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

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

On Wednesday 27 June 2012, commencing at 9.03am

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

In Attendance: Acting Chief Executive (R Johnson), Chief Financial Officer (N Harrison), Executive Manager Strategy and Planning (M Schruer), Acting Executive Manager Community Services (R Ball), Executive Manager Network Services (A Louverdis), Executive Manager Support Services (H Kettlewell), Executive Manager Kaihautū/Community Relations (G Mullen), Senior Accountant (T Hughes), Manager Policy and Planning (N McDonald), Project Manager Long Term Plan (C Blythe), Project Portfolio Manager (D Bartkowiak), Manager Community Relations (A Ricker), Principle Adviser Community (J Hawes), Principle Adviser Reserves and Community Facilities (A Petheram) and Administration Adviser (E-J Ryan)

Apologies: Were received and accepted from Councillor E Davy and Councillor J Rackley for lateness.

Opening Prayer

His Worship the Mayor gave the Opening Prayer.

1. Conflicts of Interest

His Worship the Mayor reminded Councillors to declare any conflicts of interest as they arose over the course of the meeting, and to sit back from the table where appropriate.

2. Hearing of Submission

David Brown and Sarah Burke, late submission L12 refers.

Mr Brown spoke to his submission and said he was involved with a development of sustainable housing units in Tahunanui.

He spoke about the importance of build quality and solar heating, with regards to improving Nelson's housing stock. He noted that currently there were a large number of poor quality 'sausage' flats in Tahunanui, the majority privately owned and on cross-leases, and he said incentives were required for developers to turn such properties into sustainable and thermal efficient properties.

Attendance: Councillor Barker joined the meeting at 9.11am.

3. Consideration of Submissions

His Worship the Mayor explained that the meeting would start by considering Capital Expenditure, and would then consider Operational Expenditure, before undertaking a final review of the draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

4. Introductory Information regarding Debt Levels

Chief Financial Officer, Ms Harrison, gave a power point presentation (1313686). She spoke about debt limits and noted that the draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022 set a limit of less than 150 percent debt, and that this would give the Council a strong possibility of achieving an AA credit rating should the Council be inclined in the future to apply for such a rating.

Attendance: Councillor Rackley joined the meeting at 9.20am.

Senior Accountant, Ms Hughes, then tabled a document (1319247) detailing minor amendments to the draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022 that had occurred since the draft was approved, based on updated projected costs or new information.

5. Nelson School of Music

His Worship the Mayor explained that there were two separate amounts within the draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022 to discuss, namely \$1.6 million for earthquake strengthening and \$0.6 million for urgent refurbishment work, and an amount of \$4 million budgeted for development work in 2019/20.

It was agreed that the issue of whether the Council should take over ownership of the Nelson School of Music buildings should be considered at the same time.

5.1 Earthquake Strengthening and Urgent Maintenance Work

There was a discussion regarding the budgeted amounts for earthquake strengthening and urgent maintenance/refurbishment work.

It was agreed that the amounts of \$1.6 million and \$0.6 million budgeted for in 2012/13 to 2014/15 of the draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022 for

earthquake strengthening and urgent refurbishment work should remain within the Long Term Plan.

5.2 Further Development Work

The meeting considered the budgeted amount of \$4 million for further development work in 2019/20.

It was agreed to let this issue lie on the table, and to re-visit the issue later in the day.

5.3 Governance Structure

Discussion also canvassed whether the Council should take over ownership of the Nelson School of Music buildings.

It was agreed the Council take ownership of the buildings and land of the Nelson School of Music, in agreement with the Nelson School of Music Board.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10.43am to 11.04am.

6. Theatre Royal

Chief Financial Officer, Ms Harrison, explained that the draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022 contemplated that the Theatre Royal buildings would be gifted to Council in 2012/13.

6.1 Council Ownership of Theatre Royal Assets

It was clarified that currently there was an outstanding loan made to the Theatre Royal by the Council of \$1.5 million, as well as an external bank loan of \$0.6 million, and that the proposal was for the Council to take over the assets plus the bank loan.

Following a discussion about Council ownership of the Theatre Royal assets, it was agreed the Council take ownership of the buildings and land of the Theatre Royal, in agreement with the Theatre Royal Trust Board.

6.2 Joint Governance Structure encompassing Theatre Royal and Nelson School of Music

There was a discussion about a joint governance structure to manage both facilities as outlined in the draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

It was agreed that staff should explore a single governance structure for both the Nelson School of Music and the Theatre Royal as a priority and following that, the possible addition of the Trafalgar Centre under that structure should be considered and reported on during 2012/13. It was also agreed that at a later stage the inclusion of other entities such as the Suter Gallery and arts festivals could also be considered for inclusion. Councillors noted that if the governance role of this entity did grow to

encompass a number of institutions the question of professional trustees would need to be looked at.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for lunch from 12.47pm to 1.21pm.

7. Nelson School of Music – Further Development

Councillors returned to the discussion of whether the provision of \$4 million for further development of the Nelson School of Music in 2019/20 should remain in the Long Term Plan.

It was agreed to confirm the \$4 million budget, as expressed for 2019/20 within the draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

8. Rutherford Park

Manager Policy and Planning, Ms McDonald, tabled a document (1237588) breaking down the separate portions of the overall Rutherford Park development that had been budgeted for in the draft Long Term Plan 2012-22.

8.1 Approval of the Rutherford Park Development Plan

Councillors discussed the staged projects of the Rutherford Park Development Plan. The Acting Chief Executive reminded Councillors that they should approve the Rutherford Park Development Plan prior to making any decisions on the funding to be budgeted for within the Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

It was agreed at this stage to leave approval of the Rutherford Park Development Plan to lie on the table until later in the meeting.

8.2 Maitai Walkway

There was a brief discussion regarding the Maitai Walkway from Queen Elizabeth Drive to Trafalgar Street. On a show of hands, Councillors reaffirmed their decision to proceed with the development of the Maitai Walkway.

9. Trafalgar Centre

Councillors discussed the proposed upgrade of the Northern End of the Trafalgar Centre.

It was agreed that the amounts budgeted for the Trafalgar Centre would remain within the draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

Attendance: Councillor Matheson left the meeting at 2.30pm

10. Extension of time

Resolved

THAT in accordance with Standing Orders paragraph 3.3.7 the meeting continue beyond six hours.

His Worship the Mayor/Copeland

Carried

11. Museum Storage

There was a discussion regarding the Museum Storage and Research Facility and Tasman District Council's future involvement in the Museum.

It was agreed that the Council should discuss with Tasman District Council its commitment to ongoing joint funding and governance of the Provincial Museum. The Acting Chief Executive reminded Councillors that, should the amount of funding for the Museum be required to significantly change as a result of any discussion with the Tasman Bays Heritage Trustees or Tasman District Council, further consultation would be required.

It was also agreed that Council support the development of a Museum Storage and Research Facility in 2014/15 and 2015/16 with an allocation of \$3.7 million to address the shortage of appropriate storage for items in the collection of the Provincial Museum and to improve facilities for staff and visitors at the Isel Park Research Facility, including improving access arrangements.

12. Bridge Street Upgrade

Councillors discussed the proposed \$250,000 provided for within the draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

It was agreed that the provision of \$250,000 for the Bridge Street Upgrade should remain as stated within the draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

Attendance: Councillor Copeland left the meeting at 3.30pm

13. Rocks Road 4-Metre Path

It was agreed that the proposed 4-metre shared path on Rocks Road be investigated, designed and built, pending funding being allocated by the New Zealand Transport Agency, with an allocation from the Council \$3.1 million budgeted in 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15

Attendance: The meeting adjourned at 3.35pm. His Worship the Mayor said the meeting would reconvene at 9.00am the following day.

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

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

On Thursday 28 June 2012, commencing at 9.00am

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

In Attendance: Acting Chief Executive (R Johnson), Acting Executive Manager Community Services (R Ball), Acting Executive Manager Regulatory (M Bishop), Chief Financial Officer (N Harrison), Executive Manager Support Services (H Kettlewell), Executive Manager Network Services (A Louverdis), Project Manager Long Term Plan (C Blythe), Senior Accountant (T Hughes), Principal Advisor City Development (D Jackson), Manager Parks and Facilities (P McArthur), Manager Policy and Planning (N McDonald), Principal Adviser Reserves and Community Facilities (A Petheram), Engineering Adviser (J Thiant), Administration Adviser (L Canton)

Apologies: Were received and accepted from Councillor E Davy, and from Councillor R Reese for lateness.

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the reconvened meeting.

14. The Suter Art Gallery

Attendance: Councillor Shaw declared a conflict of interest, and sat back from the table and did not participate in discussion for this item.

The Manager Policy and Planning, Nicky McDonald, joined the meeting. Councillors discussed the funding split for The Suter redevelopment project. Ms McDonald confirmed that the total project cost was \$12 million, of which the Council contribution was budgeted at \$6.9 million. She said The Suter would be responsible for funding of approximately \$5 million, part of which was a budgeted \$2 million contribution by central Government, which The Suter would be responsible for securing.

There was a discussion about whether the Council contribution should be reduced to \$6 million, and The Suter contribution increased to \$6 million.

Councillors expressed support for the proposed redevelopment of The Suter. In doing so, they also acknowledged that they had considered the

submissions in support of preserving the heritage oak trees, which would be required to be removed in the redevelopment.

It was also noted that Council funding of the redevelopment was planned for 2014/15 and 2015/16, and was conditional on The Suter providing its share of funding, including any contribution by central Government.

It was agreed on a show of hands that the Council fund a capped amount of \$6 million to the redevelopment of The Suter Art Gallery over 2014/15 and 2015/16. It was also agreed that the Council approve the proposed design with the footprint as presented, which required the removal of the heritage oak trees on The Suter Art Gallery land and did not require building in to Albion Square.

15. Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit Pipeline

It was noted that the Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit was a joint Committee with Tasman District Council and that project costs were split on a 50/50 basis. Councillors discussed the proposed new pipeline from Beach Road to Bell Island and a new Tasman pump station, for which Nelson City Council's share was budgeted in the draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022 as \$23 million over 2020/21 and 2021/22.

It was agreed that the Council contribution for the installation of a new pipeline from Beach Road to Bell Island and a new Tasman pump station be reduced from \$23.9 million to \$11.8 million (inflated) over 2019/20, 2020/21, and 2021/22.

16. North Nelson Waste Water Treatment Plan

Councillors discussed the issues caused by odour from the North Nelson Waste Water Treatment Plant. The Acting Chief Executive advised that Council could not knowingly decide not to fund work that was considered to be essential to ensure compliance with a condition of a resource consent.

It was agreed that the capital and operational expenditure amounts would remain as detailed in the draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

17. Weir

There was a discussion about the suggestion that the Council build a weir on the Maitai River. The majority view was that Council would be open to receiving a detailed proposal for a weir from interested parties.

18. Brook Sanctuary Fence

Attendance: Councillor Shaw declared a conflict of interest, sat back from the table and did not participate in the discussion on this item.

It was agreed that Council would contribute \$1 million in 2013/14 and 2014/15 to the Brook Waimarama Trust for the Brook Sanctuary Fence

subject to a satisfactory feasibility report being received by Council and on the Trust securing its share of the funding.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.34am, and reconvened at 10.50am.

19. Saxton Field Development

19.1 Velodrome

The Principal Adviser Reserves and Community Facilities, Andrew Petheram, joined the meeting. There was a discussion about the funding split for the proposed velodrome. Mr Petheram referred Councillors to page 79 of the Background Information – Draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022 document (1315388) which clarified the funding split to be approximately 60 percent from Nelson City Council and 40 percent from Tasman District Council.

It was agreed that it would be inappropriate to alter the funding split at this stage, and that the \$855,000 for the velodrome should remain in the Long Term Plan as presented in the draft.

19.2 Alliance Land Ground Development

It was suggested that this project be considered as one of the list to be negotiated with Tasman District Council.

20. Tennis

It was noted that \$218,000 had originally been budgeted for the resurfacing of eight tennis courts in Rutherford Park to enable better use of the eight existing courts, in lieu of the original plan to add four extra courts. Councillors discussed whether these funds should be reinstated.

It was agreed that \$218,000 be reinstated in the Long Term Plan in 2012/13 for improving the surface of eight tennis courts in Rutherford Park.

21. Riverside and Nayland Pools

Councillors discussed the proposed capital works to Riverside and Nayland pools and the management of the swimming pools.

It was agreed that a capital upgrade to address earthquake strengthening of the Riverside Pool frontage be scheduled for 2012/13 and 2013/14 with a budget of \$516,000 uninflated; and that the refurbishment and updating of Nayland Swimming Pool be scheduled for 2012/13 to 2016/17 with a budget of \$1,354 million; and that a working party of affected parties and Council be established to provide guidance regarding the development and management of Nayland Swimming Pool.

22. Montgomery Square

The proposed development of Montgomery Square in 2018/19 and 2019/20 was discussed.

A majority view was expressed that a lower cost option should be investigated, possibly utilising temporary decking, art and planting structures that could later be used elsewhere in the city.

Attendance: Councillor Ward left the meeting at 12.10pm.

It was agreed that the proposed development of Montgomery Square in 2018/19 and 2019/20 be removed from the Long Term Plan. It was also agreed that the budget for the Montgomery Square development be \$100,000 in 2012/13, with \$50,000 to implement a community engagement consultation programme to explore the future development of Montgomery Square and \$50,000 to test enhancement ideas for the Square.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.30pm and reconvened at 1.05pm, during which Councillor Ward rejoined the meeting.

23. Library upgrade

Ms McDonald explained that \$5.5 million was programmed for an extension to the Elma Turner Library, and \$2 million for an upgrade of Stoke library. She said that this was to accommodate the changing use of libraries, from borrowing only to more of a 'community living room'.

Councillors expressed support for the funding for library upgrades as proposed in the draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

24. Civic Centre

There was a discussion about the Council providing support for a new trust charged with investigating opportunities for a civic facility.

It was agreed that \$20,000 per year in 2013/14 and 2014/15, to a total of \$40,000, be provided to an appropriate trust to explore the opportunities for a civic facility.

Attendance: Councillor Reese joined the meeting at 1.30pm.

25. Strategic Building Purchase

There a discussion about the proposed purchase of buildings on Haven Road for strategic purposes and whether a plan change for the area would be appropriate.

Attendance: Councillor Matheson left the meeting at 2.28pm.

It was agreed that Council proceed with the strategic building purchases in 2012/13 with a budget of \$2.4 million over 2012/13 and 2013/14.

26. Land Purchase General Reserve (Neighbourhood Parks)

Mr Petheram advised that all parks were largely funded through reserve contributions. Councillors expressed agreement with the figures as budgeted in the draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

27. Marina Hardstand

Councillors discussed the submissions requesting that the development of a marina hardstand be brought forward. It was agreed that Council proceed with the marina hardstand development in 2012/13.

28. Nelson Development Strategy

There was a brief discussion about the use of Council land in the marina and at Akersten Street, and funding for the Nelson Development Strategy over the years 2012/13 to 2016/17.

It was agreed that the use of Council land in the marina and Akersten Street be included in the Nelson Development Strategy, and that the Nelson Development Strategy commences in 2012/13 with a reduction in budget from \$500,000 to \$250,000.

29. Extension of Time

Resolved

THAT in accordance with Standing Orders paragraph 3.3.7 the meeting continue beyond six hours.

His Worship the Mayor/Boswijk

Carried

30. Artificial Turf

There was a discussion about funding an artificial turf. A majority view was expressed that this should not be funded in the Long Term Plan, but rather should be one of a number of potential projects to be discussed with Tasman District Council.

31. Greenmeadows Rugby Facility

Councillors discussed funding for the proposed upgrade to the facilities at Greenmeadows, to include changing rooms for men and women, and a social room.

It was agreed that the Council, together with the Stoke Rugby Club, explore a plan to commence development of its proposed changing rooms and community facilities to be built by Stoke Rugby Club and

owned by the Council and leased back to Stoke Rugby Club, and that no Council funding be allocated to the project.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned at 3.38pm. His Worship the Mayor said the meeting would reconvene at 9.00am the following day.

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

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

On Friday 29 June 2012, commencing at 9.00am

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

In Attendance: Acting Chief Executive (R Johnson), Acting Executive Manager Community Services (R Ball), Acting Executive Manager Regulatory (M Bishop), Chief Financial Officer (N Harrison), Executive Manager Support Services (H Kettlewell), Executive Manager Network Services (A Louverdis), Project Manager Long Term Plan (C Blythe), Senior Accountant (T Hughes), Principal Advisor City Development (D Jackson), Principal Adviser Transport and Roading (A James), Manager Parks and Facilities (P McArthur), Manager Policy and Planning (N McDonald), Principal Adviser Reserves and Community Facilities (A Petheram), Principal Adviser Utilities (P Ruffell), Administration Adviser (L Canton)

Apologies: Were received and accepted from M Ward for lateness, and from Councillor E Davy

His Worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the reconvened meeting.

32. Fluoridation

Councillors briefly discussed fluoridation of the water supply during which there was general agreement that no action be taken.

33. Stormwater and Flood Protection

Councillors discussed the range of submissions made regarding stormwater issues and noted that these issues were of considerable concern to the community.

33.1 Little Go Stream

It was agreed that stormwater works for Little Go Stream be brought forward from years 2015/16 to 2017/18, to years 2013/14 to 2015/16 with a budget of \$880,000 uninflated.

33.2 Northesk Street

It was noted that staff would investigate the situation in Northesk Street to identify a solution in consultation with residents, and that a report to Council would identify any requirement for additional funds.

33.3 Hill-side Stormwater

It was noted that a report would come to the Council outlining proposed solutions for addressing hill-side stormwater run-off.

33.4 Water Bylaw – Water Leaks

Councillors discussed the equity of the Water Credit Policy. It was agreed that Council undertake a review of the Water Credit Policy and that staff report to Council on a timetable and workflow implications for this review.

34. Lee Valley Dam

It was noted that the Lee Valley Dam proposal needed to be fully developed before the Council could make any further decisions regarding the dam. Councillors agreed that the Council should continue to work with the Waimea Water Augmentation Committee and the Tasman District Council to develop the Lee Valley Dam proposal.

35. Railway Link

Councillors discussed the requirement for a plan change to allow the Nelson Railway Society to extend its railway line from Sovereign Street, across Trafalgar Street to Hathaway Car Park in Trafalgar Park. The Acting Chief Executive suggested that a possible plan change was not part of any foreseeable work programme.

36. Modellers Pond

Mr McArthur advised that funding was required to keep the pond clean and that sealing the pond would assist with this. Councillors expressed agreement with the figures as budgeted in the draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

37. Treaty/te Tiriti obligations

Councillors expressed agreement with the suggestion that staff include wording in the Long Term Plan that reflected the Local Government Act requirements with regard to Treaty/te Tiriti obligations.

38. Marsden Road Roundabout

It was agreed that \$65,000 be allocated in 2017/18 to undertake the study of The Ridgeway intersection with Marsden Valley Road and that Council staff continue to monitor traffic flows and the safety of the intersection.

39. Earthquake Prone Buildings - Process

There was a discussion about Council's process for identifying earthquake prone buildings. The Acting Chief Executive explained that the process for evaluating buildings involved an initial desktop evaluation by Council staff to identify whether they were potentially earthquake prone. He said this was notified to building owners who were then responsible for undertaking a detailed assessment through the Council's Earthquake Prone Building Policy administered by the Building Unit.

The Acting Chief Executive added that, following a detailed assessment, building owners had four options: to undertake a strengthening programme, to demolish the building, to undertake due diligence and provide notice of risk on the building, or to close the building.

Councillor Reese, seconded by the Mayor, moved a motion that Council-owned buildings identified as category D and E following detailed assessments, be closed. The Acting Chief Executive clarified that this categorisation indicated a resistance to earthquake of less than 33 percent of the New Building Standard.

Resolved

THAT in accordance with Standing Order 3.12.1(c) the motion under debate be now put.

Matheson/His Worship the Mayor

Carried

Resolved

THAT Council close the buildings it owns that are identified, following detailed assessments, as Category E and D under earthquake prone standards.

Reese/His Worship the Mayor

Carried

A division was called:

Councillor Barker	Aye
Councillor Boswijk	Aye
Councillor Collingwood	Aye
Councillor Copeland	No

Councillor Davy	Apology
Councillor Fulton	Aye
Councillor Matheson	Aye
Councillor Rackley	Abstained
Councillor Rainey	No
Councillor Reese	Aye
Councillor Shaw	Aye
Councillor Ward	Abstained
His Worship the Mayor	Aye

His Worship the Mayor declared that the resolution had been **carried** 8 votes to 2.

It was also agreed that the \$60,000 allocated in 2012/13 for initial earthquake prone inspections of Council building be increased to \$200,000 to accelerate the Council building assessment programme.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 11.13am and reconvened at 11.27am, during which time Councillor Reese left the meeting

40. Cricket Indoor Facility

Councillors discussed the proposal from the Nelson Cricket Club to build an indoor cricket facility at Saxton Field.

It was agreed in principle that the Nelson Cricket Club be given permission to develop an indoor facility at Saxton Field subject to the design, specifications and other project parameters meeting Council requirements, and the construction being at no cost to the Council.

41. Wood Burners

There was a discussion about the possibility of amending the Air Quality Plan policies as suggested in submissions relating to ultra low emission wood burners. There was a majority view expressed that there should be no change to current policy.

42. Solar Saver

The majority of Councillors agreed that it was important for the Council to show leadership in solar initiatives, and that an investigation should be carried out on a Council-owned building.

It was agreed that the Council continue to remit building consent fees for solar installations on residential property in Nelson City, and that the Council retain \$60,000 in 2012/13 for a photo-voltaic installation on a Council building.

It was also agreed that the Council undertake a study on options for maintaining leadership on solar electricity generation in consultation with interested community parties.

43. Fairfield House & Reserve

There was a discussion about the ways in which the Council could support Fairfield House and Reserve. Councillors agreed that it was desirable to support the facility but noted the limited funds available.

It was agreed that the Council provide an annual contribution of \$10,000 to the Friends of Old Fairfield towards the maintenance and operation of Fairfield House for the benefit of the community, and that the Council maintain the current main track on Fairfield Reserve but with no additional budget allocated from the Council.

44. BMX Track

In discussing submissions regarding the BMX track at the Tahunanui Reserve, Councillors expressed support for the Council facilitating the development of the track, but did not support committing funds to the project.

It was agreed that a joint working programme be agreed with the Nelson BMX Club to develop the BMX track at the Tahunanui Reserve with no funds committed to the project by the Council.

45. Commercial Rating Review

Councillors considered whether a commercial rating review should be carried out.

It was agreed that the Council would not undertake a full rating review during the term of the current Council and would recommend that a full review take place early in the next Council term.

46. Commercial Tenants – Uniform Annual General Charges

There was a brief discussion about the submissions that referred to anomalies in the application of uniform annual general charges for commercial tenants.

The majority view was that there was no requirement to change the current policy, and that anomalies should be addressed by staff within the policy.

It was agreed that Council staff continue to consider issues raised by submitters regarding rating anomalies.

47. Development Contributions Policy

In a brief discussion about the Development Contributions Policy it was agreed that the Policy be reviewed outside of the Long Term Plan process to take account of submissions on the Policy.

48. Shared Services/Individual Holding Company

There was a brief discussion about whether shared services should be managed by an individual holding company. The majority view was that this idea should be considered as part of the list of items to be negotiated with Tasman District Council.

It was agreed that further discussion take place with Tasman District Council to discuss shared services; a shared holding company; the governance, funding and development of Saxton Field; arts and events facilities including Trafalgar Park, the Trafalgar Centre, The Suter Art Gallery, the Nelson School of Music, the Theatre Royal; and artificial turf pitches.

49. Depreciation of Theatre Royal and Nelson School of Music

Councillors discussed the funding of depreciation of the Theatre Royal and the Nelson School of Music. It was agreed that staff should investigate a standard approach regarding depreciation and which assets should be depreciated.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.34pm and reconvened at 1.05pm, during which time Councillor Reese re-joined the meeting.

50. Local Government Funding Agency

It was agreed that the Council becomes a Guaranteeing Local Authority in the Local Government Funding Agency.

51. Operational Expenditure Savings and Projections

51.1 Weathertight Homes Resolution Service Budget

It was agreed that the Weathertight Homes Resolution Service operating expenditure budget be reduced from \$100,000 per year to \$50,000 per year.

51.2 Emergency Fund

There was general agreement that no change be made to the Emergency Fund provision.

52. Regional Land Transport Programme 2012/13 to 2014/15

A revised draft of the Regional Land Transport Programme was tabled (1103349).

Moved

THAT Council approve the Regional Land Transport Programme 2012/13 to 2014/15 (1103349)

Barker/Copeland

Carried

53. General Development Saxton Field

Councillors discussed the \$300,000 per year allocated for general development at Saxton Field, and the suggestion that this be reduced.

It was agreed that the Saxton Field General Development budget be set at \$150,000 per year (uninflated) to deliver on the identified projects (document number 1342537) for the next three years and that a mechanism be established to enable donations to be made to Saxton Field projects.

54. Rutherford and Trafalgar Parks Development Plan

Councillors considered the draft Rutherford and Trafalgar Parks Development Plan. Ms McDonald tabled a summary of submissions on this item (1319876). Councillors were reminded that they were required to adopt the draft Development Plan, and that they had already agreed that the Long Term Plan should include funding to complete the Trafalgar Centre upgrade and to start the Maitai Walkway, projects which were both related to the overall future development of Rutherford Park.

Councillors discussed whether to adopt the draft Development Plan during this meeting or to delay adoption to a subsequent Council meeting, and whether any projects within the draft Development Plan should remain within the Long Term Plan.

It was agreed that the draft Rutherford and Trafalgar Parks Development Plan be considered in light of issues raised through submissions to the draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022 and brought back to Council for approval.

It was also agreed that a further \$500,000 be allocated in 2015/16 and 2016/17 to the Development Plan for improvements to access ways and to the quality of the approach to the Trafalgar Centre for visitors.

Attendance: Councillor Matheson left the meeting at 2.30pm.

55. Remaining Submissions

Ms McDonald tabled a document (1342538) summarising staff comments on remaining submissions.

Attendance: Councillor Collingwood declared a conflict in relation to submissions numbered 769 and 810 regarding dog control and Councillor Boswijk declared a conflict in relation to submission 818 regarding the Events Fund.

Councillors considered and agreed with staff comments for the listed submissions, with the following exceptions and additional comments.

55.1 Submission 257 – Summer Internships

The Acting Chief Executive was asked to consider, over the coming year, the practical implications of offering summer internships.

55.2 Submission 291 – Business Incubator

It was agreed that the business incubator strategy should be completed before funding could be considered.

55.3 Submission 476 – Business Cluster Initiatives

It was suggested that this submitter be directed to the Nelson Regional Economic Development Agency.

55.4 Submission 508 – Integrated Management of Tasman Bay

It was agreed that \$20,000 be allocated in 2013/14 to investigate the integrated management of Tasman Bay together with interested parties.

55.5 Submission 760 – Bank Lane Canopy

Councillors agreed that the Council would not contribute to the cost of replacing the Bank Lane canopy.

55.6 Submission 697 – Sport Tasman Rent Review and Request for Contribution

Councillors expressed the view that they preferred Sport Tasman to apply for funding on a project by project basis.

Attendance: Councillors Fulton and Rackley left the meeting at 2.50pm.

55.7 Submission 257 – Lights in Trees

It was agreed that the Nelson Youth Council be encouraged to raise funds for lighting in the central business district trees.

55.8 Submission 769 – Walking-only Tracks

It was noted that the Council's approach was to promote collective community responsibility regarding shared paths and it would keep communicating this message through Live Nelson in an effort to reinforce positive behaviour and reward well-behaved cyclists.

55.9 Submission 552 – Cycle Trail Link

It was agreed that the Council supports in principle the proposal to connect Parkers Cove and the Golf Club cycle way but no budget be provided.

56. Extension of Time

Resolved

THAT in accordance with Standing Orders paragraph 3.3.7 the meeting continue beyond six hours.

His Worship the Mayor/Collingwood

Carried

56.1 Submissions 552 and 720 – Back Beach Erosion Protection

It was agreed that \$20,000 be allocated each year in 2013/14, 2015/16, 2017/18, and 2019/20 for the monitoring and modelling of the erosion at Tahunanui Back Beach.

56.2 Submission 552 – Tahunanui Beach Holiday Park Erosion Control Work

Councillors requested that a staff report be provided to a future Council meeting for a decision on whether the identified erosion control work should be agreed to.

56.3 Submission 680 – Consents for Anglican Diocese Visitors Centre

Councillors expressed support in principle for an Anglican Diocese Visitors Centre project on Church Hill, and suggested that the Council's fundraising staff advise the Anglican Dioceses of any appropriate potential funding sources.

56.4 Submission 585 – Free Resident Parking

It was noted that the submitter would be referred to the process for resident parking permits.

56.5 Submission 741 – Speed Limit outside Rutherford Street Kindergarten

It was noted that a variable speed limit outside Rutherford Street Kindergarten was not warranted as this was an arterial road, and the times of greatest use of the pedestrian crossing did not justify it.

56.6 Submission 127 – Public Swimming Pool and Bus Service for Hira

It was suggested that some form of community engagement be undertaken with regard to a bus service and a public swimming pool for Hira and The Glen.

56.7 Submission 72 – Alfred Street and Selwyn Place

It was noted that there was insufficient budget for a footpath on Alfred Street and for trees along the Bolt Road and Cherry Street footpath, and that the possibility of a right turning green arrow at the intersection of Rutherford Street and Selwyn Place would be investigated.

57. Future Operating Expenditure Reduction

Councillors discussed the possibility of reducing future operating expenditure and there was a majority view that this should be investigated outside of the Long Term Plan process.

58. Hectors and Maui Dolphins

There was majority agreement with the Acting Chief Executive's advice that this was not a local government issue, but rather an issue for the Ministry of Primary Industries to address through regulation.

59. Smoothing Loan

Ms Harrison advised that the changes Councillors had agreed to make to the draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022 had resulted in a reduction in debt of approximately \$23 million, and a 4.88% reduction on the proposed rates figure in the first three years.

The majority of Councillors expressed agreement that the smoothing loan should be removed.

Resolved

THAT the smoothing loan be removed from the draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022 as discussed.

His Worship the Mayor/Rainey

Carried

60. Approval of the Long Term Plan 2012-2022

Resolved

THAT having heard and considered all submissions to the draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022, the Council approves the Long Term Plan 2012-2022 and estimates as amended by decisions made at the 27-29 June 2012 meeting and be sent to Audit New Zealand for review in accordance with section 74 of the Local Government Act 2002.

His Worship the Mayor/Rainey

Carried

Councillor Barker requested that his vote against the motion be recorded.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 4.10pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date