

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE VICTORY COMMUNITY CENTRE, CORNER OF ST VINCENT
AND TOTARA STREETS, NELSON ON TUESDAY 10 JUNE 2008 COMMENCING
AT 10.05AM**

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

1.1 Nelson Softball Association (NSA)

Roger Thorn (Chairperson NSA), Hamish Fletcher (Board Member NSA) and Marty Grant (Nelson Youth Softball Development Manager) addressed the Committee with regards to where softball is currently at in the Nelson Region, and what the future holds for softball in the region.

A copy of the presentation accompanies the minutes (document number 674767).

Mr Thorn read a letter that he had received from the Canterbury Softball Association, confirming their support of the NSA, and commenting on the premium facility that Saxton Field is. He also noted that they confirmed that they would actively encourage and support other softball associations to use the facilities given the high standard of them.

Mr Grant then went on to talk to the powerpoint presentation, and thanked the Council for the significant investment it had made in softball, and explained that the money that the NSA would be receiving from the Council in 2009/10 would see Nelson with unequalled skin diamond infrastructure, second to none in the country, which would encourage more national tournaments and possibly international tournaments.

Members were advised that in 2007/08 season of NSA there were three major tournaments attracting teams from out of town. The three day tournament that was held in November attracted eight teams. The benefit from this was \$56,000 generated from 80 people with a spend of approximately \$700.

The second tournament was the Women's NPC, where eight teams participated. There were 160 people in attendance spending \$1,300 each, equating to \$208,000.

It was noted that each team spends \$20,000 on airfares, accommodation and meals before personal expenditure is taken into account.

In February 2008 Nelson held the Masters Evergreen Tournament, where 16 teams and official came to Nelson for one week. This equated to 340 visitors with a spend of \$1,300, equating to \$442,000 expenditure in Nelson.

Mr Fletcher stated that it was the NSA belief that for the \$250,000 investment made by the Council in stage one of their grounds, softball tournaments had returned in just one season \$706,000 of benefits back into the Nelson-Tasman Community.

In response to a question about seating for tournaments, Mr Fletcher stated that he was aware that there were mobile seats owned by Tasman that could possibly be used for spectators.

1.2 Replanting of the Grampians

Queenie Ballance (Forest and Bird) addressed the Committee with regards to Forest and Bird's offer of \$1,000 donation for native planting on the Grampians and their offer to help with planting and care of plants. Ms Ballance read out a letter which she requested be circulated to members. A copy of this letter accompanies the minutes (refer document number 674952).

Ms Ballance stated that Forest and Bird were in attendance representing at least 50% of the community who objected to replanting the Grampians solely with exotics. She said that there were many members of the community who were angry at being presented with a perceived fait accompli on something that had a major impact on the visual aspects of the City.

Ms Ballance stated that a mix of exotics and natives would be seen as an acceptable compromise at this point in time. She stated that she was requesting two things:

- i) That the Council put a stop to the planting to allow public discussion and consultation.
- ii) That the policy be revisited on which the Grampians replanting project was based upon as a matter of urgency, and be updated after consultation with the community.

Ms Ballance acknowledged that the offer from Forest and Bird of \$1,000 was a small amount given the size of the project, however she stated that it illustrated how Forest and Bird members appreciated that costs will be incurred with any delays in decisions to change plantings.

1.3 Arts Council Nelson

Lloyd Harwood (Community Arts Manager, Arts Council Nelson) addressed the Committee regarding Arts Council Nelson's understanding that office space currently leased to the Nelson Environment Centre and Forest and Bird at 3 Halifax Street is soon to be vacated.

Mr Harwood stated that Arts Council Nelson would greatly appreciate consideration being given to the possibility of Arts Council Nelson procuring a long term tenancy at 3 Halifax Street.

He stated that the potential cost saving benefits for Arts Council Nelson was a major factor in making the request. In addition to a reduction in rental expenditure, Arts Council Nelson anticipated opportunities to share office infrastructure and possibly even some staff resources with Kahurangi Employment Trust (KET).

Mr Harwood said that the prospect of being able to share a site with KET could only be positive, as the philosophical similarities of the groups offered great potential for enhancing service delivery of both parties through collaborative approaches to shared community aims and future initiatives.

Mr Thorn (Manager, KET) endorsed Arts Council Nelson's proposal and reconfirmed that it would be of benefit to both organisations to have them housed under the one roof.

A copy of information circulated by Mr Harwood accompanies the minutes (refer document number 674954).

2.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

29 April 2008

A motion was proposed moved His Worship the Mayor, seconded Councillor Boswijk

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Community Services Committee, held on Tuesday 29 April 2008, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

An amendment was proposed moved Councillor Barker, seconded Councillor Miccio

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Community Services Committee, held on Tuesday 29 April 2008, be confirmed as a true and correct record subject to the following additions:

- i. *That it be noted under Item 5.0 (Draft Nelson Public Library Strategic Plan 2008-18) that the Nightingale Library Memorial was established as a result of a bequest, and the bequest would be lost if the Library was relocated.*
- ii. *Under Item 5.0 (Draft Nelson Public Library Strategic Plan 2008-18) that it be noted the Nightingale Library Memorial was the only Nelson Public Library that the number of patrons had increased at.*

The amendment was put and **lost**. The original motion was put and **carried**.

Resolved

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Community Services Committee, held on Tuesday 29 April 2008, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

His Worship the Mayor/Boswijk

Carried

His Worship the Mayor requested that if any Councillor had concerns with the content of minutes they were to contact the Chair of the Committee concerned prior to the meeting to discuss.

3.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES STATUS REPORT JUNE 2008

Agenda pages 16-19 refer.

The meeting was advised that with regards to the emergency housing community charitable fundraising project, the Women's Centre who was a member of the Emergency Housing Group was making an application to the Council's Community Assistance scheme.

Referring to the Brook Sanctuary's business plan, Mr McArthur advised that it was envisaged that the business plan would be available for the next Community Services Committee meeting.

Concern was expressed by some members at the negative media coverage the Brook Sanctuary had received following the decision made at the April meeting of the Community Services Committee.

Staff advised that a decision on the Esplanade and Foreshore Reserves Management Plan should be received from the Minister of Conservation within the next couple of weeks.

Resolved

THAT the Community Services Status Report for June 2008 be received.

Miccio/Shaw

Carried

4.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES MAJOR PROJECTS 2007/08

Document No 658798, dated 3 June 2008, agenda pages 20-21 refer.

Manager Community Projects, Andrew Petheram presented the report.

Mr Petheram advised that there was a very intensive method of financial tracking for the Trafalgar Centre extension held by the architect, which could be provided should members wish to see more detailed information.

Resolved

THAT the Community Services Major Projects Report 2007/08, as at 30 April 2008, be received.

Collingwood/Shaw

Carried

5.0 FINANCE STATEMENT FOR TEN MONTHS ENDED 30 APRIL 2008

Document No 668752, dated 13 May 2008, agenda pages 22-31 refer

Divisional Manager Community Services, Susan Coleman, presented the report.

Ms Coleman advised that it was unlikely that the playground budget would be spent in this financial year, and any remaining budget would be carried over to the 2008/09 financial year.

Referring to the Parks and Open Spaces statement of capital expenditure, Mr McArthur advised that the overrun was in relation to additional staff time being spent in that particular area, however this would be balanced with staff time being under spent elsewhere.

It was commented that if there were overruns, such as that at Saxton Field, then there needed to be the inclusion of explanations if the report was to be meaningful.

Mr Petheram confirmed that the overrun at Saxton Field was in relation to the Soccer Pavilion and the development of the new stadium.

Resolved

THAT the report be received and the variations noted.

Collingwood/His Worship the Mayor

Carried

6.0 NELSON TASMAN PUBLIC LIBRARIES CLOSER CO-OPERATION

Document No 668525, dated 27 May 2008, agenda pages 32-35 refer.

Manager Libraries, Ian Littleworth and Community Policy and Planning Coordinator, Nicky McDonald presented the report.

Ms McDonald noted that Councillors had asked for more work to be done on Regional cooperation. Staff proposed 3 steps towards closer cooperation with Tasman District Libraries:

- Expanding the day to day working relationship;
- One year trial of reciprocal borrowing from 1 August;
- Development of a process to investigate a regional library service.

The response to reciprocal borrowing was generally positive from members, however it was noted that this would likely be a cost to Nelson ratepayers.

Current charges and policies that the libraries have will remain as is for the current time being. Tasman District Council would be considering a staff report of reciprocal borrowing later in the month.

Resolved

THAT staff work with counterparts in the Tasman District Libraries to enhance day to day collaboration between the two library services;

AND THAT, contingent on Tasman District Council passing a similar resolution, staff trial reciprocal borrowing for one year and report further on a proposed process to investigate establishment of a regional library service;

AND THAT the Nelson Public Libraries Strategic Plan 2008 be adopted with the changes as set out in attachment one;

AND THAT the amendments to the Community Facilities Asset Management Plan, as presented to the 29 April Community Services Meeting, be adopted.

Shaw/Boswijk

Carried

7.0 ACCOMMODATION FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Document No 656804, dated 7 April 2008, agenda pages 36-49 refer.

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

A motion was proposed moved Councillor Henigan, seconded Councillor Collingwood

***THAT** further investigation into the needs of Community Organisations for office accommodation be undertaken and a detailed situational analysis be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee for the end of October 2008.*

An amendment was proposed moved His Worship the Mayor, seconded Councillor Boswijk

***THAT** further investigation into the needs of Community Organisations for office accommodation be undertaken and a detailed situational analysis be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee by the end of October 2008;*

***AND THAT** the investigation include the development of a template to provide criteria for organisations qualifying to use Council accommodation.*

The amendment was put and **carried**.

Resolved

***THAT** further investigation into the needs of Community Organisations for office accommodation be undertaken and a detailed situational analysis be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee by the end of October 2008;*

***AND THAT** the investigation includes the development of a template to provide criteria for organisations qualifying for Council support.*

His Worship the Mayor/Boswijk

Carried

8.0 SAXTON FIELD ATHLETICS TRACK REQUEST TO PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTION

Document No 669250, dated 27 May 2008, agenda pages 50-59 refer.

Manager Community Projects, Andrew Petheram presented the report.

Mr Petheram confirmed that a copy of the staff report had been sent to the Tasman District Council.

Mr Petheram said that the Trust had assured him that the project would be completed within two years.

Resolved

THAT the Top of the South Athletics Charitable Trust be granted approval to proceed with the construction of the all weather athletics track at Saxton Field, subject to

- 1. the Trust accepting responsibility for any shortfall in funding including the entire cost of construction of both the gear shed and the photo finish room, and***
- 2. that these two facilities be constructed within two years of the completion of the track, and***
- 3. the Trust providing a letter to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive formally withdrawing all claims to user rights at Trafalgar Park and***
- 4. agreement by the Tasman District Council;***

AND THAT the Regional Funding Forum be advised that the revised construction costs are close to the original estimate.

Henigan/McAlpine

Carried

9.0 SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

Document No 668994, dated 4 June 2008, agenda pages 60-64 refer.

Divisional Manager Community Services, Susan Coleman presented the report.

Ms Coleman confirmed that the celebrations would be held over an eight month period, and it was likely that the full amount of the budgeted \$70,000 would be required. She stated that currently a civic dinner had not been included in costings, and that if this was to be included it was her estimate that it would cost an additional another \$15,000-\$20,0000.

It was noted that there would be a civic function, however the question of what was yet to be decided. It was noted that events were going to be civic because the Council had been engaged.

It was requested that care be taken with the promotion of events.

Resolved

THAT the 150th Celebrations Programme detailed in document no. 669637 be adopted;

AND THAT a \$70,000 budget allocated for the event be confirmed.

McAlpine/Holmes

Carried

10.0 REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES**10.1 Founders Heritage Park Subcommittee**

Resolved

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Founders Heritage Park Subcommittee, held on Wednesday 19 March 2008 be received, and that the term of office for members of the Founders Heritage Park Subcommittee be for a term of three years;

AND THAT the replacement process is to be to the nearest proportion, but less than, 30% from the then longest serving member stand down at the three yearly end of term;

AND THAT these members have the right to stand for reappointment unless the end of year tenure has been reduced.

Boswijk/Holmes

Carried

11.0 REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS**11.1 Nelson Youth Council**

16 April 2008

Resolved

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Nelson Youth Council, held on Wednesday 16 April 2008 be received.

Thomas/Boswijk

Carried

12.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**12.1 Public Forum Discussion****12.1.1. Nelson Softball Association**

Members noted the presentation from the Nelson Softball Association and Manager Community Projects, Mr Petheram confirmed that their facility was outstanding in that when it was finished, it would be the best in the country.

12.1.2. Replanting of the Grampians

Attendance: Councillor McAlpine left the meeting at 11.45am

Manager Parks and Facilities, Paul McArthur suggested that the offer of \$1,000 for plantings from Forest and Bird be accepted, and that staff meet with members of Forest and Bird to clarify exactly what is happening with the replanting of the Grampians.

Mr McArthur stated that he thought it was possible to have both natives and exotics planted.

12.1.3. Arts Council Nelson

Councillor Boswijk confirmed that as a member of the Kahurangi Employment Trust Board, the Board itself was very supportive of Arts Council Nelson being based out of the Halifax Street property.

It was agreed that staff prepare a report for the next Community Services Committee meeting.

Attendance: His Worship the Mayor left the meeting at 12noon.

13.0 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

13.1 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.

i. Confirmation of Minutes – 29 April 2008

Reason:

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

ii. Community Services Committee Status Report – June 2008

Reasons:

To protect the privacy of natural persons;

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

iii. Glen Reserve Development/Land Purchase

Reason:

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

iv. Natureland Request for Proposals: Stage 2

Reason:

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

- v. **Founders Heritage Park Subcommittee Minutes – 19 March 2008**

Reasons:

To protect the privacy of natural persons;

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

- vi. **Saxton Field Working Party Minutes – 10 April 2008**

Reason:

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

AND THAT in accordance with section 48(b) of the Local Government Information of Meetings Act 1987 Mr Peter Gaze, Ms Lynn Anderson and Ms Hazel Stone be permitted to remain after the public have been excluded for the Natureland Request for Proposals item because the special knowledge they possess will be of assistance in relation to the matter of the Natureland Request for Proposals.

Boswijk/Rainey

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 12.25pm and resumed in the public session at 2.29pm.

13.2 Re-admittance of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

Thomas/Shaw

Carried

The meeting closed at 2.29pm.

CONFIRMED AS A CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

_____ CHAIRPERSON _____ DATE