414

Ms Douglas gave an update on the Victory Community and stated that 25-30% of the people coming to the centre were from outside the Victory area. She asked Council for 10% of financial support for the centre.

Ms Douglas reported on their upcoming forum and added her disappointment that staff could not attend due to Community Assistance Hearings. She asked that Council contribute to the outstanding amount of \$8,000 and that Councillors and staff make an effort to attend the forum. Ms Douglas confirmed that Nelson City Council branding could be used at the forum. Ms Douglas also spoke on the poverty index and pockets of poverty around Nelson.

3.40 Colin Walker, Submission 934, page 2029

Mr Walker indicated that he was not in support of the increase in marina fees. He stated that he was a ratepayer of the Tasman District Council and did not want his marina fees subsidising Nelson rates.

3.41 Colin Walker & Others – Marina Berth Holders Association, Submission 1243, page 721

Mr Walker tabled and spoke to a list of action points (1114306) that the Marina Berth Holders Association was requesting from Council. He pointed out that the visitor rates were now one of the highest in the country. He also mentioned that super yacht berths should be the responsibility of the port company as they are classified as ships.

In response to a question, Mr Walker said that proper security cannot be organised as the marina was designated as a recreational facility. When asked, Mr Walker stated that he was not happy with the consultation process to date.

3.42 Graham Caradus, Submission 1015, page 2076

Mr Caradus spoke on the marina fees and stressed that Council should be equitable and consistent when charging for recreational facilities. He pointed out that the average age of boats at the marina is 30 years. Mr Caradus suggested that a different method of charging could be used for higher value boats.

Attendance: Councillors Barker and Matheson left the meeting at 4.01pm

3.43 Tabitha Besley and Seb Stewart – Q Youth, Submission 875, page 1247

Mr Stewart presented a movie and PowerPoint presentation on Q Youth and tabled a copy of the presentation (1114306). In response to a question, Mr Stewart confirmed that most of their activities were in Nelson, with a minor focus on support in Tasman schools.

Mr Stewart asked that increased support for their initiatives be included in the Social Wellbeing Policy. He also confirmed that due to a sub lease, they have not been able to improve their facilities.

In response to a question, Mr Stewart overviewed the governance of Q Youth, its board, structure and accounts. He also summarised the fundraising Q Youth was involved in and their increasing amount of approach from other regions for support.

His Worship the Mayor adjourned the meeting for the day and directed that the meeting would resume at 9am on Wednesday 1 June 2011 to hear the remainder of submissions.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned at 4.26pm

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

**Held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson
On Wednesday 1 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, D Shaw and M Ward

In Attendance: Executive Manager Support Services (H Kettlewell), Executive Manager Strategy and Planning (M Schruer), Executive Manager Network Services (A Louverdis), Executive Manager Community Services (S Coleman), Executive Manager Regulatory (R Johnson), Executive Manager Community Relations/Kaihautuu (G Mullen), Chief Financial Officer (N Harrison) and Administration Adviser (A Rose)

Apologies: Councillor R Reese and Chief Executive (K Marshall)

4. Hearing of Submissions (Continued)

4.1 John Cotton, submission 1599, page 605

Mr Cotton presented his submission which objected strongly to the proposed increase in the Marina fees. He maintained that the Marina was a sporting/recreation facility just like Council's other parks and sporting venues and the proposal to extract revenue from one group to reduce rates was, he said, entirely inappropriate.

Mr Cotton said that all he required was somewhere to park his boat so that his friends and family that turn up on racing nights can go sailing. He said he was not interested in the construction of showers, laundries,

meeting rooms, luxury yacht berths or other projects that would increase Marina expenditure and was of no benefit to himself.

He said that the majority of Marina users were of the same view.

Attendance: Councillor Matheson joined the meeting at 9.10am.

4.2 Brian Pollock, submission 1660, page 625

Mr Pollock presented his submission and spoke in opposition to the proposed increase to Marina charges. He gave a history of the Nelson Marina and how charges have always been set to cover costs, not to make a profit for Council.

In answer to a question he agreed there should be a differential rate between "normal boaties", people who reside at the Marina and visitors.

In answer to another question he urged Council to consult with the Nelson Marina Berth Holders Association saying it was a very good group.

Attendance: Councillor Boswijk joined the meeting 9.15am.

4.3 Auckland Point School Board of Trustees, submission 1592, page 1077

Mrs Sonya Hockley, Principle of Auckland Point School, presented the submission which requested that the speed limit be reduced on both sides of the dual carriageway on Haven Road within a reasonable distance of the main school entrances (vehicular and pedestrian) and the pedestrian crossing adjacent to the school.

She said that the speed should be reduced in the area of road between the Halifax Street roundabout and the QEII roundabout.

In answer to a question she said she agreed that the pedestrian crossing should be relocated.

In answer to another question Mrs Hockley agreed that single-laning the road in the vicinity of the school would also help.

Attendance: Councillor Collingwood joined the meeting at 9.20am.

4.4 NZ Automobile Association Nelson District (AA), submission 1632, page 1039

Mr Paul Heywood, District Chairman NZ Automobile Association Nelson District, presented the submission.

The submission supported several items in the Council's draft Annual Plan but opposed, in particular, the increase to parking fees at the four main squares of Montgomery, Buxton, Millers Acre and Wakatu.

The submission also requested that Council investigate the provision of long-term parking for those motorists who work in the CBD and where limited parking in the squares is inadequate. He said the provision of parking for short-stay users should not be the single focus of Council.

Mr Heywood said that the AA identified the Arterial Study as the best way to identify an option to meet the region's transport needs into the future. This remains a high priority for the Automobile Association.

4.5 John Wares, submission 1280, page 1125

Mr Wares presented his submission and highlighted his request to the Council to continue to pressure the NZTA for a reduction to the current SH6 100kph speed limit for the entire length of SH6 from Allisdair Street to the Trafalgar Street/Kinsett Terrace intersection.

4.6 Peter Butler, submission 1270, page 1043

Mr Butler spoke to his submission which requested Council provide a pedestrian refuge in Rocks Road adjacent to Days Track.

4.7 Todds Bush Residents Association, submission 1032, page 1103

Mr Alan Hollis presented the submission on behalf of Todds Bush Road Residents Association.

The submission requested the Council make provision for footpaths in Todds Bush Valley as well as provision for an adequate stormwater infrastructure in the valley.

4.8 George Truman, submission 1577, page 1084

Mr Truman presented his submission which requested Council to investigate the installation of a synthetic matting strip at Tahunanui Beach.

4.9 Michael Burrough, submission 347, page 2569

Mr Burrough presented his submission and in addition requested Council install an overbridge across the Waimea Road at the Hampden Street intersection.

4.10 Atawhai Safety Group, submission 1168, page 1130

Mr Antony Chaney presented the submission on behalf of the Atawhai Safety Group 2011 which requested Council advocate to achieve a speed limit reduction along Atawhai Drive. He tabled additional information (1115082).

4.11 Accessibility for All, submission 986, page 1087

Sarah Downs and Donna Smith presented the submission on behalf of Accessibility for All.

The submitters requested Council appoint an official representative to Accessibility for All. In answer to a question they said the next meeting of the Group would be held on 6 August 2011 and the Group meets quarterly.

The submitters said that Accessibility for All would also like to recommend a more active programme regarding footpath cleaning and vegetation maintenance. Overgrown vegetation can make movement very difficult for mobility scooters or for those who are visually impaired.

In addition the submission requested a consistency policy for the location of recycling bins and sandwich boards on the footpath as the current variation of placement makes it very difficult for those who are visually impaired making their way around the central city.

In answer to a question the submitters confirmed that they were disappointed that the Council's Total Mobility Committee no longer existed.

4.12 Dame Alison Roxburgh, submission 969, page 448

Dame Alison presented her submission which expressed her concern for The Suter and the Nelson School of Music. She urged that both those institutions receive adequate Council support to ensure their future security. She said if that meant that the development of a larger Performing Arts Conference Centre is slowed down as a result then so be it.

4.13 Nayland College, submission 478, page 1149

Mr Richard Wilkins, accompanied by 2 students from Nayland College, presented the submission which requested Council impose speed restrictions on traffic passing the front of Nayland College before and at the end of the school day.

It was agreed by the submitters that such a speed enforcement should cover the frontage of all the four schools which fronted Nayland Road.

The request from the submitters was that there should be a special speed restriction of 40kph with signage.

4.14 Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Trust, submission 1624, page 947

Mr David Butler, Chairperson of the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Trust, presented the submission and gave a progress report on what was happening at the Sanctuary and within the Trust. He tabled a supporting article (1115082).

He said the Trust is extremely grateful for the ongoing leadership and commitment shown by the Council in their strong support of the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary project.

4.15 Tony Healey, submission 1362, page 957

Mr Healey addressed his submission and spoke against the construction of the proposed skate park in Stoke. He said any location of such a park should be part of an integrated plan and he requested Council prepare a proper management plan for the Stoke township as well as a recreation plan for the area. He urged Council not to construct the skate park in isolation. He said that he believed that it was not a good use of \$500,000 of Council resources and the money could be better spent developing facilities for Green Meadows.

4.16 Virat Vij – Mumbai Mexico, submission 836, page 1727

Mr Vij presented his submission which urged Council to upgrade Bridge Street with signs and paint the Bridge Street footpaths in one metre strip in green to increase awareness of recycling.

He also volunteered to bring together all the businesses in the area to work on other initiatives to promote Bridge Street as a safe place to be.

Mr Vij also urged Council to upgrade the toilet facilities and shower facilities at Tahunanui Beach.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10.48am until 11.05am.

4.17 Daniel Campbell-Macdonald, submission 1639, page 1001

Mr Campbell-Macdonald presented his submission which sought a minor upgrade to the Riverside Pool. He said that the current section provided for toddlers and small children is inadequate as it is too cold. He said that the toddler's pool needs to be heated separately from the main pool at a level more comfortable for toddlers.

4.18 Nelson Lawn Tennis Club, submission 1282, page 999

Mr Allan Innes-Walker presented the submission on behalf of the Nelson Lawn Tennis Club and tabled additional information which he read (1115082).

The submission requested that the \$100,000 in lighting project funds from the 2010/11 financial year be transferred and drawn down as soon as possible in the 2011/12 financial year. He said that this had not been done because of incomplete lease negotiations. He said that staff had been instructed not to sign leases while the proposals for Rutherford Park were being discussed. He urged that these leases now be signed so the development with the lighting could progress.

4.19 Nelson Society of Modellers, submission 552, page 1004

Mr John Caldwell presented the submission on behalf of the Nelson Society of Modellers.

The submission asked the Council to not change the shape of the existing pond, to retain the existing vertical concrete edges around the pond and to concrete the base of the pond.

In addition Mr Caldwell requested Council to find a way of efficiently emptying the last of the water in the pond preparatory to the cleaning operation and find a viable and economic way to control algae growth.

In answer to a question he said he did not know who had built the pond. The Society leased the pond from the Council at \$400 per year. Mr Caldwell said that the pond is too shallow for model yachts with large keels.

4.20 Jim Cable, submission 944, page 1375

Mr Cable spoke to his submission which either opposed or strongly opposed many of the proposals in the draft Annual Plan.

Mr Cable identified the Southern Link as a priority for Council saying this must be finished. He urged Council to work towards a minus rates increase in the next few years and asked Councillors for more vision and common sense.

4.21 Sue Bateup, submission 1666, page 1503

Ms Bateup presented her submission which focused on the arts and public transport and tabled additional information (1115082). She reminded Council that both creativity as well as physical activity are necessities for a healthy community and she urged Council to spend money on the arts.

Ms Bateup also read a submission from the Whitehouse Drop In Centre supporting the need for affordable public transport.

4.22 Tina Cooper, submission 1703, page 1078

Ms Cooper said it was very apparent that no consultation made with disabled persons in wheelchairs or mobility scooters during the design process of many new buildings or refurbishment in existing older buildings. She said that The Suter has not made any changes for disabled persons to readily access the galleries and the Theatre Royal has only one disabled space which she said was in the wrong place. She urged Council to bear this in mind when the design for any new performing arts and events centre was being considered as well as for the upgrade of the Trafalgar Centre. She also criticised the lack of disabled facilities at Founders Park.

4.23 Alf Newman, submission 966, page 2197

Mr Newman tabled additional information (1115082), which he read, which urged Council to prioritise getting its financial arrangements into order to be able to cope with a disaster similar to the earthquakes which had recently struck Christchurch. He said Council should not be spending its scarce financial resources on 'nice to dos' but should start applying

them to the important 'must do' stuff such as protecting the city and its infrastructure against an earthquake.

4.24 Johanna Tyson, submission 1277, page 465

Ms Tyson presented her submission which urged Council to commit more resources to the promotion and development of the arts in Nelson. She reminded Councillors that art was the sport of the mind.

4.25 Steve Cotter, submission 1253, page 1093

Ms Victoria Guild presented the submission on behalf of Mr Cotter and requested allocation of funding for the construction of a footpath at the junction of Locking Street and Kawai Street, near the entrance to Locking Street, connecting the existing footpath at the top end of Kawai Street that has a dead end to the steps at the lower end of Locking Terrace. She said a lot of people, including a lot of young children, use this route on the way to Hampden Street School, Victory Primary School, Nelson Intermediate School and Nelson College.

She said the submitter would like the footpath extended from where it stops at the top end of Kawai Street, around the top side of the road to connect with the steps at Locking Terrace. This would provide the most benefit, be more effective and be the safest option.

4.26 Andrew Dunlop, submission 642, page 1753

Mr Dunlop presented his submission, tabled (1115082) additional information and read it.

He was opposed to increasing Marina charges and the development of a proposed Performing Arts Centre and Conference Centre.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for lunch 12.15pm to 1.03pm during which time Councillor Rackley left the meeting.

4.27 Bob Andrews – Nelson Marina Berth Holder Member, Submission 1332, page 1535

Mr Andrews said that he thought the government statistic of 6% unemployment was inaccurate and in reality it was higher. He related this to Council expenditure and marina fees and pointed out that these will put pressure on Nelson residents. Mr Andrews stated that he was disappointed with the Council dealings with the marina and that the marina should be compared to more than just local examples. He also suggested that if visitors stay longer than one month, the rate should decrease.

4.28 Bill Moulder, Submission 1297, page 2501

Mr Moulder spoke in support of the public transport initiative and suggested short term free parking in Trafalgar and Bridge Streets. He was also in support of the Performing Arts and Conference Centre but felt it should be smaller and closer to the city. Mr Moulder added that the

cycle/walking lane around Haven and Rocks Road was a great idea and that he was also in support of the Trafalgar Centre upgrade.

4.29 Karen Driver, Submission 1001, page 2035

Ms Driver was in support of the Sustainability Strategy and said the key would be engaging with the whole community. She was also in support of the public transport service and increased parking fees, and added that she felt cycling was dangerous in some parts of the city. Ms Driver also said that waste was an issue at the marina and that Council should look at better recycling options.

Ms Driver indicated she was not in support of the Performing Arts and Conference Centre and that deferring interest did not seem like a good idea. In relation to cycling, Ms Driver said that cyclists should be involved in road design decisions as many of the new 'pinch' points in the roads were unsafe.

4.30 Karen Driver – Nelson Environment Centre, Submission 330, page 1198

Ms Driver gave Councillors an update on the electronic waste recycling project and added that it had received good support. She spoke on the promotion needed for the project and suggested a subsidy for televisions.

Ms Driver advised that there will be a future peak in television disposals due to the upcoming digital switchover. She also gave an overview of the recycling and distribution of components after the point where televisions are received. Ms Driver was not in support of electronic waste being completely subsidised. In answer to a question, she confirmed that the project would breakeven without resident input.

4.31 Alan Caudwell, Submission 1344, page 1698

Mr Caudwell said that the Performing Arts and Conference Centre should not be built on reclaimed land and that it needs to be a multi-use structure. He suggested that there be more funding from public participation instead of just from rates.

In regards to the increase in marina charges, Mr Caudwell said this should be included in the ten year plan and should be staggered over several years. He pointed out the impression that there was no certainty around fees, as they did not know what would be happening next year.

4.32 Ken Meredith & Pam Frahm – Nelson Residents Association Inc, Submission 1309, page 1603

The submitter spoke on encouraging priorities over niceties for Nelson and that quoting rates without GST was not a good process. He also covered the coarse road surface around the city and its effect on road noise. The submitter spoke on the need for fresh water flow at the marina and on previous plans for a road to better link Nile Street.

4.33 John & Margot Rowling, Submission 1223, page 2728

Mr Rowling opposed the marina fee increase and stated that he was not happy with the information and publicity to date. He went on to say that some berths did not comply with current resource consents.

Attendance: Councillor Copeland left the meeting at 2.01pm

In response to a question, Ms Rowling indicated that this non compliance was regarding car parks available per berth holder and that there was insufficient parking for the local businesses. She added that they were in support of the current marina fees but did not feel that they should subsidise rates and also that there was a lack of facilities for visitors.

4.34 Christopher Taplin, Submission 925, page 1

Mr Taplin was in support of a conference/seminar/exhibition centre and saw this as integral to having a competitive infrastructure. He tabled an article on innovation (1114325) and strategies for the New Zealand economy. In response to a question, Mr Taplin said that a new accommodation facility would attract more events as there would be greater capacity for conferences etc.

He emphasised that location is imperative as even one block can be one block too far when it comes to people using a facility. Mr Taplin added that he did not include the term 'performing arts' as he did not think the facility should be 'all things to all people'.

5. Councillor Discussion

It was suggested that during the decision making meetings, streets should be able to be displayed visually for Councillors to assist with decisions on locations.

The Executive Manager Strategy and Planning, Michael Schruer, advised that Councillors will have the report with staff comments by this Friday, 3 June. He added that this will include a table of all the requests from submissions. Mr Schruer asked for further information that Councillors would want added to this report.

5.1 Councillor Requests for Information

1. Recent accounts for the Nelson Historic Theatre Trust.
2. Staff response to submission 1169 page 1136 on the 'local road' proposal.
3. Background on the change to commercial rating policy and documentation from 2007, not the differential but the actual 2007 papers. Also was this mentioned in any of the consultations with the annual plan at the time.
4. Minutes from and decisions for the Theatre Royal loan/grant, especially regarding if this went through the submission process.
5. A copy of the letter from Helen Clark to Tasman District Council regarding PACC.

6. History on the use of Trafalgar Centre, what types of events and how often it's used, for at least the last two years.
7. Information on management of The Hub.
8. Information on management of bus services and if Council can allow beneficiaries to be subsidised.
9. Information on hanging baskets
10. Timing of the commitment to a cycling venue.
11. Information on an application to make Nelson GE free.
12. Do live-aboards at marina qualify for a WINZ subsidy.
13. Background on issues around the \$1.5mil loan for the Theatre Royal and details on how they're operating financially.
14. Further information on the \$1.2mil suspensory loan from both councils for the Museum.
15. Indication of what can be referred to the grant system and also if grants can pay wages.
16. Information from Chris Fitchett regarding anything that was presented that needs correction regarding the rating system.
17. Documents on the consultation for the stoke skate park.
18. A clear statement for the community on the percentage increases and the make up of rates.
19. Comment from Bill Findlater of the EDA on the submissions from Venture Accelerator Ltd (sub. 1143, pg. 1223) and Phil Newall (sub. 1601 pg. 1228).
20. Request from Councillor Collingwood that it be clarified why there are requests for funding on the 9 June 2011 agenda during the Annual Plan process.
21. Marina:
 - a. Further details in general on finances, management, structure etc.
 - b. Information pre 1989 that Tracy Neal has.
 - c. Clarification if marina fees have ever subsidised general rates.
 - d. What could be put in place regarding structure.
 - e. Confirmation that commercial rates contribute 12% to the marina.
 - f. Marina consultation – was it valid and can we establish a formal liaison with the new group at the marina.

Councillor Collingwood clarified that Matt Shipman from The Hub was in support of funding for gigs and was not requesting funding, a letter confirming this was due to be received from him.

There was discussion on conflicts of interest and it was suggested that Councillors have a discussion on this before the decision making meetings.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 2.54pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

Chairperson

Date
