
Minutes of a meeting of the Community Services Committee

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

On Thursday 11 September 2014, commencing at 9.05am

Present: Councillor P Rainey (Chairperson), Her Worship the Mayor, R Reese, Councillors R Copeland, G Noonan (Deputy Chairperson), T Skinner and M Ward

In Attendance: Councillor I Barker, Chief Executive (C Hadley), Group Manager Infrastructure (A Louverdis), Senior Strategic Adviser (N McDonald), Property and Facilities Asset Manager (M Homan), Administration Manager (P Langley) Administration Adviser (G Brown), and Youth Councillors (E James and D Leaper)

Apologies: Councillors P Matheson and M Lawrey

1. Apologies

Resolved

THAT apologies be received and accepted from Councillors Matheson and Lawrey.

Ward/Noonan

Carried

2. Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

The Chair welcomed Youth Councillors Emily James and Daniel Leaper to the meeting.

3. Interests

There were no updates to the Interests Register, and no conflicts of interest with agenda items were declared.

Attendance: Councillor Skinner joined the meeting at 9.07am.

4. Public Forum

4.1 Community Art Works

Faye Wulff spoke about Community Art Works and advised that an alternative location was required for this organisation with the impending development of Rutherford Park. She advised that the organisation currently paid minimum rent.

Ms Wulff said that the organisation was nationally and internationally recognised, with 400 people visiting weekly. She said that the Community Art Works was accessible by all, including individuals with disabilities, and the organisation supported local community groups with events.

In response to a question, Ms Wulff said that the organisation was open Monday to Friday along with some weekends and there was no fee charged to visitors. She said of the 400 visitors, many participated in art, others were tourists and many volunteered.

In response to further questions, Ms Wulff informed councillors that the organisation was not opposed to moving as the current building where Community Art Works was situated was too small and a larger location with office space and storage in the CBD would be ideal.

It was noted that the Community Art Works organisation would fall under Council's Community Lease Policy.

4.2 Nelson Petanque Club Inc

Phil Spencer spoke to a document (A1241369), and discussed the grounds the Club used, which were directly next to Community Art Works and the Highland Pipe Band Hall.

Mr Spencer raised his concerns for the future of where the Nelson Petanque Club would be situated with the impending Rutherford Park development. He advised councillors that the Club had been approached to hold the South Island Master Games in 2015 however he felt that due to the uncertainty of the Club's location this was not able to come to fruition.

In response to a question, Mr Spencer advised that an area the size of a bowling green would be ideal for the Club, however he indicated that the Club would be happy with an area half this size, and it would not need to be a specific shape.

In response to a further question, Mr Spencer said that approximately 24 members attended meetings and that the four courts at Tahunanui could be used if the courts were extended and a facility erected. He indicated that the Club would be supportive of returning to the Maitai Club.

4.3 Nellie Nightingale Library

Ian Barker, Chairperson of the Guardians of the Nellie Nightingale Library, outlined the background to the creation of the Guardians of the Nellie Nightingale Library. He advised that the creation of this group was due to a proposal to relocate the library in 2001.

Mr Barker advised that user numbers had been maintained and the meeting room was well utilised. He said that a bequest was made to upgrade the library and plans had been compiled, however the tender price was greater than the funds available and since this time no progress had been made. He indicated that Council should meet this shortfall or adjust the plans accordingly for the upgrade.

Sylvia Shand added that over one year ago a plan was drawn up by a Council engineer, which included a ramp to make the library more user friendly. She advised that the existing footprint of the library could remain the same as there was not a need to extend. She indicated that \$127,000 was now available.

David Braithwaite said that building met 50% of the National Building Standard.

In response to a question, Mr Barker said his understanding was that access to the bequest was achieved through Annual Plans, as it had been consulted on, and that the shortfall was \$64,000.

It was discussed that \$150,000 was originally available from the bequest, however this was now \$127,000 due to a \$23,000 spend on the building. It was noted that clarification was required on this expenditure.

5. Confirmation of Minutes – 7 August 2014

Document number A1229717, agenda pages 7-15 refer.

Resolved

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council – Community Services Committee, held on 7 August 2014, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Copeland/Skinner

Carried

6. Status Report – Community Services Committee 11 September 2014

Document number A1157454, agenda pages 16-17 refer.

Resolved

**THAT the Status Report – Community Services
11 September 2014 (A1157454) be received.**

Copeland/Ward

Carried

7. Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson provided a verbal update to councillors. He advised that the Community Assistance funding hearings had taken place, and had been a great opportunity to engage with the community. He discussed that a review was required for Community Assistance funding, and indicated that the review should be brought forward and discussed at a workshop while the process was still fresh in participants' minds.

Strategic Advisor, Nicky McDonald advised that it was almost 3 years since the last full review and that a review was due in 2015. She suggested that a workshop could be organised in 2014 with a working group established in the 2015 New Year.

There was a general discussion around the alignment of Community Assistance funding with the Nelson 2060 policy and the need to seek feedback from community organisations in relation to the Community Assistance funding process.

RECREATION AND LEISURE

8. Wakapuaka Sandflats Reserve – Carpark and Access Road

Document number A1226291, agenda pages 18-30 refer.

Properties and Facilities Asset Manager, Michael Homan joined the meeting and introduced the report.

In response to a question, Mr Homan said that the proposal for a carpark and access road had been discussed at Council over a number of years and that the Nelson Model Aero Club had been utilising this area for over 20 years. He indicated that alternative areas were not being considered due to the size of the aircraft, along with health and safety issues.

Senior Planning Adviser, Lisa Gibellini joined the meeting and in response to a question advised that she had not seen a detailed development plan for this area, however all issues would be taken into consideration within the structure plan for the Wakapuaka Sandflats.

Ms Gibellini advised that the stakeholders would be consulted with in relation to the structure plan and that a report back to Council with options would be considered before the end of 2014. She said that the process would then follow the Nelson Plan notification in 2016.

In response to a question, Mr Homan advised that the Nelson Aero Club would continue to use this area and that in the past the Club had carried out minor road repairs with Council assistance. He advised that that there were no formal agreements in place for this maintenance and discussions had not been had with the Club as to whether this should continue. He informed councillors that the difference between minor and major road repairs were that minor repairs did not require resource consent and were not permanent structures.

There were discussions around sea level rise and the likelihood of Wakapuaka Sandflats being unusable in the future due to inundation. It was suggested that it was unsuitable to build infrastructure, however walking to this area was still an option.

In response to a further question, Mr Homan advised that there was no budget allocated for the proposed work, however the Club would contribute \$5,000 towards the quote from Fulton Hogan.

Ms Gibellini advised that the reference to the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010 was to illustrate that even if permission was given from Council to approve an access road and carpark, these would still need to go through the resource consent process due to the ecological value and sea level rise of this area of land.

Resolved

THAT the report Wakapuaka Sandflats Reserve –Carpark and Access Road (A1226291) and its attachments (A1228326 and A1227020) be received;

AND THAT the Nelson Model Aero Club be advised that their request for the Council to construct a carpark and access road into the Wakapuaka Sandflats Reserve is declined.

Noonan/Copeland

Carried

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.38am and resumed at 10.52am. During this time Her Worship the Mayor left the meeting.

ARTS, FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

9. Arts Council Nelson Contract – Service and Performance Outcomes

Document number A1236140, agenda pages 31-34 refer.

Manager Community Partnerships, Shanine Hermsen joined the meeting and presented the report.

There were discussions that the Arts Council supported a number of activities in Nelson and that it had a small number of members. It was also discussed that Tasman District Council funded a small portion, however most activities were held in Nelson.

In response to a question, Ms Hermsen advised that the Arts Policy and Strategy were considered for the Arts Council service and performance outcomes, and confirmed that the Arts Council had the capacity to coordinate four public arts events per year.

Resolved

THAT the report Arts Council Nelson – Service and Performance Outcomes (A1236140) be received;

AND THAT the service and performance outcomes to be delivered by Arts Council Nelson as set out in report A1236140 be approved.

Copeland/Ward

Carried

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

10. Youth Council – 4 July 2014

Document number A1215195, agenda pages 35-40 refer.

Youth Councillor Emily James provided councillors with an update. She advised that the Youth Council year was coming to an end, and applications had been received for the coming year. She advised that Youth Council was also involved in the masked parade and would be participating in the judging panel. She said that the heritage project had been progressing well and that the theme was medicine.

Youth Councillor Daniel Leaper talked about the WW1 commemorative parade which Youth Council attended and advised councillors that Youth Council would be writing a submission in relation to the urban environment bylaw.

Resolved

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Nelson Youth Council, held on 4 July 2014, be received.

Ward/Noonan

Carried

11. 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	<p>Stoke Community and Sports Facility</p> <p>This report contains information about a way forward for construction of a community facility in Stoke, including information in relation to a potential property purchase.</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a)</p> <p>The public conduct of this matter would be likely to result in disclosure of information for which good reason exists under section 7</p>	<p>The withholding of the information is necessary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 7(2)(i) To carry out negotiations
2	<p>Property Purchase</p> <p>This report contains information about a proposed property purchase.</p>	<p>Section 48(1)(a)</p> <p>The public conduct of this matter would be likely to result in disclosure of information for which good reason exists under section 7</p>	<p>The withholding of the information is necessary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 7(2)(i) To carry out negotiations

Skinner/Ward

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 11.05am and resumed in public session at 11.57am. During this time youth councillors Emily James and Daniel Leaper left the meeting.

12. Re-admittance of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

Skinner/Copeland

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 11.57am.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date