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

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

On Tuesday 25 June 2013, commencing at 9.05am

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Present: His Worship the Mayor (A Miccio), Councillors I Barker, G Collingwood, R Copeland, E Davy, K Fulton, P Matheson, J Rackley (Co Portfolio Holder), P Rainey (Co Portfolio Holder), R Reese, D Shaw and M Ward

In Attendance: Chief Executive (C Hadley), Acting Executive Manager Community Services (R Ball), Executive Manager Support Services (H Kettlewell), Executive Manager Strategy and Planning (M Schruer), Executive Manager Network Services (A Louverdis), Executive Manager Regulatory (R Johnson), Executive Manager Kaihautū/Community Relations (G Mullen), Chief Financial Officer (N Harrison), Manager Community Relations (A Ricker), Manager Administration (P Langley), Administration Adviser (E-J Ruthven), and Nelson Youth Councillors (C Phillips and C Norton)

Apology: Councillor A Boswijk

### Opening Prayer

Councillor Davy gave the opening prayer.

#### 1. Apologies

Resolved

***THAT the apology from Councillor Boswijk be received and accepted.***

His Worship the Mayor/Copeland

Carried

#### 2. Interests

There were no updates to the Interests Register, and no conflicts of interest with any agenda items were declared.

### **3. Confirmation of Order of Business**

His Worship the Mayor explained that there were four additional public forum presentations to the one noted on the agenda.

### **4. Public Forum**

#### **4.1 Riverside Mural Project**

Mr Richard King spoke about the concrete facade of Civic House and the Clock Tower, and suggested that these would be appropriate sites for murals alongside those proposed in the Riverside Mural Project. He suggested that a 'Welcome to Nelson' theme would be appropriate for murals on this site.

#### **4.2 Natureland**

Brian Mills tabled a document, which he spoke to (1542072).

He acknowledged the input that Orana Park had put into Natureland, and noted the benefits of Natureland to the wider community. He strongly encouraged Council to consider the proposals available for keeping Natureland open.

#### **4.3 Natureland**

Estelle Courtney emphasised the importance of Natureland to Nelson school children. She said she had letters from school children regarding the educational benefits of Natureland that she would pass on to Council.

She said that the entrance fees to Natureland made it difficult for families and elderly people to visit often, and suggested that lower entrance fees could result in larger visitor numbers.

#### **4.4 Natureland**

Finn Thomas spoke about his experiences of visiting Natureland, and what he had learnt about endangered animals whilst visiting there.

#### **4.5 Natureland**

Jo Dippie acknowledged the skills of Natureland staff, and spoke about the sense of ownership that members of the community felt about Natureland. She explained that a community support group was prepared to assist Natureland with fundraising, and suggested ideas for growing membership numbers.

In response to a question, she noted her preference for community involvement in Natureland to continue, rather than moving to a purely corporate model.

**5. Confirmation of Minutes – 14 May 2013**

Document number 1508680, agenda pages 8-24 refer.

Councillor Matheson noted that the interest he had declared at the previous meeting was with the New Zealand Community Trust.

Resolved

***THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council – Community Services and Infrastructure, held on 14 May 2013, be confirmed as a true and correct record, with amendments as noted.***

His Worship the Mayor/Davy

Carried

**6. Applications for Leave of Absence**

6.1 Councillor Matheson

Resolved

***THAT Councillor Matheson's application for a leave of absence, from 7 July to 8 August 2013, be granted.***

Davy/Ward

Carried

6.2 Councillor Copeland

Resolved

***THAT Councillor Copeland's application for a leave of absence, from 3 July to 7 August 2013, be granted.***

Davy/Ward

Carried

6.3 Councillor Ward

Resolved

***THAT Councillor Ward's application for a leave of absence, from 26 June to 18 July 2013 be granted.***

Davy/Ward

Carried

**7. Mayor's Report**

There was no Mayor's report.

## 8. Status Report – Community Services

Document number 1034860 v11, agenda pages 25-28 refer.

In relation to the update regarding Saxton Oval, a correction was noted, in that the funding application had been submitted to the New Zealand Community Trust.

Resolved

***THAT the Status Report – Community Services (1034860 v11) be received.***

His Worship the Mayor/Collingwood

Carried

## 9. Portfolio Holder's Report

Councillor Rainey noted that this was the last Council - Community Services meeting at which Roger Ball would be Acting Executive Manager Community Services. He thanked Mr Ball for his work over this time, and wished him well for the future.

Council acknowledged Mr Ball's work with a round of applause.

## 10. Community Assistance Funding Criteria Review – Additional Information

Document number 1520812, agenda pages 29-48 refer.

Attendance: Councillor Copeland declared a conflict of interest and left the table at 9.55am.

Manager Policy and Planning, Nicky McDonald, and Manager Community Development, Kath Inwood, joined the meeting and presented the report. They tabled an updated copy of the draft Community Assistance Policy 2013 (1485919 v4), and noted the items in the Policy that had been addressed following the discussion at the Council meeting on 14 May 2013.

His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Councillor Rainey, moved the recommendation in the officer report.

There was a discussion about the reference to community place-making projects in clause 4.3 of the draft policy. In response to a question, Ms McDonald explained that the reference to place-making projects was intended to highlight Council's interests in such projects. There was general agreement that the words "a Council contribution to" should be removed from this sentence in order to clarify this point.

There was also a discussion about the existence of community and commercial leases at Founders Heritage Park, and it was noted that the

commercial leases were of varying amounts due to the different sizes and improvements of spaces leased.

In response to a question, Ms McDonald explained that the intention to regularise the three historical community leases at Founders Park was to ensure that these groups had a sound basis for their presence in the Park, and was not intended to jeopardise their future there. It was emphasised that clear messaging regarding the regularisation of these leases should be given, to avoid any misunderstandings with the relevant community groups.

The Chief Executive also explained that the upcoming review of the Heritage Activity Management Plan would be an appropriate place to evaluate the role of community and commercial leases at Founders Heritage Park.

It was also noted that the reference to the Physical Activity Fund in section 5 of the draft Policy should be removed.

Attendance: Councillor Davy left the meeting at 10.15am, and returned at 10.18am.

Councillor Reese, seconded by Councillor Matheson, moved an amendment to add an additional clause:

*5. The bullet points 5 and 8 in section 10 of the Policy be deleted.*

Attendance: Councillor Matheson left the meeting at 10.19am and returned at 10.22am.

A discussion followed regarding the effect that removing bullet point 8 in section 10 of the Policy would have on the not-for-profit groups currently operating under commercial leases at Founders Heritage Park.

The amendment was put and carried, and became the substantive motion.

There was a discussion regarding whether the amended policy met the new purpose of the Local Government Act 2002, and the majority viewpoint was that it did.

Resolved

***THAT changes to the Community Assistance Policy to align with the new purpose of local government be approved as set out in document 1485919, including the following changes to criteria:***

1. *Item 3 be changed to: Applications must demonstrate the contribution the project will make to Council's Community Outcomes and Long Term Plan priorities and the vision and goals for Nelson 2060, which may include community place-making projects.*
2. *Item 5 be changed to: Only initiatives within Nelson and/or benefitting Nelson residents will be funded. Services delivered regionally will have funding eligibility relative to the benefit derived by Nelson residents.*
3. *A new criterion be added: Applications must be for, and clearly detail, a specific service and/or outcome that will result from the funding.*
4. *A new criterion be added: All applications must be aligned with the purpose of local government as contained in the Local Government Act 2002 – "to meet the current and future needs of communities for good quality local infrastructure, local public services and the performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses";*
5. *The bullet points 5 and 8 in section 10 of the Policy be deleted.*

His Worship the Mayor/Rainey

Carried

Councillor Barker requested that his vote against the motion be recorded.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10.45am to 11.04am, at which point Councillor Copeland returned to the table.

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

### 11. Nelson Youth Council Update

Chelcie Phillips and Charlie Norton explained that the Youth Council had recently assisted with a website for youth, a tree planting event at the Tahunanui Youth Park, and the Youth Volunteer Awards.

They added that current Youth Council projects included a collaboration with other groups aimed at making Nelson a safer place for youth, writing a submission to the Constitution Conversation, and assisting with

planning the Masked Parade and Sonic Youth Event to be held on 18 October 2013.

**12. Nelson Youth Council – 11 April and 15 May 2013**

Document number 1491607 and 1513430, agenda pages 49-58 refer.

Resolved

***THAT the minutes of the meetings of the Nelson Youth Council, held on 11 April and 15 May 2013, be received.***

Rainey/Fulton

Carried

**CROSS-COUNCIL ITEMS**

**13. Preparation for the 2013 Local Elections**

Document number 1517471, agenda pages 59-61 refer.

Manager Administration, Penny Langley, joined the meeting and presented the report.

In response to a question, Ms Langley advised that a date for the candidates' information evening would be confirmed shortly. A suggestion was made that any public meetings held by community groups regarding the election should be able to utilise Council facilities free of charge, and it was agreed that a motion to this effect could be considered at the Council – Infrastructure meeting held on 27 June 2013.

Councillors also discussed the various options for the written order of candidates' names, and a variety of views were expressed.

Resolved

***THAT Warwick Lamm of Electionz.com be affirmed as Electoral Officer for Nelson City Council.***

***THAT in accordance with Regulation 31(2) of the Local Electoral Regulations 2001, the candidates' names on voting documents for the 2013 triennial local election be in computerised random order.***

***THAT in accordance with Section 79(1) of the Local Electoral Act 2002, the voting documents for the 2013 triennial local election be processed during the voting period.***

Rainey/Matheson

Carried

**14. Remuneration of Elected Members 2013**

Document number 1534058, agenda pages 62-65 refer.

Resolved

***THAT* report 1534058 Remuneration of Elected Members 2013 be received.**

His Worship the Mayor/Copeland

Carried

**15. Exclusion of the Public**

Resolved

***THAT* the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.**

***The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:***

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	<b>Public Excluded Minutes – Nelson City Council Community Services – 14 May 2013</b> These minutes confirm the public excluded minutes of the Community Services and Infrastructure meeting of 2 April 2013, and also contain information regarding:	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:
	Natureland Expressions of Interest		Section 7(2)(i) To carry out negotiations
	The tender for the operation and maintenance of the regional sewerage assets		Section 7(2)(i) To carry out negotiations
	The possible negotiation of a Cricket World Cup		Section 7(2)(h) To carry out

	contract		commercial activities Section 7(2)(i) To carry out negotiations
	Council Owned Earthquake Prone Buildings – Mediterranean Food Warehouse Building		Section 7(2)(h) To carry out commercial activities Section 7(2)(i) To carry out negotiations
	The potential purchase of a strategic piece of land in order to protect a section of the Southern Arterial Corridor		Section 7(2)(i) To carry out negotiations
<b>2</b>	<b>Public Excluded Status Report – Community Services – 25 June 2013</b> This report contains information relating to:	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:
	Natureland Expressions of Interest		Section 7(2)(i) To carry out negotiations
<b>3</b>	<b>Natureland – Options</b> This report contains information relating to options for the future of Natureland.	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: Section 7(2)(h) To carry out commercial activities Section 7(2)(i) To carry out negotiations

His Worship the Mayor/Rackley

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 11.22am and resumed in public session at 12.31pm.

## 16. Re-admittance of the Public

Resolved

***THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting.***

His Worship the Mayor/Reese

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 12.31pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Date