
Minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council to Consider Submissions to the Draft Parking Policy and Amendment to Parking and Vehicle Control Bylaw 2011 (No 207)

Held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson
On Thursday 1 November 2012, commencing at 9.02am

Present: Councillors A Boswijk (Deputy Mayor), G Collingwood, R Copeland, E Davy, K Fulton, J Rackley, P Rainey, D Shaw and M Ward

In Attendance: Executive Manager Strategy and Planning (M Schruer), Acting Executive Manager Community Services (R Ball), Acting Executive Manager Regulatory (M Bishop), Manager Strategic Response (C Ward), Manager Policy and Planning (N McDonald), Manager Parking (K Robinson), Principal Adviser Transport and Roading (A James), Policy Adviser (P Harrington) and Administration Adviser (E-J Ryan)

Apologies: His Worship the Mayor, Councillors I Barker, P Matheson and R Reese

1. Conflicts of Interest

There were no updates to the Interests register.

Councillor Collingwood declared that she was a member of the National Council of Women. She said that, while she was not a member of the Nelson Local Issues Group and had been unaware of the group's submission, she would not take any part in the discussion relating to that submission.

2. Consideration of Submissions to the Draft Parking Policy and Amendment to Parking and Vehicle Control Bylaw 2011 (No 207)

Document number 1366384, agenda pages 1-21 refer.

Policy Adviser, Mr Harrington, spoke about the background to the Draft Parking Policy and Amendment to Parking and Vehicle Control Bylaw 2011 (No 207). He said that five submissions had been received, and that no submitters wished to be heard.

The Deputy Mayor said that, as no submitters wished to be heard, the meeting would be used both to consider as well as deliberate on submissions, and that the most logical way to proceed was to address each submission in turn.

2.1 Derek Nees

It was noted that the provision of reserved parking for Councillors, Council staff and visitors was a common practice for local authorities throughout New Zealand.

2.2 Nelson District Automobile Association

It was noted that the submission generally supported the draft Parking Policy, and the amendment to the Parking and Vehicle Control Bylaw 2011, although it also requested greater clarity regarding the boundary line of the prohibited zone at Nile Street West. Councillors agreed that the map could be clearer on this point.

Councillors discussed the suggestion in the submission that South Street be included within the prohibited zone. It was noted that, as South Street was a cul-de-sac, there should be no issue with skate boarders traversing the street.

2.3 Nelson Youth Council

It was noted that the Nelson Youth Council submission was generally in favour of the amendment to the draft parking and Vehicle Control Bylaw 2011.

2.4 CCS Disability Action

It was noted that the CCS Disability Action submission focussed on all day parking for Mobility Parking Permit holders, to assist individuals to access their places of work.

Councillors discussed this request. It was noted that all-day parking was now available at Wakatu Square, however it was also pointed out that Mobility Parking Permit holders needed to be able to park near to their destination, and that all day Wakatu Square car parks would only serve those people who were working in the immediate vicinity.

A view was offered that inner city parking should not be tied up with all-day parking. An alternative view was offered that the group of people to whom all day parking would be available would be limited, and that Council should be open to initiatives that allowed people with limited mobility to participate in the workforce.

In response to a question, Mr Harrington advised that staff would consider whether a flexible approach to Mobility Parking permits could be incorporated into the Parking Policy, or whether a Bylaw change would be required, and would report back to a future Council meeting.

In response to a further question, Manager Strategic Response, Mr Ward, explained that a future review of the Parking Strategy, as signalled in the Long Term Plan 2012-2022, would consider the extent of provisions for Mobility Permit car parks within the central city.

2.5 National Council of Women, Nelson Local Issues Group

It was noted that the submission was generally in support, although it suggested that Senior Parking Passes should be able to be utilised on Trafalgar Street.

In response to a question, Mr Harrington clarified that Senior Parking Passes allowed for pass holders to park for double the amount of time paid for, as long as the overall time limits for the parking space were not exceeded. He said that, as Trafalgar Street car parks were time limited to 60 minutes, it would be difficult for Senior Parking pass holders to enjoy the benefits of the pass if they were to be utilised on Trafalgar Street.

2.6 Other Issues

A suggestion was made that external participants in Council projects should be able to access free parking while they were attending Civic House to contribute to Council business, especially when attending all-day meetings. It was noted that clause 3.3.3 of the draft parking Policy may already encompass this suggestion, but that the wording could be clearer around this point.

It was noted that staff would take account of Councillors' deliberations, and would bring a report back to a future Council meeting, for adoption of the Parking Policy and amendment to the Parking and Vehicle Control Bylaw 2011.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.25am.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date