
Minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council – Chief Executive Quarterly Report

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

On Wednesday 6 June 2012, commencing at 9.04am

Present: His Worship the Mayor A Miccio, Councillors I Barker, A Boswijk (Deputy Mayor), G Collingwood, R Copeland, E Davy, 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), Acting Executive Manager Regulatory (M Bishop), Acting Executive Manager Community Services (R Ball), Executive Manager Network Services (A Louverdis), Chief Financial Officer (N Harrison), Administration Adviser (A Rose)

Apologies: Were received and accepted from Councillors K Fulton, P Matheson and, for lateness, D Shaw

Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was given by Councillor Davy.

1. Conflicts of Interest

There were no updates to the conflicts of interest register identified. With regards to conflicts of interest in the agenda, Councillor Collingwood identified she had a conflict of interest with paragraphs 5.9, 5.10 and 5.11 in the Chief Executive Quarterly Report which concerned the Dog Control Bylaw and Councillor Rainey said he had a conflict of interest with paragraph 5.15 in the Chief Executive Quarterly Report which concerned the Gambling Policy Review.

2. Chief Executive Quarterly Report – June 2012

Document number 1268969, agenda pages 1-27 refer.

The Acting Chief Executive presented the report and explained that it was a report of Council activities up to the end of March 2012.

Key Focus Areas

2.1 Long Term Plan

The Acting Chief Executive advised that a letter had been received from Audit New Zealand advising the time frames and costs for the audit of Council's Long Term Plan, together with areas that Audit New Zealand would be focussing on within the plan.

The Acting Chief Executive also advised that there will be no workshop on Project Balance until after Council had heard the submissions on the proposed Long Term Plan.

The Councillors then went through the report page by page.

Attendance: Councillor Shaw arrived at the meeting at 9.29am.

Legal Performance

2.2 Statutory Compliance

It was pointed out that since July 2011 Council had had no Resource Management Act 1991 Section 357 objections or appeals on any matters and this was an excellent result for the Regulatory team of Council.

2.3 Nelson Resource Management Plan Changes

It was pointed out that it had been some time since the Working Group Developing Plan Change 27 - Section 6(c) Significant Natural Areas had met and it would be worthwhile to brief the new policy holders on this issue as well as the required change to the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement to remove 'restricted coastal activities' from the Nelson Resource Management Plan.

2.4 Proposed Plan Change 16 - Inner City Noise

In answer to a question Principal Adviser Resource Management Planning, Matt Heale advised that a report would be brought to Council regarding this Plan Change.

Financial Performance – Marina

2.5 In answer to a question the Chief Financial Officer advised that there was only \$10,000 outstanding rents owed over 3 months for Marina berths.

Resolved

THAT the Chief Executive Quarterly Report – June 2012 (1268969) be received.

His Worship the Mayor/Boswijk

Carried

Resolved

THAT the schedule of sealed documents (1278759) be received.

His Worship the Mayor/Copeland

Carried

3. Exclusion of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

| 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 | Chief Executive Quarterly Report – June 2012;- Nelson Wastewater Treatment Plant – Legal Issues Lewis Stanton (also known as Hone ma Heke) – Legal issues relating to occupation of footpath December Flood Event – Legal issues Requests for Information | 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)(a) To protect the privacy of natural persons • Section 7(2)(c) To protect information that is subject to an obligation of confidence • Section 7(2)(g) To maintain legal professional privilege |

His Worship the Mayor/Copeland

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 9.56am and resumed in public session at 10.50am.

4. Re-admittance of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor/Davy

Carried

5. National Awards for Nelson's Air Quality

Councillor Shaw reported on the Council having won two Green Ribbon awards in the categories air quality and public sector leadership at the ceremony in Wellington last night. He said he had attended the ceremony and had received the awards on behalf of Council. He gave the background to previous Councils' work that had led to the winning of these two awards saying that the City should be rightly proud to be recognised in this way.

Councillor Davy and Councillor Reese both spoke on the achievement recognising the Council leadership, innovation and staff expertise in achieving better air quality outcomes for Nelson.

Councillor Shaw suggested that the awards should be marked by a celebration for the staff involved.

6. Council Infrastructure Meeting 7 June 2012

It was noted that because of the size of the agenda the Council meeting set down for the following day, 7 June 2012, would continue after lunch and the Mayor confirmed that there would be a quorum available to enable this to happen.

7. Future Need for Council Meeting Chief Executive Quarterly Report

The Acting Chief Executive said he had received comments from Councillors regarding the necessity to continue to have a Council meeting to receive a Chief Executive Quarterly Report. He said it was essentially a meeting that looked backwards over Council's past process and it was a meeting at which no decisions were made. He said the report involved a lot of staff time and he had reviewed the situation and he believed that any necessary reporting could be done as follows:-

- The Key Performance Indicators reports could go quarterly direct to the Remuneration Committee.
- The Major Projects Programme was already being reported to the appropriate regular six weekly Council meetings.
- The Regulatory Performance could be reported quarterly to the Governance meetings.

- The Legal Proceedings and Consents Issues could appropriately be reported quarterly to the Audit Risk and Finance Committee.
- The Documents Sealed could be received at the Council's Governance meeting.
- Reporting on successes, or project highlights could form the basis for a monthly informal report from Chief Executive to Councillors.

Councillors agreed with the approach that had been suggested by the Acting Chief Executive.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 11.02am.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date