

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HOUSE, TRAFALGAR STREET,  
NELSON ON THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER 2008 COMMENCING AT 9AM**

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**PRESENT:** Councillor P Rainey (Chairperson), His Worship the Mayor (K Marshall), Councillors A Boswick (Deputy Chairperson), G Collingwood, M Cotton, M Holmes, A McAlpine, A Miccio, D Shaw and G Thomas

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive (V Altmants), Divisional Manager Community Services (S Coleman) and Administration Adviser (A Rose)

**APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors I Barker, D Henigan and R Reese

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**1.0 PUBLIC FORUM**

**1.1 Founders Heritage Park Draft Collection Policy**

Dr Lotti Schottelius-Winter and her husband, Mr Klaus Winter, were in attendance to express their concern at the draft Collection Policy proposed for Founders Heritage Park. Dr Schottelius-Winter pointed out that the facility should not be considered an event park, like Disneyland and painting the Energy Centre like a lollipop was not, in her opinion, appropriate. She took issue with the time span set out in the draft policy of 1880-1950, saying that if the Park excluded the period 1840-1880 it would lose a lot of interest about the early settlers. She also said it was wrong to cut the time at 1950, pointing out that the past begins yesterday. She also pointed out that it was wrong, in her opinion, for the Park to exclude any Maori artefacts.

Before anything was disposed of, Dr Schottelius-Winter urged that the facility obtain a curator and a manager with a suitable professional background. She expressed her opinion that the retail centre inside the windmill which had displaced the display area had now closed down because it was found that it couldn't sell enough. She then went on to outline some ideas that she had for the promotion of Founders Heritage Park, using the items from the existing collection.

Her husband, Mr Klaus Winter, spoke specifically about his collection of approximately 400 alarm clocks, dating from 1870, that were currently on loan to Founders Heritage Park, and he referred to an agreement that he had signed with a past manager, Mr Roger Cole. He said that four weeks ago he was told that the windmill was being refurbished and could no longer store the display cases for the alarm clocks so he had to take the collection home and store it. He said the value of the collection is between \$20,000 and \$30,000 and he believed it to be unique. He said he wanted some answers from Founders Heritage Park as to what would be happening with the agreement he had with the Park regarding his collection.

The Chairperson thanked Dr Schottelius-Winter and Mr Winter for their attendance and they left the meeting.

## 2.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolved

***THAT** the minutes of a meeting of the Community Services Committee, held on Thursday 28 August 2008, be confirmed as a true and correct record.*

Thomas/Shaw

Carried

## 3.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT – OCTOBER 2008

Document No 646443, dated August 2008, agenda items 11-14 refer.

### 3.1 Accommodation for Community Organisations

To answer a question from Councillor Thomas, the Manager, Cultural, Social and Recreational Services, Kath Inwood joined the meeting and advised that a survey was currently being done to give an overview for Council to consider what assistance they could give to the various community organisations with regard to their rental accommodation needs.

Resolved

***THAT** the Community Services Community Status Report – October 2008 be received.*

Boswick/Shaw

Carried

## 4.0 COMMUNITY SERVICES FINANCE REPORT FOR THE TWO MONTHS ENDED 31 AUGUST 2008

Document No 699025 dated 1 October 2008, agenda pages 15-38 refer.

The Chief Financial Officer joined the meeting and presented the report.

Resolved

***THAT** the report be received and the variations be noted.*

His Worship the Mayor/Boswick

Carried

## 5.0 WAY 2 GO

The Community Liaison Adviser-Recreation, Chris Blythe, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Way 2 Go project. Agenda pages 39-61 refer. The Committee praised the presentation.

In answer to a question from Councillor Cotton, the Community Liaison Adviser-Recreation said it was estimated that about a third of Nelson's community could be described as "inactive".

In answer to a question from Councillor Collingwood regarding the list of challenges set out at the end of the presentation and whether there would be requests for funding going to the Council's long term community plan, Mr Butler (Nelson Marlborough

District Health Board) said it's more about rationalising the funding that is available at the moment and adding value to what is being provided currently.

In answer to a question from Councillor Shaw as to whether some funds needed to be put into the Council's Long Term Council Community Plan in three year's time to expand the Hubs in Nelson City to provide, for example, for one in south-east Stoke, the Divisional Manager Community Services said that the funding is already in the budget at \$25,000 per annum for the implementation of the Nelson Tasman Physical Activity Plan and it may be possible to fund from here but staff would need to assess in time for the LTCCP.

## **6.0 TAHUNANUI BEACH BARBECUE PROJECT**

The Community Liaison Adviser-Social Wellbeing Nicola Mercer, Urban Projects Adviser Britta Hietz, and Nelson Youth Councillors Olivia McIntyre and Andrew Lynde, joined the meeting and made a presentation on the Tahunanui Beach Barbecue project. It was explained that the sponsorship initiative involving Nelson North Lions Club has raised approximately \$15,500 which had provided enough money for the first two stages. It was pointed out that the Barbecue project was a great example of what the youth of Nelson could do. It was further pointed out that the third stage involving the arts contribution to the project would help it gain ownership from the community.

In answer to a question, it was confirmed that there was enough in the budget for Stages 1 and 2 and all the work to date was on track and would be completed by mid-November depending on the weather.

Councillor McAlpine praised the initiative and congratulated those involved. She agreed that youth ownership of the area was vital and suggested a short presentation could be made to each of the secondary schools in Nelson, promoting the area and encouraging everybody to care for it.

In answer to another question from the Committee, the Urban Projects Adviser said that about \$35,000 was still required to finish the project. She also confirmed that the area would be made as vandal proof as possible and that it was intended to put up an information panel about the area, and to acknowledge the sponsors.

The Chairman thanked the group for their presentation and congratulated them on behalf of Council on their work on this valuable community project.

## **7.0 FOUNDERS HERITAGE PARK COLLECTION POLICY**

Document No 694703 dated 15 September 2008, agenda pages 62-83 refer.

The Arts and Heritage Team Leader, Debbie Daniell-Smith, together with the Facility Manager Founders Heritage Park, Maria Anderson, joined the meeting and presented the report, which pointed out that the Park was currently restricted by its staffing and resources as to what it can manage or care for.

In reply to some of the concerns raised earlier in the public forum, Ms Daniell-Smith said that the period 1840-1880 was considered to be the prerogative of the Nelson Provincial Museum. Maori artefacts would be accepted under the policy, but only if they were not accepted by the Museum, which was a more appropriate place to care

for them. She said that the draft Policy proposed would replace the earlier policy and it was particularly important that the Founders Heritage Park own its collection and not have it on loan. There was some concern raised that collection policies can be very contentious and there was a minority view expressed that any de-accessioning should be approved at governance level and not be left just at the discretion of the manager. Changing the word manager to management throughout was agreed as important to protect the Manager. The Manager Cultural Social and Recreation Services, Kath Inwood, who had also joined the meeting, pointed out that Council now employed a professional curator for both Founders and Broadgreen and that because Founders Heritage Park currently had a considerable amount of objects that needed de-accessioning to bring each one before the Committee for a decision would be very time consuming.

With regard to the means of disposal, Section 8.4 of the Policy, it was agreed that this list needs to be prioritised. It was agreed that this would be incorporated in the procedures.

It was also noted that Section 17.1 makes reference to the Community Services Committee which may not exist in the future. His Worship the Mayor said he appreciated that the Policy may need tidying up and there may need to be discussion with the Museum, the Cawthron, the Nelson/Marlborough Institute of Technology etc, as to who is going to take what and what to do with what is left over if items are de-accessioned.

Resolved

***THAT the Founders Heritage Park Collections Policy 2008 Document No 684587 be adopted subject to the word “manager” being changed to “management” throughout);***

***AND THAT staff develop forms and procedures for the implementation of the Policy.***

Cotton/Holmes

Carried

## **8.0 FOUNDERS HERITAGE PARK ADMISSION AND ENTRY CARD**

Document No 694763 dated 15 September 2008, agenda pages 84-98 refer.

The Arts and Heritage Team Leader, Debbie Daniell-Smith together with the Facility Manager Founders Heritage Park, Maria Anderson, presented the report. The Committee were generally in favour of the proposed Founders Annual Supporters Card.

Resolved

***THAT a trial period of a \$5 Founders Annual Supporters Card be put in place from 16 October 2008 to May 2009;***

***AND THAT subject to a successful trial, a Founders Annual Supporters Card be developed and fully operational by June 2009;***

***AND THAT the price of the card be set during the trial;***

**AND THAT the Rules and Regulations attached to Founders' leases are amended to reflect current entry charges and management of visitors' entry;**

**AND THAT free entry conditions cease from 1 July 2009, subject to the leases being updated accordingly.**

## 9.0 OPERA IN THE PARK 2009

Document No 684737, dated 4 August 2008, agenda pages 99-101 refer.

The Festivals Co-ordinator, Sophie Kelly, joined the meeting and presented the report which responded to a request for details of the Opera in the Park event for 2009 and what could be achieved within the budget.

There was some concern that the "low end" tickets priced at \$15 per head were too expensive and should be reduced to \$10, although this was the minority view of the Committee. It was also recognised that the success of the event would depend on how it was marketed.

Resolved

**THAT the plans and draft budget for the Opera in the Park event for 2009 as outlined in Report No 684737 be received.**

Holmes/Miccio

Carried

There followed discussion as to whether the policy should be to allow people to bring their own alcohol to the event or whether people should only be allowed to buy alcohol at the event from the bars run at the event. The Festivals Co-ordinator said that the Festival staff's preference would be to have a bar only option, however, the Committee felt strongly that the status quo BYO option should remain.

## 10.0 WAKAPUAKA CREMATORIUM REVIEW PROCESS

Document No 696674 dated 29 September 2008, agenda pages 102-105 refer.

Resolved

**THAT staff be authorised to undertake the review of the existing service at Wakapuaka Crematorium;**

**AND THAT this review report outlining the suitability of various service management options presented to a future meeting of the Community Services Committee.**

His Worship the Mayor/Cotton

Carried

## 11.0 DEVELOPING FAMILY CENTRED COMMUNITIES

Report from Councillor McAlpine, agenda page 106 refers.

Councillor McAlpine presented her report on a meeting she recently attended to discuss a new initiative to develop a family sense of planning within local authorities. She said that the Families Commission would like to develop the template in association with councils but their future seemed to be dependent on the

outcome of the forthcoming election. It was agreed to monitor the situation and that Councillor McAlpine report back at a future meeting.

Resolved

***THAT the report be received.***

McAlpine/Rainey

Carried

Attendance: His Worship the Mayor left the meeting at 12.08pm.

## **12.0 REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES**

### **12.1 Founders Heritage Park Subcommittee**

Resolved

***THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Founders Heritage Park Subcommittee, held on Wednesday 16 July 2008, be received.***

Holmes/Miccio

Carried

### **12.2 Saxton Field Working Party**

Resolved

***THAT the minutes of the meetings of the Saxton Field Working Party, held on Friday 29 August 2008, be received.***

Miccio/Cotton

Carried

### **12.3 Nelson Youth Council**

Resolved

***THAT the minutes of the meetings of the Nelson Youth Council, held on Thursday 24 July and Friday 22 August 2008, be received.***

Miccio/Holmes

Carried

## **13.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **13.1 Natureland Handover to Orana Park Trust**

Councillor Boswick thanked staff for the successful conclusion to the Natureland handover and said she looked forward to its future under the control of the Orana Park Trust.

### **13.2 Public Forum**

Councillor Holmes reported that the Founders Subcommittee meeting held the previous day had resolved not to continue with the display of Mr Winter's clocks, subject to the Collection Policy being passed by this Committee today.

Attendance: His Worship the Mayor returned to the meeting at 12.12 pm.

**14.0 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS****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.***

**i. Confirmation of Minutes – 28 August 2008**

*Reasons:*

*To protect the privacy of natural persons;*

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

**ii. Community Services Committee Status Report (Public Excluded) – October 2008**

*Reasons:*

*To protect the privacy of natural persons;*

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

**iii. Orchard Street**

*Reasons:*

*To protect the privacy of natural persons;*

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

Miccio/Collingwood

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 12.12pm and resumed in public session at 12.39pm.

**14.2 Re-admittance of the Public**

Resolved

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

His Worship the Mayor/Boswick

Carried

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 12.39pm.

CONFIRMED AS A CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

\_\_\_\_\_ CHAIRPERSON

\_\_\_\_\_ DATE