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**Minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council to Hear Submissions to the draft Annual Plan 2014/15**

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

**On Monday 13 May 2014, commencing at 9.02am**

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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), Acting Group Manager Strategy (N McDonald), Group Manager Support Services/Acting Group manager Community Services (H Kettlewell), Chief Financial Officer (N Harrison), and Administration Advisers (L Laird and G Brown)

Apologies: Councillors K Fulton (for lateness), Councillors L Acland, E Davy and P Rainey (for early departure)

**1. Apologies**

Resolved

**THAT apologies be received and accepted from Councillors Fulton (for lateness), and Councillors Acland, Davy and Rainey for early departure.**

Her Worship the Mayor/Noonan

Carried

**2. Interests**

No updates were made to the Interests Register and no interests with items on the agenda were declared.

**3. Confirmation of Order of Business**

Resolved

**THAT late submissions to the draft Annual Plan 2014/15 be accepted.**

Matheson/Acland

Carried

Attendance: Councillor Skinner joined the meeting at 9.10am

#### **4. Hearing of Submissions**

##### **4.1 Nelson Youth Council**

Submission number 83, Category 10, pages MUL 26-MUL 29 refers.

Representatives of the Nelson Youth Council presented the submission and tabled survey results (A1182403). They spoke in support of the Bridge Street enhancement project but encouraged the Council to consider safety improvements in the area. Youth councillors spoke in support of the Greenmeadows facility developments and encouraged the Council to consider expanding the NBus services to include more late night and weekend runs.

The submitters spoke in support of the provision of lighting along the Railway Reserve to increase safety precautions in the area. They also encouraged the Council to provide an urban artworks space somewhere in the city to enable youth to display their artworks. The submitters further encouraged the Council to progress with any improvements to the Maitai River to address any health factors with the River.

In response to a question, youth councillors said the 500 interviewees for the survey were Nelson school students.

##### **4.2 Andrew Dunlop**

Submission number 114 and 115, Category 9, pages COR 29-COR30 refers.

Mr Dunlop spoke about the Council's commercial rating and wastewater charges policy. He encouraged the Council to reconsider the commercial rating charges to ensure fairness. He mentioned the current system was not fair, in that establishments such as motels did not pay commercial charges per unit and that businesses linked to churches were also exempt.

Mr Dunlop spoke in support of improving the process around resource consents, ensuring that the Council considered all issues when considering resource consents, and that when the process was flawed there was another option for recourse other than just judicial review.

##### **4.3 Bronwyn Tuck**

Submission number 71, Category 5, pages ENV 13-ENV15 refers.

The submitter spoke in support of the use of low emission woodburners in new homes and in current homes with no woodburners, especially in Airshed C. She said the area covered by Airshed C historically did not have pollution issues and in her opinion

the use of woodburners would have little adverse affect on air quality in that area.

The submitter said firewood was the cheapest form of heating, and that access to affordable home heating was crucial due to increasing energy costs. She also said that low emission woodburners were cheaper to install than pellet burners and produced a very similar result.

In response to questions, the submitter said she believed heat pumps would still be preferred by most residents. She also confirmed that she would be happy to have to apply for resource consent to install a log burner at a future point, if that is what the Council required.

#### 4.4 Brook Waimarama Sanctuary

Submission number 171, Category 9, pages COR46- COR49 refers.

Hudson Dodd and Derek Shaw presented the submission. Mr Dodd thanked the Council for their ongoing support. He said it was encouraging that the Council continued to appreciate the education and natural heritage value of the Sanctuary.

Mr Dodd spoke about the upcoming lease for the Sanctuary and funding for the fence and encouraged Council's approval for these.

Attendance: Councillor Fulton joined the meeting at 9.37am

In response to questions, Mr Dodd said the main pedestrian bridge was scheduled for replacing, and that it was limited to one person at a time, which limited traffic usage during peak visitor times.

#### 4.5 Stuart Walker

Submission number 116, Category 7, pages PAR101- PAR107 refers.

Mr Walker tabled a document (A1185660) and spoke about the information relating to the foundations of the Trafalgar Centre, and questioned how officers had arrived at the proposed depth of the foundations. Mr Walker encouraged the Council to get another independent evaluation in this regard.

Mr Walker felt the decision to close the Trafalgar Centre should be made with considered and precise information only. He asked that the Council continue to maintain the area around the Trafalgar Centre to ensure its amenity value.

In response to questions from councillors about why Mr Walker did not consider the Council to have taken a cautious approach, the submitter said he felt there was a hidden agenda.

4.6 Steve Cross

Submission number 141, Category 10, pages MUL103-MUL105 refers.

Mr Cross was generally in support of the draft Annual Plan, yet encouraged the Council to ensure maintenance work on the backflow preventers was prioritised. He said he also supported that Strategic Property Review and the Event Strategy. Mr Cross outlined his enthusiasm for LED lighting and encouraged the Council to consider replacing street lights with LEDs.

Mr Cross said he did not support the proposed budget for work on the Modellers Pond and the Gondola project.

4.7 Forest and Bird

Submission number 14, Category 4, pages SFP3-SFP4 refers.

Brian Brasell tabled a document (A1185686) and spoke on behalf of Forest and Bird in relation to the Lower Todd Valley stream and drains 1 and 2.

Mr Brasell said the culvert had become inundated with silt and posed a flood risk for residents in Todd Valley. He said it was the belief of Forest and Bird that the stream needed widening and deepening to increase its ability to remove water in times of heavy rain, and noted his belief, that a 1 in 50 year flood would exceed the culvert's current capacity.

Mr Brasell said Forest and Bird could begin restoration of the sand flats should the tide be allowed back into the area, through work on the drains underneath Boulder Bank Drive. He said this work would tie in with overall flood mitigation measures in that area.

In response to a question, the submitter said the resource consent would need an amendment to install extra capacity on Boulder Bank Drive and further associated work.

4.8 Robert Straight

Submission number 34, Category 4, pages SFP5 – SFP8 refers.

Mr Straight spoke about the recent developments along the Maitai Walkway and provided a brief history about the project since the 1980s.

Mr Straight also spoke in support of Council developing a half tide weir at the lower point of the Maitai River. He said the effect of this would be an increase of fresh water through the marina, with no detriment to the River and at little cost to the Council.

4.9 Andrew, Nicki and Brown Newtown

Submission number 157, Category 4, pages SFP11- SFP12 refers.

Andrew Newtown spoke to the submission and said he supported the submission made by Brain Brasell. He said the lower Todd Valley area was inundated with water after the Easter 2014 rain, which ponded for up to two weeks.

He encouraged the Council to clear the culverts in the area, including Boulder Bank Drive. He said he supported the initiative from Forest and Bird to re-instate the wetlands, which was dependent on the work on the culverts occurring. He said he had observed that the culverts were not allowing any water to come out two hours either side of the high tide.

In response to questions, the submitter said his land acted as a flood storage area for the community as a result of the silting up of the channel, and this had been evidenced during the heavy rains over Easter 2014.

4.10 Les Hollyman, Jan Gillanders and Ian Wastney

Submission number 172, Category 4, pages SFP13-SFP14 refers.

The submitters gave a PowerPoint presentation (A1191329), and spoke about the drainage issues with farmland adjacent to the Wakapuaka sandflats. The submitters said the drains had not been maintained, were not assisting in removing water in times of heavy rain, and that recently one of the flood gates had jammed open. The submitters provided illustrations of the area after the December 2011 rain event, and outlined the losses they had suffered.

The submitters requested that their land be better protected through the provision of an effective stormwater system. They asked the Council to ensure that drains 1 and 2 were improved and that the flood gates functioned as intended.

In response to a question, the submitters said it was their opinion that the floodgates had jammed open due to a lack of maintenance and debris was getting caught in the gates. They also added that regular maintenance should be enough to mitigate flooding issues in the area.

In response to further questions, the submitters said local residents used to keep the drains maintained however had recently been approached by Council officers to stop work as a resource consent was required. They also added that insurance against flood events would be cost-prohibitive.

4.11 Warwick King

Submission number 175, Category 4, pages SFP15-SFP 16 refers.

Mr King about the flood issues in The Glen/Wakapuaka area and expressed his opinion that flooding issues in the area had worsened in the last 10 years, especially in December 2011.

Mr King was of the opinion that the pipes under Boulder Bank Drive were a large part of the problem and required work to increase their ability to assist in the removal of water.

In response to questions, Mr King said maintenance work on drains 1 and 2 had been reducing over the last few years, and officers had insisted that local residents halt work on these drains pending resource consent. Mr King said locals had previously had access to a small fund (about \$5,000- 6,000) for maintenance work in the area.

Her Worship the Mayor asked that officers prepare a maintenance report for this area at the deliberations meeting.

4.12 Annie Marcus

Submission number 38, Category 5, page ENV10 refers.

Ms Marcus spoke to her submission regarding the Maitai River and the surrounding land. She encouraged the Council to engage an independent party to monitor forestry land in a bid to understand and minimise contamination of the River. Ms Marcus contended the River to be an integral part of Nelson life and encouraged the Council to restore the River to its former condition.

Ms Marcus spoke about the degradation of the Maitai Valley. She believed strong restrictions should be imposed on the forestry industry to practise sustainable forestry and that measures should be taken to minimise adverse effects on the Valley.

4.13 Nelson Marlborough Branch New Zealand Contractors Federation

Submission number 70, Category 8, page ECO15 refers.

Andrew Spittal was unable to attend the hearings yet confirmed his support for the capital works programme.

Attendance: the meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10.50 to 11.02am.

4.14 Dominic Alford

Submission number 6, Category 1, pages TRA1-TRA5 refers.

Mr Alford spoke on behalf of many residents on Hampden Street about their traffic speed concerns. He said there were many schools in the

area and that it was a high pedestrian and cycle area He asked that Council consider solutions to reduce speed and congestion.

Mr Alford said he favoured creating a cul-de-sac rather than a speed hump. He said there were issues with the narrow nature of the road and that it tended downhill, which created a constriction for pedestrians and cyclists. He said there were issues with cars accelerating up and down this hill.

In response to a question, the submitter said he preferred a cul-de-sac because there was more noise associated with a speed hump.

4.15 Peter Winfield

Submission number 26, Category 1, page TRA7 refers.

Mr Winfield tabled documents (A1185216 and A1185705) and spoke about the traffic issues associated with the roundabout at the Polstead Road/Suffolk Road/The Ridgeway intersection. He said he believed traffic flow was impeded by the design of the roundabout, which was not able to deal with the requirements of each road.

Mr Winfield also said there were safety issues for users of the roundabout and a high degree of road noise created by its design. In terms of its design, Mr Winfield said the roundabout was too narrow, the solid raised centre piece was a hazard for cars and the vegetation creates safety risks for all users.

In response to a question, the submitter said the amount of traffic in that area was growing due to an increasing population.

4.16 Nelson Symphony Orchestra

Submission number 27, Category 6, page SAH1 refers.

Pamela Seymour tabled a document (A1185018) and spoke to the submission. She said that the funding sought was mostly intended to cover composers for the WW1 centenary celebrations.

In response to a question, the submitter added that the costs of services they required were increasing.

4.17 Arts Council Nelson

Submission number 76, Category 6, pages SAH13-SAH18 refers.

Lloyd Harwood & Lee Woodman spoke to the submission and tabled a document (A1186558). They said the current workload of the Arts Council had increased significantly and could not be achieved at the current rate of funding. They asked that the Council increase this funding to \$80,000.

The submitters outlined the key services of the Arts Council. The submitters said they were in a fragile financial position and without an increase in funding, they could not upgrade key infrastructure.

The submitters spoke about the significance of the Refinery Artspace to the Nelson art community and encouraged Council to ensure a budget was provided for earthquake strengthening of this building.

In response to a question, the submitters confirmed that Tasman District Council contributed \$4,000. In response to a further question the submitters said they currently received \$40,000 through the Community Assistance Fund and \$5,000 from a different scheme.

The submitters also clarified that they had been unsuccessful for funding through the Events Fund.

Attendance: Councillor Acland left the meeting at 11.40am.

4.18 Chris Fitchett

Submission number 163, Category 10, pages MUL180-MUL184 refers.

Mr Fitchett tabled a document (A1186377) and spoke about finance related issues with the draft Annual Plan. He said the Council could not afford to borrow every year to fund natural disaster in the area and should address its deficit budgeting.

Mr Fitchett encouraged the Council to budget for true surplus but supported borrowing for the Saxton Velodrome and the Brook Sanctuary fence. He added that it was unfair to share the costs over only one year of rates.

Mr Fitchett said he did not support the budget for the Modellers Pond and that the Gondola Project was too high a cost for the gain.

In response to a question, Mr Fitchett said he would support work on the Modellers Pond if it was a smaller budget. In response to a further question, Mr Fitchett said deficit budgeting could be appropriately dealt with through the next Long Term Plan.

4.19 Nelson School of Music

Submission number 99 and 190, Category 6, pages SAH22-SAH24 and SAH71—SAH73 refers.

Frances McElhinney and Paul Rosanowski presented the submission. They said the School of Music was still continuing with 85% of their activities since the closure of building, which had incurred additional costs.

The submitters said that Council funding made up 27% of their revenue, and that wages, salaries and services were their main

expenses. The submitters assured the Council that there would be no drop in service levels whilst the building was closed.

The submitters asked that the Council bring forward the \$4 million from the 2019 budget to allow them to undertake strategic improvements. In response to questions, the submitters said it was likely the building improvements and earthquake strengthening would be completed by the end of winter 2016. The submitters added that there was no clear detailed plan for this work at this stage as the planning for the building has been made harder and more time consuming since closing the building.

The Council asked that the submitters provide a detailed account of their proposed funding commitments to clarify where their operational funding would be committed. The submitters said that since the building closed they ceased receiving revenue, hence they sought operational funding for overheads, for example insurance and other production costs associated with conducting festivals and events from outside their main building.

#### 4.20 Bikefest Nelson

Submission number 109, Category 6, pages SAH25-SAH30 refers.

Belinda Crisp tabled a document (A1185756), presented the submission from Bikefest Nelson and highlighted the key points. She said that the dates of their festival had changed to coincide with major events in Nelson, and to maximise on tourist numbers.

Ms Crisp outlined the variety of related cycling events held in Nelson. She said Bikefest and Bikewise month would be developed with regard to other events on offer in the area, for example art, to utilise cross-marketing opportunities.

In response to questions, the submitter said \$3,000 was sought for traffic management costs. The Council asked that she provide a detail summary of all costs for which she sought funding for if this figure was to be included in the Annual Plan.

In response to a further question, the submitter said Bikefest was intended to be a community event and no entrance fee would be charged. In response to further questions, the submitter confirmed that they had applied to Tasman District Council for funding and they would apply to the Community Assistance fund.

#### 4.21 Nelson Returned and Services Association

Submission number 98, Category 6, pages SAH20-SAH21 refers.

Derek Nees spoke to the submission and said the organisation sought funding from Council for WW1 commemorative events coming up in next 12 months. He added that the organisation received very little

revenue and had no savings available that could be applied to such events.

Mr Nees outlined the services provided by the organisation that were covered by subscriptions, including street banners and the ANZAC day services. He also outlined events planned for the start of the war commemorations at Trafalgar Park and encouraged the Council to provide funding to ensure these events would be deserving. He added that the RNZRSA would help with fundraising efforts.

#### 4.22 Kahurangi Employment Trust

Submission number 165, Category 6, pages SAH80-SAH92 refers.

Roger Thorn and Dave Agnew spoke to the submission. Mr Thorn said the community lease in the Refinery building was up for renewal in 2016, and there were complications owing to the earthquake prone buildings policy. The submitters encouraged the Council to prioritise plans for the Refinery building owing to its significance to the arts community.

In response to a question, the submitters said they could provide the Council with financial information to help councillors decide an appropriate base line funding level if they considered this appropriate.

In response to further questions, the submitters noted the uncertainty about the future of the Artspace due to lease renewal issues and earthquake prone implications. They clarified that funding for the Artspace would provide the base funding to prop-up the Kahurangi Employment Trust (KET), and said that the KET could be self-sustaining with this support.

The submitters also encouraged the Council to bring forward any earthquake strengthening due by 2032 to ensure the building remained safe for users during this time.

Attendance: the meeting adjourned for lunch from 12.37pm to 1.00pm.

#### 4.23 Youth Nelson

Submission number 132, Category 6, page SAH34 refers.

Ms Shalders spoke about the importance of the programme and introduced Gerard Greg who spoke about the benefits of Youth Nelson and how it had affected him. He also thanked Council for their support and funding for the vans and computers which had helped students. Ms Shalders mentioned that funding has not increased in the last 17 years, however she said that the funding from Council had made a big difference.

In response to a question, the submitters confirmed that Youth Nelson taught approximately 17 students at any one time, and that several hundred had been through the system.

4.24 Nelson Tasman Chamber of Commerce

Submission number 96, Category 10, pages MUL42-MUL46 refers.

Dot Kettle spoke about the importance of Council giving a clear signal about supporting a thriving business community. She encouraged the support from Council for Nelson Tasman Tourism and said that opportunities were coming through the Canterbury rebuild to showcase Nelson materials and business advice. She talked about the need for strong partnerships with regards to a digital strategy.

In response to a question, the submitter confirmed that they had contacted Tasman District Council, with regards to the position they would be taking in relation to tourism.

In response to questions, the submitter said that there was a possibility of a joint venture to increase parking, however that she was not in support of barriers. She said that short term free parking could be considered, but that it needed to be in the right place.

In response to a question, the submitter said that they would like to see Nelson City Council as a sponsor for the Top Shop awards which would cost \$2,000 to \$3,000.

Attendance: Councillor Fulton joined the meeting at 1.30pm.

4.25 Accessibility for All

Submission number 146, Category 6, pages SAH37-SAH69 refers.

Brian Say spoke about the increased use of the subsidised Total Mobility Scheme. He suggested that Council needed to consider an automated ticket service so that data could be analysed. He talked about the measures that had been taken to restrict the number of booklets to high users, and suggested that an increase to the budget be considered at the next Long Term Plan review.

4.26 Nelson Marina Berth Holders' Association Inc

Submission number 187, Category 7, pages PAR157-PA158 refers.

Colin Walker spoke about the need for a hard stand at the marina and a floating fuel berth. He said the rates charged at the marina were the highest in the country and that financial transparency was needed. He suggested that gates on marina berths may be required to stop theft, however this could be remedied by allowing more liveaboards.

In response to a question, the submitter confirmed that there were 130 financial members, with 42 people living at the marina.

4.27 Alan Stewart

Submission number 120, Category 8, page ECO17 refers.

Alan Stewart talked about his concern regarding Council spending and said that rates had doubled over the last ten years. He said that Council was spending more on luxuries rather than core services and net debt had increased 25% in one year.

4.28 Te Tau Ihu Sustainability Forum

Submission number 119, Category 9, pages COR32-COR35 refers.

Dean Walker, Ed Kiddle and Ian Challenger highlighted the key points of the submission and tabled a document (A1185042). Mr Kiddle suggested that Council needs to show greater commitment to Nelson 2060 and that a Council member be a key person in the Sustainability Forum.

In response to a question, the submitter discussed how the administration of the Sustainability Forum was currently undertaken on a voluntary rotational basis.

Attendance: Councillor Rainey left the meeting at 1.50pm.

4.29 Richard King

Submission number 183, Category 7, page PAR155 refers.

Richard King talked about the status of the Trafalgar Centre, the piles and their load bearing abilities. He said he hoped that remedial work would be starting shortly.

Submission number 185, Category 9, page COR50 refers.

Richard King suggested that instead of a mural for the clock tower, a coat of paint would be better.

4.30 Raewyn Scott

Submission number 162, Category 10, pages MUL178-MUL179 refers.

Raewyn Scott talked about her concerns around affordable housing and how better transport was needed.

4.31 Helen Black

Submission number 170, Category 10, pages MUL197-MUL199 refers.

Helen Black tabled a document (A1186054). She asked if Council was aware of how often and how many people used amenities and attended public events in Nelson. She suggested that Council should engage with the public around core activities.

In response to a question, the submitter confirmed that she was part of the Brook Valley Community Group.

4.32 Gaye Boomfield

Submission number 49, Category 6, pages SAH2-SAH3 refers.

Gaye Boomfield spoke about the toilets at Tahunanui Beach and said that they were not of an appropriate standard.

In response to a question, the submitter suggested that a makeover like the Buxton toilets would be appropriate, however Council needed to get some of the basics right, such as soap and hand drying. She confirmed that the toilets at the Beach Cafe should be the highest priority.

4.33 Graham Thomas and John McLaughlin

Submission number 111, Category 9, pages COR37-COR42 refers.

Graham Thomas summarised his submission and tabled a document (A1185092). Mr Thomas discussed the Marsden Valley – Ridgeway intersection and said that this should be included in the Long Term Plan programme. He indicated that Marsden Valley Road did not require further widening and requested the deferment of rates and levies for developers.

In response to a question, the submitter said that developers incur costs for up to two years and suggested deferment until the building consent has issued.

Attendance: Councillor Davy left the meeting at 2.40pm

4.34 Geoff & Kay Gudsell

Submission number 195, Category 9, page COR51 refers.

Geoff Gudsell tabled a document (A1188536). He suggested amending the draft Annual Plan around the rating policy.

In response to a question, the submitter confirmed that they had a Bed and Breakfast, and that their rates increased by 64% four years ago.

4.35 Nelson Sea Sports Alliance (NSSA)

Submission number 156, Category 10, pages MUL123-MUL167 refers.

Brian Nathan spoke about his concerns around safety and the lack of facilities for storing equipment. Mr Nathan confirmed that no investment in facilities had been received since 1988 and participants had doubled in this time. He said that he had safety concerns around motorised and non motorised crafts.

In response to a question, the submitter said that the Nelson Sea Sports Alliance did not have the knowledge to identify suitable storage sites.

Attendance: Councillor Acland joined the meeting at 2.50pm.

4.36 NZ Motel Association

Submission number 194, Category 10, pages MUL244-MUL249 refers.

John Gilbertson and Michael Baines spoke about their concerns with the growing number of commercial accommodation facilities operating in residential zones. Mr Gilbertson confirmed there were approximately 45 motels operating in this sphere.

He said that a more comprehensive strategy was needed, as well as a domestic tourism plan. He noted his concern with the high level of rates.

In response to a question, the submitter confirmed that the Association included 40 complexes in the Nelson city area.

4.37 Barry Thompson

Submission number 159, Category 10, pages MUL171-MUL172 refers.

Barry Thompson tabled a document (A1186037). He spoke about the property Council owned and the lack of direction with these purchases. Mr Thompson discussed the difficulties in attracting prospective tenants due to high rates in Nelson.

Mr Thompson suggested that Council needed to support the Lee Valley Dam and that the issues with the Trafalgar Centre need to be prioritised.

4.38 Suzi Campbell

Submission number 160, Category 1, pages TRA25-TRA32 refers.

Suzi Campbell gave a PowerPoint presentation (A1188026) and tabled documents (A1185237, A1185976 and A1185976). She talked about the community's concerns with the traffic speed and safety in the Dodson Valley area.

In response to a question, the submitter said it could be an option to pick up children on the eastern side of Atawhai Drive and that refuges could help in relation to child safety.

Resolved

**THAT in accordance with Standing Order 3.3.7,  
the meeting continue beyond six hours.**

Matheson/Barker

Carried

4.39 Nelson Society of Modellers Inc

Submission number 153, Category 7, pages PAR128-PAR131 refers.

Alan Malaquin tabled document (A1184932). He acknowledged Council and Nelmac's efforts in cleaning the Modellers Pond and said that the Society was willing to assist with improving the state of the Modellers Pond. He suggested a hard bottom pond, with a depth of not less than 600mm along with a management plan supported by the Society.

The submitter said that the Society was not against losing some of the pond area.

In response to a question, the submitter confirmed that there were 50 members in the Society and that this area was used every Sunday and public holidays.

4.40 Nelson Greypower Association

Submission number 103, Category 10, pages MUL57-MUL60 refers.

Neville Male and Errol Millar spoke to the submission around the upkeep of footpaths and the work required for the Trafalgar centre.

In response to a question, the submitter said that Greypower would be happy to support Council in relation to improvements for Stoke.

In response to a further question, the submitter said that the Southern Link was not required and that the health and wellbeing of residents should be priority.

Attendance: Councillors Fulton and Copeland left the meeting at 4.05pm.

4.41 Addo Mulders

Submission number 102, Category 7, pages PAR86-PAR87 refers.

Addo Mulders spoke about the state of the Modellers Pond and suggested that the installation of one or two windmills would reduce the growth of the algae.

Submission number 147, Category 9, pages COR43-COR44 refers.

Addo Mulders tabled a document (A1186430), and spoke about the high prices that are paid to fly in and out of Nelson. He said that an extension to the runway should be from the Richmond end.

Submission number 148, Category 7, page PAR122 refers.

Addo Mulders spoke about the need for a safe crossing along Rocks Road at the Basin Reserve.

Attendance: Councillor Noonan left the meeting at 4.20pm

4.42 Aly Cook Marketing

Submission number 88, Category 10, pages MUL32-MUL34 refers.

Aly Cook spoke about working closely with Air New Zealand to reduce airfares for people attending large national events.

She spoke about the proposed Big Top initiative and confirmed that orchestras had performed in Big Tops before with no issues. She indicated that a feasibility study could be performed if required, however both Councils needed the benefits of a Big Top.

In response to a question, the submitter said that the Big Top should not be conducted by the private sector, as community facilities were always conducted through Councils.

In response to a further question, the submitter said that whether the Trafalgar Centre was useable or not, a Big Top would give Nelson a chance to try a larger venue where all types of events could be conducted.

4.43 Nelson Province of Federated Farmers

Submission number 178, Category 10, pages MUL218-MUL229 refers.

Michael Bennett and Barbara Stewart spoke about the high rates paid by farmers in the Nelson area. Mr Bennett suggested that Council amend the Ratings Policy.

Barbara Stewart commended the contractors that had been working on the Cable Bay road.

In response to a question, the submitter confirmed their support for floodwater rates, as these communities can be easily identified.

In response to a further question, the submitters said that they are not aware of any other Council with similar proposed development contributions structure.

4.44 Davis Ogilvie and Partners Ltd

Submission number 86, Category 9, pages COR20-COR25 refers.

Graham Dick tabled a document (A1189030), and spoke about initiating a forum to discuss the points raised in the submission around development issues.

In response to a question, the submitter said that developers needed support in relation to processes, time and rules that needed to be complied with.

4.45 Nelson Surf Life Saving Club Inc

Submission number 181, Category 7, pages PAR137-PAR154 refers.

Ed Steenbergen spoke about his submission regarding a lifesaving base at Tahunanui beach. Mr Steenbergen said that Nelson was looking at holding the 2017 South Island Junior Competition.

In response to a question, the submitter confirmed that the current temporary location had safety issues due to the road crossing.

The meeting adjourned at 4.55pm to be reconvened the following day to hear the remainder of the submissions.

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## **5. Hearing of Submissions**

5.1 Saxton Velodrome Trust

Submission number 107, Category 7, page PAR89 refers.

Rob Ford and Paul Jennings spoke about the Velodrome tenders which they had received, and said that the Trust needed to raise the 20% shortfall.

In response to a question, the submitter confirmed that Tasman District Council would be the lead on this project and that the Trust had presented to their Annual Plan hearings. They confirmed that the shortfall was \$300,000 and that the Trust has currently raised \$40,000.

In response to a further question, the submitter said that access would be from the loop road opposite the freezing works.

5.2 Rob Ford

Submission number 108, Category 7, page PAR94 refers.

Paul Jennings and Rob Ford spoke about the gap in grade 2 -3 trails in Nelson and said that there had been a shift in focus in the Mountain

Bike Club to have a wider responsibility in building and managing tracks for the wider community.

In response to a question, the submitters suggested further educating walkers and cyclers in relation to both users utilising the tracks. The submitter suggested that more signage would help, and that walkers had priority.

In response to a further question, the submitters confirmed that they had attended Brook Community Group meetings.

Attendance: Councillor Copeland joined the meeting at 9.20am

#### 5.3 TPPA Nelson Action

Submission number 77, Category 9, pages COR16-COR17 refers.

Graeme O'Brien talked about the recording of Council debates on video. Mr O'Brien said that ratepayers could not afford the time or money to attend Council meetings and the public were looking for transparency.

In response to a question, the submitter confirmed that a web feed would be suitable, but did not want recordings edited, rather categorised on the website.

#### 5.4 Nelson Tasman Cycle Forum

Submission number 180, Category 1, pages TRA34-TRA50 refers.

Derek Shaw and Chris Ellison tabled a document (A1186483). Mr Shaw spoke about the regional cycle forum, focussing on a regional cycle strategy and suggested Council invest in this. He suggested that to achieve this, collaboration was required between Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council, and the strategy should be reviewed annually.

In response to a question, the submitters confirmed that lighting on cycleways would be helpful.

#### 5.5 Bicycle Nelson

Submission number 184, Category 1, pages TRA51-TRA54 refers.

Chris Allison and John Paul Poachin spoke about transport and urban areas to be connected. Mr Allison indicated that reviews of the Cycling and Pedestrian Strategies were required, and that a new Transport Strategy should be compiled, as this would act as an overarching document.

In response to a question, the submitter confirmed that Nelson 2060 was part of the integrated planning however there was a gap between the vision and how to get there.

In response to a further question, the submitter said that Council would be responsible for developing the transport strategy with community input.

5.6 Sport Tasman

Submission number 164, Category 7, pages PAR132-PAR135 refers.

Nigel Muir tabled a document (A1189119), and spoke about areas not mentioned in the Annual Plan, such as a multi use turf, a gym and an aquatic facility at Port Nelson. Mr Muir indicated that Sport Tasman would like to support Council on a 5 to 10 year strategy.

In response to a question, the submitter indicated that rental costs were \$55,000 and codes paid \$40 per week. He added that Sport Tasman was retaining \$30,000 for a gym with Council support.

In response to a further question, the submitter confirmed that financial health checks were conducted for sport codes, and a steering group helped with any planned improvements.

5.7 David Smythe

Submission number 136 and 137, Category 1, pages TRA18-TRA21 refers.

David Smythe tabled a document (A1186642), and spoke to his submission relating to the need for a pedestrian access across the road. He said that three sites have been identified, and that despite the cost, Council should support the Rocks Road walkway as it would enhance the waterfront.

Submission number 139, Category 4, pages SFP9-SFP10 refers.

David Smythe asked Council to allocate funds for the reconstruction of the stormwater main in Fifeshire Crescent North. He said that there had been a lack of progress from Council on this issue.

Submission number 138, Category 5, pages ENV26-ENV27 refers.

David Smythe suggested to Council that a weir on the Maitai River just upstream of Queen Elizabeth II Drive Bridge would enhance the city centre and assist with easy control of flood flow.

5.8 Wakatu Incorporation

Submission number 112, Category 10, pages MUL69-MUL74 refers.

Iain Sheves and Keresa Johnston spoke about the Te Tau Ihu Treaty Settlement Bill, which was enacted recently. She asked that Council continue to support iwi groups and the integration of Maori design. She asked Council to consider rates remission for community used land and

asked Council to continue to support the maintenance of the Whakatu Marae.

Mr Sheves spoke about the Properties and Assets review and the Memorandum of Understanding. He said he supported the upgrade of Saxton Creek and asked that a decision be made on the arterial corridor to allow future planning. He asked that Council support the Lee Valley Dam.

In response to a question, the submitters confirmed that Whakatu Corporation would qualify for rates relief. They added that the Memorandum of Understanding covered acknowledgement of parties, land under the Public Works Act and discussions around parcels of land before.

In response to a further question, the submitter confirmed that Whakatu Corporation was a guardian of the environment and, in relation to the Lee Valley Dam, work was required to identify environmental effects and mitigation measures.

5.9      Victory Community Health and Friends of Nelson Haven and Tasman Bay Inc

Submission number 123, Category 10, pages MUL78-MUL81 refers.

Doug Craig spoke about democratic decision making, as included in Nelson 2060. He noted that Council would be reviewing the Social Wellbeing Policy and suggested a discussion with the community on the Sustainable Development Policy. He advised against liquor licensing and suggested regulating hours and locations of outlets.

In response to a question, the submitter confirmed that Victory Community Health supported Nelson 2060.

Submission number 130, Category 10, pages MUL90-MUL94 refers.

Doug Craig spoke about concerns around wastewater discharge into the Haven. He said he wished to see an emphasis on Nelson 2060, and on the health of Nelson Haven. He expressed further concerns around biosecurity and methyl bromide usage at Port Nelson, in order to fumigate logs, and suggested this be phased out.

5.10     Permaculture Design

Submission number 189, Category 10, pages MUL239-MUL240 refers.

Zachary Domike spoke about ways to curb growth in the wastewater, stormwater and floodwater areas. He suggested that new builds should be required to install stormwater storage on roofs and that costs should be borne by developers/builders.

In response to a question, the submitter indicated that approximately 30% of stormwater would be caught on roofs currently.

5.11 Friends of the Maitai

Submission number 179, Category 5, pages ENV31-ENV35 refers.

Jacquetta Bell and Tom Kennedy spoke about the health of the Maitai and the need to prioritise this.

Attendance: Councillor Acland joined the meeting at 11.32am.

Tom Kennedy spoke about the need for a collective responsibility towards the health of the Maitai, and said that Friends of the Maitai looked forward to working with Council on this issue.

5.12 Adcock Properties & Stoke Valley Holdings Limited

Submission number 198, Category 10, pages MUL250-MUL255 refers.

Jackie McNae spoke about the timing of development contributions, and suggested that developers carried a burden when they did not receive funds until the transfer of the allotments.

She advised that there was support in the community for intensification in the city centre, however that the private sector needed encouragement for various types of developments.

In response to a question, the submitter said that developers were seeing more interest in the sale of smaller sections than previous years.

5.13 Rutherford St & Waimea Rd Business & Residents Society Inc

Submission number 144, Category 1, pages TRA22-TRA24 refers.

Paul Anderson tabled a document (A1186737). He said that Waimea Road was never constructed as a heavy transport route. Mr Anderson said that the economy had contracted, but that Nelson needed to keep its inner city alive to be connected.

In response to a question, the submitter said that residents did not support the lights at Motueka Street and did not want an extra traffic lane as it did not work at peak traffic flow.

Submission number 149, Category 10, pages MUL114-MUL117 refers.

Paul Anderson noted that the Waimea Road Businesses information as included in the Heart of Nelson study was incorrect and, that it should be amended as new information came to light.

In response to a question, the submitter confirmed that businesses along Waimea Road are dependent on the median strip.

5.14 Gaire Thompson

Submission number 193, Category 10, pages MUL242-MUL243 refers.

Gaire Thompson tabled document (A1186766). He suggested that Live Nelson ceased, that the Brook Camp be promoted and shared his concerns about the Brook Sanctuary in relation to maintenance and administration costs.

The submitter discussed the need to speed up the changes to the rules for woodburners and shared his concerns relating to the closure of the Trafalgar Centre.

5.15 Nelson Residents' Association Inc

Submission number 173, Category 10, pages MUL200-MUL216 refers.

Mike Rodwell and Pam Frahm spoke about the closure of the Trafalgar Centre and the need for its restoration.

In response to a question, the submitter said that there were 120 members and the sentiments in the submission were voted on by members.

5.16 GE Aware Nelson

Submission number 134, Category 5, pages ENV23-ENV25 refers.

Susie Lees tabled a document (A1189095), and spoke about international cases of contaminated crops. She urged Council to take precautionary measures on genetically modified organisms and for this to be considered in the Resource Management Plan review.

In response to a question, the submitter said that GE Aware Nelson could provide policy wording to Council and advised that Hastings and Northland were currently going through this similar process.

5.17 EECA

Submission number 200, Category 5, pages ENV37-ENV44 refers.

Ben Dunbar-Smith gave a PowerPoint presentation (A1189104), and spoke about the benefits of insulation in homes. He advised that voluntary targeted rates (VTR) were used in other areas of the country to assist with home insulation, and asked Council to consider such a scheme.

In response to a question, the submitter advised that clean heater burners were heat pumps, flued gas, wood and pellet burners.

In response to a further question, the submitter said that this scheme was better than the solar hot water scheme, and that EECA would audit homes through contractors.

Attendance: the meeting adjourned for lunch from 12.40pm to 1.10pm

5.18 Christopher St Johannser, section 10, pg 118

Mr St Johannser spoke about the proposed fence boundary for the Brook Sanctuary and encouraged the Council to consider not funding the fence.

5.19 Ross Wylie

Submission number 143 and 161, Category 7 and 10, pages PAR113-PAR118 and MUL173-MUL177 refers.

Mr Wylie tabled a document (A1186823) and spoke against the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary fence. He said that in the event of an earthquake the fence would be destroyed.

5.20 David Frost

Submission number 151, Category 7, page PAR123 refers.

Mr Frost spoke in support of the proposed budget for work on the Modellers Pond, and provided illustrations of the Pond's use by the community.

In response to questions, Mr Frost said he was concerned that the Pond be made operational with clear water. He added that it was unlikely the Nelson Society of Modellers would continue without the Pond, or some other contained water space. He added that it would not be the preference of the Society to move to another Pond.

5.21 Uniquely Nelson

Late submission number L14 refers

Cathy Madigan and Duncan Grey presented the submission for Uniquely Nelson. They discussed the free Wifi scheme for Nelson, and outlined the changes to the scheme that would be required from that provided in the submission.

The submitters mentioned that the trees in the central city would limit the service and that they preferred a capped rate on usage and price at this stage.

In response to a question, the submitters said that the one hour access limit would remain and that the service would be conducive for emailing and social media however not for running a permanent Internet provision for businesses.

The submitters confirmed that the contract would be fixed for a period of two years, and would be capped in price and uncapped in usage.

5.22 Youth and Community Trust

Late submission number L3 refers.

David Atoa and Nathan Telfor gave a PowerPoint presentation and spoke about The Truck, Nelson Underage, and Youth Transition Services. The submitters spoke in support of investment into youth services in Nelson and encouraged further developments in the area. They said a key priority for the Trust was a youth centre in central Nelson to replace The Hub and emphasised the need for emergency housing and transition services.

In response to a question, Mr Atoa said the Trust would be interested in assisting with the development of a sugary drinks policy and a digital strategy.

In response to a further question, Mr Telfor said young people were heavy Wifi users and recommended the Council cap any free Wifi on offer in the city.

5.23 Nelson Tasman Tourism

Late submission number L7 refers.

Terry Horne, Sharon McGuire and Lynda Keene presented the submission, and mentioned the key issues including the potential loss of funding from Tasman District Council. The submitters added that the June 2014 accounts meant that Nelson Tasman Tourism (NTT) would remain solvent for the following year, however beyond that point any reduction in funding would likely result in insolvency.

Ms Keene outlined their operational performance, including plans for Cricket World Cup 2015 and the cruise ship industry.

Ms McGuire said the Nelson City Council Tasman District Council Joint Shareholders Committee would be informed as soon as TDC had made a decision as to their funding commitment. She added that there was a sense of nervousness amongst the private industry in relation to this decision.

In response to a question about the iSite, Ms Keene stated it offered an element of personalised customer service that the Internet could not.

5.24 Trafalgar Park Sports and Recreation Ground (TPSARG)

Late submission number L13 refers.

Pat Heaphy and Barry Rowe spoke to the submission, and highlighted their opinion that Nelson was not well served to cater for large sporting and cultural events. They said that TPSARG had been meeting as a group for nearly a year to consider a multi-user sporting complex, loosely based around Rutherford Park.

The submitters outlined the benefits to the city, including an enhanced capacity for sporting events, economic benefits and certainty of tenure. They said the complex would replace the current mismatch of old buildings.

The submitters outlined the issues, including issues with existing tenants and the best use of Trafalgar Park and said they would need to work with the Council on these issues.

5.25 GreenXchange Limited

Late submission number L1 refers.

Richard Oswald spoke to the submission and encouraged the Council to harness the algal technology his organisation had been developing. He said he was aware the Annual Plan was not the best time to discuss these opportunities with the Council.

Attendance: Councillor Davy left the meeting at 2.38pm.

Mr Oswald also encouraged the Council not to downgrade sustainability as a Council priority.

Attendance: Councillors Lawrey and Rainey left the meeting at 2.44pm

In response to a question, Mr Oswald said he was of the opinion that the Economic Development Agency did not have the appropriate skills to deal with their development proposals.

5.26 Community Workers Training & Support and Community Workers and Whanau Network

Submission number 122 and 192, Category 6, pages SAH31-SAH33 and SAH74-SAH75 refers.

Kindra Douglas and Karen Driver spoke to the submissions from the Community Workers and Whanau Network (CWWN) and the Nelson Community Workers Training & Support (CWTAS). As per the submission from the CWWN, Ms Douglas provided feedback about how the Community Assistance funding round was carried out. She said it was the opinion of many in the community that the process was not fair. She encouraged the Council to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of this process.

As per the CWTAS submission, Ms Douglas said the organisation supported the implementation of the Social Wellbeing Action Plan and that the Policy be reviewed. Ms Douglas also encouraged the Council to re-publish the previous publication, 'Nelson by Numbers', as the report was useful for targeting needs in the community.

In response to a question, Ms Douglas said it was still better to receive part of the money sought through the application of the Community Assistance funding round than none at all.

5.27 Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust

Submission number 23, Category 10, pages MUL2-MUL8 refers.

Hugh Briggs and Gillian Wratt presented the submission and described the funding required for the next stage of the Great Taste Trail. Ms Wratt said they had been successful in creating a cycling forum, which met to discuss the vision of a regional cycling mecca. She encouraged the Council to continue working towards making the connections required for a continuous cycling route through the City, including the main points of limitation at present, St Vincent Street, Tahunanui and Rocks Road.

In response to questions, the submitters confirmed that they had not received as much private support to date as they originally hoped.

5.28 Hugh Briggs

Submission number 23, Category 10, pages MUL Page 2 refers.

Mr Briggs spoke to his submission and encouraged the Council to develop a strategic approach to the development of the Nelson Plan. He said he supported the Property Assets Review and the Heart of Nelson Strategy. He encouraged the Council to develop a city development plan as a priority, to guide the future development of the city.

Mr Briggs said he did not support any more money being spent on the Trafalgar Centre, yet supported the development of Saxton Field as it was capable of taking larger events. He acknowledged that it could not cater for some of the events previously held in the Trafalgar Centre. Mr Briggs said he supported the Rocks Road Shared Pathway, yet did not support the budget for the Modellers Pond.

5.29 Carlene Reich-Simko

Submission number 6, page 6

Ms Reich-Simko tabled a document (A1186959), spoke to her submission and presented a proposal to Council to complete the new Buxton Square toilets. She encouraged the Council to provide funding of \$1,700 to complete the last mural and to finish off the landscaping in line with CPTED guidelines.

Resolved

**THAT, in accordance with Standing Order 3.3.7,  
the meeting continue beyond six hours.**

Barker/Ward

Carried

### 5.30 Nelson Environment Centre

Submission number 1, Category 5, pages ENV Page 1 refers.

Carolyn Hughes presented the submission on behalf of the Nelson Environment Centre (NEC). She outlined the food security for Nelson project, and the amount of funding sought. She said that much food was produced in Nelson, transported to Christchurch for processing and packaging and then transported back to Nelson for purchase, and she considered this to be a major contributor to the high price of food.

Ms Hughes said the project aimed to provide better access to fresh and healthy food, and to initiate the planting of fruit and nut trees in public areas. She added that the submission outlined the importance of community partnership for this project, and the project's limitations and benefits.

In response to questions, Ms Hughes said that NEC had applied to the Ministry for the Environment for \$293,000 over three years. She added that the application for funding from the Council of \$40,000 was to cover a feasibility report and a report to design a measuring tool for carbon emissions for food production in the Nelson Tasman region.

## 6. Conclusion

Her Worship the Mayor encouraged councillors to consider all submissions during the deliberation stage of the process, not just those that had presented submissions at the hearings.

Councillors asked officers to provide the following information during the deliberations meeting:

- Timelines for the re-instatement of the Stanley Crescent walkway
- Ownership issues associated with the Modellers Pond
- Details about the Wakatu Memorandum of Understanding
- Commentary about the Greenxchange proposal.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 3.51pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

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Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Date