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**Minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council to hear submissions to the draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022**

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

**On Thursday 14 June 2012, commencing at 2.00pm**

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Present: His Worship the Mayor, Aldo Miccio, Councillors I Barker, A Boswijk, R Copeland, G Collingwood, K Fulton, P Rainey, R Reese, D Shaw, and M Ward

In Attendance: Acting Chief Executive (R Johnson), Manager Policy and Planning (N McDonald), Project Manager Long Term Plan (C Blythe), Administration Adviser (L Canton)

Apologies: Councillors E Davy, P Matheson, J Rackley

## **Opening Prayer**

### **1. Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared, and no updates were made to the Conflicts of Interest Register.

### **2. Introduction**

His Worship the Mayor opened the meeting and outlined the procedure for hearing submissions. He drew Councillors' attention to the tabled update to attachment 1 of the Additional Information document (1305241).

### **3. Hearing of Submissions**

Hearing Schedule (document number 1295426) and separate folders of submissions refer.

The Council proceeded to hear the submissions to the draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

#### **3.1 Lee Freedom, submission 175, submissions page 1420 refer.**

Mr Freedom spoke to his submission. He said Nelson was becoming unaffordable for artists, and that increasing rates were a factor in this. He suggested Council consider a sales tax to offset rates.

Attendance: Councillor Fulton joined the meeting at 2.10pm.

3.2 Federated Farmers, submission 433, submissions page 1611 refer.

Mr Gavin O'Donnell and Mr Michael Bennett presented the submission. Mr O'Donnell tabled a document (1327151) and drew Councillors' attention to paragraphs 9, 10, 11, and 12 which outlined the positive flow-on economic effects resulting from irrigation. He urged Nelson City Council to allocate funds to the Lee Valley Dam project and to address flooding issues on Glen Road.

3.3 Simon Jones, submission 708, submissions page 1451 refer.

Mr Jones spoke to the issues outlined in his submission. He added that, in his professional experience, the Council staff charge out rate of \$135 per hour was unreasonably high.

3.4 Simon Jones, submission 72, submissions page 1352 refer.

Mr Jones highlighted the issue of congestion caused by city-bound traffic using Brougham Street. He confirmed he had made a submission to the Plan Change 14 hearing in respect to Brougham Street.

3.5 Mark Preston-Thomas and Ron Taylor, submission 719, submissions page 563 refer.

Mr Preston-Thomas and Mr Taylor highlighted the need for investment in Bridge Street improvements, adequate liquor ban signage, and greater consistency with Tasman District Council to develop consistent alcohol policies.

3.6 K B Quarries Limited and Gibair Development Ltd, submission 250, submissions page 266 refer.

Mr Charlie Grant tabled a map (1327153) showing the location of the Tasman Heights subdivision. He explained the importance of upgraded services to the future development of Tasman Heights.

3.7 Jock Sutherland, submission 771, submissions page 1456 refer.

Mr Sutherland did not attend and instead, a letter (1327155) outlining his intended presentation was tabled.

3.8 Michael Robert Young, submission 795, submissions page 1434 refer.

Mr Young tabled his calculations (1327156) regarding the cumulative effect on rates of a 9.5% yearly increase. He said that this was unaffordable for many Nelson residents and he did not consider a reverse mortgage to be a suitable way to fund rising rates. He said that an equal split of rates would be fairer than one based on the capital value of a property.

- 3.9 Mr Barry Kingston, submission 212, submissions page 1391 refer.

Mr Kingston highlighted the dangers of the four way intersection between Marsden Road, Marsden Valley Road, The Ridgeway and Kakenga Road. He acknowledged the high cost of installing a roundabout at the intersection but said he felt this was justified by concerns for the safety of pedestrians and road users.

- 3.10 Barry Jackson, submission 352, submissions page 1404 refer.

Mr Jackson spoke to his submission. He highlighted the need for engineering measures to address the speed and noise pollution of quarry traffic on Marsden Valley Road, in light of a school and residential developments in the area.

- 3.11 Brendan Santorini, submission 216, submissions page 1365 refer.

Mr Santorini spoke to his submission. He said there was a need for a pedestrian crossing on Toi Toi Street, between the Victory Square reserve and the shopping area.

- 3.12 Atawhai Safety Group, submission 405, submissions page 1366 refer.

Mr John Wylie spoke to the submission and expressed support for the prioritising in the draft Regional Land Transport Programme 2012/13-2014/15. He asked Council to urge the New Zealand Transport Agency to reduce the speed limit on State Highway 6 between Dodsons Valley and Trafalgar Street, and said that the Commander of the Nelson Police Traffic Division also supported this.

- 3.13 Bicycle Nelson Bays, submission 674, submissions page 1367 refer.

Mr Chris Allison spoke to the submission and highlighted the benefits of an integrated approach to encouraging cycle use and cyclist safety by means such as cycle racks and parking. He noted the importance of providing viable transport alternatives to cars rather than simply discouraging car use.

- 3.14 Nelson Millennium Centre Trust, submission 681, submissions page 607 refer.

Ms Bronwyn Monopoli suggested that Council support formation of a Trust from the community to undertake feasibility investigations for a multi-function civic facility, which would also require a commitment from Council to provide a site. She suggested a Memorandum of Understanding would be needed between this Trust and Council, protecting the Hunting and Fishing/Hunter Furniture site in Wakatu Square as a location for the facility.

She said that the will and expertise existed in the community for such a group, and estimated that funding of \$20,000 per year would be sufficient for the investigative stage, with the total cost of a facility

around \$30-50 million. Ms Monopoli suggested 15 percent of the total cost would be an appropriate Council contribution.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.32pm and reconvened at 3.45pm.

3.15 Maurice Alach, submission 778, submissions page 1378 refer.

Mr Maurice Alach spoke to the submission and emphasised the need for improved public transport options in Nelson, including a pedestrian/cyclist tunnel between Tahunanui and Nelson, and infrastructure for commuter light rail transport between Nelson and Tasman district.

3.16 Oi You!, submission 818, submissions page 1684 refer.

Mr George Shaw presented the submissions and spoke about the importance of major 'outward facing' events such as the Oi You! exhibition, in attracting tourism to Nelson. He suggested that Council split its events fund into two streams, directing one stream to major events. He also explained his wish to establish a permanent home for the Oi You! collection in Nelson, which he said was mainly dependent on finding a suitable site.

3.17 Nelson Tasman Kindergartens Association, submission 429, submissions page 1349 refer.

Ms Wendy Logan spoke to the submissions and expressed support for the Council's walking/cycling and schools package proposed in the draft Regional Land Transport Programme 2012/13-2014/15. She requested that Council prioritise a number of road safety issues affecting the safety of children and parents accessing specific kindergartens in the Nelson area, such as pedestrian crossings, safety of neighbouring reserves, and road and car park layouts.

3.18 South Pine (Nelson) Ltd, submission 381, submissions page 1610 refer.

Mr Tony Wilkinson tabled a document (1327157) outlining his spoken presentation.

3.19 Angela Cornelissen, submission 589, submissions page 1647 refer.

Ms Cornelissen tabled maps and photographs (1327161) showing the surface flooding that occurred at her property in Northesk Street with every incidence of heavy rain. She described her distress and concern for the safety of her young child, and the detrimental effects of the flooding on her house foundations. Ms Cornelissen said she had ongoing communications with Council staff, and urged Council to maintain funding in the Plan and to complete appropriate drainage works as soon as possible.

- 3.20 Bert Freestone, submission 665, submissions page 1653 refer.

Mr Freestone tabled a document (1327164) outlining a proposal for connecting the properties at 52 to 70 Stansell Avenue to the Council storm water system. He explained that the soakage pits that these properties currently relied on provided inadequate drainage, and contributed to storm water flows, which undermined retaining walls, and inundation, which affected down slope properties.

- 3.21 Mark McBulloch, submission 517, submissions page 1631 refer.

Mr McBulloch tabled a document (1327168) outlining the issues arising from the lack of infrastructure in Airlie Street. He urged Council to bring forward capital expenditure on storm water for Airlie Street that was currently planned for 2015, and to add funding for roading for Airlie Street into the Long Term Plan. He drew Councillors' attention to the signatures of Airlie Street residents who had expressed their support of the submission.

- 3.22 Cherie Johansson, submission 486, submissions page 1628 refer.

Ms Johansson highlighted the issues caused for residents by the lack of adequate storm water containment on hillside properties in Nelson. She spoke about the solution outlined in her submission, and emphasised the need for the Council and residents to work together to achieve an effective outcome.

- 3.23 Graeme Prestidge, submission 559, submissions page 1641 refer.

Mr Prestidge spoke to his submission and tabled additional information (1327170) which he read. He urged Council to bring forward funding for the upgrade of the Little Go Stream culvert, currently planned for 2015/16 in the Long Term Plan.

- 3.24 Philippa Stark, submission 20, submissions page 1620 refer.

Ms Stark tabled photographs (1327174) showing flooding and debris deposit resulting from the overflow of the Little Go Stream culvert in heavy rain. She emphasised the dangers posed and expense incurred by such flooding and debris, which she said had occurred many times in the past. Ms Stark urged Council to bring forward the culvert upgrade,

- 3.25 Bob Gordon, submission 662, submissions page 1652 refer.

Mr Gordon tabled additional information (1327179) outlining his spoken presentation. He outlined the issues caused by inadequate storm water reticulation on hillside properties for down-slope properties, including his own residence which was badly affected by slip and landslide debris in the December 2011 rain event. Mr Gordon urged Council to make all residents responsible for the management and containment of storm water on their properties.

- 3.26 Alan Stewart, submission 782, submissions page 48 refer.

Mr Stewart urged Council to focus on funding only core services and stop funding non-core developments through increased loans. He said that he did not believe Council expenditure on non-core services was an effective way to boost the local economy, as it involved rates increases that residents could not afford.

- 3.27 New Zealand Notable Trees Trust, submission 784, submissions page 937 refer.

Mr Brad Cadwallader spoke to the submission opposing the removal of the two heritage oak trees and other heritage trees in the Queen's Gardens, which would be required should the proposed redevelopment of The Suter Art Gallery proceed. He said it was important to ensure that the concept drawings for the redevelopment accurately reflected the degree of planting that could be accommodated by the new building.

Mr Cadwallader said oak trees could live up to 500 years with adequate care, and noted that their canopy size could be managed, although the trees themselves would continue to increase in size.

- 3.28 Esoteric Studies, submission 862, submissions page 702 refer.

Ms Joy Breayley spoke about the value of Fairfield House as a heritage building and a community resource. She said the maintenance of the house and grounds was a significant undertaking for its small group of supporters and asked the Council to consider providing support for tree and grounds maintenance.

- 3.29 Results Recreation Centre, submission 861, submissions page 1071 refer.

Ms Maria Cimeniello spoke about the success of Results Recreation Centre and the valuable role it played in the community, working with local sportspeople, sports teams, and individual residents. She urged Council to retain the recreational zoning of the Centre's site at 1 Kinzett Terrace in any upgrade of the Maitai Walkway and Trafalgar and Rutherford Parks.

- 3.30 Results Gym and Fitness/Recreation Centre, submission 865, submissions page 1072 refer.

Mr Brad Josse tabled additional information (1327181) in support of his submission. He said the Results Gym was highly regarded by local users and by visiting international sports teams. He said he wished to ensure the gym had a fair opportunity to continue with its lease at 1 Kinzett Terrace should the upgrade of the Maitai Walkway, and the Trafalgar and Rutherford Parks development proceed.

- 3.31 Nelson-Hinemoa Croquet Club, submission 813, submissions page 1060 refer.

Mr Doug Nottage outlined concerns about the proposed Trafalgar and Rutherford Parks development. In particular, he said the construction of a public pathway through the croquet lawns would distract players and discourage the allocation of national tournaments to what was currently the best croquet facility in New Zealand. In response to questions he said that this venue is used intensively.

- 3.32 Stakeholders in Stoke – Youth Project, submission 765, submissions page 981 refer.

Mr Solomon Rahui tabled the results of the Stoke Youth Survey April 2012 (1327183) and a flyer (1317182) promoting the Stoke youth facility currently operating in St Barnabas Church hall two afternoons a week. He said that St Barnabas Church currently funded one staff member, but that the group was under-resourced to meet existing demand for a full time youth hub in Stoke. He urged the Council to consider funding such a facility.

Attendance: Councillor Ward left the meeting at 5.50pm.

- 3.33 Nelson BMX Club, submission 745, submissions page 1010 refer.

Mr Hamish Clarke and Logan Clarke requested that Council consider contributing financial support for the upgrade of the Tahunanui BMX track. They highlighted the significant number of existing track users, and the potential benefits of an upgraded track in attracting visitors to Nelson. Mr Clarke explained that financial and in-kind support had been promised by local businesses and Nelson BMX Club members, and asked Council to consider contributing \$150,000 to the project.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for dinner at 6.00pm and reconvened at 6.23pm.

- 3.34 Nelson Rowing Club, submission 625, submissions page 1330 refer.

Mr Tim Babbage asked the Council for its support in investigating the moving of the Nelson Rowing Club to a new site, as it had outgrown its existing location, and the safety of its launch ramp had been compromised by recent changes from the large berths development. With regard to potential sites, he said the suggested Kinzett Terrace site would require dredging, as all-tide access was essential, and emphasised that the Club would need to be inside the Boulder Bank.

- 3.35 Nelson Mountain biking Club, submission 647, submissions page 1005 refer.

Mr Chris Mildon expressed support for the draft Long Term Plan, and he acknowledged the Nelson Mountainbiking Club's good relationship with Council operational staff. Mr Mildon also noted that Club members had

made a significant contribution of time, as well as \$15,000, to trail maintenance. He said a number of bike hire businesses had set up as a result of the expanding trail network, although the most significant impact had been to the hospitality sector. Mr Mildon said that a Council levy on mountain bikers may be difficult to implement, but that the Club was considering contributing to the project-based funding managed by the Council Parks and Facilities team.

- 3.36 Nelson School of Music, submission 645, submissions page 804 refer.

Mr Neil Deans and Ms Frances McElhinney spoke about the importance of the Council contribution to the capital upgrade of the School of Music building. He added that the essence of the School of Music was not only related to the heritage building, rather it was about the unique aspects of the entity as a whole and the development of the arts more generally. He added that support with expertise in earthquake strengthening was one area where Council could offer support to the School of Music and added that it would look at all options available to it for the preservation of the Category 1 heritage building.

- 3.37 Nelson Hockey Association (1993) Inc., submission 601, submissions page 1300 refer.

Mr Allan Matheson and Ms Diane Proudfoot asked Council to consider contributing funds to the replacement of sand turf with water turf at the Saxton Field hockey facility and said that Tasman District Council had confirmed that it had funds available for the works. In response to questions, Ms Proudfoot said that the Nelson Hockey Association paid Nelson City Council around \$3,000 to \$5,000 annually for the lease of the grounds and around \$2,500 to the Nelson Hockey Softball Pavilion Society.

- 3.38 Merv Johns, submission 570, submissions page 987 refer.

Mr Johns tabled a letter (1327185) from Tasman Golf Incorporated in support of his suggestion that the Council create a junior course at the Waahi Taakaro Golf course. He said that historically Council had been unable to allocate funding to redevelopment of the golf course, but he believed demand was sufficient to justify it.

- 3.39 Nelson Marina Berth Holders Association, submission 509, submissions page 1335 and Council staff tabled document (1311815) refer.

Mr Adrian Parlane spoke to Nelson Marina Berth Holders Association submission regarding the future of the Nelson marina and the suggestion that the Council endorse the Association as the consultative body for matters relating to the marina. In response to questions, he said that the marina was possibly less safe since the installation of the new pontoons but added that it was important for users to act responsibly.

- 3.40 Graham Reynolds, submission 479, submissions page 1344 refer.

Mr Reynolds spoke to his submission. He noted that it was becoming increasingly difficult to carry out his work as a boat builder without an independent hardstand area available at the marina, and he said this was causing customers to take their business elsewhere. Mr Reynolds said that a travel lift would be the safest option for hauling boats and noted that a facility similar to that at the Seaview Marina between Petone and Eastbourne in Wellington would be ideal.

- 3.41 Troy Dando, submission 449, submissions page 1339 refer.

Mr Dando emphasised that usage of the public boat launching ramp at Port Nelson and the Nelson marina had increased. He asked Council to consider the need for improvements to the ramp, and future car parking requirements to accommodate increased usage and avoid increased congestion.

- 3.42 Nelson Lawn Tennis Club, submission 432, submissions page 1042 refer.

Mr Allan Innes-Walker highlighted the importance of partnership with Council in the continued redevelopment of the tennis facilities at Rutherford Park, and the opportunities for community participation that this would provide. He said the Club would welcome a shared facility and that it would be open to an alternative location for four additional courts. He said that while the Club would continue to pursue the desired four extra courts its current priority was resurfacing existing courts. Mr Innes-Walker urged Council to reinstate the \$218,000 funding that had previously been allocated.

- 3.43 Swimming Nelson/Marlborough, submission 277, submissions page 1280 refer.

Mr Hamish Neal spoke about the need for increased pool capacity in Nelson for both competitive swimmers and those learning to swim as an essential life skill. He suggested that there was an opportunity for Nelson City Council to develop a memorandum of understanding with Tasman District Council regarding the use of the ASB Aquatic Centre, but this would not resolve the capacity issues. He said that the Club and other user groups were willing to work with Council on a project to cover the Nayland Pool, and that it would be important for usage and cost recovery to ensure the pool was dividable for multiple use.

Attendance: Councillor Ward joined the meeting at 7.50pm.

- 3.44 Anne Todd, submission 609, submissions page 361 refer.

Ms Todd expressed support for the Council taking control of The Suter Art Gallery, the Nelson School of Music and the Theatre Royal under one entity. She also suggested that a system be established to allow different charges for residents and non-residents.

Attendance: Councillor Copeland left the meeting at 8.20pm.

3.45 Justine Kennard, submission 165, submissions page 1201 refer.

Ms Kennard spoke to her submission. She emphasised the importance of Nelson City Council's support for the development of the Saxton Field cycling velodrome as a shared community facility, as well a sporting code facility. She said that there was value in retaining the cycle track at Trafalgar Park for junior cyclist use although there were significant potential safety issues due to lack of maintenance.

Attendance: Councillor Fulton left the meeting at 8.25pm.

3.46 Victory Community Centre, submission 707, submissions page 557 refer.

Mr Gareth Cashin spoke to the submission and highlighted the importance of adequate facilities for teaching and learning swimming skills, and for families and whanau to use those skills in recreation.

3.47 Jane du Feu, submission 664, submissions page 683 refer.

Ms du Feu gave a PowerPoint presentation (1327197) in support of her submission. She explained that Whakatu would be hosting the National Nga Manu Korero speech competition at the Trafalgar Centre in September 2012. She highlighted the national importance of the event, and the importance of the region meeting its hosting obligations. Ms du Feu said the organising group had applied widely to other sources for funding, including the Events Fund and the Tasman District Council Community Assistance scheme. She added that Wakatu Incorporation had provided in-kind support and negotiations with iwi were still underway.

3.48 Jane du Feu, submission 692, submissions page 925 refer.

Ms du Feu expressed support for the inclusion of the redevelopment of The Suter Art Gallery in the Long Term Plan. She said that an issue for The Suter Trust was that the continued maintenance of the building had not been addressed since the initial proposal for redevelopment was declined. She highlighted that iwi supported The Suter Art Gallery and considered it an asset, even though there were iwi relationships with the eel pond that could be considered to supersede conservation issues.

In response to a question, she said there were a number of issues around Treaty claims regarding Albion Square, including the Department of Conservation's inability to formulate a management plan. She added that these issues meant that Albion Square could not be considered for use by The Suter Art Gallery.

The meeting adjourned at 9.05pm. His Worship the Mayor said the meeting would reconvene at 9.00am the following day.

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## **Minutes of a reconvened meeting of the Nelson City Council to hear submissions to the draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022**

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

**On Friday 15 June 2012, reconvening at 9.00am**

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- Present: His Worship the Mayor A Miccio, Councillors I Barker, A Boswijk, G Collingwood, R Copeland, K Fulton, P Matheson, P Rainey, R Reese, D Shaw and M Ward
- In Attendance: Acting Chief Executive (M Schruer), Manager Policy and Planning (N McDonald), Project Manager Long Term Plan (C Blythe), Administration Advisers (L Canton and E-J Ryan)
- Apologies: Councillors E Davy and J Rackley

### **4. Hearing of Submissions (continued)**

Hearing Schedule (document number 1295426) and separate folders of submissions refer.

His Worship the Mayor welcomed submitters to the reconvened meeting.

#### **4.1 Tasman District Council, submission 683, submissions page 112 refers.**

His Worship the Mayor of Tasman, Richard Kempthorne, and Mark Tregurtha presented the submission on behalf of Tasman District Council. They emphasised the importance of Nelson City Council working together with Tasman and Marlborough District Councils on issues that would be of mutual benefit to the ratepayers of all three Councils.

Mr Kempthorne spoke about the importance of the Lee Valley Dam to the region and asked Council to continue to support the project. In response to a question he suggested retaining positive wording regarding the project within the Long Term Plan, with a financial contribution from year 4 onwards, and suggested that this would assist with securing central Government funding for the project.

Mr Kempthorne also requested that the two Councils re-visit the governance structure of the Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit, and the jointly owned Council Controlled Organisations.

In response to a question regarding funding of Tourism Nelson Tasman Limited, Mr Kempthorne explained that Tasman District Council had committed to funding Tourism Nelson Tasman Limited this financial year via a targeted rate for all ratepayers, and that Tasman District Council

would carry out a review of its funding, preferably in conjunction with Nelson City Council.

In response to a further question regarding arts infrastructure, Mr Tregurtha clarified that Tasman District Council had allowed for ongoing funding of The Suter Art Gallery and the Nelson School of Music in its Long Term Plan.

4.2 Andrew Bishop, submission 690, submissions page 1468 refers.

Mr Bishop spoke to his submission, and expressed concern regarding the effect of the proposed rate increase on financially vulnerable ratepayers. He said that currently around 10% of ratepayers received a rates rebate, which indicated a low income, and suggested that Council reconsider some of the aspirational projects in the draft Long Term Plan.

In response to a question, he suggested that the Rates Postponement Scheme was best suited to ratepayers who owned high value land, but who were on a low income, and that the low take-up of the Scheme was likely due to it being seen as an unpalatable option.

4.3 Chris Fitchett, submission 296, submissions page 1444 refers.

Mr Fitchett spoke to his submission. He emphasised his concern that Council was spending beyond its means, and that the cost of doing so would be passed on to future generations. He added that interest rates were at historically low levels, and that should they rise, Council would have to recover far more revenue to service debt levels. Mr Fitchett also requested that Council's loan repayment policy be clarified in the Long Term Plan, and he requested the removal from the Long Term Plan of the statement that last year's rate increase was the lowest in 20 years.

In response to a question, Mr Fitchett said that the range of activities that Council funded had increased, and that this had also led to an increase in operational expenses.

Mr Fitchett provided Councillors with a copy of his presentation (1327223).

4.4 Nic John, submission 209, submissions page 1561 refers.

Mr John spoke about log burners, and encouraged Council to allow efficient log burners to be installed into new homes. He acknowledged the importance of having good air quality, but explained that advances in technology and understanding around efficient log burners and the best type of fuel to use in them meant that efficient log burners could be used without affecting air quality. He added that all heating installed into new homes currently relied on the electricity supply to function.

- 4.5 Andrew Scott, submission 253, submissions page 1486 refers.

Mr Scott spoke about the water quality of Groom Creek and the Tributary of Brook Stream running on either side of the Tantragee Saddle, and expressed his concern that the water quality was adversely affected by cattle grazing on Council land. He asked Council to fence off the creeks to protect the water quality of the creeks and downstream.

Mr Scott added that he would like to see the Tributary of Brook Stream given a better name, and he suggested Codgers Creek as an appropriate option.

- 4.6 Bronwyn Tuck, submission 393, submissions page 1568 refers.

Ms Tuck spoke to her submission regarding log burners in Airshed C. She said that log burners provided an affordable heat supply, and that residents should be able to take advantage of the natural supply of firewood in Nelson. She explained that she had designed her new home to be as warm and energy efficient as possible, but would like to be able to use a log burner during the winter. She added that education was vital to ensuring residents understood the best ways to use log burners.

- 4.7 FC Nelson, submission 441, submissions page 1039 refers.

Mr Barry Rowe spoke to the submission, and noted that football was the largest participatory sport in Nelson. He thanked Council for the improvements made to Nelson playing fields to date, but suggested an ongoing maintenance schedule for Guppy and Neale Parks and Victory Square. In response to a question, he explained that uneven grounds gave rise to health and safety concerns for players.

- 4.8 Nelson Biodiversity Forum, submission 508, submissions page 1492 refers.

Mr Peter Lawless presented the submission. He spoke about the poor health of the ecology of Tasman Bay and requested that Council work alongside Marlborough and Tasman District Councils and other stakeholders to investigate the health of Tasman Bay and how it may be improved. He emphasised the importance of undertaking such research, and requested that Council financially contribute towards this.

- 4.9 Q-Youth, submission 768, submissions page 593 refers.

Mr Luke Hinkley spoke to the submission and thanked Council for its support of Q-Youth to date. He spoke about Council's Vision Statement and particularly its aspiration for an inclusive city with a diverse range of residents, and emphasised Q-Youth's support of this vision. He said Q-Youth was looking for opportunities to work with Council staff towards relevant and inclusive social policies.

In response to a question, Mr Hinkley said that Q-Youth was currently looking at options for a long-term base. He said that Q-Youth members

had specific needs and currently required a safe place to be based, but in the long-term it might be appropriate for Q-Youth to be based in an area aligned with other youth activities.

- 4.10 Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Trust, submission 700, submissions page 1502 refers.

Mr Hudson Dodd, Mr Dave Butler and Ms Jane Peterson presented the submission, and thanked Council for its support to date. They asked Council to retain its funding for the construction of the pest-proof fence at the Sanctuary and to maintain the operational grant it had also provided.

Mr Dodd highlighted the environmental and economic opportunities the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary presented for Nelson, and outlined the strong community support they had received in the form of grants and sponsorship.

In response to a question, Mr Butler explained that construction of a fence was planned for the middle of next year, and that the Trust was expecting to source contributions to materials and labour locally to assist with funding the project.

- 4.11 Friends of Nelson Haven and Tasman Bay, submission 720, submissions page 1506 refers.

Mr Doug Craig spoke to the submission, highlighting the importance of coastal re-vegetation and the quality of the water in Tasman Bay. He asked Council to consider a wider Tasman Bay Strategy, and to enhance its interaction with the Waimea Inlet Forum. He also emphasised the importance of monitoring pollution and other indicators, and asked Council to include this as an integral part of the Sustainability Strategy.

Mr Craig also spoke about P errine Moncrieff and the work she had done to set up Abel Tasman National Park, and tabled a document with information about her (1327224). He suggested that a visible memorial to Ms Moncrieff was appropriate, and suggested that Council could incorporate this into the planned coastal walkway in Rutherford and Trafalgar Parks.

- 4.12 Solar City New Zealand Ltd, submission 744, submissions page 1580 refers.

Mr Andrew Booth spoke to the submission and spoke about the Solar Saver Scheme. He said that the Scheme had achieved all of its objectives, and suggested that, rather than ending the scheme one year early, the final year of the scheme should be dedicated to positioning Nelson as a city committed to solar power. He added that residents should be encouraged to fit solar collectors into all new builds.

In response to a question, Mr Booth explained that as a result of the Solar Saver Scheme, Solar City New Zealand Limited had become the

largest solar company in New Zealand, and this had led to contracts in other regions and overseas. He added that the Scheme had created inward investment into Nelson.

- 4.13 Donna Hiser, submission 157, submissions page 933 refers.

Ms Hiser explained that she was a trustee of the Bishop Suter Trust, but that she was submitting in her personal capacity. She thanked Council for its support for arts and heritage organisations in Nelson, and emphasised that The Suter Art Gallery collection was largely made up of gifts from residents of the Nelson region.

Ms Hiser strongly encouraged Council to retain The Suter Art Gallery on its present site, and to invest in the building and collections.

- 4.14 GE Aware Nelson, submission 321, submissions page 1473 refers.

Ms Susie Lees and Mr Seager Mason presented the submission, and asked Council to include a strong precautionary policy regarding Genetically Modified Organisms within the Long Term Plan. They suggested that Council utilise wording similar to that included within Whangarei District Council's Long Term Plan on this issue, and tabled a document in support of their submission (1327225).

In response to a question, Mr Mason explained that organic farming practices generally led to better soil health and less water consumption, and that organic farming practices would be beneficial to the Nelson Tasman region.

- 4.15 Queen's Gardens Preservation Society Inc, submission 776, submissions page 959 refers.

Ms Ellen Brinkman spoke to the submission. She said the Society did not support the current redevelopment plans of The Suter Art Gallery, as they were not sympathetic towards Queen's Gardens, and suggested that other locations for The Suter Art Gallery should be considered prior to committing to the redevelopment. She noted the Society's wish that The Suter Art Gallery should not encroach into the pond area and that all trees in the area be retained. She emphasised the importance of retaining plantings to screen the building, and increasing the proportion of plantings to the building size.

Ms Brinkman provided a copy of her presentation to Councillors (1327226).

- 4.16 The Association of Blind Citizens of NZ, submission 169, submissions page 677 refers.

Mr Brian Say spoke to the submission, and requested the establishment of an Accessibility for All Committee, to take into account the effect that Council plans or policies may have on the ability of people with disabilities to move around the community. He noted that Tasman

District Council had an Accessibility for All Committee, and suggested a joint committee with Tasman District Council could be a cost-effective solution.

- 4.17 Mates Men Network, submission 158, submissions page 614 refers.

His worship the Mayor explained that the Mates Men Network had provided a video presentation, which would be emailed to Councillors.

- 4.18 Nelson Tasman Connections, submission 188, submissions page 586 refers.

Ms Tania O'Donnell and Ms Liz Hegarty presented the submission and tabled a document that outlined the activities of the Connections service (1327227). They explained the function of Connections as a hub for young people and providers in the region, and explained that support was provided to both young people and their parents.

In response to a question, Ms Hegarty explained that funding from the Ministry of Social Development would cease later in 2012, but that the Connections Service hoped to continue with funding from Nelson City and Tasman District Councils. She said that the Service hoped to continue to monitor and support young people, but aimed to become a hub for employers as well.

- 4.19 Phillip and Gabrielle Coote, submission 217, submissions page 952 refers.

Mr and Mrs Coote spoke to their submission in support of developing The Suter Art Gallery. In response to a question, Mrs Coote explained that the Nelson Suter Art Society had been involved with The Suter Art Gallery for many years, and that the Society also supported the redevelopment of the Gallery. Mr Coote added that there was a large amount of community support for The Suter Art Gallery, and he suggested financial contributions towards the redevelopment would be forthcoming from the community.

- 4.20 Nelson Tasman Housing Trust, submission 243, submissions page 689 refers.

Mr Richard Sellars and Ms Kindra Douglas spoke to the submission, and detailed some of the Trust's work. They asked that the importance of community housing be recognised in the Long Term Plan, and asked to work closely with Council to improve the community housing model.

In response to a question, Mr Sellars and Ms Douglas explained that the Trust was very active in the Housing Forum, and would welcome a strengthening of the governance structure between the Trust and Council. Ms Douglas also emphasised community housing as an integral part of Council's Sustainability Vision.

- 4.21 Lois Morgan, submission 264, submissions page 905 refers.

Ms Morgan spoke to her submission and noted the importance of The Suter Art Gallery to Nelson. She explained that staff space was presently very tight in The Suter at present, and emphasised her support for development of The Suter. She added that she would like more artworks to be on display.

- 4.22 Jo Say, submission 290, submissions page 738 refers.

Ms Say spoke in support of her submission regarding Fairfield House. She emphasised the large number and wide variety of events that took place at Fairfield House, and its links with The Grampians.

She asked Council to include on-going support for Fairfield House within the Long term Plan, particularly with regards to the reserve and tracks surrounding the house, some of which had been badly damaged in the December weather event.

- 4.23 Alan Stanton, submission 333, submissions page 728 refers.

Mr Stanton spoke to his submission and tabled a document (1327229). He emphasised that Fairfield House is currently in excellent condition, but that Friends of Old Fairfield do not have the financial reserves to continue to manage the house and reserve.

In response to a question, Mr Stanton explained that occasionally small grants were received from the Department of Conservation on an ad hoc basis.

Attendance: Councillor Fulton joined the meeting at 12.15pm

- 4.24 Donald Stevens, submission 339, submissions page 601 refers.

Mr Stevens spoke to his submission and tabled a document (1327230). He spoke about the Elma Turner Library and asked Council to provide a library layout map, improve the lighting both inside and outside the library, and to improve signage within the library.

- 4.25 Nelson Repertory Theatre Inc, submissions 367 and 657, submissions pages 798 and 791 refer.

Alison Cormack and Felicity Yates presented their submissions. They emphasised the high quality of the acoustics of the Theatre Royal, and noted it had an extremely high occupancy rate. They supported Council ownership of the Theatre building, and suggested a further operational grant to cover hire of the Theatre at community rates for community groups.

In response to a question, Ms Yates explained that the Nelson Repertory Theatre had an agreement with the Theatre Royal Trust covering continual involvement in the theatre, a committee and board room, rehearsal space and opportunities for performances.

4.26 Robert Harris, submission 242, submissions page 915 refers.

Mr Harris could not attend, but an outline of his intended presentation was tabled (1327232).

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.33pm and reconvened at 1.03pm.

4.27 Andrew Dunlop on behalf of Patricia Carter, submission 123, submissions page 1624 refer

Mr Dunlop outlined Ms Carter's problems with continued storm water and raw sewerage flooding on her property, and said it was also affecting neighbouring properties, including his own. He explained Ms Carter's suggestion that the Council increase the proportion of rates allocated to storm water and flood protection.

4.28 Andrew Dunlop, submission 416, submissions page 1463 refer.

Mr Dunlop spoke about the discrepancy between long stay motels and residential rental properties with regard to rates paid per day on individual motel units and boarding houses. He estimated that rates per motel unit or boarding house room were 7 to 50 percent of a residential property.

4.29 Andrew Dunlop, submission 415, submissions page 1619 refer.

Mr Dunlop highlighted the importance of storm water and sewerage pipe maintenance to prevent storm water flowing into sewerage lines during flooding and heavy rain. He said this had resulted in untreated sewerage on his property.

4.30 Nelson Youth Council, submission 257, submissions page 282 refer.

Youth Councillors tabled the results of a survey of Stoke youth regarding the Long Term Plan (1327233). They spoke to each item on the survey. In addition, they explained that their vision for a Stoke Youth Plaza was for an outdoor multi-purpose area. They also expressed a high level of satisfaction with the new NBus service.

4.31 Theatre Royal, submission 380, submissions page 758 refer.

Ms Janice Marthen highlighted the importance of the Theatre Royal as part of the city's cultural infrastructure. She said there had been a high level of use, and a high calibre of performers at the Theatre to date.

Ms Marthen explained that the Theatre Royal had started out with a loan debt that had compromised its financial position, although it was now making an operating profit due in part to the new ticketing facility. However, she noted it would be difficult to address the debt while continuing to grow the Theatre's operations, and it would require ongoing Council funding even if the debt was not owed.

- 4.32 Ian MacLennan, submission 398, submissions page 930 refer.

Mr MacLennan spoke to his submission and expressed his support for The Suter Art Gallery redevelopment.

- 4.33 Murray Dill, submission 399, submissions page 942 refer.

Mr Dill urged Council to proceed with The Suter Art Gallery redevelopment . He said it would enhance the image of the city for visitors and facilitate the management of the collection.

- 4.34 Craig Duffy, submission 406, submissions page 821 refer.

Mr Duffy said he supported Council ownership of the Nelson School of Music, and spoke about the value of the School to the community as a heritage building and as a music facility. He noted that it was well supported by the Nelson community but the building was operating at capacity and was in need of renovation.

- 4.35 Nelson Historic Theatre Trust, submission 440, submissions page 778 refer.

Mr Kerry Marshall, Ms Christine Hatton and Mr Mark Christiansen tabled a document (1327234) outlining the group’s spoken presentation. They expressed support for Council ownership and funding of the Theatre Royal. Mr Marshall said that the community could not afford to lose the Theatre on the basis that it was not self-funding, and that it was comparable to Council funding of sports facilities in this regard. Ms Hatton added that Ms Marthen was one of the most highly regarded facility managers in the sector. They said the Trust could contribute approximately 60 percent to the operating costs of the Theatre Royal, and added that there was potential for growth in performance and attendance numbers.

- 4.36 Nelson Multicultural Council, submission 450, submissions page 594 refer.

Ms Evey McAuliffe thanked the Council for its previous support of the Race Unity Day event and spoke about the importance of considering the needs of people moving to Nelson through the refugee resettlement programme. She tabled an income and expenditure account for the event (1327235). She noted that Nelson was recognised as one of the most welcoming communities towards diverse ethnic groups and urged Council to continue its funding of the Race Unity Day and the Nelson Multicultural Council.

- 4.37 Peter Robins, submission 37, submissions page 227 refer.

Mr Robins spoke in support of the draft Long Term Plan, particularly the proposal to undertake earthquake strengthening of the Nelson School of Music and to take ownership of the building.

- 4.38 Nelson School of Music, submission 469, submissions page 842 refer.

Mr Joel Bolton spoke in support of the Council taking over ownership and funding of the Nelson School of Music building. He emphasised the importance of music to community and individual well-being, particularly in difficult economic times. He said he was unable to conduct the youth orchestra in the auditorium and often had to relocate the Greenhill Orchestra due to pressure on capacity. He added that this was one of only two suitable facilities.

- 4.39 Gwendolyn Bray, submission 342, submissions page 74 refer.

Ms Bray tabled additional information (1327236). She urged Council to stop borrowing, to reduce debt, and to only spend its income. She said this would require Council to not undertake any additional major projects, and to focus instead on the maintenance of existing facilities and good value projects such as the Nelson Biodiversity Forum, the Waimea Inlet Strategy Forum, the Nelson School of Music, and Fairfield House.

- 4.40 Victory Community Health Centre Board, submission 342, submissions page 74 refer.

Ms Kindra Douglas spoke to the points noted in the submission. She also urged Council to facilitate a community food growing programme similar to that operating in the Victory community, as it was an opportunity to increase community resilience at a low cost.

- 4.41 Bishop Richard Ellena and Dean Nick Kirk, submission 555, submissions page 679 refer.

The Bishop tabled a PowerPoint presentation (1327644). He asked the Council to consider partnering with the Cathedral Chapter in the development of a proposed Visitors Centre for the Cathedral, proposed to be sited on Council reserve land. He suggested that Council support take the form of provision for an exploratory excavation of the proposed site, and facilitation of the appropriate consent applications.

- 4.42 Hilary Langer, submission 574, submissions page 951 refer.

Ms Langer spoke in support of the proposed redevelopment of The Suter Art Gallery. She emphasised the importance of The Suter as the repository of art heritage and taonga of the Nelson region, and noted the potential economic benefits of hosting internationally significant exhibitions that the redevelopment would allow.

- 4.43 Nelson Decorative and Fine Arts Society, submission 586, submissions page 763 refer.

Ms Frankie Morgan-Stoke expressed the Society's support for the proposed redevelopment of The Suter Art Gallery and Council ownership of both The Suter and the Nelson School of Music. She noted that The

Suter was at full seating capacity for events held by the Society, and noted that they also used the Nelson School of Music if necessary. She also said that clashes with the Nelson Arts Festival were a particular problem as The Suter gave the Arts Festival precedence.

- 4.44 Gaye Sansom, submission 594, submissions page 898 refer.

Ms Sansom spoke in support of the proposed redevelopment of The Suter Art Gallery and its importance to the community. She added that an art gallery should reflect the value of the collection it housed and she believed The Suter in its current state did not achieve that.

- 4.45 Hugh Neill, submission 618, submissions page 778 refer.

Mr Neill congratulated the Council on recognising the importance of facilities such as The Suter Art Gallery, the Nelson School of Music and the Theatre Royal. He emphasised the importance of the Council recognising the arts to the same degree as it did sports, and the importance of arts infrastructure to a community the size of Nelson.

- 4.46 Friends of Old Fairfield, submission 622, submissions page 742 refer.

Ms Virginia Ward-Brown spoke to a PowerPoint presentation (1327725) and tabled additional information (1327684). She said that Fairfield House did not receive Historic Places Trust funding as it was not a privately owned building. She acknowledged the assistance previously received from the Nelson City Council and the Department of Conservation to maintain the heritage woodland area, and asked that this continue. She noted that although the Department of Conservation was facing budget cuts, it had indicated this support would continue.

- 4.47 Belinda Davies, submission 624, submissions page 962 refer.

Ms Davies said she believed many members of the Friends of the Suter group were unaware of the impact The Suter Art Gallery redevelopment would have on the wider Queen's Gardens, not only the two heritage oak trees. She suggested instead that a more modest upgrade of The Suter be considered.

- 4.48 Nelson Cricket Association. submission 377, submissions page 1037 refer.

Mr Ed Shuttleworth, General Manager of the Nelson Cricket Association, spoke about the importance of continuing to improve cricket facilities at Saxton Field to ensure the Saxton Oval was used to its full potential. He said that the Nelson Cricket Association was seeking the allocation of a site at Saxton Field on which it could develop an indoor facility, but was not seeking financial assistance, and he envisioned the facility would be gifted back to Council for lease to the Association.

Mr Shuttleworth also noted that the recently resurfaced wicket had been approved by New Zealand Cricket, but its performance must now be

reflected in match reports in order to attract international matches, which he anticipated could be achieved by 2013/14 season.

Attendance: His Worship the Mayor left the meeting, and the Deputy Mayor assumed the chair at 3.55pm.

- 4.49 Patrick Holland, submission 653 and 442, submissions page 939 and 920 refer.

Mr Holland noted he was also speaking on behalf of Mr Hambleton. He encouraged the Council to undertake The Suter Art Gallery redevelopment urgently. He added that Nelson City compared poorly in the promotion of visual arts with other comparable cities in New Zealand.

- 4.50 Joanna Plows, submission 755, submissions page 707 refer.

Ms Plows tabled a document (1327752) outlining the points that she then highlighted in her spoken presentation, including the need to provide for climate change, support for continued partnerships with iwi, public transport, arts facilities, water supply, flood protection, air quality and public toilets.

Attendance: Councillor Copeland left the meeting at 4.04pm.

- 4.51 Anna-Marie White, submission 677, submissions page 890 refer.

Ms White, Curator of The Suter Art Gallery, gave a PowerPoint presentation (1327767). She highlighted the critical role of art galleries in the infrastructure of a city, and noted that despite exciting and excellent exhibitions at The Suter over the last six years, it was let down by the fragility and general shabbiness of the building.

In response to questions, Ms White said The Suter was the third oldest gallery in New Zealand. She said its staff were of a calibre considered first class on a national scale, and The Suter had an exceptional collection, yet the building was not currently meeting museum standards.

- 4.52 Mike Riddell, submission 799, submissions page 49 refer.

Mr Riddell expressed concern at Council's expenditure levels. He said Council should focus on core services, and that Nelson residents could not afford to fund development projects such as Rutherford and Trafalgar Parks, and The Suter Art Gallery redevelopment.

Mr Riddell said that the rates increases depended on the value of a property. He explained that uniform charges such as storm water and waste water actually reduced as a percentage of rates as the property value increased. For a section worth \$150,000 he said, uniform charges were 50 percent of rates. For a section worth \$450,000, uniform charges were only 30 percent. He said this unfairly penalised people in the middle band, many of whom were on a fixed income.

4.53 Gaile Noonan, submission 796, submissions page 481 refer.

Ms Noonan spoke to the points in her submission. She said that she considered the two most important areas for Council to focus on were the remediation of flood damage, and the provision and maintenance of core infrastructure.

4.54 Jillian Ellison, submission 88, submissions page 1143 refer.

Ms Ellison spoke to her submission. She expressed support for a cycle velodrome at Saxton Field, and said that such a facility would enhance existing interest from international cycling teams seeking suitable training venues.

The meeting adjourned at 4.35pm. The Deputy Mayor said the meeting would reconvene on Monday 18 June at 9.00am.

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## **Minutes of a reconvened meeting of the Nelson City Council to hear submissions to the draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022**

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

**On Monday 18 June 2012, reconvening at 9.00am**

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Present: His Worship the Mayor A Miccio, Councillors I Barker, A Boswijk (Deputy Mayor), G Collingwood, R Copeland, E Davy, K Fulton, P Matheson, J Rackley, P Rainey, R Reese, D Shaw and M Ward

In Attendance: Acting Chief Executive (R Johnson), Executive Manager Strategy and Planning (M Schruer), Manager Policy and Planning (N McDonald), Project Manager – Long Term Plan (C Blythe) and Administration Adviser (A Rose)

Apologies: An apology was received from Councillor Davy for lateness

### **5. Hearing of Submissions (Continued)**

Hearing Schedule (document number 1295426) and separate folders of submissions refer.

His Worship the Mayor welcomed submitters to the reconvened meeting.

- 5.1 Dove Jones, submission 847, submissions page 1570 refers.

Ms Jones presented her submission and tabled additional information which she spoke to (1347029). She also displayed a visual "petition". She urged Council to lobby Government to enact legislation to protect and save the Maui and Hector dolphins and their environment.

- 5.2 Nelson Grey Power, Transport Submission, submission 584, submissions page 1358 refers.

Mr Addo Mulders Senior presented the submission on behalf of Grey Power. He supported Council's introduction of the NBus and urged Council to continue its attempts to obtain support for the service from Tasman District Council. He said that Grey Power would like to see the extension of this bus service to Three Brothers Corner and would like to see parking developed at Three Brothers Corner.

He said that the residents of the Waimea Village as well as other residents in Richmond would like to see this service extended.

Mr Mulders also asked Council to promote the NBus through improved advertising.

- 5.3 Waimea Water Augmentation Committee, submission 279, submissions page 1608 refer.

Mr Murray King, Chairperson of the Waimea Water Augmentation Committee, presented the submission on behalf of the Committee and urged Council to provide ongoing funding for the Lee Valley Dam Project. He said Nelson City Council's agreement to assist with funding for this project would assist the Committee to secure funding for the project from Central Government.

In answer to a question Mr King said that the land in the Waimea Plains was especially good for growing food and the Lee Valley Dam would provide a secure source of irrigation. He pointed out that the Lee Valley Dam Project was not just a project for the next 10 years, it was in fact a project for the next 100 years.

- 5.4 Current Generation Limited, submission 254, submissions page 1578 refer.

The submitter questioned Council's involvement in the Solar Saver Hot Water Scheme and its proposed investigation into photovoltaic solar. He said the Council should only be an advocate for solar hot water systems and allow these devices to be installed permit free.

Attendance: Councillor Reese left the meeting at 9.30am.

- 5.5 Michelle Ahnfeldt, submission 312, submissions page 1587 refer.

Ms Ahnfeldt spoke to her submission which criticised Council's involvement in the commercial business of solar saver hot water schemes as well as the proposed investigation into photovoltaic solar.

- 5.6 Halifax Veterinary Centre, submission 714, submissions page 1554 refer.

Mr Hans Anderson urged Council to allow owners with dogs access to bush clad hills around Nelson. He also requested Council to allow owners with dogs access to the Brook Conservation Water Works Reserve.

In answer to a question Mr Anderson said that in order to help make dogs safe, Council should encourage owners with puppies to attend classes for early socialisation of dogs and this should be encouraged by means of a waiver of the licence fee.

- 5.7 Safe at the Top Coalition Group, submission 324, submissions page 589 refer.

Barbara Graves and Les Milligan presented the submission for the Safe at the Top Coalition Group. Ms Graves acknowledged Council's ongoing commitment to the Safe at the Top programme in terms of contributing personnel and funding. She asked the Council to give the initiative a high priority and ensure it was promoted widely across the whole of Nelson City Council area.

- 5.8 Charmian Koed, submission 590, submissions page 760 refer.

Ms Koed presented her submission and urged Council to retain the redevelopment of The Suter Art Gallery. She said she would like Council to explore the future of Albion Square, and said she supported the redevelopment of The Suter moving slightly into the Square as this would allow the preservation of the oak trees that are presently threatened. She also urged Council to involve iwi in the redevelopment plan for The Suter and suggested that plans include a dedicated Maori Arts gallery.

Ms Koed reminded Council that the protection of Queen's Gardens and the oaks and other trees was the Council's responsibility.

- 5.9 Key Properties Limited, submission 774, submissions page 451 refer.

Kathryn Marshall presented the submission on behalf of Key Properties Limited. She urged Council to provide a structure plan for the connectivity of roads and main services to assist future development from Walters Bluff to Bay View Road.

Attendance: Councillor Reese returned to the meeting at 10.16am.

- 5.10 The Bishop Suter Trust, submission 809, submissions page 884 refer.

The Director, Julie Catchpole, and the Chairperson, Craig Potton, presented the submission on behalf of the Bishop Suter Trust. Ms

Catchpole said that The Suter Art Gallery appreciated Nelson City Council's ongoing commitment to provide an annual operational grant. However, because the overheads of the gallery have increased much more than CPI, particularly electricity supply and insurance, which had increased by 100 percent, the Trust was requesting that Council increase its operational grant by \$40,000.

With regard to the redevelopment of The Suter, Ms Catchpole emphasised that the Trust Board was strongly for redeveloping on the site where The Suter is now. She pointed out the many advantages that the site had for redeveloping The Suter while retaining all of the heritage elements associated with the gallery on its current site.

Attendance: Councillor Davy arrived at the meeting at 10.22am.

In answer to a question Ms Catchpole said that the current redevelopment plan would allow for future development upwards on the eastern side and she conceded that maybe in future Albion Square was a possibility for expansion. In answer to another question Ms Catchpole said that the Trust had commissioned a seismic report in 2009 and she offered to supply a copy of the report to Council.

With regard to funding the redevelopment, Mr Potton said in his view the funding needed to be secured in the next three years.

Ms Catchpole said, in answer to a question, that had Albion Square been available for the current redevelopment The Suter would still want to remove the two oak trees in Queen's Gardens as they caused considerable issues for the gallery.

- 5.11 Tasman Bay Cruising Club, submission 425, submissions page 1338 refer.

The Vice Commodore, John Cotton, presented the submission on behalf of the Tasman Bay Cruising Club. He said the Club, which had 200 members, supported the establishment of a public hardstand area in Akersten Street. The Club, he said, requested that the establishment of the hardstand area be accelerated by bringing it into 2012/13. He said that creating a public boat yard would give boat owners a much needed choice.

- 5.12 Greenhill Orchestra, submission 733, submissions page 768 refer.

Ms Faith Williamson presented the submission on behalf of Greenhill Orchestra. Ms Williamson said she supported Council ownership of the School of Music if the School retained its decision-making capacity. She said the Nelson School of Music was very important for the Nelson Richmond Community in particular as a teaching institution able to teach and encourage young musicians.

- 5.13 Tourism Nelson Tasman Limited, submission 712, submissions page 1677 refer.

Phil Taylor, Chairperson, and Lynda Keene, Chief Executive, presented the submission on behalf of Tourism Nelson Tasman Limited. They tabled additional information (1347032) and spoke to it. They thanked Council for its continuing support of Tourism Nelson Tasman Limited and highlighted the Nelson Tasman iSite Strategic Review, the Annual Industry Survey, the Funding Review, the Regional Tourism Strategy and the Company's Business Plan in answer to Councillors' questions.

- 5.14 Nelson Branch of the National Council of Women of NZ (Inc), submission 786, submissions page 463 refer.

The submission was presented by Queenie Balance and Alison Caine. Ms Balance said that the organisation's main concern was the projected level of debt and the rate rise of over 4 percent. She pointed out that Nelson City was generally a low wage area and as well had a high percentage of aged residents. She said that the organisation supported the proposed allocation to the arts but believed this could be delayed at this time. Also, the organisation urged that the Maitai Walkway and Rutherford and Trafalgar Parks development be delayed.

She said the organisation also foresaw problems facing the Council with regard to earthquake strengthening and ever increasing insurance.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for morning tea from 11.00am to 11.07am.

- 5.15 David Penrose, submission 760, submissions page 1595 refer.

Mr Penrose spoke to his submission and explained he was a syndicate and commercial property manager for the 218 Trafalgar Syndicate. This is the commercial property syndicate that owns property located at 218 Trafalgar Street and has frontages onto Trafalgar Street, Bank Lane and the Montgomery Car Park. He said that the Syndicate was requesting that the total cost of the replacement for the canopy in Bank Lane be paid on a 50/50 basis by the City Council and the 218 Trafalgar Street Syndicate.

- 5.16 Business Lab Limited, submission 291, submissions page 1692 refer.

Mr Colin Bass presented the submission on behalf of Business Lab Limited which related to the approach in the Long Term Plan to adopt recommendations of the 'Entrepreneurial Eco Systems and Incubation: Options for the Nelson Region' report. Mr Bass congratulated Council on commissioning the report, which he supported.

He said his concern was that the incubation report did not appear to take into account any of the perspectives put forward by the 'Framing Our Future' work, and in particular there was lack of reference to the advances of Clean-tech and other high value innovations that had a sustainability bent and were already occurring in the region. He said that

that meant that the incubation report was not aligned with the aspirations of the Long Term Plan.

Mr Bass also recommended Council consider bringing the proposed funding for implementing the incubator report forward to year one.

5.17 NELSUST Inc, submission 696, submissions page 569 refer.

Peter Olorenshaw presented the submission for NELSUST Inc. He urged Council to include a sea level response in the Long Term Plan saying that Council needed to plan for a potential two metre rise in sea level. He urged Council to consider carefully before it spent money on assets that could be flooded.

Mr Olorenshaw also urged Council to encourage ratepayers to install rain water tanks.

In answer to questions, Mr Olorenshaw said the overarching strategy in the plan should be consideration of potential sea level rise, and that, regarding the proposed velodrome, he did not believe that enough people would use the facility to justify the cost.

5.18 George Truman, submission 640, submissions page 1593 refer.

Mr Truman spoke to his submission which advocated for a weir in the lower reaches of the Maitai River, and he explained the advantage of constructing such a weir below the Trafalgar Street Bridge.

5.19 Hugh Briggs, submission 236, submissions page 258 refer.

Mr Briggs spoke to his submission. He highlighted that Nelson City did not have a "physical development plan" and added that this gap needs to be addressed.

Mr Briggs said he did not support developing the north end of the Trafalgar Centre before the physical development plan is done.

He said he supported Council's initiative with the NBus but urged Council to let the service settle in before it was reviewed.

In answer to a question as to where he saw the development of a parking building, Mr Briggs said his preference was for Wakatu Square.

In answer to another question Mr Briggs agreed that Nelson was seeing a loss of investment and needed to prepare a proper plan for the City to give certainty for developers.

5.20 Powered Living Limited, submission 178, submissions page 240 refer.

Helen Richards presented the submission on behalf of Powered Living Limited. Ms Richards said she supported the sustainability approach within the Long Term Plan. She supported the increase in funding for the

public transport system; she supported the walk ways and cycle ways and the energy efficiency initiatives.

Ms Richards said she did not support the building of sizeable new roads or the new velodrome proposal. She said she also did not support a large scale \$11million development of The Suter Art Gallery.

Ms Richards said she also supported the submission from the Biodiversity Forum.

- 5.21 Dog Owners Group of Nelson and Elizabeth Dooley, submissions 810 and 793, submissions pages 539 and 480 refer.

Ms Dooley spoke to her submission and the submission from the Dog Owners Group of Nelson. She tabled additional information (1347034) which she read. She urged Council to be more effective in its consultation and said it should employ a professional communication person to listen to people and to consult early with all those affected people. She also urged Council, when implementing a change or a new plan, to first work out ways to lessen the impact of those changes on the ordinary person.

With regard to the proposed redevelopment of The Suter Art Gallery, Ms Dooley said that she believed that \$6 million would be better spent on a new purpose-built building than renovating and developing the old existing building.

- 5.22 Nelson YMCA, submission 808, submissions page 534 refer.

Jackie McNae and Ron Westrupp presented the submission on behalf of the Nelson YMCA. Ms McNae tabled further information (1347036) which she read. She said that the YMCA requested Council make a top priority of reviewing the zonings and regulatory framework within the Victory Square area to reflect what was happening in the area now.

- 5.23 Nelson Tasman Chamber of Commerce, submission 804, submissions page 176 refer.

Michelle McCree and Hugh Briggs presented the submission on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. They highlighted the Chamber's support for Council funding of Nelson Tasman Tourism Limited as well as further cycling infrastructure that would enhance the existing Dun Mountain Trail and the Great Taste Trail.

Ms McCree said that the Chamber's members had mixed views over the upgrade of the northern end of the Trafalgar Centre.

She emphasised that the Chamber strongly supported the forming of a holding company by Nelson City and Tasman District Council.

In answer to a question Ms McCree confirmed that Rutherford Holdings was not currently a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

- 5.24 Uniquely Nelson Inc, submission 801, submissions page 487 refer.

Cathy Madigan presented the submission on behalf of Uniquely Nelson Inc and gave a PowerPoint presentation (1344219) giving the background to Uniquely Nelson's request for additional one-off funding of \$20,000 for the development and implementation of an online engagement strategy.

In answer to a question Ms Madigan confirmed that the cost of parking continues to be an issue for retailers in Nelson.

- 5.25 Ken Beckett, submission 770, submissions page 445 refer.

Mr Beckett presented his submission. Mr Beckett requested that Council delete the proposed expenditure in 2012/13 for the Montgomery Car Park, delete the capital expenditure provided for the School of Music and the Theatre Royal, delete the provision for the smoothing loan and explain the nature of the discussions which have been held with the Anglican Diocese and are referred to on page 137 of the Long Term Plan.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for lunch from 12.30pm to 1.00pm. During this time Councillor Reese left the meeting.

- 5.26 Nelson Farmers Market, submission 455, submissions page 1659 refers.

Janet Whittington presented the submission for Nelson Farmers Market. She thanked Council on behalf of the Farmers Market for the assistance it had given in allowing the market to be held at Fashion Island. She said she believed that the activity of the Nelson Provincial Farmers Market aligned very well with the objectives in the Nelson City Council Long Term Plan.

- 5.27 Helen Black, submission 769, submissions page 439 refer.

Ms Black spoke to her submission which raised issues that she had experienced as a walker in all the parks and reserves. She said that the Council needed a bylaw to control the safety and enjoyment of the more vulnerable in park and reserve settings, in particular where tracks were shared with cyclists. She also proposed that a few main walkways be reserved exclusively for users other than bikers.

Ms Black said that 10 years ago Council had a debt of \$9 million and in 10 years time Council estimated that it would be \$174 million. She said this was unacceptable to her as a rate payer.

- 5.28 Michael Lincolne and B A Breen, submission 766, submissions page 427 refer.

Mr Lincolne spoke to the submission which proposed additional roads to link Wakatu Drive with Nelson Airport and a link back from Nelson Airport across Jenkins Estuary into Songer Street. Mr Lincolne also urged

Council to advocate for a connecting road between Collingwood and Karamea. He tabled maps showing his proposals (1347037).

- 5.29 Citizens Advice Bureau Nelson Tasman, submission 764, submissions page 416 refers.

Robin Smith and Lindsay Twiname presented the submission on behalf of the Citizens Advice Bureau Nelson Tasman. They thanked Council for their support and said it received over 3,000 enquiries per year. They had two concerns, one of visibility and one of accessibility and they highlighted the Bureau's long term request to locate its operations within the Elma Turner Library building and urged that the Citizens Advice Bureau be included in the upgrade of that Library.

- 5.30 Barry Thompson, submission 746, submissions page 408 refers.

Mr Thompson spoke to his submission saying that the car parking system used at present in the central city was understaffed, was not administered for the best and fairest results, and needed a complete overhaul.

He said as a landowner in the Waimea Plains, he supported the Lee Valley Dam proposal and urged Council to work with the Tasman District Council to make this project a priority.

He asked Council to review the Central City Commercial Rates Levy saying that it should be abolished as it was not fair and was responsible for the 'drift' from the centre of town. Mr Thompson said that he also strongly supported the building of the Southern Link motorway.

Attendance: Councillor Reese returned to the meeting at 1.37pm.

- 5.31 Anne Rush, submission 740, submissions page 404 refer.

Ms Rush presented her submission which congratulated Council on its Long Term Plan. She said it was optimistic and encouraging, especially for the arts and social culture of the City. She urged that Councillors be bold and get on with what they had planned. She tabled a copy of the booklet "New Zealanders and The Arts: Attitudes, Attendance and Participation in 2011" (1340741).

- 5.32 Brian Mills, submission 738, submissions page 401 refer.

Mr Mills tabled additional information which he read (1347042). He emphasised the need for Council to develop a 'civic culture' where companies, groups and individuals were encouraged and empowered to contribute and share the load with Council.

Attendance: Councillor Reese left the meeting at 2.06pm.

- 5.33 Paul Lunberg, submission 54, submissions page 229 refer.

Mr Lunberg said that currently Nelson City had a debt of \$2,000 per head of population. Raising it, he said, was irresponsible. He pointed out the community was not getting wealthier and could not afford the proposed rates increases. He said that debt financing was not an acceptable way to get ahead. He did not support the Council owning the School of Music or the Theatre Royal. However, he said, he did believe it was a role of Council to support these organisations.

Attendance: Councillor Reese rejoined the meeting at 2.23pm.

- 5.34 Craig Welsh, submissions 32 and 606, submissions pages 1386 and 1289 refer.

Mr Welsh spoke to both of his submissions saying he wanted Council to create a main road to the port along the Railway Reserve and get heavy trucks off Rocks Road and Annesbrook Drive. In the short term he said that he wanted the trucks to be slowed as they passed the Tahunanui School.

- 5.35 New Zealand Automobile Association Nelson District, submission 186, submissions page 711 refers.

Mr Paul Heywood, Chairperson of the New Zealand Automobile Association Nelson District, presented the submission. Mr Heywood also advised that he was a member of the Automobile Association National Council.

The extensive submission covered many aspects of Nelson City's transport infrastructure. Mr Heywood said that the Automobile Association would like to see the Gentle Annie passing lanes project given a higher priority, and the State Highway/Atawhai Drive intersections put into the same category as the 3 Roundabouts project.

Mr Heywood said the Automobile Association could not support the four metre cycle way along Rocks Road, its main concern being the cost of this project and the fact that all it was doing was delaying the progress of the Southern Link.

In answer to a question Mr Heywood said that the Automobile Association saw no reason to reduce the speed limit along State Highway 6 where it connected with Atawhai Drive.

- 5.36 Tasman Bays Heritage Trust/Nelson Provincial Museum, submission 685, submissions page 848 refer.

The Chief Executive, Peter Millward, and Board Member, Terry Horne, presented the submission on behalf of the Trust. Mr Millward said that it was important to have timely notice of what the Council expected of the Trust as a Council Controlled Organisation, and the Statement of Expectation was an important part of the Trust's planning. On behalf of

the Trust he thanked the Nelson City Council for the funding for the preservation and storage of the photographic collection

With respect to the loans from Tasman District and Nelson City Councils, Mr Horne said that although the Trust recognised that they were loans and they needed to be repaid, to attempt to pay \$80,000 in the first year was, he felt, a step too far. He said that Trustees would be meeting with Council staff the following week to progress this matter.

In answer to a question Mr Millward confirmed that the storage facility would help to address the research issues.

5.37 Selwyn Steedman, submission 608, submissions page 80 refer.

Mr Steedman, in presenting his submission, said he was very concerned at the number of major projects proposed in the Long Term Plan.

He urged Council to put some of the arts projects on hold and bring together a full report on the arts facilities to inform the public.

He said he supported the redevelopment of the northern end of the Trafalgar Centre.

Attendance: Councillor Fulton left the meeting at 3.05pm.

5.38 Roger Gibbons, submission 735, submissions page 86 refer.

Mr Gibbons warned Council that it must not borrow to do those things it might like to have. He said there seemed to be a culture in Council for borrowing.

Mr Gibbons said he did not support the subsidised bus services.

Mr Gibbons also said that there seemed to be a culture within Council that needed to be checked, whereby tenders were not awarded to the lowest tenderer. He pointed out that Council was not saving costs where it could. He criticised Council for spending money on the recent sculpture on QEII Drive and questioned why Council had to go to Spain to buy the sculpture when it could have commissioned a local artist and used local materials. Mr Gibbons also criticised Council for what he called wasting its time doing economic development. Finally he urged Council not to get involved with the Local Government Funding Authority.

5.39 Nelson Branch of the Motel Association, submission 668, submissions page 482 refers.

Robert Harris and Paul Anderson presented the submission on behalf of the Nelson Motel Association. They expressed concern at recent Council policy changes in relation to excess water charges due to leakage and gave an example of this.

They said that the Nelson Branch of the Motel Association does not support the current plans for the development of Rutherford Park as

there was no evidence for any increased use of this area. They said they also did not support the current proposal to provide additional facilities at the Trafalgar Centre.

It was also pointed out that the Nelson Branch of the Motel Association was very concerned about the proposed increase in Council debt and the proposed rate increases.

- 5.40 Nelson Smallbore Rifle Association, submission 400, submissions page 1051 refer.

Mr Graham Smith spoke to the submission from the Nelson Smallbore Rifle Association. He said that the Club would like clarity from Council as to what support the Club would get if it had to relocate from Rutherford Park.

In answer to a question Mr Smith said that relocating to Saxton Field would not suit the Club as it would preclude the current use of the club by pupils from the Nelson College.

Attendance: Councillor Reese left the meeting at 3.40pm.

- 5.41 Fenton Russell, submission 463, submissions page 1086 refer.

Mr Russell, in speaking to his submission, said that the newly refurbished end of the Trafalgar Centre needed a reasonable sized lift installed on the outside of the building to enable full utilisation of the facility. He also advocated for the amalgamation of management of Council facilities such as Founders, the Trafalgar Centre, the School of Music and the Theatre Royal.

- 5.42 Glenys MacLellan, submission 563, submissions page 339 refer.

Ms MacLellan expressed concern about the oak tree in Buxton Square. She also urged Council to lobby for another Transpower line into Nelson. Currently, she said, there is only one and, if Council wanted the community to be resilient, it needed to talk urgently to the power companies.

Ms MacLellan supported the new NBus initiative but said there was need for buses to keep more tightly to the timetable. She said she believed the reason for falling behind was the amount of time it often took for a bus to pull out from a bus stop into the traffic flow. She urged Council to support a private members bill from the Green Party that proposed to give buses the right of way when they were pulling out.

Ms MacLellan said she worked at The Suter and believed that the oak trees and other trees nearby posed a health and safety issue for the gallery. She said they were too close to the buildings and were far too big and in the recent wind event she had experienced several branches falling down on the building.

Attendance: Councillor Davy and Councillor Collingwood left the meeting at 3.55pm, Councillor Rackley left at 4.00pm and Councillor Reese returned at 4.00pm.

5.43 Ross Wylie, submission 761, submissions page 103 refer.

Mr Wylie tabled additional information, which he read (1347043). He said that the Long Term Plan showed an amount of increase of total debt that was greater than the amount of increase in rates and he said that this was obviously not sustainable.

5.44 Wakatu Incorporation, submission 689, submissions page 118 refer.

Kerensa Johnston and Barney Thomas presented the submission on behalf of the Wakatu Incorporation. They went through the extensive submission highlighting various issues, including Auckland Point (Matangi Awhio) and requested that Council provide advice and/or assistance with future planning for the property so the walkway between Stanley Crescent and Haven Road could be enhanced and improved.

A request also was made for Council to support the Horoirangi project.

5.45 Tiakina te Taiao, submission 725, submissions page 1701 refer.

Kura Stafford and Barney Thomas presented the submission on behalf of Tiakina te Taiao and highlighted its three recommendations. In particular Council was urged to get together with Tasman District Council and produce one water programme and one transport programme for the combined region.

Council was also urged to support the Lee Valley Dam project.

In answer to a question Ms Stafford agreed that one way forward for iwi was to have an iwi representative appointed to Council Standing Committees. The difficulty would be, for iwi, choosing one representative to represent all iwi.

5.46 Tahunanui Business Association Inc, submission 667, submissions page 469 refer.

Mr John Gilbertson presented the submission on behalf of the Tahunanui Business Association Inc and he highlighted the submission with a display of photographs from the Tahunanui area (1347324), which he spoke to. Mr Gilbertson said that it was important for Council to provide a standard planter that could be used in the beautification of the area, in the same way that the Council provided hanging baskets in the City.

Attendance: Councillor Reese left the meeting at 4.47pm.

- 5.47 Community Workers Training and Support Trust, submission 568, submissions page 687 refer.

Penny Molnar presented the submission on behalf of the Community Workers Training and Support Trust. On behalf of the Trust Ms Molnar requested that Council undertake an audit of all tenanted housing stock.

- 5.48 Lynn Cadenhead, submission 631, submissions page 393 refer.

Ms Cadenhead presented her submission which supported the redevelopment of The Suter Art Gallery on its existing site, but she said that the proposed building did not pay enough attention to the site and could be designed to be so much better.

- 5.49 Elliott Street Historic Precinct and Neighbourhood Support Group, submission 585, submissions page 355 refer.

Lynn Cadenhead presented the submission on behalf of the Elliott Street Historic Precinct and Neighbourhood Support Group. Ms Cadenhead highlighted the request of the Group that the proposed Trafalgar Street East Stadium must not go across the end of Elliot Streett. The design as it is now, she said, was adequate but it should not be allowed to extend any further.

In addition Ms Cadenhead advised that there were a lot of houses in Elliott Street not connected to storm water. She asked Nelson City Council to provide information to land owners regarding their responsibilities for disposing of storm water. This could be done, she said, via public meetings or in Live Nelson.

- 5.50 New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects (Nelson/Marlborough Branch), submission 583, submissions page 352 refer.

Lynn Cadenhead presented the submission on behalf of the New Zealand Institute of Landscape Architects (Nelson/Marlborough Branch).

She highlighted concern with the existing tree register, saying that it needed to be updated to ensure that all trees in Nelson City Council area worthy of protection were given the appropriate degree of protection. At the moment there seemed to be less value placed on trees within woodlands and on more common species than to single trees.

She pointed out that Appendix 9 to the Nelson Resource Management Plan, the Landscape Overlay, has been mapped incorrectly on the planning maps of the Nelson Resource Management Plan and this anomaly needed to be corrected urgently.

The work of the Urban Design Panel was strongly supported but Councillors were encouraged to review the effectiveness of the Panel and to emphasise their support for it.

- 5.51 Solar Peak New Zealand Limited, submission 728, submissions page 37 refer.

Glenn Harvey presented the submission on behalf of Solar Peak New Zealand Limited. Mr Harvey said that Council use of debt was not sustainable. A recent poll in the Nelson Mail showed there was 97 percent against the proposed Council debt level. He said he was concerned about the proposed \$174 million of debt that would be incurred within the next 10 years.

Mr Harvey also suggested that Council review its strategic assets and move those assets into trusts similar to the Tasman Energy Trust. With regard to solar energy, Mr Harvey said Council should only be involved in the dissemination of information.

The meeting adjourned at 5.35pm. His Worship the Mayor said the meeting would reconvene at 9.00am the following day.

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## **Minutes of a resumed meeting of the Nelson City Council to hear and consider submissions to the draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022**

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

**On Tuesday 19 June 2012, reconvening at 9.00am**

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- Present: His Worship the Mayor A Miccio, Councillors I Barker, A Boswijk (Deputy Mayor), G Collingwood, R Copeland, E Davy, K Fulton, P Matheson, J Rackley, P Rainey, R Reese, D Shaw and M Ward
- In Attendance: Acting Chief Executive (R Johnson), Manager Policy and Planning (N McDonald), Project Manager Long Term Plan (C Blythe) and Administration Adviser (A Rose)
- Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Davy for lateness

### **6. Hearing of Submissions (Continued)**

Hearing Schedule (document number 1295426) and separate folders of submissions refer.

- 6.1 John Fitchett, submission 654, submissions page 418 refers.

Mr Fitchett presented his submission. He highlighted the issue of differential rating and quoted from various Council reports to show that the issue had been in front of Council for the last four years. He said that the matter was well overdue for review.

He specifically requested that Council resolve that no differential rate be applied to commercially zoned properties, or that the draft Plan be amended to identify either the justification of the charging of a differential rate to commercial properties and/or amend the differential to a figure for which a justification is detailed.

Mr Fitchett said that he did not support the subsidisation of bus services from the car parking account and requested that any such subsidy be debited to the general rate and not to the car parking account.

Finally Mr Fitchett highlighted the part in his submission dealing with consultation and urged that when Council consulted in respect of any proposed new project that, at the very least, it should provide a 'ballpark' estimate of the proposed cost to inform the public.

In answer to a question regarding depreciation, Mr Fitchett said it was his view that if there was an asset in the City that would not be replaced, then Council should not allow for depreciation on that asset.

In answer to another question Mr Fitchett said that he did not support Council ownership of the buildings of the School of Music and the Theatre Royal. He said he was in favour of Council supporting these institutions, but if the City took over ownership the result would be that the public enthusiasm would ebb and the institutions would suffer as a result.

- 6.2 Cycling New Zealand Centre Incorporated, submission 156, submissions page 1102 refer.

Mr Murray Cameron presented the submission on behalf of Cycling New Zealand Incorporated. Mr Cameron said that the organisation he represented was strongly in favour of the proposed Saxton Field Cycling Track/Velodrome.

In answer to questions, he said that the facility would also provide bicycle safety training for young people, and he confirmed that the existing track at Trafalgar Park was now unsafe to use at any speed over about 20 kilometres per hour.

- 6.3 Saxton Velodrome Trust and Cycling New Zealand Tasman Incorporated, submissions 431 and 658, submissions pages 1104 and 1092 refer.

Rob Ford and Kendall Jones presented the submission on behalf of the Saxton Velodrome Trust and Rob Ford presented the submission on behalf of Cycling New Zealand Tasman Incorporated. Both submissions strongly supported the proposal to build a velodrome at Saxton Field.

In answer to a question it was confirmed that the Tasman District Council was paying 37 percent of the cost of the project, Nelson City Council was paying 43 percent of the cost of the project and the remaining 20 percent was being raised by the Trust.

6.4 Solitaire Investments Limited and Marsden Park Limited, submissions 807 and 174, submissions pages 529 and 207 refer.

Jackie McNae and Tony Quickfall presented the submissions for Solitaire Investments Limited and Marsden Park Limited respectively, and tabled additional information (1347060).

Jackie McNae said that Solitaire Investments Limited requested that the Marsden Valley roading projects be reinstated within the Long Term Plan, although the timeline for those upgrades could be reviewed. She said that Solitaire Investments Limited also requested that Council make provision, within the Development Contributions Policy, for payment of Development Contributions at the time of section sale. She added that where there is agreement of Council to that being the trigger for payment, that the titles for the subdivision be encumbered noting that requirement.

In addition she said Solitaire Investments Limited request that Council considers this as a trigger in relation to reserve fund contributions but accepts that this would require a plan change to the Nelson Resource Management Plan.

Ms McNae also sought that Council review its Rating Policy to provide the section sale as the point at which rates become payable on the separate allotment.

Mr Quickfall advised that Marsden Park Limited was requesting that the funding sought in its submission be allocated for design and construction of a roundabout, rather than further studies, based on the operative zoning.

In addition, he said that Marsden Park Limited requested:

- Part of the funding removed from the 2009-2019 Long Term Council Community Council for the upgrade of Marsden Valley Road to be reinstated in the 2012-2022 Long Term Plan.
- An upgrade to be programmed for the 2012-2013 financial year.
- A sum of \$320,000 to be included for resurfacing Marsden Valley Road; footpath widening to a shared cycleway and lighting; and power line undergrounding.

In answer to a question John McLaughlan, who accompanied Tony Quickfall, said that Marsden Park Limited estimated that they would sell approximately 20 sections per year.

Attendance: Councillor Collingwood left the meeting at 9.58am, Councillor Davy joined the meeting at 10.07am.

6.5 Sport Tasman, submission 697, submissions page 203 refer.

David Tippet and Nigel Muir presented the submission on behalf of Sport Tasman. Mr Tippet said that Sport Tasman supported many aspects of the Draft Long Term Plan and gave a PowerPoint presentation (1346703).

In answer to a question, Mr Muir said that it was estimated that sport contributed \$63 million to Nelson's Gross Domestic Product annually.

6.6 Youth Nelson, submission 577, submissions page 349 refer.

Maree Shalders accompanied by two young people who were going through Youth Nelson courses, Zara and Aiden, presented the submission. Ms Shalders thanked Nelson City Council for the ongoing financial contribution towards Youth Nelson's operational costs.

Zara and Aiden also thanked Council for the support and talked about what they had achieved through the Youth Nelson programmes.

Attendance: Councillor Collingwood rejoined the meeting at 10.20am.

6.7 Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated (Nelson Tasman Branch), submission 566, submissions page 343 refer.

Brian Brasell presented the submission on behalf of the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated (Nelson Tasman Branch). Mr Brasell commended Council and staff on its Draft Long Term Plan saying it was in line with the objectives and philosophies of the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand.

He said the Nelson Branch of the Society also strongly supported the submission of the Nelson Biodiversity Forum.

In answer to a question, Mr Brasell said that in appropriate airsheds he believed that compliant log burners should be allowed to be installed in new homes.

6.8 Stoke Rugby Football Club, submission 747, submissions page 979 refer.

Malcolm Graham and Steve Mitchell presented the submission on behalf of the Stoke Rugby Club. The submission requested that a project for the construction of new changing rooms and public toilets at Greenmeadows Stoke, with the addition of a community pavilion on the top floor, be included in the Council's Long Term Plan 2012-2022. The submitters explained that what was proposed was a community facility although one of the main drivers for it was the Stoke Rugby Club. However it was emphasised that it would be a facility for the Stoke community as a whole. It was explained how the proposal had morphed from being an exclusive sports facility into a fully fledged community facility.

In answer to a question as to how long the project should take if Council gave it the 'green light' Mr Mitchell said he believed it would take two or three years from the time that the Council agreed to it.

6.9 Ren Kempthorne, submission 560, submissions page 337 refer.

Mr Kempthorne spoke to his submission and talked about what the city was doing to protect its heritage. He noted that the city had a Heritage Strategy and it had now got an Inventory Report. He urged Council to save what it had and to make the most of what exists.

He said he supported the redevelopment of The Suter Art Gallery, but if the Council were to take over the Theatre Royal and the School of Music then, he said, the management for the combined group of organisations must be of a very high standard. If institutions which occupy heritage buildings thrive then the buildings they occupy will not decline or deteriorate, he added.

Mr Kempthorne then urged Council to consider submitting a realistic tender for the Methodist Church that was for sale in Hardy Street. This would protect the heritage building and Council would get a 3,000 square metre site in the central City.

In answer to a question, he said the property was valued at \$1.6 million.

Attendance: Councillor Rackley left the meeting at 10.55am.

6.10 Bill Leonard, submission 557, submissions page 336 refer.

In speaking to his submission Mr Leonard said he was withdrawing his support for the development of the Trafalgar Centre north end.

He also urged Council not to join the Local Government Funding Agency, and urged Council not to enact Bylaws if it did not have the funding to enforce them.

He said that Council should aim for a financial position where it had no debt.

He also asked Council that when private companies bid for Council services their prices should be made public.

In conclusion he urged Council to use what money the ratepayers gave it and not to borrow for projects it could not otherwise afford.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for morning tea from 11.05am to 11.13am.

6.11 Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology, submission 514, submissions page 190 refer.

Mr Tony Gray, Chief Executive, and Mr Ross Butler presented the submission for the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology saying that the Institute wished to have more engagement with Council. They

described the Institute as being a 'virtual university' which contributed \$70 million per annum to the Gross Domestic Product of Nelson. They also described the economic development role of the Institute and its networks of learning.

Attendance: Councillor Copeland left the meeting at 11.20am.

In answer to a question Mr Gray said that the Institute would like to engage more with the Council by means of formal meetings and more regular meetings.

- 6.12 Nelson Heritage Advisory Group, submission 868, refer submission tabled the previous day (1347064).

Sarah Holman presented the submission on behalf of the Nelson Heritage Advisory Group. She explained the background to the Nelson Heritage Advisory Group and acknowledged Council for its ongoing and substantially increased support for heritage throughout the Draft Long Term Plan.

In answer to a question, Ms Holman said that if the city did have to demolish some heritage buildings for earthquake risk reasons, it should have a plan in place to ensure that what replaces those heritage buildings looked better than the original buildings, so that new heritage would be created.

- 6.13 Paul Blackham, submission 444, submissions page 311 refers.

Mr Blackham said the main issue facing Council was to how to keep its debt levels in check and interest levels constrained. This major question has now been exacerbated with the issue of earthquake strengthening.

He said he believed there was a fatal flaw with Council's decision making processes which had started with the last Council and had risen to a new level with this Council.

In response to a question, Mr Blackham said that the process behind the funding of the Theatre Royal seemed to be flawed. The Mayor corrected Mr Blackham's misunderstanding about the process.

In answer to another question, Mr Blackham agreed that it would be more appropriate if the Theatre Royal had asked for a grant rather than a loan, but he felt that was exactly why the funding route of a loan was sought. He believed it had been financing by stealth.

Mr Blackham said he agreed with Council taking over the School of Music buildings as he felt the institution had merit and was in genuine need.

In answer to another question, Mr Blackham said he thought interest rates may stay low for another two or three years but after that they would begin to move up quite quickly.

In answer to another question, he said he believed that Council was in a hole but it did not know it yet. The only thing that Council could do is lock in as large a percentage of its debt as it could at the lowest interest rate it could find for the longest time.

Mr Blackham did not support Council going to the Local Government Financing Agency. He said this was a huge risk.

In answer to a question, Mr Blackham said he supported Council's public transport initiative and it needed to be persevered with.

Attendance: Councillor Boswijk left the meeting at 12.10pm.

6.14 Stuart Walker, submission 413, submissions page 286 refers.

Mr Walker criticised Council's Solar Saver Scheme and said that for the same reasons he was also against Council exploring being involved in solar photovoltaic.

6.15 Lizard Nada, submission 409, submissions page 271 refer.

Mr Nada urged Council to adopt a standard way of communicating certain key growth rates in the communications sent out to the public explaining clearly how much each project would cost year by year. He tabled a paper which showed growth rates and what something would be worth after a period of years.

6.16 Nelson Grey Power Association Incorporated, submission 404, submissions page 17 refer.

Errol Miller presented the submission on behalf of the Nelson Grey Power Association Incorporated. He said in the draft Long Term Plan the Council appeared to have signalled the direct opposite of what the Government had signalled in its Local Government Act Amendment Bill.

He said there were some good things in the Plan and he urged that water, wastewater, earthquake strengthening and Museum storage should all be brought forward. However, he said, to attempt 16 out of 26 projects in year 1 was very ambitious. He said it was important for Council to get the core infrastructure works done first and if there was any money left over, then it could be spent on the "nice to have" projects.

Attendance: Councillor Copeland returned to the meeting at 1.45pm.

6.17 Dan McGuire, submission 6, submissions page 1 refer.

Mr McGuire said that Council's Draft Long Term Plan was economically unsustainable. He reminded Council that half the people in the city have an income less than \$26,000 per annum. Rates, he said, were continually rising well in excess of the Consumer Price Index and Council actions were undermining confidence in the local economy.

He advocated that funds for Council events should instead be given to The Suter Art Gallery and the School of Music. He said that the proposal to write off the loan granted to the Theatre Royal should not proceed and instead Council should have an investigation into the whole matter of its funding of the Theatre Royal.

He expressed concern that ratepayers always seemed to be expected to pick up the tab for the bad decisions of Council. He was extremely concerned that the proposed \$117 million of debt in 10 years time could potentially bankrupt the city and he said that Councillors should be held personally liable for their decisions.

Attendance: Councillor Davy left at 1pm.

6.18 Penny Griffith, submission 599, submissions page 851 refer.

Penny Griffith said she was a Tasman ratepayer but was advocating for the Nelson Provincial Museum. She thanked Council for making provision for the accommodation and storage needs in its Long Term Plan and said she strongly supported that decision.

6.19 Gaire Thompson, submission 736, submissions page 100 refers.

Mr Thompson spoke to his submission and he criticised Council for its spending on projects like the Water Treatment Plant and the continual work on the sewerage ponds at Wakapuaka.

He urged Council to forget about the Montgomery Car Park and not spend the \$100,000 proposed in the Long Term Plan. He also said that spending on the north end of the Trafalgar Centre should be postponed. With regard to Rutherford Park, Mr Thompson said all Council should be doing was upgrading the Maitai Walkway from the Trafalgar Street Bridge to Akersten Street and should delay developing the Park.

Mr Thompson said he was particularly concerned about rates and the way they were being assessed, in particular the commercial rate differential. He also said it was wrong to use money from the car parking account to fund the NBus.

In response to a question pointing out that there was a clear swing to people using Montgomery Square, Mr Thompson said that while there were more businesses going to the Square, that only demonstrated the greater need there was for the car parks in the Square to service those businesses.

With regard to earthquake strengthening of the buildings Mr Thompson cautioned that geologically Nelson was very different from Christchurch, giving it a lower earthquake risk profile, and he urged Council to do plenty of research before investing a lot in earthquake strengthening.

6.20 Chris Taplin, submission 558, submissions page 1591 refer.

Mr Taplin read his submission. Mr Taplin requested that provision be made in the Long Term Plan for the planning and construction of a new precinct to be located in the downtown central business district incorporating a town hall/performing arts centre. As part of that precinct Mr Taplin also requested that provision be made to construct an exhibition and trade show facility.

His Worship the Mayor said that completed the hearing of those who wished to be heard in support of their submissions to the Draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

The meeting adjourned for lunch from 1.35pm to 2.10pm.

## **7. Considerations of Submissions**

7.1 Hearings on the Draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022: Additional Information

Document No. 1308159, agenda pages 8-19 refer.

Resolved

***THAT the additional information to inform deliberations on the Draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022, contained in report 1308159, be received.***

His Worship the Mayor/Reese

Carried

## **8. Late Item – Acceptance of Late Submissions**

The meeting turned its attention to the 16 late submissions that had been received. 15 Late submissions had been circulated to Councillors under cover of a memo dated 14 June 2012 (1295669) and one submission had been circulated to Councillors by memo dated 18 June 2012 (1311931).

His Worship the Mayor advised that in accordance with section 46a(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, the reason why the item was not on the agenda, and the reason why discussion of this item could not be delayed until a subsequent meeting was because it came to hand after the agenda had closed and needed to be considered at this meeting because of the need for urgency. Accordingly he said a procedure resolution was required before any discussion could take place.

Resolved

***THAT the item regarding late submissions to Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022 be considered at this meeting, pursuant to section 46a(7) of the Local***

**Government Official Information and Meetings Act  
1987, because of the need for urgency.**

His Worship the Mayor/Barker

Carried

Resolved

***THAT Council accept the fifteen late submissions that have been received and as circulated with memo dated 14 June 2012 (1295669) and the late submission received and circulated with memo dated 18 June 2012 (1311931);***

***AND THAT these sixteen submissions be considered during the formal decision making process.***

His Worship the Mayor/Barker

Carried

It was noted that in late submission 12 from David Brown and Sara Burke, the submitters had indicated that they wished to be heard and so the Acting Chief Executive confirmed that they should be given the opportunity to be heard at 9am at the beginning of the Council meeting on Wednesday 27 June to consider submissions to the Draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

**9. Consideration of Recommendations from the Regional Transport Committee on the Draft Regional Land Transport Programme 2012/13–2014/15**

Document No. 1299757, agenda pages 20-23 refer.

The Principal Adviser Transport and Roading, Andrew James, joined the meeting and presented the report which he said was to enable the Council to give guidance to the Council's Regional Transport Committee representatives on the development of the Regional Land Transport Programme.

Mr James reported that the New Zealand Transport Agency had advised indicative funding allocations for the subsidised operations, maintenance and road renewals budgets which were significantly lower than that proposed in the Draft Long Term Plan and the Draft 2012-2015 Transport Activity Management Plan.

After discussion it was agreed that Council would allocate the local share at 43 percent funding assistance rate and accept the implications identified in paragraphs 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4 in the report. It was noted that this would result in a considerable reduction in the local share requirement.

Councillor Collingwood proposed and the Mayor seconded the recommendation.

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There was some discussion regarding the arts components of the improvements to Waimea Road and after discussion it was agreed that these should be removed from the programme.

The mover and seconder of the recommendation agreed to incorporate an additional clause into the recommendation to cover this.

Resolved

***THAT Council provides to the Regional Transport Committee the following suggestions on the Draft Regional Land Transport Programme:***

- ***the inclusion of \$60,000 for further investigation into the three roundabouts project in 2012/13***
- ***the alteration of the operations, maintenance and road renewals budgets to align with the indicative funding levels provided by the New Zealand Transport Agency***
- ***and the arts components of the two projects on Waimea Road be removed from the Regional Land Transport Programme.***

Collingwood/His Worship the Mayor

Carried

#### **10. Tribute to the Late Mr Joe Bell**

At a suggestion from the Deputy Mayor it was agreed that Council would send condolences to the family of the late Mr Joe Bell who died the previous Sunday.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.05pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Date