
**Minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council to Hear
Submissions to the draft Annual Plan 2013/14**

**Held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson
On Thursday 16 May 2013, commencing at 1.01pm**

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

In Attendance: Chief Executive (C Hadley), Acting Executive Manager Community Services (R Ball), Chief Financial Officer (N Harrison), Executive Manager Kaihautū/Community Relations (G Mullen), Executive Manager Network Services (A Louverdis), Executive Manager Regulatory (R Johnson), Executive Manager Strategy and Planning (M Schruer), Executive Manager Support Services (H Kettlewell), Manager Community Relations (A Ricker), Manager Administration (P Langley), Manager Policy and Planning (N McDonald), Project Management Adviser (C Blythe), Annual Plan Administration Adviser (S McLean), and Administration Adviser (L Laird)

Apology: Councillor J Rackley

Opening Prayer

Councillor Davy gave the opening prayer.

1. Apologies

The apology was received and noted.

2. Interests

His Worship the Mayor reminded Councillors to declare conflict of interests with the agenda as they occurred.

3. Confirmation of Order of Business

Resolved

THAT late submissions to the draft Annual Plan 2013/14 be accepted.

His Worship the Mayor/Davy

Carried

4. Welcome

His Worship the Mayor welcomed submitters and advised of the light system that timed submissions at the four and five minutes mark. He encouraged submitters to keep within their five minute time limit.

5. Hearing of Submissions

5.1 Sport Tasman

Submission number L5, late submissions refer.

Nigel Muir spoke about the upcoming South Island Masters Games. He also updated the Council on damage to Saxton Stadium as a result of the April 2013 flooding. He said that given the facilities at the Stadium were not scheduled for fixing until October 2013, the organisation was focussing on keeping the current users.

Attendance: Councillor Kate Fulton joined the meeting at 1.07pm.

5.2 Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust

Submission number 146, pages MUL67-MUL70 refers.

David Bonnett spoke to the submission from the Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust. He said the organisation was focussed on drawing as many Cycle Trail users into Nelson as possible. He tabled additional information (1519288) and outlined initiatives in place to maximise the benefits from the Cycle Trail and other cycling routes in the area. He encouraged the Council to further invest in all cycling infrastructure to herald significant benefits for Nelson.

5.3 Nelson Model Aero Club

Submission number 149, pages PAR17-PAR18 refers.

Phil Medcalf spoke about the request from Council to put strategies in place to minimise damage to vegetation in the Wakapuaka wetlands as a result of the Model Aero Clubs activities in the area. Mr Medcalf asked the Council to contribute \$5000 toward a hard surface track in a suitable location for the Club to continue its activities.

Attendance: Councillor Boswijk left the meeting at 1.16pm

5.4 Nelson Branch NZ Motel Association

Submission number 194, pages MUL114-MUL120 refers.

Michael Baines, John Gilbertson and Paul Anderson spoke to the submission from the Nelson Branch NZ Motel Association. They said there was little information about changes to the roading infrastructure on Waimea Road, particularly at the Motueka Road traffic intersection.

The submitters talked about the repercussions of changes to the road for motel owners in the area and asked that all owners be properly consulted on any proposed changes.

Mr Baines spoke about accommodation in Nelson in general and said bed nights and the number of international visitors were down. The submitters asked the Council to revise their policy for non-commercial accommodation providers as many commercial providers, for example many motel owners, were struggling to keep their businesses open.

5.5 Nelson Cricket

Submission number L6, late submissions refer.

The General Manager of Nelson Cricket, Ed Shuttleworth, gave a submission on behalf of the organisation. He noted that participation was up 35% and that the club had paid its outstanding debts to Nelson City and Tasman District Councils. He said they were looking into an indoor community cricket centre and said Saxton Stadium was an option. He said for grassroots cricket, an indoor facility was important to provide a contingency in times of poor weather.

Mr Shuttleworth said Nelson Cricket would fund 100% of the construction of the building. He said they would then gift it to, and lease it back, at a nominal fee, from Council. In response to questions, he said they were trying to avoid making it a private business and in his opinion, it would be a more efficient operation if run by the Council.

5.6 Andrew Spittal

Submission number 16, pages WW1-WW2 refers.

The submitter encouraged the Council to ensure that projects and activities that were rated for should be delivered. He said development was hindered if budgets were not delivered.

5.7 Gillian Bishop

Submission number 168, pages ENV14-ENV18 refers.

Ms Bishop asked the Council to support a resource inventory for the Waimea Inlet Forum. She said the development of a GIS system would make information about the Inlet available for many to use, and could include features like the Great Tastes Cycle Trail. She confirmed that the Forum sought support in the form of staff hours rather than funding.

5.8 Nelson Marina Berth Holders Association Inc

Submission number 176, PAR43-PAR44 refers.

Colin Walker spoke to the submission and said the hardstand that had been budgeted for had not been delivered, and encouraged the Council to complete this project as the ability for 'haul-outs' was much needed.

He encouraged the Council to increase transparency around financial data. He also asked the Council to look into a credit card re-fuelling facility and to provide more car parking at the Marina.

5.9 Victory Community Health

Submission number 181, pages PAR47-PAR49 refers.

Gareth Cashin spoke to the submission and said they were looking to develop permanent facilities on the poolside of Nelson Intermediate School. He said the facilities currently there had to be craned in. He said they had already raised \$62,000 and required an additional \$45,000 to complete the facility upgrade and asked the Council for this funding.

5.10 The Tasman Broadcasting Trust

Submission number 174, SAH41-SAH42 refers.

Mike Williams and Sarah Jane Weir presented the submission and said Fresh FM was a not-for-profit organisation governed by the Tasman Broadcasting Trust. They said their core function was to assist in developing healthy communities by delivering key messages.

Ms Weir said they currently had a lease at Founders Park at full rent as the community rent rate did not apply at Founders. They asked the Council to amend this arrangement to allow for the community rate to apply to their lease and suggested there could be a contract for services from Fresh FM which they would undertake in return for Council meeting rent and electricity costs. They also asked the Council to use Fresh FM services to deliver Council communications. In response to a question, the submitter said they had also applied to Tasman District Council for the same request.

5.11 Connections

Submission number 70, pages SAH23-SAH24 refers.

Lesley McQue and Tania O'Donnell gave a power point presentation (1509972) and highlighted the services of Connections. They said their funding contract with the Ministry of Social Development was nearing its end date and would not continue as the Ministry's funding criteria had shifted. They said to continue delivering their service they required 'top-up' funding.

Ms O'Donnell said the Connections serviced helped track young people (15-19 year olds) from school to find out what school leavers were doing. She said Connections had two full time employees.

5.12 Nelson Tasman Smokefree Community Tobacco and Smokefree Project Team

Submission number 226, SAH68 refers.

Averil West encouraged the Council to introduce a smoke free policy for all Council outdoor events in line with Smokefree New Zealand 2025. It was noted that there was no information on the Council website about which Council facilities were smoke free. The submitter also asked Council to encourage businesses to declare their outdoor areas as smokefree.

5.13 Safe at the Top

Submission number 73, pages SAH25-SAH28 refers.

Barbara Graves thanked the Council for their support to the organisation and outlined their current focus of work. She mentioned the Safe City re-designation in 2015.

5.14 Youth Nelson

Submission number 68, pages SAH21-SAH22 refers.

Students from Youth Nelson presented their submission and read out a letter that highlighted the services provided by Youth Nelson. They encouraged the Council to maintain Youth Nelson funding to enable the services to continue.

5.15 Sue and Michael Harris

Submission number 161, pages SFR17-SFP18 refers.

The submitters spoke to their submission. They asked the Council to complete the stormwater drain at Harris Hill and said they were required to pay about \$40,000 in financial contributions towards this stormwater system about six years ago.

5.16 Nelson Tasman Chamber of Commerce

Submission number 169, pages MUL89-MUL92 refers.

Dot Kettle highlighted the main points from the organisation's submission.

Attendance: Councillor Boswijk returned to the meeting at 2.38pm.

5.17 Nelson Residents Association

Submission number L7, late submissions refers.

Kerry Neal spoke to the submission from the organisation and mentioned the Modellers Pond. He encouraged the Council to better communicate

plans for this Pond to the community. He also expressed concern with the budget for staff salaries and said the Association believed that Councillors should not be paid for non-attendance.

Mr Neal expressed concern over the rates rise and encouraged the Council to keep it low. In relation to the bus service, the submitter said the frequency of buses should be increased and should offer better routes to link all parts of Nelson.

5.18 Chris and John-Paul Allison

Submission number 175, pages TRA41-TRA44 refers.

The submitters discussed options for increasing the use of bicycles in Nelson. The submitters encouraged the Council to improve and invest in better cycling infrastructure for Nelson, and said the priority for them would be the development of a cycleway link through the city on St Vincent Street.

5.19 Victory Primary School

Submission number 72, pages TRA21-TRA26 refers.

Helen Watson and Wendy Taylor (Acting Principal) presented the submission and highlighted the safety issues with the pedestrian crossings to the school from both Vanguard Street and St Vincent/Totara Streets. The submitters tabled photographs (1515546) illustrating these issues.

The submitters said they would like to see safety improvements for these crossings and access points to the school, as per the written submission.

In response to questions, the submitters said they got rid of the small car parks on the school property due to the risk of accidents with pedestrians and children on scooters using the footpath. The submitters encouraged the Council to address cycling, walking and car access issues to the school.

5.20 Kensington Court Retirement Village

Submission number 92, pages TRA27-TRA31 refers.

Beverley Thompson, Daphne Stevens, Joan Price and Kay Price addressed the Council and requested a pedestrian refuge on Main Road Stoke opposite Kensington Court to help people cross the road safely.

In response to a question, the submitters confirmed that they had written to Hon Dr Nick Smith. They also said a pedestrian crossing was not the preferred system for this part of the road, as per advice from Council officers.

5.21 Richard Osmaston

Submission number 24, pages ECO9-ECO10 refers.

Richard Osmaston addressed the Council and spoke about the 'Resource Based Economy' concept and tabled additional information (1508519) about this.

Attendance: the meeting adjourned for morning tea from 3.23pm to 3.40pm.

5.22 Nelson Tasman Tourism

Submission number 192, pages MUL109-MUL113 refers.

Lynda Keene and Phil Taylor thanked the Council for its support to the organisation. They said they were looking to extend investments and were focussing on marketing the region as a 'destination venue'. The beneficiaries would be wide spread but particularly favoured the food and beverage, fuel and other retailing sectors, followed by the accommodation and activity sectors.

5.23 Gaile Noonan and Jim Mitchell

Submission number 228, pages MUL134-MUL136 refers.

Ms Noonan presented her submission. She expressed dismay over the removal of trees beside her house on Hathaway Terrace and questioned the Council's permitting and consenting processes, particularly regarding works around the city that impact on residents day to day life.

5.24 Dan McGuire

Submission number 71, pages MUL18-MUL20 refers.

Mr McGuire said the recent amendment to the Local Government Act 2002 required Council to provide only core services and said Council's budgets should reflect this.

5.25 Gaire Thompson

Submission number L8, late submissions refers.

Mr Thompson spoke to the points in his submission. He expressed his concerns with the level of Council debt. He said, in his opinion, information about the proposed rate level for 2013/14 had not been accurately communicated. He also encouraged the Council to re-consider the rating system.

5.26 Victory Community Health Centre

Submission number 202, pages MUL128-MUL131 refers.

Kindra Douglas presented the submission on behalf of the Centre and discussed issues with their work and asked the Council for clarification as to their funding going forward. Ms Douglas emphasised that Council may not have an accurate idea of the day-to-day reality for Victory residents and the high needs of the community.

It was confirmed that funding for the Centre was considered to fit within the new purpose of local government.

5.27 Neville Male (Nelson Grey Power)

Submission number 195, pages MUL121-MUL127 refers.

Attendance: Councillor Davy declared an interest with the submission from Grey Power and left the room for the presentation of the submission.

The submitter spoke about the origins and role of Grey Power and summarised the key points in their submission. He said the organisation's key priority was for the Council to keep rates down.

Mr Male said the main aspects of concern were that the Council adhere to the spirit of the recently amended Local Government Act 2002 and projects that fall outside the new purpose be revisited. He added Grey Power was of the opinion that the Council should clearly identify and limit expenditure that is desirable as opposed to essential and that the rate increase should not exceed 2.4%. Lastly, Mr Male encouraged Councillors to work together co-operatively.

5.28 Barry Thompson

Submission number L3, late submissions refers.

Mr Thompson presented his submission and re-iterated the key messages. He discussed the Council policy relating to earthquake prone buildings and rating differentials.

5.29 Ken Beckett

Submission number 230, pages MUL140-MUL142 refers.

Mr Beckett spoke to his submission and encouraged the Council to adopt prudent financial management, particularly in relation to debt. In relation to strategic land purchases, he said the Council should think seriously about such purchases to avoid future litigation. He suggested Councillors should question whether they would incur personal liability if Council took over the School of Music's mortgage when the assets were transferred into Council ownership.

Mr Beckett advised the Council that they could not make any changes to the draft Annual Plan 2013/14 that were outside of what had been requested through submissions. He also advised the Council to get legal advice around the parameters of the 'new purpose of local government' provided for in the recent amendment to the Local Government Act 2002.

Attendance: His Worship the Mayor stepped down as Chairperson and Councillor Boswijk assumed the Chair at 4.51pm. At this point, His Worship the Mayor left the meeting.

5.30 Amme Hiser

Submission number 188, pages TRA50-TRA51 refers.

Ms Hiser asked the Council to change free car parking days over winter from Tuesdays to Wednesdays to encourage more people to visit the Farmers Market. She further expanded this request by asking the Council to explore options to support local growers and producers. In addition, Ms Hiser supported initiatives to promote cycle-friendly routes, especially on arterial routes.

5.31 Nelson Surf Life Saving Club

Submission number 170, pages PAR24-PAR42 refers.

Ed Steenbergen spoke to the submission and discussed the benefits of constructing a surf lifeguard base at Tahunanui Beach for both the operations of the Surf Life Saving Club and the community.

In response to questions, Mr Steenbergen said the Tahunanui Reserve Management Plan prohibited such developments on the Beach. He confirmed the request from the Club to the Council, which was for funding to engage an architect to begin a concept plan and for help with the resource consent process but that the Club planned to use fundraising, including gifts in kind, to raise the full costs of the development.

5.32 Anne Chilcott

Submission number 191, pages PAR60-PAR61 refers.

Ms Chilcott spoke to her submission and asked the Council to ensure it properly consulted Hathaway Terrace residents about projects that affected them, including the cutting of the trees and the revamping of the footpath on the other side of the river.

She asked the Council to confirm if reserve land had been earmarked for inner city development.

5.33 Scott Gibbons

Submission number 159, pages MUL79-MUL81 refers.

Mr Gibbons discussed issues from his submission including Council borrowings, damage from recent rainfall events and earthquake prone buildings. He said his opinion would be for the Council to focus on core services and that it should review rating differentials.

5.34 Zachary Domike

Submission number 158, pages WW3-WW12 refers.

Mr Domike spoke about the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement and said this was a critical issue and encouraged the Council to take a stand against it. He discussed bio-gas digesters and said they would benefit stormwater systems.

Attendance: the meeting adjourned for a late afternoon break from 5.23pm to 6.05pm and during the break Councillors Reese and Ward left the meeting.

5.35 Andy Noble, Ian Wallace and Bill Lucre

Submission numbers 144,132 and 107, page SFP 5-16 refers.

Andy Noble spoke on behalf of the submission from Nelson College for Girls and Ian Wallace and Bill Lucre presented their submissions. The submitters showed video clips and power points of flooding issues in the area during heavy rain and discussed issues with the stormwater systems (1518477, 1512261 and 1518452).

They said water had been pooling in some areas and they believed that the stormwater system was no longer fit for purpose as the lines backed-up and water escaped from sumps during periods of heavy rain. They believed the issues had been gradually getting worse.

In response to questions, the submitters said the pipes had been cleared of roots yet the issues still continued.

5.36 Marsden Valley Cemetery

Submission number 232, pages SAH73-SAH81 refers.

Mason Robinson spoke about the significance of the cemetery. He discussed the vision behind the Returned Serviceman's Plot and asked for funding from Council towards its development.

5.37 Helen Black

Submission number 178, pages MUL93-MUL96 refers.

The submitter commented on Council expenditure. She asked if the Council could make the decision making process more transparent by publicising the voting of individual Councillors and noting individual Councillor attendance.

5.38 Generation Zero

Submission number 153, pages MUL71-MUL72 refers.

Monica Nelson, Emily Narbey, Sarah Price, Madeline Fulton Buckle and Elia Levy presented the submission and tabled additional information

(1515495), which they read out. The submission included ideas for improvements to NBus, Rocks Road cycleway/walkway, Bridge Street upgrade, solar panels on Council buildings and continuous cycleways.

5.39 Mission to Seafarers

Submission number 1, pages SAH1-SAH2 refers.

Nigel Whinney spoke to the submission and highlighted working conditions at sea for seafarers. He said often the facilities are below standard and there was violence between crewmen. He asked the Council to assist in the funding of the organisation to ensure this valuable community service continued.

5.40 Stoke Bowling Club

Submission number 4, pages MUL1-MUL12 refers.

Allen Johnson spoke to the submission from the Stoke Bowling Club. He tabled additional information to highlight areas affected by flooding. He said these issues were a risk to the grounds and explained the value of the grounds to members of the community. He added that Council officers had advised that the Club's land lies below the closest stormwater system and would overload it if connected. He said the Club's reserve funds were committed to fixing these issues, however asked the Council for further assistance.

In response to questions, Mr Johnson said it was the opinion of the Club that they would prefer to stay in their current location on Ranui Road rather than move to a new complex at Saxton Field. He clarified the request in the submission was to seek funding assistance to help with the flooding issues and the Pavilion upgrade.

Attendance: Councillor Matheson left the meeting at 7.00pm.

5.41 Football Club Nelson

Submission number 215, pages PAR79-PAR81 refers.

Barry Rowe presented the submission on behalf of FC Nelson and spoke about playing conditions at Guppy and Neale Park as stated in the written submission. He said the grounds were uneven and patchy. He asked the Council to establish an effective ongoing grounds maintenance schedule and upgrade the showers at Victory Square.

Mr Rowe said it was the preference of the Club to be at Guppy Park and asked the Council to explore options of constructing new clubrooms there.

5.42 Graeme O'Brien

Submission number 25, pages ECO11-ECO13 refers.

Graeme O'Brien presented the submissions from a number of residents on the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA). He asked the Council to vote on a resolution against the TPPA like that of Auckland City.

The Chair explained that this meeting was a hearing and submissions would be considered during the deliberation stage of the process. She advised Mr O'Brien that the correct process would be followed and that the Council would not vote on such a resolution at this meeting.

Mr O'Brien presented a letter he had recently received from His Worship the Mayor and asked why it did not contain the correct information. The Chairperson advised that His Worship the Mayor was not present at the meeting and she could not answer for him.

In response to questions, Mr O'Brien said he had not approached the Hon Dr Nick Smith or Tasman District Council with the same request. He also said he was not sure of any action resulting out of Auckland City since they passed the resolution against the TPPA.

The meeting adjourned at 7.32pm to be reconvened the following day to hear the remainder of the submissions.

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Apology: Councillor J Rackley

6. Continuation of Hearing of Submitters

6.1 Chris Fitchett

Submission number 134, pages MUL43 – MUL53 refer.

Chris Fitchett tabled a document (1519136) and spoke to it. He noted his concerns regarding proposed borrowings in the wastewater account, and encouraged Council to rate for natural disaster recovery in the Annual Plan 2013/14. He also spoke about his concerns regarding the proposed Capital Works Programme for 2013/14.

6.2 Steve Cross

Submission number 98, pages MUL29-MUL35 refer.

Steve Cross gave a Power Point presentation (1499307) and spoke to it. He encouraged Council to achieve increased returns on its assets and in particular drew attention to his concerns regarding the operation of Nelson Airport.

Mr Cross also explained his concerns regarding Council staff salaries, and the expenses associated with hosting the Cricket World Cup in 2015.

6.3 Euan McIntosh

Submission number 7, pages SFP1-SFP2 refer.

Euan McIntosh spoke about the provision of stormwater in Tahunanui, and the difficulties residents in the area faced with when connecting to the nearest Council stormwater systems when renovating or enlarging their houses. He noted his concerns regarding the integrity of the sumps in the area, and requested continued and heightened maintenance of stormwater systems.

6.4 Nelson Heritage Advisory Group

Submission number 97, pages MUL23-MUL28 refer.

Sarah Holman spoke about the activities of the Nelson Heritage Advisory Group. She thanked Council for its support of the Theatre Royal, Nelson School of Music and Suter Gallery, and encouraged Council to address the issue of long-term storage facilities for the Museum.

Ms Holman also encouraged Council to complete the Heritage Inventory Project, and emphasised the economic value of heritage buildings within the urban landscape.

6.5 Nelson School of Music

Submission number 87, pages SAH29-SAH30 refer.

Frances McElhinney and Paul Rosanowski tabled a document (1519128). They noted the Nelson School of Music's desire to complete all earthquake strengthening and development work concurrently, and requested that the \$4 million funding currently in the 2019/20 year be brought forward to the 2015/16 budget to enable this to occur. They also asked Council to make additional funding available to settle the School's mortgage, which they did not include in funding estimates because of an oversight. A further request was made to continue to provide an operating grant of \$120,000 in 2013/14.

In response to a question, Mr Rosanowski said that the Nelson School of Music's future viability would be undermined if it were required to repay the mortgage.

6.6 Nelson Youth Council

Submission number 136, pages MUL54-MUL56 refer

Youth Councillors spoke to their submission, and tabled survey results (1508903). They emphasised their support for the Fringe Hill Gondola project, and requested that Council consider funding a summer internship position, free wifi within the central business district, lighting of the Railway Reserve, and upgrading the kerbing on Hampden and Franklyn Streets. They showed photos of the current kerbing in this area (1519096).

In response to questions, Youth Councillors noted the strong support from youth for lighting of the Railway Reserve, and explained that improved kerbing on Hampden Street would improve safety by easing congestion on the street.

Attendance: Councillor Boswijk joined the meeting at 9.45am

6.7 Peter Crins (New Zealand Police), Sue Bellow and Rodney Holdaway

Submission number 35, pages TRA19-TRA20

Peter Crins, Sue Bellow and Rodney Holdaway spoke about the issues regularly occurring overnight in Buxton Lane and noted their desire that the lane be gated at night. They explained that one of the building owners immediately adjacent was in support of this idea, whereas the other was not.

In response to a question, Mr Crins explained that the closest CCTV camera showed the entrance to the lane, but not the lane itself.

6.8 Federated Farmers

Submission number 142, pages MUL57-MUL66 refer.

Gavin O'Donnell, Andrew Newton and Barbara Stewart spoke about effect that changes in rating policies had on farmers, given the restrictions on land use through Resource Management Plan changes. They asked Council to consider measures to improve the rating system, given the amenity and recreational values that rural land provided to the city.

Mr O'Donnell also noted Federated Farmers' support for improvements to the rates database, and encouraged any further action to make rating information accessible and transparent.

6.9 Nelson Tasman Kindergarten Association

Submission number 93, pages MUL21-MUL22 refer.

Wendy Logan spoke to the submission, and highlighted the Nelson Tasman Kindergarten Association's concerns regarding pedestrian crossing at Auckland Point School. She requested signs to notify motorists of the school, kindergarten and teen parent unit at Auckland Point. She emphasised the Association's support for a reduction from four to two lanes on Haven Road.

In response to a question, Ms Logan said that the Association encouraged excursions to Natureland although cost was an issue.

6.10 The Bishop Suter Trust

Submission number 182, pages SAH43-SAH45 refer.

Julie Catchpole, Craig Potton and Gabrielle Hervey presented the submission. They thanked Council for its support of the re-development project, and outlined the fundraising activities being undertaken by The Bishop Suter Trust to ensure that it met the required portion of funding. They added that Tasman District Council's support would be important to demonstrate regional support and thus assisting with the success of funding applications.

In response to a question, Ms Catchpole explained that the Trust was anticipating continuing an active work programme throughout the city while the Gallery was closed for redevelopment, and noted the impact that the loss of income from the cafe and theatre usage would have during this time.

6.11 Christopher Finlayson, Lloyd Harwood (Nelson Art Council) and Monica Hailes-Paku

Submission number 204, pages SAH50-SAH 67 refer.

Chris Finlayson, Lloyd Harwood and Monica Hailes-Paku gave a Power Point presentation (1513541) outlining the proposed Riverside Murals Project. They explained that building owners had given their support for the project, and that the murals were planned to be completed by local artists, students and volunteers. They requested Council provide \$76,000 funding for the project and some minor in-house assistance. Mr Finlayson explained the intention to seek the remaining funding from other avenues, such as Creative New Zealand.

In response to a question, Mr Finlayson said that he had had informal discussions with other potential sponsors of the project, but that Council support would be a necessary pre-requisite for any other funding.

6.12 Nelson Community Tennis Centre & Nelson Lawn Tennis Club

Submission number 196, pages PAR62-PAR74 refer.

Ian McKeage gave a Power Point presentation (1518444) outlining Nelson Lawn Tennis Club's proposal for a tennis club facility at Rutherford Park, to maximise the investment in the tennis courts. He explained that the club was undertaking to cover the cost of design, project management and construction of the building, and requested Council approve the project, and provide a lease and services to the building.

In response to questions, Mr McKeage explained that the building was designed to be relocatable to allow for later development in Rutherford Park.

6.13 New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects

Submission number 116, pages MUL40-MUL42 refer.

Tom Carter presented the submission. In response to a question, he encouraged Council to proceed with work associated with the Landscape Overlay in the Resource Management Plan, as he considered that the Ministry of the Environment discussion document currently underway was unlikely to result in any significant change to the provisions in the Resource Management Act 1991.

In response to a further question, Mr Carter encouraged Council to consider having Council planners attend meetings of the Urban Design Panel, to ensure that the reasons and motivations of the Urban Design Panel were fully understood by officers when consent decisions were made.

6.14 Calvi Gargiulo

Submission number 111, pages COR2 refers.

Calvi Gargiulo spoke to his submission, and noted his concern that rates in Nelson North had significantly increased over the past five years, whilst little development or maintenance had occurred in the area. He encouraged Council to consider incorporating 'green accounting' principles in rating policies.

In response to a question, Mr Gargiulo explained that there had been no zoning changes or increases in property value to account for the increase in rates.

6.15 Ross Wylie

Submission number 219, pages COR5-COR14 refer.

Ross Wylie tabled a document (1518851). He outlined his concerns regarding the adoption of financial policies through the Long Term Plan 2012-2015, the transparency of financial information, the projected increase in debt, and whether Council was correctly following the Local Government Act 2002. He emphasised the importance of clarity in documents such as the draft Annual Plan 2013/14.

6.16 Nelson Historic Theatre Trust – Theatre Royal

Submission number 198, pages SAH46-SAH49 refer.

Janice Marthen and Kerry Marshall spoke to the submission and thanked Council for support of Theatre Royal to date. Ms Marthen explained that initial forecasts had anticipated community usage at 40%, whereas in fact it had stabilised at around 80%, and that the Theatre had the greatest number of usage days of any theatre in New Zealand. She requested the operating grant be increased to \$177,000 to account for the high community usage of the Theatre.

In response to a question, Ms Marthen explained that increasing community usage fees would likely result in community groups being unable to afford hireage, and would result in the Theatre being unused. She explained that the Theatre Royal had undertaken its own ticketing and was looking at partnerships with other facilities.

6.17 Nelson Tasman Alcohol Accord

Submission number 26, pages TRA4-TRA9 refer.

Mark Preston-Thomas gave a Power Point presentation (1515526), and spoke about the work of the Nelson Tasman Alcohol Accord around the safe and responsible use of alcohol and reduction of alcohol-related harm. He encouraged Council to proceed with the Bridge Street upgrade as a priority and suggested that owners of buildings on Bridge Street would be likely to upgrade business frontages once Council had upgraded Bridge Street.

6.18 Hospitality New Zealand Nelson Branch

Submission number 104, pages TRA34-TRA39 refer.

Ron Taylor and Jeanette Swift presented the submission. They explained the work of the Nelson Tasman Alcohol Accord and the Police in making people feel safe in the central business district. They noted the issues with lighting on Bridge Street, and urged Council to proceed with the full Bridge Street upgrade.

In response to a question, Mr Taylor said that patrons had experienced difficulties with the angle of the footpath, but that business owners considered improvements to lighting to be a more pressing issue. In response to further questions, Ms Swift estimated that up to 20% of people on Bridge Street on any given night might be 'hanging out' on Bridge Street rather than moving between establishments.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 11.34am.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date