
Minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council

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

On Tuesday 27 May 2014, commencing at 9.06am

Present: Her Worship the Mayor (R Reese), Councillors L Acland, I Barker, R Copeland, E Davy, K Fulton, M Lawrey, B McGurk, P Matheson, G Noonan, P Rainey, T Skinner, and M Ward

In Attendance: Chief Executive (C Hadley), Acting Group Manager Strategy (N McDonald), Chief Financial Officer (N Harrison), Group Manager Infrastructure (A Louverdis), Manager Communications (A Ricker), Senior Accountant (T Hughes), and Administration Advisers (L Laird and E-J Ruthven)

Apologies: Councillors R Copeland and L Acland for lateness

Opening Prayer

Councillor Skinner gave the opening prayer.

1. Interests

No updates to the Interests Register were made, and no conflicts with agenda items were declared.

2. Apologies

Resolved

THAT apologies be received and accepted from Councillor Copeland, Councillor Acland for lateness, and Councillors Davy, Matheson and Rainey for early departure.

Her Worship the Mayor/Noonan

Carried

3. Confirmation of Order of Business

Resolved

THAT the item regarding Report on draft Annual Plan 2014/15 Submissions and Further

Information be considered at this meeting as a major item not on the agenda, pursuant to Section 46A(7)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, to enable the Council to deliberate on submissions in a timely manner.

Davy/McGurk

Carried

4. Additional Submissions to draft Annual Plan 2014/15

Document number A1190899, agenda pages 4-15 refer.

Resolved

THAT the report Additional Submissions to draft Annual Plan 2014/15 (A1190899) and its attachment (A1190952) be received;

AND THAT the additional submissions in A1190952 to the draft Annual Plan 2014/15 be accepted.

McGurk/Ward

Carried

5. Hearing of Submissions

5.1 Ann Ross, agenda page 6 refers.

Ms Ross spoke about a 500m section of footpath on lower Songer Street and tabled a document (A1193153) illustrating the area.

She encouraged the Council to connect the footpath where the paving ceased. She added that it was a busy section of road, and a properly constructed footpath would assist pedestrians and other users in the area.

6. Confirmation of Minutes

6.1 27 February 2014

Document number A1149289, agenda pages 16-32 refer.

Resolved

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council, held on 27 February 2014, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Davy/Barker

Carried

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6.2 14-15 May 2014

Document number A1186406, agenda pages 33-60 refer.

Resolved

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council – to Hear Submissions to the draft Annual Plan 2014/15, held on 13 and 14 May 2014, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Noonan/McGurk

Carried

7. Report on draft Annual Plan 2014/15 Submissions and Further Information

Document number A1183685, late item refers.

7.1 Transport

7.1.1 Regional Cycling Framework

Senior Asset Engineer – Transport and Roading, Rhys Palmer joined the meeting. In response to a question, the Chief Executive advised that there was not enough resource within the current staffing levels to provide support administrative support to the Regional Cycling Forum.

It was agreed that the Council should still support this Forum in recognition of the importance of the work being undertaken. It was noted that Councillor McGurk would attend the forum meeting when scheduled.

In response to questions about the review of the Cycle Strategy, Mr Palmer said the Strategy was out of date however he advised that cycling was better dealt with in the Transport Activity Management Plan and the Regional Land Transport Strategy.

Resolved

THAT Council convey its support for the establishment of the Nelson Tasman Cycle Forum and look for opportunities to collaborate with the Forum as it seeks to enhance the environment for cycling in the Nelson Tasman region.

Her Worship the Mayor/Davy

Carried

7.1.2 Linkages

There was a discussion about the purpose of the Tahuna cycleway, and Mr Palmer commented that the current investigation was mainly for

commuter access. He said it was unlikely the Council would get 'R' funding for a recreational route.

Mr Palmer further added that the proposed Rocks Road cycle connection could connect with the Great Taste Trail, and this would be considered as a part of the Parks and Facilities Asset Management Plan. It was noted that this issue required further consideration at a later point in this meeting.

7.1.3 Bikefest

There was a discussion about the Events Fund and whether the Council should resolve to request that the fund evaluators waive the applicable dates for applications and consider this event even though it fell outside the required period. The Chief Executive advised that the Council could approach the Economic Development Agency and encourage the evaluators to take into consideration a broader set of criteria about the whole process in light of the submission from Bikefest.

Councillors noted they would like clarification about the funding sought from Bikefest. It was agreed this submission would be considered later in the meeting.

7.1.4 Matangi Awhio Walkway

Upon discussion, officers advised that the land upon which the walkway was situated belonged to Wakatu Incorporation, and that they supported Council re-instating the walkway. There was general agreement that the walkway was well-used by the community.

Mr Palmer said the proposed investigation would assess options and alternatives based on geotechnical advice before the Council decided to re-instate the walkway. He further noted that the recommendation in the report was intentionally broad to allow any information that arose in the course of the investigation to be reported back to the Council.

Attendance: Councillor Acland joined the meeting at 9.55am

Resolved

THAT an investigation be undertaken into options for reinstating walkway access from the bottom at Haven Road to Stanley Crescent and the results reported to the Works and Infrastructure Committee.

Fulton/Her Worship the Mayor

Carried

7.1.5 Railway Reserve Lighting

The Council discussed the high costs associated with lighting the Railway Reserve. Mr Palmer said it was possible to undertake lighting

in sections, starting in the CBD and moving out. Mr Palmer said when providing lighting for cyclists there were standards required of the Council.

There was general support for addressing this in a staged approach. Officers advised that this work should be included in asset/activity management plans as appropriate.

7.1.6 Rocks Road Cycle/Walkway

Mr Palmer confirmed that there was sufficient budget in the Annual Plan to ensure the next stage continued, including the increased scope of the project.

7.1.7 Bridge Street Enhancement

In response to questions, the Group Manager Infrastructure, Alec Louverdis said officers were having discussions with retailers about what would be required of them once the next stage of the project started. He added that there was a project manager to oversee enhancements required by business owners.

Mr Louverdis confirmed that there was approximately \$200,000 extra earmarked for this project, resulting in the total budget of about \$400,000.

7.1.8 Individual Transport Submissions

The meeting considered each of the individual transport submissions in turn.

Submission 6, Dominic Alford

The Council discussed the traffic related safety issues raised in the area outlined in the submission. Mr Palmer advised that it would be better to properly consider slow speed zones through a whole residential zone rather than one small section of a single street in isolation. For this reason, Mr Palmer advised considering safety improvements in this area through the next Long Term Plan.

There was agreement from the Council that a shared zone approach was preferable. In response to questions, Mr Palmer noted that there were a number of areas of the city that encountered similar safety issues, and that they would all be considered together.

Submission number 21, Garry Woodgate

Mr Palmer advised that the safety issues outlined in the submission presented a similar problem as the previous submission, and that the area in question should be added to the list for shared zone consideration. There was general agreement that no action should be taken and that the submitter should be informed that shared zones across the city would come back to Council for consideration.

Submission number 26, Peter Winfield

Mr Palmer outlined the proposed Stoke foot hills study, and said the project would cover the larger Marsden Valley/Ngawhatu areas of high growth.

It was agreed that the submitter should be informed of the project's timeline in line with the Long Term Plan.

In response to further questions, Mr Palmer advised there were standards that restricted a compulsory stop at a roundabout.

Submission numbers 79, 80, 81, 87, 97

Councillors supported the advice provided by officers as in the report.

Attendance: the meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10.40 to 10.55am.

Submission number 136 and 137, David Smythe

It was noted that the response to the submitter should say grade separated crossing points 'have' not been considered due to high cost.

Councillors agreed that responses to submitters should include other information relevant to the concerns of the submitter.

Submission number 144, Paul Anderson

It was noted that the figures used by the submitter were out of date and had been superseded. It was agreed that the submitter should be informed of this, and that the information in the Urbacity report was not able to be amended.

Mr Palmer added that the Urbacity report only took into account some specific areas, which did not include the area of concern to the submitter.

Submission number 160, Suzi Campbell

There was general consensus with the advice provide in the report, yet councillors agreed the submitter should be informed of the timeline for the Transport Activity Management Plan.

Regarding traffic speeds on Dodson Valley, it was agreed to forward the concerns of the submitter to the Police for enforcement. It was also agreed that Live Nelson could be used to promote the issue in the community.

Mr Palmer said it was possible to make some improvements to the bus stop on Atawhai Crescent. He also added that it was possible to move the location of the speed reader to aid future investigations into a low speed zone and that these issues would be reported to a future Works and Infrastructure Committee meeting.

Attendance: Councillor Copeland joined the meeting at 11.15am.

Submission number 167, Candy Eason

It was noted that the Rocks Road walking and cycling project would not consider the section of Rocks Road between the Crop and Food building and the CBD. Mr Palmer said it was possible that the Regional Transport Programme and the Rocks Road shared pathway project would consider this.

There was general agreement from the Council that this should be addressed through the Annual Plan 2014/15. Mr Palmer said the scoping report to extend the study area would costs about \$11,000. It was noted that this figure be included in the draft Annual Plan 2014/15 to progress the extended project.

Late submission number 2, Tahunanui Business Association

The Council discussed the transport related concerns raised in this submission and agreed with officers comments.

Resolved

THAT Council approves the officer recommendations for submissions 6, 21, 26, 87, 97, 136, 137, 144, 160, 167, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, and L6 in Attachment 1 (A1192953).

Noonan/Davy

Carried

- 7.2 Waste Water
- 7.2.1 Individual Wastewater Submissions

Submission number 24, Jesse White

It was noted that the Mayor would send a letter to businesses located on the site of the channel to encourage them to take an active role in clearing the channel of rubbish.

Officers advised that work to cover over the culvert was expensive and was not in any activity/asset management plan.

Resolved

THAT Council approves the officer recommendations for submission 24 in Attachment 1 (A1192953).

Davy/Acland

Carried

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7.3 Stormwater and Flood Protection

Tod Valley Stream and Wakapuaka Sandflats

Submission numbers 157, 172 and 175

Mr Louverdis advised that officers were in the process of securing resource consent to clear out the drains and public waterways in that area as a matter of urgency.

The Council was in general agreement to bring forward the programmed future upgrade of the stormwater network in the Wakapuaka Flats area from 2022, to minimise any flood risk to the area. The Council also expressed their preference for investigating options for addressing the flooding issues with Boulder Bank Drive.

There was a discussion about the flood gates in the area and officers advised that it was the responsibility of the Council to ensure these are functional. Mr Louverdis further advised that officers checked the flood gates after every rain event and routinely every month. He further added that the flood gates had been found propped open by other people.

In response to questions about levels of risk during major rain events, Mr Louverdis said it would be prudent to plan for a 1 in 100 year event in the area.

Resolved

THAT \$50,000 be allocated in the draft Annual Plan 2014/15 to begin work with affected parties on options for an upgrade of the stormwater network through the Wakapuaka flats from Glen Road to Boulder Bank Drive.

Davy/Rainey

Carried

7.3.1 Maitai River Weir

Attendance: Councillor Noonan declared an interest and left the meeting for the duration of this item.

The Council discussed the history associated with the weir. Officers advised that this was a complicated issue and a weir could not be constructed in isolation. Council expressed an interest in further exploring this issue at a later point.

7.3.2 Individual Stormwater and Flood Protection Submissions

Late submission number 15

Officers advised that the area of concern from the submitter was not on the priority list, mostly because it was a natural hillside and not a

public drain. It was noted that this submission may need to be re-considered later in the meeting based on any further information that officers could provide.

Resolved

THAT Council approves the officer recommendations for submissions 11, 14, 139, L5 and L15 in Attachment 1 (A1192953).

Copeland/Davy

Carried

7.4 Environment

7.4.1 Maitai River

Acting Group Manager Environment, Greg Carlyon, joined the meeting and presented the Council with a breakdown of the budget associated to the Maitai River project for the 2014/15 year.

Upon discussions, officers advised that work around the effect of subdivisions on the health of the river, and other associated pieces of work, would be picked up through the course of the project.

It was noted that the budget included \$40,000 for community engagement and that groups like the Friends of the Maitai might be able to apply for some of this funding, instead of to the Community Assistance fund.

Mr Carlyon said officers would check if schools other than Victory School had the opportunity to participate in the project. He added that involvement by schools was to be based on delivery, not only education.

There was a discussion about the proposed budget for this work. Officers advised that this was a sufficient budget at present, as the project would feed into further work programmes at a later point. It was also noted that the project should remain deliverable, which it currently was.

Attendance: the meeting adjourned for lunch from 12.49pm to 1.30pm, and during this Councillor Acland left the meeting.

7.5 Additional Submission – submission number 211

A memo was tabled (A1194121) outlining an additional submission to be considered (submission number 211, relating to category 7, Parks and Active Recreation).

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Resolved

THAT the additional submission (submission 211) to the draft Annual Plan 2014/15 be accepted.

Her Worship the Mayor/Matheson

Carried

7.6 Air Quality

It was acknowledged that a separate review process was intended to be carried out in relation to air quality, and that this process would be explained in the response to submitters.

7.6.1 Individual Environment Submissions

The meeting considered each of the individual environment submissions in turn.

Submission 1, Nelson Environment Centre

It was noted that the Nelson Environment Centre had applied for Community Assistance funding, and had subsequently made a presentation to the Community Services Committee regarding the Food Security for Nelson Project.

It was further noted that the Nelson Environment Centre had applied to the Ministry for the Environment for funding for the project.

Councillors discussed the submission and a variety of views were expressed. Councillors in favour of including funding in the Annual Plan 2014/15 noted that the project linked well with the goals of the Nelson 2060 strategy, and could leverage off other environmental initiatives, such as Ecofest. Other councillors expressed support in principle for the project, but suggested that it was more appropriate to consider funding it once the outcome of the application to the Ministry for the Environment was known.

A minority of councillors disagreed with supporting the project in any form. Several councillors also expressed discomfort with considering Annual Plan funding for projects that had previously been considered and not funded through the Community Assistance fund.

Resolved

THAT, subject to the Nelson Environment Centre's application for Ministry for the Environment funding for the Food Security for Nelson project being successful, that a report be brought back to Council on options for ways forward to support the project.

Copeland/Fulton

Carried

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Attendance: Councillor Matheson left the meeting at 2.02pm.

Submissions 8, 9, 33, 38, 58, 71, 72, 91, 95 and 124

The meeting considered each of these submissions in turn, and noted that the issues had already been considered, or otherwise endorsed the officer comments as set out in document A1192953.

Submission 134, GE Aware Nelson

In response to a question, the Chief Executive reminded councillors that the review of the Nelson Plan was a separate process to the development of the Annual Plan 2014/15. She encouraged councillors against predetermining any issue that should be considered during a separate process.

It was agreed that the submitter be advised that the issue could be considered during the review of the Nelson Plan.

Submissions 138, 176, and 179

The meeting considered each of these submissions in turn, and endorsed the officer comments as set out in document A1192953.

Submission 196, Vastuved International Inc

It was agreed that the submitter's attention should be drawn to work underway to reinvigorate the central business district, including noting opportunities for inner city living.

Submission 200, EECA

There was a discussion regarding the submitter's suggestion of a voluntary rates scheme regarding home insulation. In response to a question, Chief Financial Officer, Nikki Harrison, explained that schemes such as this were considered to be a rate, and would require consultation through the development of the Long Term Plan 2015-2025.

Attendance: Councillor Acland returned to the meeting at 2.10pm.

It was agreed that this issue should be deferred to consideration through the Long Term Plan 2015-2025.

Submission L1, GreenXchange Limited

There was a discussion regarding the submitter's proposals regarding methods for dealing with commercial greenwaste. It was agreed that the submitter's ideas warranted further consideration, although it was unclear at this stage whether an officer report would be required. It was agreed that Councillor Ward would approach the submitter to request further information, and that this should be included in the response to the submitter.

Submitter L12, Michelle McLean

With regards to the parts of the submission relating to urban design provisions, it was noted that these would be able to be considered through the review of the Nelson Plan.

Attendance: Councillor Davy left the meeting at 2.27pm.

Resolved

THAT Council approves the officer recommendations as amended, in principle, for submissions 1, 8 9, 38, 58, 71, 72, 95, 124, 134, 176, 179, 196, 200, and L1 and L12 in Attachment 1 (A1192953).

Ward/Fulton

Carried

7.7 Social including Arts and Heritage

7.7.1 Nelson School of Music

In response to a question, Acting Group Manager Strategy, Nicky McDonald, explained that a further report would come to Council regarding the deliverables expected from the Nelson School of Music and the timeframe for achieving these. She confirmed that the closure of the Nelson School of Music buildings had altered activities there, and that the requirement for deliverables was to ensure the provision of budget met the public good outcomes as specified in the Local Government Act 2002.

Resolved

THAT an allocation of \$100,000 be made in the Annual Plan 2014/15 for the purchase of outcomes from the Nelson School of Music, subject to approval of a timetable of deliverables by Council through a subsequent report.

Her Worship the Mayor/Ward

Carried

7.7.2 Theatre Royal

Councillors endorsed the comments in the officer report (A1183685).

7.7.3 Arts Council Funding

Councillors discussed the activities of the Arts Council Nelson. Several Councillors expressed support for an increase in Arts Council funding, noting that funding levels had not changed for a long time, and that the Arts Council already achieved more than required under its Community Assistance contract.

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There was a discussion regarding whether it was appropriate to move Arts Council funding from the Community Assistance pool, and instead provide a separate budget line within the Annual Plan to support Arts Council activities. It was clarified that by doing so, the Community Assistance pool would decrease by the \$40,000 per year currently allocated to the Arts Council, and instead this would be allocated as a line item within the annual budgets.

There was a further discussion regarding whether the Arts Council would be appropriately placed to administer the Arts Fund contained within the draft Annual Plan 2014/15.

It was agreed that this item should lie on the table until the following day, to allow officers the opportunity to gather further information including Arts Council finances, current contract achievements, and appropriate on-going funding levels for the Arts Council.

Attendance: Councillor Rainey left the meeting at 2.51pm.

7.7.4 Refinery Gallery Earthquake Strengthening

It was noted that officers recommended renewal of the lease for the Refinery Gallery building, but no earthquake strengthening.

Attendance: Councillor Copeland left the meeting at 2.54pm.

There was a discussion regarding funding for Kahurangi Employment Trust, and whether this was best achieved through Community Assistance funding or other means.

It was noted that any further discussion regarding whether the Kahurangi Employment Trust should be funded to run a community art gallery was more appropriate to be held through the development of the Long Term Plan 2015-2025.

7.7.5 World War I Commemorations

In response to a question, Acting Group Manager Strategy, Nicky McDonald, advised that the proposed inclusion of \$50,000 for World War I commemorations was for activities in 2015, and was separate to funding for a commemorative sculpture in Marsden Cemetery. It was noted that the amount was provisional, and activities to commemorate World War I may not require the full amount.

Resolved

THAT funding of \$50,000 be included in the draft Annual Plan 2014/15 to be used for WWI commemorations as necessary.

Her Worship the Mayor/Barker

Carried

7.7.6 Community Assistance Fund

In response to a question, Ms McDonald explained the proposed changes in process, which would remove officer assessments of applications being conveyed prior to the hearings.

Councillors discussed the submission, and noted the benefits of receiving officer advice regarding whether applications met Council outcomes. It was noted that applications for funding consistently outweighed the amounts of funding available, and that the requirement for at least 10% of the pool to be made available for one-off grants left an even smaller pool of money available for community contracts.

There was general agreement that, during the Community Assistance process, it was important to consider selecting a smaller number of applicants and provide a level of funding that would allow projects to be successful, rather than providing a lower level of funding to a greater number of applicants.

7.7.7 Bikefest (Continuation)

Councillors returned to discuss the submission regarding Bikefest, and in particular, whether the submitter was best directed to the Community Assistance Fund or the Events Fund in order to progress Bikefest.

There was general agreement that the proposed project was outside the scope of the Community Assistance fund, and that the submitter was best directed to apply to the Events Fund, even though the proposed event fell outside the timeframes currently noted for the Events Fund. The Chief Executive was asked to indicate to the Economic Development Agency that a broad view should be taken with regards to the timing of this event, as it profiled well for Nelson and had the potential to develop in the future.

7.7.8 Individual Social, Arts and Heritage Submissions

Submission 27, Nelson Symphony Orchestra

It was noted that the \$50,000 budget towards World War I commemorations could provide a potential source of funding.

Submissions 49 and 50, Gaye Bloomfield and Fynn Sawyer

There was a discussion regarding toilets at the Tahunanui Reserve. In response to a question, the Chief Executive explained that soap had previously been provided in the toilet blocks there, but issues had arisen with freedom campers removing all soap on a regular basis. She said that discussions were underway with the cleaning contractors to assess solutions for providing soap in these toilets.

During discussions, it was noted that simple actions could be taken to make the toilet blocks more inviting, such as plantings outside. It was suggested that conversations could be had with the Tahunanui community regarding simple actions that could improve the amenity value of the toilet blocks, but it was otherwise noted that the issue may be better addressed during the development of the Long Term Plan 2015-2025.

Submission 63, Carleen Reich-Simko

It was agreed that the submitter's ideas regarding 'Welcome to Nelson' signs and landscaping around the Buxton Toilets could be forwarded to the Nelson Arts Council.

Submission 74, 76, 85, 98, 99, 109, 122, 132, 140, 146, 165, 169, 190, 192, 197 and 199

The meeting considered each of these submissions in turn, and noted that the issues had already been considered, or otherwise endorsed the officer comments as set out in document A1192953.

Submission L4, Larisse Hall

The officer comments in document A1192953 were noted. It was further suggested that the Nelson Arts Council could be involved in connecting artists with property owners, and that a Live Nelson article could also encourage such connections.

It was further noted that the Suter Gallery was actively pursuing an alternative presence in the CBD, and that the submitter should be advised of this.

Resolved

THAT Council approves the officer recommendations in principle for submissions 27, 49, 50, 74, 146, 192, and L4 in Attachment 1 (A1183986).

Lawrey/Noonan

Carried

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for the day at 3.32pm

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On Wednesday 28 May 2014, commencing at 9.08am

Present: Her Worship the Mayor (R Reese), Councillors L Acland, I Barker, R Copeland, E Davy, K Fulton, M Lawrey, B McGurk, P Matheson, G Noonan, P Rainey, T Skinner, and M Ward

In Attendance: Chief Executive (C Hadley), Acting Group Manager Strategy (N McDonald), Group Manager Infrastructure (A Louverdis), Chief Financial Officer (N Harrison), Manager Communications (A Ricker), Senior Accountant (T Hughes), and Administration Adviser (E-J Ruthven)

Apologies: Councillor L Acland for lateness, and Councillors M Lawrey and P Rainey for early departure

8. Report on draft Annual Plan 2014/15 Submissions and Further Information (Continuation)

8.1 Arts Council Funding (Continuation)

The meeting returned to discuss funding of the Nelson Arts Council. Acting Group Manager Strategy, Nicky McDonald, explained that following further discussions with the Nelson Arts Council, it appeared that operational funding of \$70,000 was an appropriate amount with which the Arts Council could successfully operate and deliver community outcomes.

Attendance: Councillor Copeland joined the meeting at 9.13am

Councillors discussed potential funding levels for the Arts Council, and there was general agreement that it was appropriate to provide a budget line of \$70,000 in the Annual Plan 2014/15 for the Arts Council Nelson for provision of services, and that a further report should be provided to the Community Services Committee detailing the services to be delivered.

During discussion, several councillors voiced concerns that the Arts Council was a regional body, yet Tasman District Council provided only \$4000 in funding each year. Councillors encouraged officers to ensure that the provision of services by the Arts Council Nelson was significantly weighted towards the Nelson area to recognise the imbalance in funding between the two Councils. In response to a

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question, Ms McDonald explained that the current community contract was weighted towards activities in the Nelson area.

Resolved

THAT a provision of \$70,000 be provided for in the Annual Plan 2014/15 for the Arts Council Nelson for provision of services.

Matheson/Noonan

Carried

It was further clarified that no decision would be made regarding allocation of the \$125,000 of capital funding in the Arts Fund as included in the draft Annual Plan, including any role that may be provided by Arts Council Nelson, until the further report had been brought back to the Community Services Committee.

8.2 Refinery Gallery Earthquake Strengthening (Continuation)

There was a further discussion regarding the Kahurangi Employment Trust's operation of the Refinery Art Gallery.

Several councillors noted that with the closure of the Suter Gallery for refurbishment, there would be few art spaces available in the city, and there was a discussion regarding whether Council should provide funding to the Refinery Art Gallery as a community gallery. In response to a question, Ms McDonald explained that officers would discuss the relationship between the Kahurangi Employment Trust and the Arts Council Nelson and whether this relationship could provide direction for the future of the Refinery Art Gallery.

Attendance: Councillor Acland joined the meeting at 9.29am.

Councillor Fulton, seconded by Councillor Rainey, moved a motion

THAT an allocation of \$30,000 be made in the Annual Plan 2014/15 for the purchase of outcomes from the Kahurangi Employment Trust, subject to approval of a timetable of deliverables by Council through a subsequent report.

There was a discussion regarding whether the proposed motion responded to the submission.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned from 9.43am to 9.51am.

The mover and seconder withdrew the motion with the leave of the meeting.

Councillor Fulton, seconded by Councillor Matheson moved a motion

THAT a provision of \$15,000 be made in the Annual Plan 2014/15 for the Kahurangi Employment Trust to

provide the refinery as a community artspace, subject to a report back to the Community Services Committee.

Councillors debated the motion, with several querying whether the proposed amount was sufficient to support the Refinery as a community artspace. Other councillors queried whether operating a community artspace was an appropriate function of Kahurangi Employment Trust.

There was general agreement amongst councillors that, should the motion succeed, it would be expected that Kahurangi Employment Trust would not apply for further Community Assistance funding. It was further noted that the motion called for a provision of \$15,000 at this stage, and that a further report would come to the Community Services Committee prior to this funding being confirmed.

Resolved

THAT a provision of \$15,000 be made in the Annual Plan 2014/15 for the Kahurangi Employment Trust to provide the refinery as a community artspace, subject to a report back to the Community Services Committee.

Fulton/Matheson

Carried

8.3 Parks and Active Recreation

8.3.1 Trafalgar Centre

Councillors endorsed the comments in the officer report (A1183685).

8.3.2 Modellers Pond

Group Manager Infrastructure, Alec Louverdis, spoke to the report. He said that further costing work had been carried out, which had identified that \$120,000 would be sufficient to carry out the works required in order to install fish into the Modeller's Pond. He clarified that this amount would not include any work to change the margins or shape of the pond, nor any beautification work to the area, but that the Modellers' Clubs had indicated an interest in assisting with such work. He added that on-going operational costs would still be incurred in order to maintain the pond.

There was a discussion regarding use of fish in the Modeller's Pond. In response to questions, Mr Louverdis clarified that the species of fish had been chosen specifically as they tolerated brackish water well. He said that Grey Mullet and Parore were native fish species, and that Iwi, the Department of Conservation, and Fish and Game New Zealand had been consulted by Nelmac, with no issues being raised regarding using the fish in this manner.

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Mr Louverdis added that the fish grew to a sufficient size to prevent predation from birds, but would not be suitable for fishing. He said that the fish did not require shade in the same way that other species might. He added that the fish breeders were confident that these species would eat the algae and weed in the pond, but that the particular types of weed were endemic to the Modeller's Pond, and as such the use of these fish species to treat weed issues had not been tested elsewhere.

Councillor Rainey, seconded by Councillor Noonan moved a motion

THAT Staff be tasked to prepare a report that:

- 1. Acknowledges the importance of the modellers area to Tahunanui, and investigates a comprehensive redevelopment of modellers pond area to include a landscaped picnic area, a new, improved and attractive railway station/ticket office for the model railway and the associated infilling of the modellers pond.*
- 2. Acknowledges the needs of the model boating fraternity and investigates the construction of a new but modest pier designed to facilitate Radio Controlled Yachting and boating at Monaco, with the provision of a small boat and motor for the retrieval of craft in peril.*
- 3. Acknowledges the model plane association and gives permission for, and a contribution towards the construction of an all-weather roadway to lead to the Radio Controlled airplane area at Wakapuaka flats.*

Councillors discussed the motion.

In response to a question, Mr Louverdis said that the motion suggested a large amount of work, which would take some time to carry out, may require receiving external advice, and would likely require consultation to take place. He said that in the meantime, the Modeller's Pond would still need to be maintained.

There was a discussion regarding stormwater management, and how this would be managed if the Pond were to be filled in. In response to a question, Mr Louverdis explained that an area in the pond vicinity would still need to be provided for stormwater discharge from the Centennial Road pump station prior to release into the estuary, and that the estimated costs for filling in the pond took this into account. In response to further questions, he said that stormwater did not affect the level of weed and algae in the pond, as the pond was susceptible

to these in any event, and that implementing a wetland treatment area would impact on space and cost.

In response to further questions, Mr Louverdis said that the pond depth was appropriate for Model yachts to be sailed there, but that the weed and algae created issues for model boat users. He said that model boat users were happy with the proposed solution utilising fish.

During discussion of the motion, it was questioned whether a pier at Monaco would be appropriate for modellers to use, and whether it was appropriate to consider the Wakapuaka sandflats in the context of the Modeller's Pond submissions.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10.54am to 11.08am, during which time Councillor Barker left the meeting.

In response to a question, Mr Louverdis confirmed that the Modeller's Pond had no heritage listing within the Nelson Resource Management Plan.

There was a discussion regarding the on-going operational costs associated with using fish in the pond. In response to questions, Mr Louverdis explained that the annual operational costs were likely to be in the order of \$60,000, and would include depreciation, topping the pond up with fresh water due to evaporation, fish replacement and on-going cleaning and maintenance costs. He added that the actual on-going maintenance costs would likely vary each year, depending on weather conditions.

With the leave of the meeting, the mover and seconder withdrew the motion, and substituted it with an amended motion:

THAT Staff be tasked to prepare a report that

- 1. Acknowledges the importance of the modellers area to Tahunanui, and investigates a redevelopment of the Modeller's Pond area including infilling of the Modeller's Pond.*
- 2. Acknowledges the needs of the model boating fraternity and investigates the construction of alternative facilities to the Modeller's Pond.*
- 3. And undertakes a trial of using fish in the Modeller's Pond in the meantime.*

Councillors discussed the motion and a variety of views were expressed. Councillors in favour of the motion noted that issues with the pond had been on-going for many years, and that submissions were weighed in favour of filling the pond in. Councillors against the motion suggested that using fish was an innovative solution that

should be trialled, and that if it did not succeed other options could then be investigated, including filling the pond in.

The motion was put and a division was called:

Councillor Acland	Aye
Councillor Barker	Absent
Councillor Copeland	No
Councillor Davy	No
Councillor Fulton	No
Councillor Lawrey	Aye
Councillor Matheson	No
Councillor McGurk	Aye
Councillor Noonan	Aye
Councillor Rainey	Aye
Councillor Skinner	No
Councillor Ward	No
Her Worship the Mayor	No

Resolved

THAT an allocation of \$120,000 is made in the Annual Plan 2014/15 for the introduction of fish, improving water quality in the pond and minor improvements to amenity value of the Modeller's Pond area.

Her Worship the Mayor/Matheson

Carried

Attendance: Councillor Davy left the meeting at 11.33am, and Councillor Barker returned to the meeting at 11.33am.

8.3.3 Stoke/Greenmeadows

Councillors endorsed the comments in the officer report (A1183685).

8.3.4 Brook Camp

Councillors endorsed the comments in the officer report (A1183685).

8.3.5 Aquatic Facility

Councillors discussed the submission. It was noted that the issues regarding water sports at the marina were complex, and involved a number of different groups. In response to a question, Mr Louverdis suggested that the most appropriate way to explore solutions to the issues raised was through the Properties and Facilities Asset Management Plan process.

It was suggested that low-cost interim storage options should be progressed where possible.

Resolved

THAT the needs of water sports groups be progressed through the Asset Management Plan process, with consideration given to the wider uses of the land in the marina area.

Her Worship the Mayor/Fulton

Carried

8.4 Marina

It was noted that officers were working through issues raised by the submitter.

8.5 Hardstand

In response to a question, Mr Louverdis advised that the allocation of \$50,000 was to provide for an additional hardstand area of approximately 300m², in order to ensure that 3500m² of hardstand area at the Port was provided. He clarified that the remaining 3200m² was the current Dickson marine hardstand area.

During discussion it was noted that councillors would prefer that a publicly-owned hardstand area be developed as a community facility, and it was agreed that this should be further considered through the development of the Long Term Plan 2015-2025.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned from 11.56am to 12.02pm.

THAT Council confirms its wish to develop a publicly available marina hardstand, with officers to prepare through the Property and Facilities Asset Management Process, with the intention of implementation taking place in the 2015/16 financial year;

AND THAT no variation to the resource consent be sought.

Rainey/Fulton

Carried

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Attendance: Councillor Davy returned to the meeting at 12.02pm.

It was noted that other issues relating to the marina would be discussed later in the meeting.

8.6 Individual Parks and Active Recreation Submissions

Submissions 2, 5, 7, 10, 12, 19, 22, 28, 30, 31, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 51, 52, 53, 59, 62, 64, 65, 66, 67, 73, 89, 102, 104, 107, 108, 113, 116, 127, 128, 129, 143, 145, 151, 152, 153, 183, 186, L8, L9, L10, L11 and L13

The meeting considered each of these submissions in turn, and noted that the issues had already been considered, or otherwise endorsed the officer comments as set out in document A1192953.

Submission 17, Timothy Wright

Councillors discussed the submitter's request for a recreational cycle link through Tahunanui around the edge of the Tahuna Bach Camp, golf course and airport, linking in to the Great Taste Trail.

In response to questions, Parks and Facilities Asset Planner, Andrew Petheram, explained that this proposal was best developed through the Asset Management Plan process. He said that, while current walking tracks existed around the camp and the airport, there was no such track around the golf course. He added that no discussions had taken place with airport as yet on this topic.

Councillors expressed support for progressing a recreational cycle trail in this manner where possible, thereby linking the Great Taste Trail into Nelson city.

Submission 93, Nelson Model Aero Club

It was noted that this was a long-standing request for an all-weather accessway on the Wakapuaka Sandflats. Several councillors noted that a road was already in place, and that the Model Aero Club wished to improve the road.

In response to questions, Mr Petheram explained that the Wakapuaka Sandflats were an important ecological area, and that a development plan for the area should be in place prior to any permanent or semi-permanent development occurring. He said that officers would need to bring a report back to Council on the issue, and that officers' advice may well be that there should be no such road in a valuable ecological site.

It was agreed that Councillors should consider this issue in greater detail through the Asset Management Plan process.

Submission 125, Paul Fisher

It was noted that it was possible for a coffee cart concession to be awarded outside of Riverside Pool, however no one had expressed an interest in doing so.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for lunch from 12.34pm to 1.13pm.

Submission 148, Addo Mulders Sr

Councillors recognised the importance of installing a hearing loop in Stoke Hall, but noted that earthquake strengthening issues must be addressed prior to considering this further.

Submission 164, Sport Tasman

Councillors discussed the submission. It was noted that Sports Tasman were involved in managing bookings at Saxton Stadium since the closure of the Trafalgar Centre, and that there were both sporting and non-sporting events scheduled to be held there. The importance of developing a governance structure for the Saxton Field facilities was emphasised, and it was noted that this was on the current work programme.

There was a discussion regarding the submitter's request for an artificial turf. In response to a question, Mr Petheram explained that artificial turf facilities were useful, especially during wet weather, but that installation costs meant that it was not a priority at the current time.

It was further noted that Nelson College had suggested development of an artificial turf, along with a community-based gym and swimming pool area, and was looking to progress this project in partnership with others. It was suggested that the submitter's attention be drawn to this proposal, and advised that Council would be interested in hearing from all parties if the proposal were able to be advanced.

There was a further discussion regarding the lease of Sports House, and Sport Tasman's request to sub-lease the upstairs area as a gym or physiotherapy space. In response to a question, Mr Louverdis confirmed that Sports Tasman was currently paying a commercial lease on Sports House, but had requested a community lease. He said that moving to a community lease would have an impact on rates.

Councillors noted that Sports Tasman was largely run on a commercial model, that governance of Saxton Field assets should be advanced as a priority, and that the request for a community lease not be approved.

With regards to the request to sub-lease upstairs rooms at a community rate, Mr Louverdis explained that the submitter wanted to sub-lease the rooms to gym/physiotherapy operators at a commercial

rate, and that this was not consistent with their desire to lease them from Council at a community rate.

It was agreed that, if Council were of the mind to lease the rooms out, that Council should be the lessor, and Sport Tasman would be free to indicate their interest but would not be given priority over any other parties. Officers further noted that leases of vacant buildings needed to be advertised.

Councillors indicated that they were in agreement with officers continuing discussions with Sports Tasman on this matter. It was further agreed that Her Worship the Mayor, and Councillors Skinner and Rainey should follow this matter up with Sports Tasman with regards to Sport Tasman's relationships with Council.

Submission 174, Erik Lind

In response to questions, Mr Petheram explained that there were other areas in the city for which playground development was a higher priority. He explained that playground development took into account natural features, and aimed to provide an interactive environmental area.

A suggestion was made that service clubs could work with parks staff to assist with playground development.

Submission 181, Nelson Surf Life Saving Club Inc

Councillors discussed the submission, and noted concerns regarding the design elements of the proposed building. The importance of ensuring design sympathetic with the beach environment was emphasised.

It was agreed that the issue was most appropriately considered through the development of the Long Term Plan 2015-2025.

Submission 187, Nelson Marina Berth Holders' Association Inc

Councillors discussed the submission. In response to a question, Mr Petheram said that the number of liveboards was currently capped at three per pontoon due to the level of onshore facilities available to service liveboards.

It was agreed that the submitter's suggestion that profits from the operation of the marina should be returned to the marina was unfeasible, given that the marina operation was let through a commercial tender process.

It was suggested that there were a number of issues to be considered regarding the marina area, and that it would be beneficial to have a separate Council workshop regarding this area, prior to consideration of the Properties and Facilities Asset Management Plan process.

Resolved

THAT Council approves the officer recommendations in principle for 17, 22, 93, 125, 148 164, 174, 181, L8, L9, L10, L11, and L13.

Acland/Ward

Carried

8.7 Economic

8.7.1 Property Assets Review

Attendance: Councillor Rainey declared an interest and did not take part in any discussion of this item.

Councillors discussed the request from the Youth and Community Trust for assistance with a youth specific venue that could house events and services. A suggestion was made that where possible, such a venue should be within or nearby to Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology.

In response to a question, Mr Louverdis explained that there were no further Council facilities available at this point.

8.7.2 Digital Strategy

There was a discussion regarding the Chamber of Commerce's request for Council to establish a digital strategy. Councillors noted that a digital strategy highlighted opportunities for economic development and discussed the benefits of a digital strategy to the city.

It was further noted that, if Nelson were to progress in the Gigatown Competition, a digital strategy would form a major part of the next round of the competition. It was suggested that members of the community involved in the Gigatown competition would likely be willing to volunteer time towards the development of such a strategy.

In response to a question, Chief Financial Officer, Nikki Harrison, confirmed that there was approximately \$18,000 available in the special economic development fund.

It was agreed that Her Worship the Mayor would contact the Economic Development Agency with a view to moving forward with the development of a digital strategy, and that Council support could come directly from the special economic development fund, rather than a provision within the Annual Plan 2014/15 being required.

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8.7.3 Individual Economic Submissions

Submissions 3, 35, 70, 110 and 120

The meeting considered each of these submissions in turn, and noted that the issues had already been considered, or otherwise endorsed the officer comments as set out in document A1192953.

Submission 4, Josephine Lauria

It was clarified that the submitter's property was a commercial property. Councillors agreed with the officer comments set out in document A1192953.

Attendance: Councillor Lawrey left the meeting at 2.43pm.

Submission L14, Uniquely Nelson

It was noted that \$15,000 provided in the draft Annual Plan for free wifi in the Nelson city centre was insufficient, and that the cost would be approximately \$18,000 plus on-going costs of approximately \$1500 per month. It was clarified that the increased amount took into account the on-going monthly costs. It was further clarified that the submitter would cap Council's contribution at the increased amount.

Resolved

THAT provision of funding in the Annual Plan 2014/15 for wifi in the central business district be increased to \$18,000.

Her Worship the Mayor/Copeland

Carried

Resolved

THAT Council approves the officer recommendations in principle for submissions 3, 4, 35, 70, 110 and 120 in Attachment 1 (A1183986).

Davy/McGurk

Carried

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea from 3.05pm – 3.12pm.

8.8 Corporate

8.8.1 Individual Corporate Submissions

Submissions 13, 15, 16, 20, 29, 32, 36, 41, 54, 56, 57, 68, 69, 105, 118 and 150

Councillors discussed the proposed upgrade to the Bank Lane canopy. In response to a question, Group Manager Infrastructure, Alec

Louverdis, explained the history relating to the Bank Lane canopy and the proposed upgrade.

Councillors agreed in principle with the proposed upgrade, but asked that consideration be given through the Transport Asset Management Plan to enhancements.

8.8.2 Separately Used or Inhabited Parts of a Rating Unit (SUIP)

Councillors discussed the submission. It was noted that bed and breakfast operators catering for four or less guests were not rated commercially, and the officer recommendation sought to clarify that kitchen facilities in guest rooms should not alter this distinction.

Councillors discussed the officer recommendation and a variety of views were expressed. Those in favour noted that all small-scale bed and breakfast operators should not be rated in a similar manner, regardless of whether there were kitchen facilities were present in the guest room. Those against the recommendation noted that bed and breakfast operators were commercial businesses otherwise competing with motel and hotel units, and should be rated accordingly.

Resolved

THAT the definition of Separately Used or Inhabited Parts of a Rating Unit (SUIP) be changed to exclude "a bed and breakfast room with or without kitchen facilities".

Her Worship the Mayor/Ward

Carried

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for the day at 3.29pm.

Minutes of a reconvened meeting of the Nelson City Council

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

On Thursday 29 May 2014, commencing at 9.02am

Present: Her Worship the Mayor (R Reese), Councillors I Barker, R Copeland, E Davy, K Fulton, M Lawrey, B McGurk, P Matheson, G Noonan, P Rainey, T Skinner, and M Ward

In Attendance: Chief Executive (C Hadley), Acting Group Manager Strategy (N McDonald), Group Manager Infrastructure (A Louverdis), Chief Financial Officer (N Harrison), Manager Communications (A Ricker), Senior Accountant (T Hughes), and Administration Adviser (E-J Ruthven)

Apologies: Councillor L Acland, and Councillor T Skinner for lateness

8.8.3 Individual Corporate Submissions (continued)

Submissions 55, 75, 86, 111, 171, and 195

The meeting considered each of these submissions in turn, and noted that the issues had already been considered, or otherwise endorsed the officer comments as set out in document A1192953.

Submissions 77, 78, 82, 90 and 135

Councillors discussed the request for video links to Council meetings. It was noted that Mainland TV had been approached for a quote to provide video link services, but that this had not yet been received.

Councillors indicated an interest in progressing video links to Council meetings, and agreed it was prudent to make a provision within the Annual Plan 2014/15 for this purpose.

Resolved

THAT provision of \$15,000 be made in the Annual Plan 2014/15 to provide for video links to Council meetings if feasible.

Her Worship the Mayor/Noonan

Carried

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Submissions 114 and 115, Andrew Dunlop

It was noted that the submitter should be advised that Council was unable to rate churches.

It was agreed the submitter be informed that judicial review was the only process available of reviewing consent decisions. It was noted that Council was obliged to adhere to the terms of the Resource Management Act, and that if the submitter had any further concerns, he could consider writing to his local Member of Parliament.

Attendance: Councillor Copeland joined the meeting at 9.12am.

Submission 147, Addo Mulders

It was suggested that Council had an advocacy role with the airport, and could raise with the airport the submitter's request that the runway be extended.

Attendance: Councillor Skinner joined the meeting at 9.15am.

Submitter 185, Richard King

It was agreed that painting the Civic House Clock Tower was not a priority at this point in time.

Attendance: Councillor Fulton joined the meeting at 9.17am.

Submission 119, Dean Walker

There was a discussion regarding the Te Tau Ihu Sustainability Forum, and suggestion was made that the forum could provide a community interface to progress the Nelson 2060 Strategy.

It was agreed that Council was able to provide the Council Chamber as a venue for the Sustainability Forum, where available, but there were insufficient resources to take over administration and minute taking for the forum. It was further suggested that the Sustainability Forum consider what role it could play in assisting Council to deliver on projects, and that its community interface role with regards to the Nelson 2060 Strategy be further considered during development of the Long Term Plan 2015-2025..

Resolved

THAT Council approves the officer recommendations in principle for submissions 13-16, 20, 29, 32, 36, 41, 54-57, 68, 69, 75, 77, 78, 82, 86, 90, 105, 111, 114, 115, 118, 119, 135, 147, 150, 171 and 185 in Attachment 1 (A1183986).

Her Worship the Mayor/Matheson

Carried

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8.9 Multiple

8.9.1 Individual Multiple Submissions

Submissions 18, 23, 25, 48, 84, 94, 103, 106, 117, 121, 123, 131, 149, 155, 156, 158, 159, 161, 162, 163, 166, 170, 177, 178, 182, 188, 191, 193, 198A, 198B, 211, L3, and L7

Attendance: Councillor Noonan declared an interest and did not take part in any of the discussions relating to Submission 103, Nelson Greypower Association.

The meeting considered each of these submissions in turn, and noted that the issues had already been considered, or otherwise endorsed the officer comments as set out in document A1192953.

Submission 37, Doreen Morrison

It was agreed that the words 'for low value assets' should be removed from the officer comments in document A1192953.

Submission 61, Paul Harrington

Councillors discussed the submitter's desire for an artwork to be installed in Washington Valley, and it was noted that seed funding may be available through the Arts Fund.

There was a further discussion regarding artwork for the Civic House clock tower, and a suggestion was made that a light projection could be a suitable instalment. It was noted that Councillor Copeland and Rainey could consider further options for the clock tower and bring ideas back to the relevant Council committee if appropriate.

Attendance: Councillors Davy and Fulton left the meeting at 9.32am.

Submission 83, Nelson Youth Council

Councillors discussed the various ideas put forward by the Nelson Youth Council. With regards to Opera in the Park, it was noted that the name of the event had previously been changed, and following public feedback, had been changed back to Opera in the Park. It was agreed that the name of the event be re-considered during the planning for the next event.

With regards to summer internships, Acting Group Manager Strategy, Ms McDonald, explained that where Council had additional needs over summer, youth would be sought where available. Councillors noted the benefits of youth summer internships, and suggested that other employers in the city could also consider this as an option. It was agreed this should be considered further through the development of the Long Term Plan 2015-2025.

With regards to the submission relating to later NBus services, it was noted that a review of NBus operations was currently underway and would be reported back to the relevant committee.

Councillors noted that the remaining Youth council submissions were adequately covered either through report A1183685, or through the officer comments in document A1192953.

Submission 88, Aly Cook

It was noted that Council could assist the submitter with regards to providing GIS data relating to potential locations for a Big Top, but that provision of a Big Top was otherwise a matter for private enterprise to progress.

Submission 92, Nelson Marlborough District Health Board Public Health Service

It was noted that the issue of sugar-sweetened beverages would be covered in a future Mayor's Report.

With regards to fluoridation, it was agreed that Council would consider any clear direction from central government on this issue.

Attendance: Councillor Matheson left the meeting at 9.49am.

Submission 96, Nelson Tasman Chamber of Commerce

Councillors discussed the suggestion of establishing a presence in the Christchurch Chamber of Commerce office, to assist with providing leverage for Nelson businesses in the Canterbury rebuild. It was suggested that lack of figures associated with this request made it difficult to consider in terms of the Annual Plan 2014/15, but that the special economic development fund could potentially be used to assist with this initiative.

It was agreed that Her Worship the Mayor would advance discussions with the Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Agency to establish a clearer idea of the likely costs of the initiative.

Submission 101, Donna Butler

It was noted that there was an indicative walkway/cycleway linking Brook Valley to Bishopdale provided on a planning map but there was currently no plan to develop this pathway.

A suggestion as made that the various activities in the Brook area be carefully considered through the development of the Long Term Plan 2015-2025 and the review of the Nelson Plan.

Submission 112, Wakatu Incorporation

In response to a question, Chief Financial Officer, Nikki Harrison, said that she was aware of other Councils that had rates relief policies for Maori freehold land with no economic value, but that she was unaware of any land in Nelson that would fall into such a category.

It was agreed that any potential rating changes were best considered through the Long Term Plan 2015-2025.

Attendance: Councillor Fulton returned to the meeting at 10.05am and Councillor Davy returned to the meeting at 10.06am.

Submission 126, Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust

Councillors noted that there was an enthusiasm for recreational as well as commuter cycle routes. It was agreed that progressing a recreational cycle trail through Tahunanui to link with the Great Taste Trail was a priority and that officers should engage with the Golf course in order to progress this prior to the Long term Plan if possible.

Attendance: Councillor Matheson returned to the meeting at 10.10am.

Submission 130, Friends of Nelson Haven and Tasman Bay Inc

With regards to the submission relating to Tasman Bay, it was noted that a working group within the Biodiversity Forum was working to engage with key stakeholders and to develop a Terms of Reference for a future work plan. It was further noted that this would come back to Council once budget requirements were clearer, and that existing environmental budgets may be able to cover any officer time required.

Submission 133, Nelson Heritage Advisory Group

In response to a question, the Chief Executive explained that the Heritage Strategy was overdue for review, and that this would become the responsibility of the new Group Manager Strategy and Environment. She said that undertaking this review would require the issues around heritage stocktakes to be resolved in the first instance.

Councillors noted the importance of taking heritage issues into consideration through the development of the next Long Term Plan.

Submission 141, Steve Cross

It was noted that the response to the submitter should also address the concerns he expressed regarding the proposed Brook Valley gondola.

Submission 142, Ron Marris

It was noted that housing affordability could be considered through the development of the Long Term Plan 2015-2025, and that there was no

intention to demolish the Hunting and Fishing building in Wakatu Square at this stage.

With regards to the St Vincent Street cycleway, it was noted that work was underway to increase messaging and signage regarding drivers exiting to St Vincent Street through the cycleway.

It was further suggested that the submitter's ideas for riverside statues could be forwarded to the Nelson Arts Council, and that he could also be directed to liaise with the group working to establish a Lord Rutherford Day.

Submission 154, Brook Valley Community Group

It was clarified that discussions regarding the future of the Brook camp were primarily with current residents of the camp in the first instance, rather than with the wider Brook Valley community.

A suggestion was made that a public meeting regarding Brook Valley issues may be useful.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10.34am to 10.46am.

Submission 168, Pam Frahm

It was noted that signage at Monaco regarding soft sand had recently been erected.

Submission 173, Nelson Residents' Association Inc

It was noted that the Railway Reserve/Princes Drive extension overbridge would not have any impact on future transport corridors.

Submission 61, Paul Harrington (continued)

The Mayor asked the Council to reconsider submission 61. Support was expressed for seed funding to be included within the Annual Plan 2014/15, noting that the community would be expected to contribute towards a community artwork with further fundraising or goods in kind.

Resolved

THAT provision of \$10,000 be included in the Annual Plan as seed funding for a Washington Valley community artwork, subject to the Washington valley community providing further detail of the project to Council.

Lawrey/Her Worship the Mayor

Carried

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Submission 63, Carleen Reich-Simko (continued)

There was a discussion regarding a mural for the Buxton Toilets.

Resolved

THAT \$1700 be included within the Annual Plan 2014/15 to finish the Buxton Toilets mural.

Fulton/Lawrey

Carried

Submission 189, Permaculture Design

It was suggested that targeted rates schemes may be a good method of incentivising rainwater collection and lessening stormwater/ greywater disposal, however that this would be more appropriately addressed through the Long Term Plan 2015-2025.

Submission 194, NZ Motel Association

It was noted that the response to the submitter also needed to consider the issue of regulatory compliance with regards to commercial use of residential properties.

Submissions 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209 and 210

In response to a question, Group Manager Infrastructure, Alec Louverdis, explained that the work programme currently prioritised construction of footpaths on roads where there was no footpath provision at all. He said that, if Council wished to progress with the construction of a footpath on this part of Songer Street, a clear direction from Council to re-prioritise footpath works would be required.

It was agreed to return to this issue later in the meeting once estimated construction costs for the footpath were available.

Submission L2, Tahunanui Business Association Inc

The previous discussions regarding Tahunanui cycleways were referenced.

It was further noted that the Tahunanui Business Association Annual general Meeting would be taking place shortly, and it was suggested that the response to the submitter be provided prior to the meeting if possible.

Resolved

THAT Council approves the officer recommendations in principle for submissions 23, 25, 37, 48, 60, 61, 83, 84, 92, 96, 101, 103, 112, 117, 123, 130, 131, 133, 141, 142, 149, 154, 158,

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159, 162, 163, 166, 170, 173, 177, 178, 182, 188, 189, 193, 194 88, 94, 100, 106, 121, 126, 168, 191 198A and 198B and L2 and L7 in Attachment 1 (A1183986).

Her Worship the Mayor/Noonan

Carried

8.10 New Budget Items

The Chief Executive explained that there were several issues that had arisen since the release of the draft Annual Plan, and for which provision needed to be made in the Annual Plan 2014/15.

8.10.1 Nelson Wastewater Treatment Plant Rising Main

Group Manager Infrastructure, Mr Louverdis, advised that there had recently been a further break on the Atawhai rising main. He said that a large amount of work had already taken place to upgrade the Atawhai rising main, but that due to the recent break on the main, it was prudent to undertake non-invasive testing to indicate the structural integrity of the pipe. He said that there was funding currently in the Long Term Plan to upgrade the remainder of the pipe, and the testing should indicate whether this work needed to be brought forward to an earlier date.

In response to questions, Mr Louverdis outlined the types of smart technology that would be used to test the pipe.

Resolved

THAT an allocation of \$100,000 capital funding is made in the Annual Plan 2014/15 for non-invasive testing of the Atawhai rising main as a precautionary measure against future breaks.

Davy/Ward

Carried

8.10.2 New Stock Effluent Facility in Richmond

Mr Louverdis outlined the requirement for Nelson City Council to provide a stock effluent facility, the history of identifying a suitable site for this over many years, and the arrangements with NZTA and Tasman District Council regarding the placement of the stock effluent facility at Three Brothers Corner.

He said that detailed design of the facility indicated issues with discharging effluent into the TDC sewer reticulation system, and the only realistic option was to truck effluent directly to Fittal Street. He said that the on-going cost of doing so was approximately \$50,000 per year, and as a result the project had been put on hold pending a Council decision on this matter. He added that the costs would be shared 50/50 with NZTA.

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Councillors discussed the matter and a variety of views were expressed. Those in favour of the approving the on-going costs noted that Council was bound to provide a stock effluent facility, and trucking the effluent appeared to be the only way to comply with this requirement. Councillors against approving the on-going costs suggested that TDC's sewer reticulation system should be upgraded to accept the effluent, or alternatively a new site for the facility should be identified.

Resolved

THAT an allocation of \$25,000 operational funding is made in the Annual Plan 2014/15, subject to NZTA providing co-funding, and noted as an annual commitment thereafter, for trucking stock effluent to Bell Island from the Richmond Stock Effluent Facility.

Ward/Rainey

Carried

Councillor Noonan abstained from voting on the motion.

8.10.3 Contaminated Soil

In response to a question, Group Manager Infrastructure, Alec Louverdis, explained that the Hazardous Activities and Industries List (HAIL) had been completed and a number of Parks and Reserves sites were included on the list. He said that additional operational funding was required to address health and safety concerns for contractors working at these sites.

Resolved

THAT an allocation of \$50,000 operational funding is made in the Annual Plan 2014/15 to cover the cost of soil testing at parks and reserves sites necessary for compliance with the National Environment Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in the Soil to Protect Human Health.

Matheson/Her Worship the Mayor

Carried

8.10.4 Songer Street Footpath – submissions 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209 and 210 (continued)

Councillors returned to discuss the submissions relating to provision of a footpath on Songer Street. In response to a question, Mr Louverdis clarified that the estimated cost of constructing a footpath in this area was \$60,000, and he confirmed that this would be considered capital works.

In response to a question, Mr Louverdis confirmed that if extensive works occurred on Songer Street, such as installation of ultra fast broadband cables, then the opportunity would be taken to complete the footpath at that time.

Councillors agreed that the matter be noted and considered along with other priorities for footpath implementations.

8.10.5 Parking in the CBD during Winter

Her Worship the Mayor explained that a number of CBD retailers had expressed concern regarding how to ensure the Nelson CBD remained active throughout winter. She said that, while free parking on Tuesdays during winter was not being considered this year, it was appropriate to consider other methods by which the city centre could be invigorated during the winter months, and which may have an impact on parking income.

Resolved

THAT provision of \$100,000 be made in the annual Plan 2014/15 to cover any potential reduction in parking revenue in support of strategies for the central business district over the winter period.

Her Worship the Mayor/Ward

Carried

Attendance: Councillor Davy left the meeting at 12.04pm.

8.10.6 Capital Variance Report

The Chief Executive tabled the Capital Variance Report (A1190178).

It was noted that the items Neighbourhood Parks: Land Purchase: General Reserve, Saxton Capital: Land Purchase (Daelyn), Subsidised Roading: School Frontage Nelson Intermediate, and Flood Protection: Flood Mitigation were items carried forward from the 2013/14 financial year.

With regards to the item Marsden Cemetery: WWI Centenary Memorial, Chief Financial Officer, Nikki Harrison, explained that an additional \$15,000 had been added to allow for ground works in relation to the memorial.

With regards to the item Crematorium: Capital: Building Upgrade, Ms Harrison explained that the exact costs of the project were currently unclear, and as a conservative step, a high estimate had been included within the Annual Plan 2014/15.

The Chief Executive outlined the extra budget required for the project Car Parks (Inner City Enhancement: Maitai Share Path (Akersten Street to Trafalgar Street)), and explained that these costs had arisen

as a result of issues relating to land contamination, design and unscheduled works.

Councillors requested further information relating to the reasons for the overspend on this project.

Resolved

THAT the Capital Variance Report (A1190178) be adopted.

Rainey/Ward

Carried

8.10.7 Individual Stormwater and Flood Protection Submissions – Submission L15 continued

The meeting returned to consider the issue of drainage from the hillside to Halifax Street. In response to questions, Mr Louverdis advised that the hillside formed a natural, unaltered gully, and that Council had not caused any channelling of water onto the property below.

8.10.8 Disaster Recovery Fund

Councillors discussed the Disaster Recovery Fund and agreed that it was important to build this fund up as soon as possible.

Resolved

THAT an additional \$300,000 be allocated to the Disaster Recovery Fund through the Annual Plan 2014/15.

Her Worship the Mayor/McGurk

Carried

8.10.9 Resolutions passed 'in principle'

Resolved

THAT the resolutions previously passed throughout the meeting 'in principle' be confirmed.

Her Worship the Mayor/Barker

Carried

8.11 Rates Rise

It was noted that the Annual Plan 2014/15 would result in an average rates rise of 3.7%, of which 3% accounted for repayment of debt as a result of the December 2011 rainfall event.

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There being no further business the meeting ended at 12.50pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date