
Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the Nelson City Council for the 2013-2016 Triennium

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

On Tuesday 29 October 2013, commencing at 4.31pm

Present: Her Worship the Mayor (R Reese), Councillors L Acland, I Barker, R Copeland, E Davy, K Fulton, M Lawrey, B McGurk, P Matheson, G Noonan, P Rainey, T Skinner and M Ward

In Attendance: Chief Executive (C Hadley), Group Manager Infrastructure (A Louverdis), Group Manager Support Services/Acting Group Manager Community Services (H Kettlewell), Acting Group Manager Strategy and Environment (N McDonald), Chief Financial Officer (N Harrison), Kaihautū (G Mullen), Manager Communications (A Ricker), Manager Administration (P Langley), and Administration Adviser (E-J Ruthven)

Chief Executive, Clare Hadley, opened the meeting.

Opening Prayer/Karakia/Waiata

Archdeacon Harvey Whakaruru gave a karakia, which was followed by a waiata.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Statutory Declarations

Document number 1617892, agenda page 5 refers.

The Chief Executive took Her Worship the Mayor's declaration, and placed the Mayoral Chains on Her Worship the Mayor.

Her Worship the Mayor took the declaration of all other councillors.

Her Worship the Mayor then assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

3. Confirmation of Order of Business

Her Worship the Mayor explained that there were two late items to be taken at the meeting, and that a procedural resolution was required before Council could deal with these items.

Resolved

THAT the item regarding Adoption of the Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2013 Mayor's Report be considered at this meeting as a major item not on the agenda, pursuant to Section 46A(7)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, to enable the Annual Report to be adopted within statutory timeframes;

AND THAT the item regarding Mayor's Report be considered at this meeting as a major item not on the agenda, pursuant to Section 46A(7)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, to enable Council to establish its governance structure in a timely manner.

Davy/Rainey

Carried

4. Mayor's Report

Document number 1611086 v3, late item 2 refers.

Her Worship the Mayor gave an inaugural speech:

E te tini, e te mano, tena koutou katoa.

To the many gathered here, greetings. I welcome you all to the Inaugural Meeting of this term of Council.

It is an honour and a privilege to be elected as Mayor of Nelson. I thank the people of Nelson for allowing me the opportunity to serve in this role. I recognise the challenges that are before me and I welcome them.

I acknowledge the other people who sit with me at this table – your City Councillors. I am supported by Councillors who have engaged in this new term of Council with energy, enthusiastic and a high degree of collegiality. Each and every person will make a valuable contribution to the leadership of this city over the coming three years.

To those who have joined us for this Council meeting, I value your presence.

I acknowledge the Kaumatua and Kuia of the iwi of Te Tau Ihu o te Waka a Maui who have joined us, especially Archdeacon Harvey Whakaruru who sits with me on this occasion.

I acknowledge the Dean of Christchurch Cathedral, The Reverant Nick Kirk. The Cathedral holds a significant place in our civic lives. We are a city by virtue of our Cathedral and our Bishop. As a Council we must not lose sight of that link and the importance of Christchurch Cathedral on Piki Mai.

I acknowledge the Honourable Dr Nick Smith Member of Parliament for Nelson, and his parliamentary colleagues.

I acknowledge Clare Hadley the Chief Executive of Nelson City Council who sits to my left. Council is a partnership between elected representatives and local government servants. Mrs Hadley leads a team committed to making Nelson a better place.

To our Council family – the companies and trusts that represent the breath of council activity - welcome. Council has a long reach throughout our community and your endeavours are important and valued.

To other community leaders who have joined us today, thank you for sharing in this celebration. My intention over the coming years is that we build on and strengthen Council's connection with the community and you are all leaders who can help achieve that objective.

And to my family and friends, and to the family and friends of every Councillor, you have supported us through our journey in local government and the election period. That is not an easy task. Elections come with risk. But today you can relax and enjoy – this is a day to be proud and to share in achievement.

I believe in the value of Local Government. Local Government New Zealand's Vision Statement is, "Local democracy powering community and national success." That message resonates with me. I also believe in the strength of partnership.

Over the Labour Day holiday weekend we have seen what success and partnership look like for Nelson. On Friday night we saw the mighty Tasman Makos power to championship success under lights at our Trafalgar Park on one of the best playing surfaces in the country. On Sunday

we celebrated the generous partnership contribution of \$2.3M from the Minister for the Arts, Culture and Heritage to The Suter Redevelopment - community, local and central government coming together to secure a flagship project for Arts and Heritage. On Monday we watched an economic success that builds on the foresight and tenacity of Port Nelson Limited as the Raroa entered The Cut set to deliver significant economic gains to our regional businesses.

We are in good heart and we are learning what success looks like.

Turning to the work at hand for us as a Council, there will be difficult decisions to make. Nelson's rating system is due for review. Our Long Term Plan needs to set a programme of capital works that is realistic and deliverable, but at the same time protects the investment made by residents and businesses. We need to plan infrastructure for growth. In coming months we have social policy issues to address around a Local Alcohol Policy. It is important we don't shy away from the difficult decisions. Leadership is not about picking the low hanging fruit. Leadership is about doing the things that will really make a difference, that will power success.

Bishop Richard Ellena gave me a congratulatory card on my election. It had a message that read 'A leader gets things done. A great leader gets things done while serving others rather than themselves.'

And that is what good local government is about - getting things done while serving others. That message will guide all of us through the next three years.

It is now with pleasure that I present the recommendations in my report.

No reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena tatou katoa.

She then invited the Honourable Dr Nick Smith, Member of Parliament for Nelson to address the meeting, in order to accommodate his schedule.

Her Worship the Mayor then presented the Mayor's Report.

Resolved

THAT the Mayor's Report (1611086) and its attachments (1626142; 1625606) be received.

Her Worship the Mayor/Ward

Carried

THAT Paul Matheson be appointed as Deputy Mayor.

Her Worship the Mayor/Lawrey

Carried

THAT the Council establish four Committees as follows:

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Chair</i>	<i>Deputy Chair</i>	<i>Membership</i>
<i>Community Services</i>	<i>Pete Rainey</i>	<i>Gaile Noonan</i>	<i>Ruth Copeland Matt Lawrey Paul Matheson Tim Skinner Mike Ward</i>
<i>Works and Infrastructure</i>	<i>Eric Davy</i>	<i>Matt Lawrey</i>	<i>Luke Acland Ian Barker Ruth Copeland Gaile Noonan Tim Skinner</i>
<i>Planning and Regulatory</i>	<i>Brian McGurk</i>	<i>Kate Fulton</i>	<i>Ian Barker Ruth Copeland Eric Davy Matt Lawrey Mike Ward</i>
<i>Governance</i>	<i>Ian Barker</i>	<i>Luke Acland</i>	<i>Eric Davy Kate Fulton Brian McGurk Paul Matheson Gaile Noonan Pete Rainey</i>

Her Worship the Mayor/Matheson

Carried

THAT the nominations for appointments to the respective external organisations listed in Attachment 2 (1625606) to this report be adopted.

Her Worship the Mayor/Davy

Carried

5. Mihi Whakatau/Introductions

Her Worship the Mayor invited representatives of the iwi of Te Tau Ihu, and the Bishop of Nelson, Richard Ellena, to address the meeting, which they did. Other invited guests and members of the public

addressed the Council, and congratulated all elected members on their appointments to office.

6. Break for Refreshments

Attendance: The meeting adjourned from 5.25pm to 5.59pm.

7. Standing Orders 2013

Document number 1611628, agenda pages 6-76 refer.

Resolved

THAT the report Standing Orders 2013 and its attachments (documents 1614752 and 1607916) be received;

AND THAT Council adopt the amended standing orders as set out in Attachment 2;

AND THAT a further review of standing orders be carried out to consider whether to implement a casting vote for the Mayor and Chairperson, and any further issues that require review.

Ward/McGurk

Carried

8. Statutory Responsibilities of Members

Document number 1611615, agenda pages 77-85 refer.

Resolved

THAT the report Statutory Responsibilities of Elected Members (1611615) and its attachments (1611615) be received.

Davy/Skinner

Carried

9. Code of Conduct 2013

Document number 1611534, agenda pages 86-95 refer.

The Chief Executive presented the report. She explained that the reference to 'Portfolio Holder' in clause 3.8 should be removed and replaced with 'Committee Chair'.

Resolved

THAT the report Code of Conduct 2013 (1611534) and its attachment (1016476 v6) be received;

AND THAT the Elected Members' Code of Conduct be adopted, with the reference to 'Portfolio Holder' in clause 3.8 being replaced with 'Committee Chair';

AND THAT the Elected Members' Code of Conduct be reviewed and returned to Council for adoption as soon as possible.

Noonan/Fulton

Carried

10. Adoption of Annual Report for the Year Ending 30 June 2013

Document number 1611971, late item 1 refers.

Chief Financial Officer, Nikki Harrison, Policy Advisor, Paul Harrington, and Bede Kearney, of Audit New Zealand, joined the meeting.

Ms Harrison presented the Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2013. She tabled replacement pages 48, 82, 101 and 142 (1626944) and explained the changes contained within each. It was noted that tabled pages 82 and 142 were identical to the pages of the Annual Report as circulated with the agenda. It was further noted that the alterations required by Audit New Zealand had been included in the final version of the Annual Report.

Mr Kearney explained that Audit New Zealand had approved the Annual Report and had issued an unmoderated audit report.

Resolved

THAT the report Adoption of the Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2013 (1611971) and its attachment (1615886) be received;

AND THAT the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2013 be adopted in accordance with s98 of the Local Government Act 2002;

AND THAT the Chief Executive be delegated the authority to make minor changes to the Annual Report 2012-13, including any suggested by Audit New Zealand.

Barker/Fulton

Carried

11. Next Meeting Date

Resolved

THAT the next meeting of the Nelson City Council be held on Tuesday 12 November 2013, commencing at 9.00am.

McGurk/Acland

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 6.27pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date