
Minutes of a meeting of the Framing Our Future Committee – to Hear Submissions to the draft Nelson 2060 Strategy

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

On Tuesday 9 April 2013, commencing at 9.02am

Present: Councillor D Shaw (Chairperson), His Worship the Mayor A Miccio, Councillors I Barker, G Collingwood, R Copeland, K Fulton, P Matheson, P Rainey, R Reese, and M Ward

In Attendance: The Chief Executive (C Hadley), Executive Manager Strategy and Planning (M Schruer), Executive Manager Community Relations/Kaihautuu (G Mullen), Manager Administration (P Langley), Manager Strategic Response (C Ward), Policy Adviser (S Yarrow), and Administration Adviser (L Laird)

Apologies: Councillors A Boswijk and E Davy

1. Apologies

Resolved

THAT apologies be received and accepted from Councillors Boswijk and Davy.

Collingwood/Matheson

Carried

2. Interests

Councillor Collingwood declared an association with the National Council of Women of New Zealand and Councillor Reese mentioned she was the Chair of the Nelson Biodiversity Forum. It was agreed that these did not constitute a conflict of interest with the discussions at this meeting.

3. Confirmation of Order of Business

The Chairperson, Councillor Shaw, reminded the meeting that additional submissions (1486100) had been received and would be heard at the meeting.

Resolved

THAT Council accept the additional submissions to the Draft Nelson 2060 Strategy.

Shaw/Rainey

Carried

4. Introduction

Attendance: Councillor Fulton joined the meeting at 9.05am

The Chairperson said that the scope of the meeting was to hear submissions and Councillors should not deliberate on the information provided.

5. Hearing of Submissions to the draft Nelson 2060 Strategy

5.1 Nelson Youth Council, submission 61

Nine members of the Youth Council spoke to the submission. They emphasised recycling and a more regular bus service on weekends, and encouraged the Committee to promote cycling as a means of transport to reduce the number of cars on the road.

5.2 Mary Ellen O'Connor, submission 44

Ms O'Connor spoke about the corporate nature of the governance model of local government and encouraged the Committee to make sure this top down corporate model was not encapsulated in the Nelson 2060 Strategy.

The submitter encouraged the Committee to work in a collaborative and efficient manner whilst drafting the Strategy.

5.3 Brendan Santorini, submission 47

Mr Santorini spoke about the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA) and encouraged the Committee to take a similar approach to that of Auckland City Council. The submitter asked the Committee to foster a legacy of conserving public money and to improve the safety on roads for users other than cars.

5.4 Christine Grove, submission 65

In response to a question, the Chairperson informed the submitter that the next stage (the development plan) will work out how the goals in the draft Nelson 2060 Strategy will be achieved.

Ms Grove mentioned her support for a Council position against the TPPA. She also asked that the Committee consider the safety of cyclists when designing roads and to encourage more people to use bicycles as a means of transport.

5.5 Steve Cross, submission 67

Mr Cross questioned the Council's ability to be self-sufficient in renewable energy. He also questioned the ability of the Council to enable the community to produce more of its own food. Mr Cross said he perceived this as a means to introduce further restrictions to planning regulations.

5.6 Kay Hunter, submission 118

Ms Hunter expressed her approval of the vision and said she recognised it as a simple expression of what we want Nelson to become. Ms Hunter said she represented the University of the 3rd Age and would speak to their submission.

She spoke about education for elderly people and said they require opportunities to learn new activities to keep them engaged in the community.

5.7 Janet Whittington, submission 88

Ms Whittington spoke to the submission from the Stoke Sunday Market and tabled a document with additional information (1490658). She encouraged the Committee to consider world issues whilst formulating the draft Nelson 2060 Strategy. She also asked the Committee to acknowledge potential risks to local producers should the TPPA be ratified.

5.8 Helen Black, submission 91

Ms Black spoke about the vision and the importance of democracy. In relation to the Strategy she said the lack of heating and cleanliness of facilities in some public infrastructure was of a poor standard.

She asked the Committee to consider creating more medium grade scenic walking tracks as most were flat or too steep. She encouraged the Committee to foster healthier waterways and create more places to exercise with dogs and promote responsible dog ownership.

Ms Black said that many partnerships and business deals were conducted ‘behind closed doors’ and urged the Committee to discourage this. She also asked that the Council improve their service by not using leading and unclear questions when talking with the community.

Attendance: the meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10.07am to 10.20am

5.9 Sharyn Black, submission 10

The submitter said the references to the empowerment of people and transparent democratic processes should be brought to the front of the document and that references to leadership should be removed.

In response to questions, Ms Black said the section on representation should appear at the start of the draft Strategy and that it was not realistic about lifestyle. Ms Black reminded the Committee of the poorer sector of the community that need to be brought along with this Strategy as they would struggle to achieve this lifestyle.

When asked for ideas as to achieve good representation, the submitter said the Committee should consider telephone polling and surveying with

a broad base of interviewees. Ms Black emphasised collaboration with the community through either public or private partnerships.

5.10 Jacqueline Gibson, submission 156

The submitter commented on goal 3 of the draft Strategy and said that it missed the need to protect coastal waterways from oil exploration. She added that to achieve goal 5 will require a change in culture.

Further to her submission, Ms Gibson said the TPPA must be opposed and would make it impossible to achieve the vision in the draft Strategy.

5.11 Graeme O'Brien, submission 56

Mr O'Brien said the Council needed to take the proposed TPPA seriously and take action similar to that of Auckland City Council. Mr O'Brien spoke in depth about the implications for Nelson and New Zealand of the TPPA and provided detail about the agreement.

5.12 Lindsay Hunter, submission 120

Mr Hunter said he spoke on behalf of the submission from SeniorNet and provided a detailed summary of the role and function of SeniorNet. Mr Hunter emphasised that it was difficult for elderly people to keep up with technology. He said the Committee needed to ensure community engagement stretched to include this demographic, in a way that enabled them to participate.

5.13 Carl Horn, submission 206

Mr Horn spoke in support of the draft Strategy and positively commented on the 'unconstrained' vision. He added that the goals provided a standard against which decisions could be made and that they had been formulated with regard to human nature and the global environment.

Mr Horn said the key terms like 'socially balanced' should be better defined and that references to the Treaty of Waitangi should provide guidance as to how it should be applied.

Mr Horn discouraged the Committee from using the term 'unique' as the document should encourage the sharing of good ideas and practises. In response to questions, Mr Horn said the document had a sound understanding of the ecological basis of the Nelson region.

5.14 Debs Martin, submission 190

Ms Martin spoke about the significance of the natural environment to the region and encouraged the Committee to ensure it was as well represented within the document as possible. Ms Martin said the draft Strategy should be expanded with an additional goal to better incorporate the many biodiversity aspects of the Nelson region.

5.15 Gwendolyn Bray, submission 79

Ms Bray spoke about the TPPA and said if it was ratified it would limit the ability for Nelson to have its own future. Ms Bray said the Council should ban trawling and dredging in the area of the Haven within the Nelson precinct.

The submitter questioned the need for leadership as illustrated in goal 1 and said the Council should instead consider facilitators and encourage individual responsibility in its place.

5.16 Roger Bray, submission 81

Mr Bray encouraged the Council to adopt a similar stance to the TPPA as Auckland City Council.

5.17 Gwendolyn Bray for Helmut Janssen, submission 100

Ms Bray tabled (1490661) and presented to a submission on behalf of Helmut Janssen.

5.18 Zachary Domike, submission 198

The submitter suggested the Council consider a ‘time bank’ or complementary currency system to assist in times of economic hardship. He encouraged the Council to look at the Lyttleton system as an example.

Mr Domike also spoke against the TPPA.

5.19 Debs Martin & Bradley Myers, submission 215

Ms Martin and Mr Myers presented the submission from the Nelson Biodiversity Forum. The submitters emphasised the importance of the natural environment to the region and the significance the unique landscape has for residents.

Mr Myers said the draft Strategy was a sound approach to a future vision but the framework has some gaps, relating particularly to the natural environment as outlined in their written submission.

Ms Martin spoke about landscapes like the Boulder Bank, estuary, beach, Rocks Road, Haven, City backdrop, mineral belt and the Maitai River (further outlined in the written submission) and encouraged the Council to make sure the draft Strategy established a framework for how these features will be preserved. She urged the Committee to add another goal to the document to this effect.

In response to a question the submitters said, in their opinion, these landscapes require incorporation in the highest level of policy possible, hence it would be appropriate in the draft Strategy.

6. Conclusion

It was agreed that the submissions regarding the TPPA should be forwarded to the 23 April 2013 Council – Governance and Policy and Planning meeting for discussion. It was further agreed that after the discussion at this meeting, and the subsequent discussion on 23 April, the 16 May meeting to hear public concerns about the TPPA would not be required.

Attendance: Councillor Rainey and His Worship the Mayor left the meeting at 12.10pm

Resolved

THAT the Nelson City Council sends it condolences to the British High Commission on the recent passing of the Baroness Margaret Thatcher.

Barker/Collingwood

Carried

The Policy Adviser, Sarah Yarrow, advised that the Committee would deliberate on submissions at the 30 April 2013 Framing Our Future Committee meeting. She said a summary of submissions would be presented at this meeting highlighting where changes have been requested by submitters. She said the Committee would be presented with staff comment and recommendations at this meeting.

It was noted that the status of the draft Strategy would be discussed at a future Committee meeting.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 12.29pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date