

Minutes of a meeting of the Works and Infrastructure Committee

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

On Thursday 12 June 2014, commencing at 9.02am

Present: Councillors E Davy (Chairperson), L Acland, I Barker, R Copeland, M Lawrey, G Noonan and T Skinner

In Attendance: Councillors K Fulton, B McGurk, P Rainey and M Ward, Chief Executive (C Hadley), Group Manager Infrastructure (A Louverdis), Chief Financial Officer (N Harrison), Senior Asset Engineer – Transport and Roading (R Palmer), and Administration Adviser (E-J Ruthven)

Apology: Her Worship the Mayor (R Reese)

1. Apologies

Resolved

THAT the apology from Her Worship the Mayor be received and accepted.

Noonan/Acland

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

There was no change to the order of business.

4. Public Forum

4.1 Fifeshire Crescent

Mr David Smythe spoke about stormwater provision in Fifeshire Crescent, and tabled a document (A1205275).

He said that, in his opinion, had the stormwater drain in Fifeshire Crescent North been replaced earlier, the road would not have slumped and no damage to property would have occurred.

He said that Council's view that the slump occurred as a result of failure of a retaining wall was incorrect. He said that stormwater from the road surface had caused the wall to move, due to failure of the stormwater drain, and added that one house was now uninhabitable due to damage from the slump.

Mr Smythe suggested that the Fifeshire Crescent North stormwater drain should be a priority in the Annual Plan 2014/15.

The Chairperson advised the committee that a meeting between officers and relevant parties would take place next week regarding stormwater issues in Fifeshire Crescent.

5. Confirmation of Minutes – 1 May 2014

Document number A1179538, agenda pages 8-17 refer.

In response to a question, it was clarified that Standing Order 3.21.6 prevented debate on any matter raised at public forum, however allowed members to pass a motion to seek a report on the matter raised to a subsequent meeting.

Resolved

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council – Works and Infrastructure Committee, held on 1 May 2014, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Barker/Davy

Carried

6. Status Report – Works and Infrastructure 12 June 2014

Document number A1150321, agenda pages 18-19 refer.

In response to a question regarding the item 'Bata Building Way Forward', Group Manager Infrastructure, Alec Louverdis, explained that the relevant Council resolution stated that the carpark on the Bata Building site would be finished to a pavement seal, and that there was no resolution to include plantings.

Resolved

THAT the Status Report – Works and Infrastructure Committee 12 June 2014 (A1150321) be received.

Barker/Noonan

Carried

7. Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson gave a verbal report. He encouraged committee members to consider all options, and to balance the responsibility of representing the community against potentially increasing Council's debt level when making decisions on the items before the committee at the meeting.

TRANSPORT AND ROADING

8. Rocks Road Walking and Cycling Project

Document number A1201952, agenda pages 20-77 refer.

Senior Asset Engineer – Transport and Roading, Rhys Palmer, presented the report. He said that investigation into Rocks Road walking and cycling options had progressed to a point where it was appropriate to seek the community's views, and outlined the time constraints on the project.

There was a discussion regarding the availability of Council's R Funding for the Rocks Road project. Mr Palmer gave a Power Point presentation regarding Council's available R Funds and the projects that currently qualified for such funding from NZTA (A1205410).

In response to questions, Mr Palmer confirmed that NZTA had indicated that it would be able to fund Rocks Road concepts 1 and 2 75% from R funding, and potentially up to 100%, as Rocks Road was designated as a State Highway. However, he cautioned that NZTA funding would apply to transport solutions only, and that local funding would be necessary for any additional amenity items within the project, such as planting or seating along the road.

In response to questions, Mr Palmer clarified that, if the State Highway designation were removed from Rocks Road, it would lower the level to which NZTA could fund the project, to a maximum of 53%.

Mr Palmer further clarified that R funds had to be substantially committed, with road works starting on each project no later than 30 June 2018, otherwise the funding would be lost.

In response to further questions, Mr Palmer advised that there were not many other good quality projects with regards to local roads that would qualify for R funding from NZTA, although it was likely that other state highway projects may qualify. He added that discussions had not yet taken place with NZTA regarding responsibility for on-going maintenance of the Rocks Road walkway/cycleway once built.

Resolved

THAT the report Rocks Road Walking and Cycling Project (A1201952) and its attachments (A1189936 and A264415) be received.

Lawrey/Acland

Carried

The Chair advised that the recommendation to Council would be taken in parts.

Recommendation to Council

THAT the Council confirm it does wish to proceed to the next steps with the Rocks Road walking and cycling project;

Davy/Lawrey

Carried

Recommendation to Council

AND THAT Council approve each concept plan separately;

Davy/Lawrey

Carried

Councillor Davy, seconded by Councillor Noonan, moved

AND THAT concept plan one (\$9-13M) be approved;

AND THAT concept plan two (\$11-14M) be approved;

AND THAT concept plan three (\$33-47M) be approved;

Councillors discussed the motion. There was general agreement that concept plans one and two should be approved for community engagement, however a variety of views were expressed regarding concept plan three.

Councillors in favour of concept plan three being approved for community engagement noted that all three concepts were already in the public arena, and that it was important to seek community feedback on all three options.

Councillors against approving option three for community engagement noted that the cost of concept three was such that Council was unlikely ever to commit to this option, and that the benefit of engagement was to ascertain the community's feedback regarding concept one (on-road cycle lanes) and concept two (shared path arrangement).

Following extensive discussion, the mover and seconder withdrew the motion, with the leave of the meeting.

Councillor Davy, seconded by Councillor Lawrey moved

AND THAT concept plan one (\$9-13M) be approved;

AND THAT concept plan two (\$11-14M) be approved;

AND THAT engagement on concept plan three (\$33-47M) occur only for the purposes of disclosure and that all messaging on this concept reflect its lack of value as compared with the required investment.

Councillors discussed the motion.

In response to a question, Mr Palmer explained that the officer recommendation regarding concept three was worded to reflect that there were similar transport outcomes as between concepts two and three, however a large variation in cost.

The majority of councillors expressed support, noting that it was useful for concept three to be utilised in community engagement in order to provide context and promote an understanding of the costs involved, alongside messaging that the costs of concept three outweighed the value to be gained from this option.

Recommendation to Council

AND THAT concept plan one (\$9-13M) be approved;

AND THAT concept plan two (\$11-14M) be approved,

AND THAT engagement on concept plan three (\$33-47M) occur only for the purposes of disclosure and that all messaging on this concept reflect its lack of value as compared with the required investment;

Davy/Lawrey

Carried

Recommendation to Council

AND THAT the engagement plan be presented to Council for approval at its meeting on 17 July 2014;

AND THAT the outcome of the engagement be presented to Council to guide consideration of any future investment.

Davy/Barker

Carried

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10.42am to 10.56am

9. Auckland Point Pedestrian Crossing Safety Improvements

Document number A1106535, agenda pages 75-85 refer.

Senior Asset Engineer – Transport and Roading, Rhys Palmer, presented the report, and gave a Power Point presentation (A1205413). He said that the two-laning of this stretch of road encouraged 'jostling' behaviour by motorists, leading to high speeds in the area, and creating safety risks for pedestrians using the crossing.

Mr Palmer outlined the options investigated for the road, and explained the reasons for the recommended option of one-laning the road.

Councillors discussed the proposal. In response to questions, Mr Palmer advised that modelling suggested that one-laning would have no effect on the operation of the QEII Drive/Haven Road roundabout.

In response to further questions, he explained that activity outside Auckland Point School did not meet NZTA thresholds for installation of a variable speed zone. He said that the school preferred the option of a signalised crossing, but that the cost of installing one was significant, and this option would have little effect on the speed issues in the area.

There was a further discussion regarding the Halifax Street/Haven Road roundabout. In response to a question, Mr Palmer said that one-laning this roundabout would likely lead to significant vehicle tailbacks, but that other options for this intersection were still being investigated.

Councillors were generally in favour of one-laning this section of the road, particularly if it resulted in a reduction in average speeds and an increase in pedestrian safety in the area.

Resolved

THAT the report Auckland Point Pedestrian Crossing Safety Improvements (A1106535) and its attachments (A663472) be received;

AND THAT the zebra crossing on Haven Road at Auckland Point be reconfigured during the 2014/15 financial year to have a single lane in each direction.

Lawrey/Acland

Carried

WATER, WASTEWATER, STORMWATER

10. Water Supply and Wastewater Bylaws

Document number A1181459, agenda pages 86-182 refer.

Senior Asset Engineer – Utilities, Phil Ruffell, presented the report.

Resolved

THAT the report Water Supply and Wastewater Bylaws (A1181459) and its attachments (A1181512, A1181471, A1181533, A1181535, A1181600 and A1181552) be received;

AND THAT in accordance with section 155 of the Local Government Act 2002 Council determines that making the proposed Water Supply Bylaw is the most appropriate way of addressing the safety and security of supply issues for the Nelson City water supply network;

AND THAT in accordance with section 156 of the Local Government Act 2002 Council agrees to revoke the Nelson City Council Water Supply Bylaw No. 217, such revocation to come into effect upon the adoption of the proposed Water Supply Bylaw 2014 (No. 223);

AND THAT the Statements of Proposal dated June 2014 and the summary of information contained in the Statements of Proposal (documents A1181512, A1181533, A1181600 and A1181552 be approved and advertised using the Special Consultative Procedure (section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002);

AND THAT the Works & Infrastructure Committee hear and deliberate on submissions on the proposed water supply and wastewater bylaws in documents A1181471 and A1181535.

Noonan/Copeland

Carried

11. 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	<p>Works and Infrastructure Committee – Public Excluded – 1 May 2014</p> <p>These minutes confirm contain information regarding the public excluded status report:</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a)</p> <p>The public conduct of this matter would be likely to result in disclosure of information for which good reason exists under section 7</p>	<p>The withholding of the information is necessary:</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trafalgar Centre Follow Up Report – Short Term Actions, including a resolution that this item is moved to the status report on the public agenda of the Works and Infrastructure Committee meeting of 1 May 2014 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 7(2)(h) To carry out commercial activities Section 7(2)(i) To carry out negotiations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trafalgar Centre – Update Report, including a resolution that this item is moved to the status report on the public agenda of the Works and Infrastructure Committee meeting of 1 May 2014 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 7(2)(h) To carry out commercial activities Section 7(2)(i) To carry out negotiations

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Washington Valley Property Disposal 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 7(2)(i) To carry out negotiations
2	<p>Public Excluded Status Report – Works and Infrastructure Committee 12 June 2014</p> <p>This report contains information regarding the Washington Valley Property Disposal.</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a)</p> <p>The public conduct of this matter would be likely to result in disclosure of information for which good reason exists under section 7</p>	<p>The withholding of the information is necessary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 7(2)(i) To carry out negotiations

Noonan/Lawrey

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 11.41am and resumed in public session at 11.46am.

12. Re-admittance of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

Davy/Lawrey

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 11.46am.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date