
Minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council – Policy and Planning

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

On Thursday 23 February 2012, commencing at 9.00am

Present: Councillor A Boswijk, Deputy Mayor (Chairperson), I Barker, G Collingwood, R Copeland, E Davy, K Fulton, P Matheson, R Reese (Portfolio Holder), D Shaw and M Ward

In Attendance: Acting Chief Executive (R Johnson), Executive Manager Network Services (A Louverdis), Executive Manager Support Services (H Kettlewell), Manager Community Relations (A Ricker) and Administration Adviser (A Rose)

Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from His Worship the Mayor A Miccio, Councillors J Rackley, P Rainey, and K Fulton for lateness

Opening Prayer

Councillor Davy gave the opening prayer.

1. Conflicts of Interest

No updates to the Conflicts of Interest Register were noted and no conflicts of interest with any agenda items were declared except Councillor Collingwood indicated that with regard to item 8, the Heritage Activity Management Plan 2012-2022, she was the Councillor representative on the Broadgreen Society.

2. Mayor's Report

There was no Mayor's Report.

3. Status Report – Policy and Planning

Document No. 1034725, agenda pages 1-2 refer.

Resolved

THAT the Status Report – Policy and Planning (1034725) be received.

Boswijk/Reese

Carried

4. Portfolio Holder's Report

Councillor Reese gave a verbal report which drew Council's attention to the recent Productivity Commission Report on housing affordability which had pointed out that Nelson is the third least affordable place to live in New Zealand.

Attendance: Councillor Fulton arrived at 9.07am.

Councillor Reese said that one of the most important affordability issues was land, and the way it was released on to the market, and she said that Council has an important part to play in this process. She asked Councillors to give serious consideration to housing affordability in Nelson as they went through the LTP process.

5. Chief Executive Report – Policy and Planning

Document No. 1222816, agenda pages 3-4 refer.

Resolved

THAT the Chief Executive Report – Policy and Planning (1222816) be received.

Davy/Shaw

Carried

5.1 Appointment of Hearing Panel to Hear Submissions on the Landscape Conservation Plan for Queen's Gardens

Resolved

THAT submissions on the Landscape Conservation Plan for Queen's Gardens be heard by full Council.

Davy/Copeland

Carried

6. Operative Plan Variation and Plan Changes

Document No. 1221280, agenda pages 5-13 refer.

The Manager Monitoring and Research, Martin Workman, and the Principal Adviser Resource Management Plan, Matt Heale, joined the meeting and presented the report.

Mr Workman said that by Council passing the recommendation in the report it would be completing its Resource Management Plan work on which had started over 20 years ago.

Resolved

THAT Council approves, pursuant to Cl.17(1) of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), Plan Changes 19, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 to the Nelson Resource Management Plan (NRMP) and Plan

Change A1 to the Nelson Air Quality Plan (NAQP) as per the decisions notified on 5 November 2011;

AND THAT Council approves, pursuant to Cl.17(1) of the First Schedule of the RMA, Plan Variation 07/01 to the NRMP as per the decisions notified on 11 March 2009 and Environment Court Consent Order dated 17 December 2011;

AND THAT Plan Changes 19, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 to the NRMP, and Plan Change A1 to the NAQP, be made operative on 12 March 2012, pursuant to Cl.20(1) of the First Schedule of the RMA;

AND THAT those parts of the Regional Coastal Plan relating to Port Noise be adopted by Council in terms of Cl.18(1) of the First Schedule of the RMA and forwarded to the Minister of Conservation for approval;

AND THAT once the Minister of Conservation approves the Regional Coastal Plan the Chief Executive is delegated authority to publicly notify the Plan as operative in accordance with Cl.20(1) of the First Schedule of the RMA.

Reese/Shaw

Carried

7. Community Facilities Activity Management Plan 2012-2022

Document No. 1233915, agenda pages 14-18 refer.

The Manager Policy and Planning, Nicky McDonald, and the Principal Adviser – City Development, David Jackson, joined the meeting and presented the report.

In response to a question regarding smoke alarms fitted in the Council's Community Housing Mr Jackson offered to follow up and email Councillors to confirm that alarms were fitted in Council Community Housing.

Resolved

THAT the Community Facilities Activity Management Plan 2012-2022 (1188237) be adopted as a version that will inform the Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

Davy/Collingwood

Carried

8. Heritage Activity Management Plan 2012-2022

Document No. 1234305, agenda pages 19-22 refer.

The Manager Policy and Planning, Nicky McDonald, and the Principal Adviser – Community, Jenny Hawes, joined the meeting and presented the report. Ms Hawes tabled a revision to the Heritage Management

Plan, document 1241271, which replaced page 11 of the Activity Management Plan and principally dealt with Broadgreen House.

Councillor Reese proposed a number of small changes to the Plan and it was agreed that she would pass her notes to staff so that these changes could be incorporated.

Resolved

THAT the Heritage Activity Management Plan 2012-2022 (1140167) including the minor changes made as a result of discussions at the meeting, be adopted as the version that will inform the Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

Collingwood/Fulton

Carried

9. Recommendation of Hearing Panel on Proposed changes to Local Bus Routes

Document No. 1226262, agenda pages 23-37 refer.

The Policy Adviser, Yvonne Gwynn, joined the meeting and presented the report.

Councillor Barker, who had chaired the Hearing Panel to hear and consider submissions, together with Councillors Collingwood and Copeland who had served on the panel spoke positively about the hearings process and how the panel had arrived at the recommendations that were being considered today.

Resolved

THAT Council adopts the following decisions of the Hearing Panel;

THAT the proposed changes to routes 2 and 3, as consulted on, be accepted;

AND THAT Option 2 (as set out in report 1214196) be the preferred option regarding routes 1 and 4.

AND THAT Council direct staff to implement these changes as soon as possible.

Barker/Copeland

Carried

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10.35am to 10.50am.

10. Fees and Charges: Resource Consents Business Unit

Document No. 1214389, agenda pages 38-57 refer.

The Team Leader Resource Consents, Carl Jenkins, joined the meeting and presented the report.

The Acting Chief Executive explained how the Resource Consents Business Unit was financially structured and how the costs were recovered. He said one of the indicators of the unit's success was that it had been well over a year since Council had had any appeals taken to the Environment Court.

There was some discussion regarding the role of the Urban Design Panel and the Acting Chief Executive undertook to provide to Councillors a copy of the report, made to a previous Council meeting, that gave the background to the setting up of the Urban Design Panel. He said the report would be circulated as part of the paperwork for the upcoming LTP workshops.

Resolved

THAT the new or changed fees and charges for resource consents under s.36 of the Resource Management Act 1991 be adopted as detailed in Attachment 1 to Report No 1214389 and notified by the Special Consultative Procedure in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002;

AND THAT the fees and charges under s.36 of the Resource Management Act apply as from 1 July 2012 subject to Long Term Plan approval;

AND THAT the fees and charges for Resource Management Planning Documents remain unchanged and be adopted as detailed in Attachment 1 to Report No 1214389;

AND THAT the fees and charges for Property Information remain unchanged and be adopted as detailed in Attachment 2 to Report No 1214389;

AND THAT the charges excluding charges under s.36 of the Resource Management Act apply as from 2 April 2012 until such time as they are varied or amended by Council;

AND THAT the Council adjust the funding split for the processing of resource consents activity in the 2012-22 Long Term Plan to a 40% Public Good/60% Private Good split to align it with anticipated levels of funding from fees and charges.

Davy/Fulton

Carried

11. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

11.1 Minutes of the Meeting to Hear and Consider Submissions on Proposed Changes to Local Bus Routes – 25 January 2012

Document No. 1227631, agenda pages 58-64 refer.

Resolved

THAT the minutes of the meeting to hear and consider submissions on the proposed changes to local bus routes held on Wednesday 25 January 2012 be received.

Collingwood/Copeland

Carried

PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

12. Exclusion of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting in accordance with section 7 and 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 on the grounds that the public conduct of this part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists.

Item	General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Particular interests protected (where applicable)
1	Status Report – Policy and Planning The report contains information regarding the future use of land; and an application to the Contaminated Sites Remediation Fund.	Section 48(1)(a) The public conduct of this matter would be likely to result in disclosure of information for which good reason exists under section 7	The withholding of the information is necessary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 7(2)(b) To protect information that may disclose a trade secret or the commercial position of a person • Section 7(2)(c) To protect information that is subject to an obligation of confidence • Section 7(2)(h) To carry out commercial activities • Section 7(2)(i) To carry out negotiations

Davy/Reese

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 11.48am and resumed in public session at 11.50am.

Whilst in the public excluded session the Council received the public excluded Status Report.

Resolved

THAT the public excluded Status Report – Policy and Planning (1034725) be received.

Reese/Davy

Carried

13. Re-admittance of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

Reese/Davy

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 11.50am.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date