
Minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council – Community Services

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

On Tuesday 13 March 2012, commencing at 9.05am

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

In Attendance: Chief Executive (K Marshall), Executive Manager Community Services (S Coleman), Executive Manager Regulatory (R Johnson), Executive Manager Support Services (H Kettlewell), Executive Manager Network Services (A Louverdis), Executive Manager Kaihau/Community Relations (G Mullen), Executive Manager Strategy and Planning (M Schruer), Manager Emergency Management (R Ball), Manager Community Development (K Inwood), Manager Community Relations (A Ricker), Manager Monitoring and Research (M Workman), Strategy and Planning Analyst (B Wayman), Youth Councillors C Lindley and B Benson, and Administration Adviser (L Canton)

Apologies: Were received and accepted from Councillors D Shaw and J Rackley

Opening Prayer

1. Conflicts of Interest

No updates to the Conflict of Interest Register were noted and no conflicts of interest with any agenda items were declared.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

2.1 Governance – 21 February 2012

Document No. 1239771, agenda pages 1-11 refer.

Resolved

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council - Governance, held on Tuesday 21 February 2012, be confirmed as a true and correct record subject to the phrase 'some Councillors' being substituted for 'Councillors' in the second paragraph of item 7.3.

Barker/Reese

Carried

2.2 Policy and Planning – 23 February 2012

Document No. 1242119, agenda pages 12-18 refer.

Resolved

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council – Policy and Planning, held on Thursday 23 February, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Reese/Davy

Carried

3. Mayor's Report

4. Status Report – Community Services

Document No. 1034860, agenda pages 19 refer.

Resolved

THAT the Status Report – Community Services (1034860) be received.

Micco/Boswijk

Carried

5. Portfolio Holder's Report

Councillors Rainey and Boswijk acknowledged the contribution of the Executive Manager Community Services, Susan Coleman during their terms with Council and as it was Ms Coleman's last Council - Community Services meeting, they wished her well for the future.

6. Chief Executive Report – Community Services

Document No. 1236492, agenda pages 20-39 refer.

6.1 Youth Initiatives

Manager Community Development, Kath Inwood joined the meeting and spoke to this section of the report.

There followed a discussion about the need to focus on encouraging youth engagement within the community beyond their employment, and

ensuring they felt a valued part of the community and were involved in community decision making.

Ms Inwood advised that Connections' focus was broader than employment. She highlighted the Connections' youth providers network which enabled collaboration and identification of gaps between providers.

There was general agreement that Council had acted appropriately with available funds. It was suggested that grants through the Community Assistance fund may be an additional way to address youth engagement, and that a summary of the Mayors Taskforce for Jobs' work in this area may provide additional ideas.

Resolved

THAT the Chief Executive Report – Community Services (1236492) be received.

Boswijk/Miccio

Carried

6.2 Nelson-Tasman Regional Pest Management Review

The Manager Monitoring and Research, Martin Workman joined the meeting and spoke to the report.

Mr Workman explained that four Councillors had currently been appointed to the joint Regional Pest Management Committee through the Delegations Register. However, Council might consider reducing the number to three to match the Tasman District Council appointment of three Councillors, he said.

After a brief discussion, Council accepted Councillor Davy's offer to step down from the Committee.

Resolved

THAT Councillors Barker, Copeland, and Ward, be appointed to the Nelson Tasman Regional Pest Management Committee to hear and determine submissions and make recommendations to Council on the review of the Nelson Tasman Regional Pest Management Strategy.

Micco/Collingwood

Carried

In response to questions, Mr Workman clarified that Argentine or Darwin's ants had become so widespread that it was considered not possible to eradicate them, only to slow their spread and mitigate their impact.

6.3 Residents' Survey

Mr Workman introduced Strategy and Planning analyst, Brylee Wayman and outlined her background with Statistics New Zealand.

In response to a question, Ms Wayman advised that the survey would cover residents who were both ratepayers and non-ratepayers. She said that the intention was to gain an idea of how residents ranked the importance of various activities, and the use of monetary questions was a good way to give respondents the concept of a trade-off. She noted that questions related not only to rates but also to other fees or charges.

It was suggested that there be a general question that asked 'In what area would you like to see Council put more emphasis?'

In response to questions, Mr Workman confirmed that residents would have an opportunity to comment on their satisfaction with specific activities within each category. He also noted that respondents could be asked whether they had previous experience of the service they were commenting on.

In response to a further question about the relationship of survey categories to the Long Term Plan categories specified in the Local Government Act 2002, Mr Workman advised that the Long Term Plan categories were not sufficiently detailed to provide meaningful data. However, the survey categories could be grouped for reporting against the Long Term Plan categories he said. The more detailed survey categories would provide trend data and allow comparison with previous surveys, he said.

There was a brief discussion about survey questions relating to transport, and Ms Wayman confirmed that these were part of the Regional Land Transport Plan annual report data. It was noted that although some areas of transport, such as taxis, may not apply directly to Council, responses could have implications for Council activities such as public transport and the Total Mobility scheme.

It was further suggested that a more productive format for respondents would be if the full range of questions, from willingness to pay for an activity through to satisfaction rankings and further comments, be asked on an activity by activity basis. There was some agreement that this would provide more focused responses.

Additional suggestions were made that in parts, the tone of the language should be amended to avoid implied value judgements of respondents living situation, and that Nelson city was at a point where heritage could be separated out from culture and the arts. In response to a question, the Chief Executive advised that he had suggested the standardisation of some questions with other Councils through the Chief Executives Listserv network, but this had met with resistance.

In summary, the Mayor advised that Councillors suggestions would be noted by staff and discussed with the market research consultants tasked with developing the survey.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

7. Nelson Youth Council – 27 October 2011

Document No. 1179885, agenda pages 40-43 refer.

Resolved

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Nelson Youth Council, held on Friday 27 October 2011, be received.

Rainey/Boswijk

Carried

8. Youth Council Update

Ms Benson updated the meeting on Youth Council activities. She advised that the Youth Council was developing submissions for the Long Term Plan, working with Council staff on future youth park and skate park developments, organising events with the Hub, and working with Presbyterian Support on a survey of Stoke Youth.

In response to a question about the Tahunanui youth park, Ms Benson advised that families used the facility more than youth, however it was still intended to advertise the facility as a youth area to encourage constructive youth activity.

There was a brief discussion about Youth Council input into the Rutherford and Trafalgar Parks redevelopment. It was confirmed that the Youth Council's views had been reflected in the concept plans.

9. Exclusion of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting in accordance with section 7 and 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 on the grounds that the public conduct of this part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists.

Item	General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Particular interests protected (where applicable)
1	Nelson City Council Public Excluded Minutes – Governance – 21 February 2012	Section 48(1)(a) The public conduct of this matter would be likely to result in disclosure of information for which good reason exists under section 7	The withholding of the information is necessary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 7(2)(a) To protect the privacy of natural persons • Section 7(2)(i) To carry out negotiations • Section 7(2)(g) To maintain legal professional privilege
2	Public Excluded Chief Executive Report – Community Services This report contains information about the management and implementation of the Nelson Events Strategy.	Section 48(1)(a) The public conduct of this matter would be likely to result in disclosure of information for which good reason exists under section 7	The withholding of the information is necessary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 7(2)(a) To protect the privacy of natural persons • Section 7(2)(h) To carry out commercial activities
3	Solar Saver Review This report contains information about the 3-year review of the Solar Saver scheme to Council, including legal advice.	Section 48(1)(a) The public conduct of this matter would be likely to result in disclosure of information for which good reason exists under section 7	The withholding of the information is necessary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 7(2)(a) To protect the privacy of natural persons • Section 7(2)(b) To protect information that may disclose a trade secret or the commercial position of a person • Section 7(2)(f)(ii) To protect individuals from improper pressure and harassment • Section 7(2)(g) To maintain legal professional privilege

Davy/Copeland

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 10.12am and resumed in public session at 11.43 am.

10. Re-admittance of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

Collingwood/Miccio

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 11.44am.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date