

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HOUSE, TRAFALGAR STREET,
NELSON ON TUESDAY 29 JANUARY 2008 COMMENCING AT 9.00AM**

- PRESENT:** Councillor P Rainey (Chairperson), Councillors I Barker, A Boswijk (Deputy Chairperson), M Cotton, M Holmes, A McAlpine, A Miccio and G Thomas
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillors G Collingwood, D Henigan and R Reese, Chief Executive (V Altmants), Divisional Manager Community Services (S Coleman) and Administration Adviser (J Costello)
- APOLOGIES:** An apology was received and accepted from His Worship the Mayor (K Marshall)
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1.0 PUBLIC FORUM

1.1 Nelson Multi Ethnic Council

Evey McAuliffe from the Nelson Multi Ethnic Council introduced herself and Brigid Ryan, the Settling In Co-ordinator for the Ministry of Social Development.

Ms McAuliffe advised that there were 14 Multi Ethnic Councils in New Zealand, with Nelson being at the forefront. She said that the Nelson Multi Ethnic Council (NMEC) is an incorporated society and had been in existence for 15 years and currently has 90 members. It received the support of the Council and other government agencies, which aided in the employment of the Co-ordinator and field worker. She said the NMEC aimed to promote and improve the interests of the ethnic groups throughout the Nelson region.

She said in the last Census, figures illustrated that Nelson was ranked third highest for the percentage of people born overseas, and she said with those types of statistics she saw the role of the NMEC becoming even more important.

She said that the aim for the NMEC now was to get premises that provided a clear point of contact for the public, and also provided a co-location of other agencies providing services for migrants and refugees, such as RMS, Nelson ESOL and Settlement Support. She stated that with regards to the co-location, promises had been secured for funding support.

Ms McAuliffe stated that their organisation would be eager to attend the Citizenship Ceremonies and Councillors said that they would investigate an invite being extended to the NMEC.

Ms McAuliffe stated that with regards to refugees in the Nelson region, she said for the first three years they work alongside RMS and then they come under the umbrella of the NMEC.

With regards to the NMEC receiving reports of racism, Ms McAuliffe stated that instances had been reported and she said that when they were reported staff tried to encourage the victim to report the incident. Often victims are too afraid to report the incident.

Ms McAuliffe advised that in March the Office of Ethnic Affairs would be running the Intercultural Awareness and Communication Training Programme in Nelson which will include a public forum on Thursday 7 March.

1.2 Neale Park Skate Park

Mr Gerry Renshaw addressed the Committee with regards to concerns held by himself and fellow residents in North Road about the new skate park in Neale Park being insufficiently controlled and the plan to illuminate it until possibly 11.00pm.

Mr Renshaw requested that consideration be given to a fence around the perimeter of the skate park so that it could be closed at night.

Mr Renshaw stated that it was important to point out that the concerns that the group held were not with the skate enthusiasts but those that tended to gather or hang out often drinking, leaving litter, graffiti and broken bottles in their wake.

The group also requested that bollards be erected to prevent access from North Road and Queen Elizabeth II Drive.

Mr Renshaw tabled a petition which the Committee received, containing 71 signatories.

1.3 Home Ownership Education Programme

Kenn Butler, Facilitator for the Home Ownership Education Programme in the Nelson-Tasman region, provided a brief overview of the free workshops that they provide. He said the workshops aim to:

- Explain the benefits, risks, costs and obligations of home ownership
- Explain how the home ownership process works
- Provide tools and advice to help people plan for and achieve their home ownership goals
- Point out some of the pitfalls and dismiss some common myths about home ownership

He said that a culture had been created on a spend-borrow concept and those that were enrolling to do the course were well educated people who had little idea about what steps to take in securing their own home.

Mr Butler confirmed that the home ownership programme is under the umbrella of the profit making Business Development Company, which is jointly owned by the Nelson Tasman Chamber of Commerce and NMIT. However, the workshops are free, as they are sponsored by Housing New Zealand.

He confirmed that the pilot programme had been the 'Welcome Home' programme.

1.4 Support for the Nelson Tasman Te Rito Network

Peter Riley addressed the Committee, voicing his support for the Council to sign the Nelson Tasman Te Rito Memorandum of Understanding, as it would provide energy and leadership for the Te Rito network.

He said that in a recent survey which ranked countries on their 'peacefulness', he said that New Zealand ranked second, and standing between second and first place was the domestic violence in New Zealand.

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

15 November 2007

Resolved

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee, held on Thursday 15 November 2007, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Boswijk/Holmes

Carried

3.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES STATUS REPORT – JANUARY 2008

Members provided feedback on the layout of the Status Report and noted that when putting the information into the report, staff should take care to include actions that are not directly recorded through a resolution.

Resolved

THAT the report be received.

Rainey/Boswijk

Carried

4.0 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Councillor Rainey provided a verbal report and congratulated the Cultural, Social and Recreation Services team for the activities and events put on over the summer period.

He stated that he attended the Cusp, and whilst it was good, he was disappointed with the numbers that attended, and said that the event may have to be revised for the upcoming New Year.

Councillor Rainey said that he had spoken with several local people over the Christmas Period who had stayed in the region when they normally wouldn't have and they had all commented on how they had really enjoyed spending their time in the region.

He also commented positively on the Council engaging with the Economic Development Agency on planning the Event Strategy.

5.0 NELSON TASMAN TE RITO NETWORK MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Report No 7397, dated 18 December 2007, file ref CS0200, agenda pages 11-25 refer.

The Manager Cultural, Social and Recreation Services, Kath Inwood presented the report.

Ms Inwood explained that the Nelson City Council had been invited to join the Nelson Tasman Te Rito Network by signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which would require a senior staff member to attend a minimum of ten meetings per year.

Ms Inwood advised that the prevention of family violence is not specifically mentioned under any Council policy or strategy, and that family violence was not an area of expertise of staff or the organisation as a whole.

There was considerable discussion on whether the Council should be a signatory to the MOU, and a number of Councillors held the view that as members of the community and being leaders of the community, they should be taking a collaborative approach and working with the community to combat the issue of family violence. There was also some discussion on whether family violence be included in the Social Wellbeing Policy when it is reviewed, and it was agreed that the issue would be considered if it is decided to review the policy.

Resolved

THAT the Council does not sign the Nelson Tasman Te Rito Network Memorandum of Understanding but expresses support in principle for the work that the Network is carrying out by Councillors attending the Te Rito meetings;

AND THAT the Council consider support for specific project and awareness campaigns on a case by case basis.

Holmes/Barker

Carried

6.0 WAKEFIELD QUAY DEVELOPMENT - FUNDING

Report No 7403, dated 9 January 2008, file ref LRF-05-03, agenda pages 31-39 refer.

The Manager Community Projects, Andrew Petheram presented the report.

Mr Petheram stated that the report had been prepared to provide information to enable the Council to consider further funding in the 2008/09 Annual Plan process for the further development of Wakefield Quay.

Mr Petheram stated that the Nelson 2000 Trust were \$10,000 away from reaching the \$800,000 that they had pledged to raise, and they were keen, along with other members of the community, to see further development be progressed.

Mr Petheram advised that the Nelson 2000 Trust had originally had the intention to cease once the target had been reached, however there was a general feeling amongst the Trust members that they would continue to raise further funding.

Mr Petheram said if further work progressed it would be reclaiming the area near the Yacht Club, and he confirmed that a consent had already been issued with regards to reclamation of the area.

He said the proposed statue was more abstract than the early settler's statue already on Wakefield Quay, and it was non-gender, non-race specific, and that too needed to be considered through the LTCCP. Members suggested that consideration should be given to doing an 'Evaluation of Space' as the area is being increasingly used by people and space is limited.

He confirmed that the building occupied by Crop and Food had approximately 27/28 years left on their lease, and that they were not wanting to move any earlier than that. He advised that Crop and Food had been consulted on the promenade during the Resource Consent process, and an agreement had been reached that the promenade must be three meters out from their building as they had concerns about the vibration that could be generated if too close to their building.

It was suggested that staff give consideration to other opportunities for funding for the projects, other than rates, such as providing the public an opportunity to purchase a piece of the chain.

Resolved

THAT \$610,000 Capital Expenditure for further development of Wakefield Quay be considered in the 2008/09 estimates process.

Holmes/Cotton

Carried

7.0 PUBLIC FORUM DISCUSSION

7.1 Skate Park at Neale Park

The Manager Community Projects, Andrew Petheram, stated that when a site was being considered for the skate park, the aim was to get a site where complaints would not be received from the residents and the feeling had been that the Neale Park site would meet this requirement as the specific site was far enough from residential housing (approximately 150/200 metres away).

He stated that he did not believe Mr Renshaw and the North Road residents who held the concerns were an affected party, and that it was part of living in a community. He said he believed that the project should be proceeded with and he did not agree with fencing the skate park at this stage.

He said that lights should be in place and that there would be security cameras in place, which would be linked to a website. He said it was proposed that the lights would be turned off at 11.00pm and it was his point of view that the level of noise would not even register on a noise meter.

He said that car access would be prevented, and whilst he acknowledged that there could be problems, he did not foresee any of them being unreasonable. Mr Petheram

advised that the lights would need to be shielded as they were next to a State Highway.

Members acknowledged what Mr Petheram said, however they did see a need for staff to address some of the issues personally with the North Road residents.

The Chief Executive advised that staff would look at ways in which they could talk with the concerned residents, however he was mindful to point out that the skate park had been heavily consulted on and that there was a two way opportunity for communicating, and he suggested that the concerned residents might like to meet with the skate enthusiasts.

8.0 YOUTH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

Report No 7398, dated 19 December 2007, file ref CS024, agenda pages 26-30 refer.

Manager Cultural, Social and Recreation Services, Kath Inwood, presented the report.

Some Councillors expressed concern that staff were bringing forward the change to the Youth Council Constitution and not the Youth Councillors, and that the Youth Councillors should have been given the opportunity to discuss the changes at their first formal meeting for the year, which is scheduled for Thursday 14 February.

Councillors discussed the end of year Youth Councillors evaluations as mentioned in the staff report and questioned the availability of these. Ms Inwood, advised that she would not be comfortable providing the original evaluations as they were personal to the individual Youth Councillors and they had not been advised that they would be given out. However, she said that a summary of the feedback could be provided.

Resolved

THAT consideration of the amended Nelson Youth Council Constitution, as attached to Report No 7398, be adjourned until 18 March 2008.

Rainey/Miccio

Carried

9.0 DRAFT ESPLANADE AND FORESHORE RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Report No 7402, dated 8 January 2008, file ref LRF-05-03, agenda pages 40-42 refer.

Community Policy and Planning Adviser, Grant Reburn presented the report.

Members discussed the draft Esplanade and Foreshore Reserves Management Plan and complimented the staff on the development of it. During their discussions the following points were noted by members and were responded to by staff as follows:

- i) Reference needs to be made to the Treaty claim on Haulashore Island.

(Staff Response: *The plan specifically acknowledges this point.*)

- ii) The Branford Park section needs to be updated.

(Staff Response: *Bollarding has now been completed however the proposed policies are still relevant.*)

- iii) It needs to be ensured that there is nothing in the plan to prevent the development of view shafts

(Staff Response: *The plan specifically acknowledges the need to retain important view shafts.*)

- iv) Consideration should be given to selling the Teal Valley and the Lud Valley Reserves.

(Staff Response: *Staff confirmed that while they appeared isolated, they will in time be joined when other subdivisions occur.*)

Recommendation to Council

THAT the draft Esplanade and Foreshore Reserves Management Plan be adopted and forwarded to the Minister of Conservation for approval.

Barker/Miccio

Carried

10.0 REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES – WORKING PARTIES

10.1 Founders Heritage Subcommittee Park

18 September 2007

Resolved

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Founders Heritage Park Subcommittee, held on Tuesday 18 September 2007, be received.

Holmes/McAlpine

Carried

11.0 REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS

11.1 Nelson Tasman Housing Forum

12 November 2007

Resolved

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Nelson Tasman Housing Forum, held on Monday 12 November 2007, be received.

Barker/Thomas

Carried

11.2 Nelson Safer Community Council

Resolved

THAT the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Nelson Safer Community Council, held on Wednesday 19 December 2007, be received.

Thomas/HolmesCarried**12.0 NOTICE OF MOTION**

Councillor Miccio advised that the Notice of Motion had been given because upon reflection, the resolution passed at the Community Services meeting on 15 November 2007 in respect of the Trafalgar Park/Rutherford Park Development Plan be taken on as a matter of priority, in the event of putting in a bid for the 2011 World Cup. He explained that the Development Plan would take longer than anticipated, and that a further resolution was required to meet necessary deadlines.

He stated that the motion may also want to include the potential for private partnerships to be explored and a benefit analysis.

It was queried where the funding would come from for the project plan, and it was confirmed that none was required. However it was explained that if any funding was required as a result of decisions at the 29 April meeting then it would need to be funded from the contingency fund.

Attendance: Councillor Henigan left the meeting at 12.22pm.

Divisional Manager Community Services Susan Coleman confirmed that no additional staff would be required to do what is detailed in the Notice of Motion, however if the upgrade was proceeded with then yes additional staff would be required.

Resolved

THAT staff prepare a project plan for the upgrade of Trafalgar Park to the standard required for major events, including the Rugby World Cup 2011;

AND THAT the project plan includes details of the work required, details of the Rugby World Cup 2011 bid, timeline, the process necessary to obtain approval for the work, any funding required in the 2007/08 year;

AND THAT the project plan be brought back to the Community Services Committee for consideration by 29 April 2008;

AND THAT the Rutherford Park/Trafalgar Park Development Plan take account of this upgrade when it is prepared.

Miccio/BoswijkCarried

Attendance: Councillor Reese and Councillor Barker left the meeting at 12.30pm.

13.0 PUBLIC FORUM DISCUSSION

Members discussed the presentation from Kenn Butler with regards to the Home Ownership Programme and the suggestion that an advert be placed in Live Nelson.

Councillors supported the Council promoting it through Live Nelson, particularly since it followed on from the 'Welcome Home' Pilot Programme.

The Chief Executive advised that he would discuss the matter with the Public Communications team, as he said that the general rule was that Live Nelson was purely a publication for the Council and did not publish news items for outside organisations, however it might be an exception given that Councillors have signalled an interest in supporting the promotion of it.

It was agreed that the Chief Executive investigate accommodating the request.

14.0 PUBLIC EXCLUDED MINUTES

14.1 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting in accordance with section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 on the grounds that the public conduct of this part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists.

- ***Confirmation of Minutes – 15 November 2007***

Reasons:

To protect the privacy of natural persons;

To enable the Council to carry out negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage.

- ***Community Service Status Report – January 2008***

Reasons:

To protect the privacy of natural persons;

To enable the Council to carry out negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage.

- ***Natureland Update***

Reasons:

To protect the privacy of natural persons;

To enable the Council to carry out commercial activities without prejudice or disadvantage.

- **Founders Heritage Park Subcommittee – 18 September 2007**

Reasons:

To protect the privacy of natural persons;

To enable the Council to carry out negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage.

Rainey/Miccio

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session from 12.35pm and resumed in the public session at 1.05pm.

14.2 Re-admittance of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

Holmes/Boswijk

Carried

The meeting closed at 1.05pm

CONFIRMED AS A CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

_____ CHAIRPERSON

_____ DATE