
**Minutes of a meeting of the Community Services Committee –
Community Assistance Funding 2014/15**

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

On Monday 8 September 2014, commencing at 9.04am

Present: Councillor P Rainey (Chairperson), Councillors R Copeland, M Lawrey, G Noonan (Deputy Chairperson), T Skinner, and M Ward

In Attendance: Councillors I Barker and E Davy, Group Manager Community Services (C Ward), Manager Community Partnerships (S Hermsen), Social Development Adviser (N Mercer) and Administration Advisers (L Laird, E-J Ruthven and E Farrell)

Apologies: Her Worship the Mayor (R Reese), and Councillor P Matheson

1. Confirmation of Order of Business

There were no changes to the order of business.

2. Interests

No updates to the Interest Register were made, and no conflicts with items on the agenda were declared, however councillors were encouraged to declare interests as they arose during the meeting.

3. Apologies

Resolved

***THAT apologies be received and accepted from
Her Worship the Mayor and Councillor
Matheson.***

Ward/Copeland

Carried

4. Hearing Schedule

4.1 Adult Learning Support Nelson Inc

Cameron Forbes presented the application and discussed the key functions of the organisation.

He noted the importance of encouraging a functional and critically literate community.

Attendance: Councillor Skinner joined the meeting at 9.08am.

Mr Forbes said the goals of the organisation were consistent with Council's community outcomes.

In response to questions, he said the sector of the community that required their service was underfunded by the government, and that the Tertiary Education Commission covered only 75% of their operational expenses.

4.2 Alzheimers Society Nelson Inc

Heather Lakner spoke to the application and said the organisation offered support to many groups affected by dementia. She said the funding sought was to continue to run a cafe for people with dementia, and their families.

In response to questions, she said social functions were often hard for people suffering from dementia, and the environment they created at the cafe was suitable for people with this condition.

4.3 Annesbrook Trust

Josiah Burton presented the application on behalf of the Annesbrook Trust.

Mr Burton talked about the 24/7 programme in Nelson high schools and other independent programmes for young people run by the Trust.

In response to questions, the submitter said the funding application was predominantly for the 24/7 programme. The submitter further added that about 180 – 200 young people attended their Wednesday night programme, and the one-on-one mentoring in schools reached roughly 10 young people a week.

4.4 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Nelson

Attendance: Councillor Noonan declared an interest and left the room for the duration of the item.

Rachel Saunders presented the application on behalf of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Nelson. She outlined the benefits of mentoring for young people and that the service offered wrap around care and support for vulnerable young people. She said that this was an identified area of need in the community.

Ms Saunders said the mentoring was particularly successful in maintaining connections between the young person and the community.

In response to a question, Ms Saunders said the organisation worked with young people aged between 6 and 18 years old, and that they saw the best results when working with younger children. She added that referrals were mainly through schools and social agencies.

4.5 CCS Disability Action Network Nelson Marlborough Inc

Barbara Gould spoke to the application and said the organisation provided support services for people with disabilities by maintaining connections to professional specialists. She said they worked with the family of a person with a disability and provided support for that family from childhood into adult life.

In response to a question, Ms Gould said the organisation worked with many groups in the community on access issues, and footpath conditions were an access issue faced by those with disabilities. With regards to the magazine, she said readership numbers were low yet feedback was that not all people wanted to read their news online.

4.6 Citizens Advice Bureau

Duncan Fuller presented the application on behalf of the organisation. He said the organisation was mostly run by volunteers and the major financial cost was for the position of co-ordinator.

Mr Fuller said the organisation received about 3000 website enquiries per year, and received many requests for assistance through Council's Customer Services Centre from people wanting to find out information about the services on offer in Nelson.

4.7 English Language Partners Nelson/Marlborough

Doug Adam spoke to the application, and outlined the services offered by the organisation. He said that the organisation sought to provide settlement support for refugees and migrants to Nelson.

Mr Adam said the organisation had helped 186 refugees and migrants this year. He added that the funding for which they had applied was earmarked for their literacy programme.

4.8 Family Education Network Inc - Nelson

Lynda Rae presented the application on behalf of the organisation and gave a Power Point presentation (A1255520). She said the organisation worked in Nelson College for Boys to deliver a unique sexual education programme centred around avoiding unintended pregnancies.

4.9 Loaves and Fishes, All Saints Church Nelson

Simon Martin and Alison Mountfort presented the application and spoke about the organisation's provision of food and community for vulnerable people in Nelson.

In response to questions, they explained that there was an increasing need for the provision of the organisation's services, and that they added activities on Thursday lunchtimes to ensure the experience was more than just receiving a free meal. They emphasised the community nature of the organisation's activities.

In response to further questions, they explained that the Anglican Church provided facilities and services rent-free, and that funding was required in order to provide food, salary, and other costs associated with the provision of services.

Attendance: the meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10.25am to 10.45am, during which time Councillor Copeland left the meeting.

4.10 Nelson Civic Choir

Attendance: Councillor Rainey declared an interest and left the room for the duration of this item. Councillor Noonan assumed the Chair.

Wim Oosterhoff presented the application and spoke about the history and activities of the Nelson Civic Choir. He said that funding was required to assist with the on-going running costs of the Choir, and with staging concerts.

He said that the Choir had applied for community grants, but that the level of support available through these means had dropped since the Christchurch earthquakes. He added that choir membership fees had been raised from \$85 to \$150 in order to assist with the Choir's running costs.

In response to a question, Mr Oosterhoff said that, on average, choir members were older, but that the choir was actively attempting to engage younger members.

4.11 Nelson Environment Centre

Attendance: Councillor Rainey resumed the Chair.

Karen Driver, Sarah Langi and Shiner Kelly presented the application, and displayed photos of the Kids Edible Gardens in Schools Programme (A1255528).

They explained the focus of the Kids Edible Gardens in Schools programme and how the programme supported the academic curriculum and classroom learning.

Ms Langi said that, due to funding constraints, the programme was currently available in four Nelson primary schools, but that there was a large demand for the programme in a greater number of schools.

In response to a question, Ms Langi and Ms Kelly explained that Ministry of Education funding was currently unavailable to fund the programme. They emphasised that empowering school students was a

tool for educating the wider community, and that the programme helped to build a resilient Nelson community.

In response to further questions, Ms Driver said that the programme was a priority, and in the past year other projects had been dropped to keep the programme going. They added that any profits from the Recycle Centre were fed into other projects such as the Kids Edible Gardens in Schools programme.

4.12 Nelson Male Voice Choir

John White spoke about the Nelson Male Voice Choir, and outlined its activities. He noted that the choir had relied on funding from the Canterbury Community Trust for the past three years for this purpose, but had missed the application this year.

Mr White explained the choir's aim of having a paying audience of approximately 200 at each event. He added that the choir regularly sang for free at events around Nelson, such as the Blessing of the Fleet and Anzac Day celebrations. He added that the choir sponsored visiting choirs from overseas, and had a focus on the development of young performers.

In response to questions, Mr White explained that the costs associated with hosting rehearsals, storage of materials and performances at the Nelson School of Music, were approximately \$3000 per year. He said that, with the closure of the School of Music, the choir was currently based at Old St Johns, and had bought a shipping container for the storage of materials. He explained that Council funding over the next four years would provide stability for the choir.

4.13 Nelson Multicultural Council

Attendance: Councillor Lawrey declared an interest and left the room for the duration of this item.

Evey McAuliffe and Marie Johnston presented the application.

Ms McAuliffe explained that the Multicultural Council promoted positive race relations and the celebration of cultural diversity, and noted how this met Council's Community Outcomes. She said that the application was to cover three projects: Race Unity Day, a coordinator for the Speak Out Nelson-Tasman reporting system for racist incidents and a coordinator for the Nelson Newcomers' Network, with both coordinators' positions at five hours per week.

In response to questions, Ms Johnston explained how the Multicultural Council's projects aligned with Council's Nelson 2060 strategy. She added that the Nelson Multicultural Council was seen as a leading model for multicultural councils around New Zealand.

4.14 Nelson Symphony Orchestra Inc.

Pamela Seymour and Richard Wells spoke to the application and explained the Nelson Symphony Orchestra's membership and activities. Ms Seymour explained how the Orchestra's activities fit with Council's Community Outcomes.

Mr Wells explained that the Orchestra was completely dependent on fundraising. He said that the Canterbury Community Trust had provided funds in past years, but that there were increasing demands on the Trust's funds. He said that Tasman District Council had started to support the Orchestra, and that Council funding would assist with conductors' costs and putting on concerts.

Representatives of the Nelson Symphony Orchestra played a short String Quartet.

In response to a question, Mr Wells explained that the costs involved with being based at the Nelson School of Music were approximately \$7200 each year, with the addition of an annual free concert. He said that since the closure of the School of Music, the Orchestra had rehearsed at Old St Johns and NMIT, and noted difficulties with the movement and storage of large instruments.

4.15 Nelson Tasman Youth Workers Collective

Deanne Kilpatrick and Jenna Baxter presented the application, and spoke about the activities of the Nelson Tasman Youth Workers Collective.

They explained that the application was partly to support Youth Week, and they tabled a copy of the 2014 brochure to illustrate the types of activities and events incorporated into Youth Week (A1247085). They added that the balance of the application was to assist with running a Youth Workers Award ceremony.

Attendance: Councillor Skinner left the meeting at 11.35am.

In response to questions, Ms Kilpatrick and Ms Baxter spoke about the increasing level of collaboration between youth agencies and other agencies, and noted that the Youth Workers Collective played an important lead role in such collaboration. They noted the success of the '4youth' website, and tabled materials relating to this (A1255549).

Attendance: The meeting adjourned from 11.41am to 11.43am.

4.16 Nelson Womens Support Inc

Carrie Mozena presented the application and spoke about the activities of Nelson Women's Support Inc, and how the application met Nelson City Council's Community Outcomes.

In response to questions, Ms Mozena explained that the activities of local community centres tended to be focused on families, and that there were no other service providers targeting the needs of vulnerable women, particularly those aged over 45. She said that, anecdotally, there were higher numbers of women living alone and that affordable housing presented a major issue to older single women without resources.

In response to further questions, she said that referrals to Nelson Women's Support Inc were largely via health related agencies, word of mouth, or through the website. She also clarified that the Canterbury Community Trust application for \$10,000 had subsequently been approved.

4.17 Open Home Foundation

Christine Ford presented the application. She explained that the residential Family Home operated by the Foundation was the only family home in the top of the South Island, and outlined the complex needs of children placed in the home. She spoke about the work undertaken by the Foundation and the family home parents with children placed in the home, and the positive outcomes of this work.

In response to a question, Ms Ford explained that, without successfully sourcing funding, children with complex needs would have to be accommodated outside the top of the South Island.

4.18 Post Natal Depression Support Network Nelson Inc

Gwen Daly Dover presented the application. She outlined the incidence of post natal depression, and explained how the group assisted women suffering from post natal depression. She added that the group received no government funding.

She explained that the application was to assist with the activities of the 'Good Grief, I'm a Mum' support group.

Attendance: Councillor Skinner returned to the meeting at 12.05pm.

4.19 Q-Youth Inc

Clare Fairbrother and Ruby O'Sullivan presented the application.

Ms Fairbrother spoke about the need for Queer/Straight Alliance groups in Nelson high schools, and how such groups supported young people suffering from bullying, and a lack of support and/or information relating to their sexuality. She explained that queer youth presented much higher statistics for depression, self-harm and suicide, and emphasised the need for safe spaces within schools, as not all queer youth were able to participate in Q-Youth support activities outside of school.

In response to questions, Ms Fairbrother explained that Queer/Straight Alliance Groups provided a means for sharing information and embracing diversity, and were open to all students interested in learning and supporting queer youth, regardless of their sexuality.

In response to further questions, Ms O'Sullivan explained other activities of Q-Youth, including providing education programmes for other organisations outside of schools.

4.20 Special Olympics Nelson

Margaret Robb and Lois Aitkenhead presented the application, and spoke about the activities of Special Olympics Nelson.

They said that the application was to cover the costs of hiring Ngawhatu Pool for Special Olympics swimming athletes, and gave a power point presentation of photos illustrating the athletes' activities and successes (A1255557).

They also noted the opportunities that Special Olympics provided for participating athletes, including attending courses and being role models for other athletes.

4.21 Sport Tasman

Lesley McIntosh and Sarah Hodgson spoke about the application, and tabled a copy of the brochure for the 'Give it a Go' programme (A1255559). Ms McIntosh said that the programme aimed to encourage more women to be active, and that a social, group setting allowed women the freedom to try new activities.

Ms Hodgson explained that the programme concentrated on a holistic approach to health and well-being. She said that the programme would be run on a 'first come, first served' basis, although demand for the programme had largely come from women aged over 60.

In response to questions, Ms McIntosh and Ms Hodgson outlined potential venues for the programme, and explained that the programme would enable women to transition into different sporting codes following the introductory sessions.

4.22 SVS – Living Safe

Dee Cresswell presented the application, and noted the current gap in programmes working with youth to prevent violent behaviour. She said that the application was to support a programme to assist young people with appropriate strategies to avoid resorting to violence. She said that the group received many referrals through the Police, Youth Court, Schools and other organisations. She tabled information relating to the programme (A1255567).

In response to questions, Ms Cresswell explained that positive feedback had been received from programme participants, as well as youth workers and alcohol and drugs counsellors who often worked alongside programme participants. She clarified that the application was to support Nelson youth only through the programme.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for lunch from 12.37pm to 1.11pm.

4.23 Tahunanui Community Centre

Jo Lavington and Judy Robinson presented the application, and spoke about the services provided by the Community Centre to assist residents to be socially engaged and active. They added that the Community Centre had started a food for families programme, and was experiencing increasing demand.

In response to questions they explained that, without funding, a decreased service would be provided. They said that they had only applied for a one-year contract, given uncertainties regarding the Community Centre's accommodation, which had since been resolved.

4.24 The Nelson Ark

Karen Howieson presented the application and gave a power point presentation A1255580.

She explained that the Nelson Ark provided animal assisted therapy, to promote compassion and empathy and develop life skills. She said that the Nelson Ark provided an eight week course and continued to work with clients for up to one year.

In response to a question she said that \$4,000 had been received from Tasman District Council last year.

4.25 The Parenting Place

Denise Adams presented the application, and explained that the Parenting Place provided small group parenting courses. She said that the course was provided using 100% New Zealand written and filmed material, and added that a new course was developed specifically for Maori families.

She explained further that the Parenting Place organised courses for parents of 0-6 year olds, 6-12 year olds, and teenagers, as well as providing a course for grandparents raising grandchildren.

4.26 Victory Boxing Charitable Trust

Paul Hampton presented the application and tabled information about the Trust (A1255584). He outlined the development of the organisation and noted that it promoted the values of exercise, hard work, caring for others and respect, and resulted in the increased self-

esteem of the participants. Mr Hampton explained that the Trust received referrals from the police and schools from around the region.

In response to a question, Mr Hampton said that the Fight for Victory had been a major source of fundraising revenue, but that it had been unable to be held since the closure of the Trafalgar Centre.

In response to a further question, Mr Hampton said that the Trust was currently operating out of premises owned by the Gibbons Group, paying outgoings only, but that a bigger space was needed to cater for the number of participants.

4.27 Victory Community Health

Penny Molnar presented the application for the Victory Health Centre. She said that Victory Community Health worked in conjunction with other volunteers and professionals in order to help whanau/families to reduce challenges faced by parents.

In response to a question, Ms Molnar explained that she was unaware of the \$2400 error in the accounts, but that this information could be sought and provided if necessary.

4.28 Volunteer Nelson

Jacqui Irwin and Gordon Oldfield presented the application for Volunteer Nelson, and gave a power point presentation (A1255602).

They explained that Volunteer Nelson worked with community organisations by training and coordinating volunteers, with over 800 registered volunteers working with 156 organisations. It was noted that volunteering benefitted both the organisations and individuals.

It was explained to the Committee that the organisation had reviewed its policies and had approved and implemented new ones.

In reply to a question it was explained that there had been an increase in the number of volunteers, with many being under 30 years old or new to Nelson.

4.29 YMCA Nelson

Members of the Senior Raise Up Crew presented the application on behalf of the YMCA Nelson, and spoke about the benefits of the Raise Up Crew experience. In particular, the YMCA youth leadership camp and fortnightly meetings provide leadership training, confidence and team building skills to young people were noted.

In response to a question, the Committee was informed about groups' involvement in Victory's Got Talent, and their efforts to organise a Lorde concert in Nelson.

4.30 Youth and Community Trust

Attendance: Councillor Rainey declared an interest and left the room for the duration of this item. Councillor Noonan assumed the Chair.

David Atoa and Jacinda Nurse and presented the application on behalf of Youth and Community Trust, and explained that the Trust provided emergency housing to young people aged 15-20, who had 'drifted' through other services.

They said that the Trust aimed to provide a safe and secure environment for young people, in order to assist with transitioning into permanent accommodation and work or training, and noted that these aims met Council's Community Outcomes.

In response to a question Ms Nurse explained that with increased funding, the Trust would be able to increase the level of service. She outlined recent success stories regarding young people assisted by the Trust.

The meeting adjourned at 2.18pm, to resume on Tuesday 9 September, at 9.00am.

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

On Tuesday 9 September 2014, commencing at 9.07am

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

In Attendance: Councillor I Barker, Group Manager Community Services (C Ward), Manager Community Partnerships (S Hermsen), Social Development Adviser (N Mercer) and Administration Advisers (E-J Ruthven and L Laird)

Apologies: Councillor P Matheson

5. Allocation of Community Assistance Funding 2014/15

Document number A1236719, agenda pages 7-14 refer.

Committee members discussed the breadth of applications to the Community Assistance fund, and Social Development Adviser, Nicola Mercer, tabled a document outlining organisations currently holding Community Assistance contracts (A1240640).

In response to a question, Manager Community Partnerships, Shanine Hermsen, explained that there were a number of applications from community organisations that did not necessarily have 'charitable' status, but who were closely aligned to and operated under 'umbrella' community groups that did have 'charitable' status.

Committee members discussed the Policy criteria for one-off grant applications. In response to questions, Ms Hermsen explained that some applications for one-off grants were for organisations' on-going expenses, which was against the criteria of the Policy. She acknowledged that in previous years, one-off grant applications for on-going expenses had been approved, and that, as a result, some community groups may have had an expectation that it was appropriate to apply for one-off grants in this manner.

Following discussion, there was general agreement amongst committee members that the criteria in the Policy should be adhered to, unless exceptional circumstances suggested that a recommendation to Council for a different course of action was warranted.

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During discussion, committee members indicated a desire to review the Community Assistance Policy in the near future.

The Chairperson reminded committee members of the preference that applicants leveraged additional funding for projects from alternative sources. He added that the committee would need to decide an appropriate percentage of funding, between 10% and 20%, to allocate to one-off grants.

The committee agreed to consider one-off grant applications in the first instance, prior to considering the appropriate percentage funding split for one-off and contract applications.

6. One-Off Grant Applications

6.1 Age Concern Nelson

Committee members discussed the application. It was suggested that the organisation may be able to apply a small charge to off-set costs of the project, and that a partial grant was appropriate in the circumstances.

It was agreed that a partial grant of \$1500 be made.

6.2 Aqua'Lite

In response to a question, Ms Hermsen explained that the group did not have charitable status, but came under the umbrella of Diabetes Nelson, which did have charitable status.

During discussion, it was noted that the application was for on-going expenses, and it was agreed that the application be declined on this basis.

6.3 Arthritis Foundation of New Zealand Inc

During discussion, it was noted that the application was for on-going expenses, and it was agreed that the application be declined on this basis.

6.4 Bhutanese Society of Nelson, New Zealand Inc.

During discussion, it was noted that the application was for on-going expenses, and it was agreed that the application be declined on this basis.

6.5 Bridge Valley Adventure Centre

The committee discussed the application, and noted that the event was more likely to attract families from the Tasman region than the Nelson region.

It was further noted that the event was an annual event and on-going in nature. It was agreed that the application be declined.

6.6 Celtic Pipe Band Inc.

The committee discussed the application. It was noted that Nelson's hosting of the National Pipe Band Championships would bring a large number of people to Nelson.

During discussion, it was suggested that the application would be better directed to the Events Fund administered by the Economic Development Agency.

It was agreed that the application be declined, that the group be directed to apply to the Events Fund, and that the committee indicate to the Economic Development Agency its support of this event.

6.7 Chin Community of Nelson

The committee discussed the application. It was noted that the organisation provided a valuable service to a former refugee community, however it was also noted that it was to cover on-going expenses. The committee agreed that in future years the organisation should be encouraged to apply for contract funding rather than for a one-off grant.

The committee agreed that it may be desirable to consider a recommendation to Council to award a grant outside the terms of the Policy, and to return to consider this application further later in the meeting.

6.8 Community Workers Training and Support

Committee members discussed the application, and noted that it was for the development of a potential public arts project.

A variety of views were expressed regarding whether it was appropriate for Community Assistance funding to be applied to the planning stages of potential projects. It was suggested that this application could be better directed towards the Arts Fund.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the application be declined, but that the Arts Fund be brought to the applicant's attention.

6.9 Epilepsy New Zealand Nelson/Marlborough Branch

During discussion, it was noted that the application was for on-going expenses, and it was agreed that the application be declined on this basis.

6.10 Forest and Bird (Nelson/Tasman)

The committee discussed the application and agreed that a grant of \$2500 be made.

6.11 Hearing Association Nelson Inc

The committee discussed the application and agreed that a grant of \$1560 be made.

6.12 Kopuawai Te Kohanga

Committee members discussed the application, and noted that it was for the provision of uniforms. A variety of views were expressed regarding whether the provision of uniforms was an appropriate use for Community Assistance funding.

During discussion, it was noted that the organisation was not currently sourcing any other funding for the uniforms, and several committee members suggested that the organisation could undertake fundraising activities towards the cost of uniforms.

Following discussion, it was agreed that a partial grant of \$1367.35 be made.

6.13 Loaves and Fishes

It was agreed that a grant of \$1000 be made.

6.14 Marsden Valley Trapping Group

In response to a question, Ms Mercer explained that the group did not have charitable status, but came under the umbrella of the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary, which did have charitable status.

Following discussion, it was agreed that a grant of \$1500 be made.

6.15 Neighbourhood Connections (Tautoko Services)

The committee discussed the application, and agreed that a grant of \$2500 be made.

6.16 Neighbourhood Support

The committee discussed the application, and noted that the proposal was a trial to grow Neighbours' Day into Neighbours' Month.

Attendance: Councillor Copeland left the meeting at 10.24am

Following discussion, it was agreed that a grant of \$2500 be made.

6.17 Nelson Community Christian Night Shelter

The committee discussed the application. It was noted that the organisation provided a valuable service, however it was also noted that the application was for on-going expenses.

The committee indicated their desire to provide a grant of \$1500, however it was agreed that a recommendation to Council to do so would be required, as the application fell outside the terms of the Policy.

It was agreed to return to this application later in the meeting.

6.18 Nelson Community Toy Library

Following discussion it was agreed that a grant of \$2500 be made.

6.19 Nelson Cricket Association

Committee members discussed the application. It was noted that the organisation was unable to prove its charitable status, and concern was expressed at the small number of children that may benefit from the coaching clinic.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the application be declined.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10.43am to 11.00am

6.20 Nelson Grey Power Association Inc

Attendance: Councillor Noonan declared an interest and left the meeting for the duration of this item.

Following discussion, it was agreed that a grant of \$2300 be made.

6.21 Nelson Multicultural Council

The committee discussed the application. It was noted that the application was to support an event that occurred annually, and was therefore on-going in nature.

A suggestion was made that it would be more appropriate for the organisation to include this event in its application for a Community Assistance contract.

The committee indicated their desire to provide a grant of \$2500 towards the event, however it was agreed that a recommendation to Council to do so would be required, as the application fell outside the terms of the Policy.

It was agreed to return to this application later in the meeting.

6.22 Nelson Musical Theatre Incorporated

The Committee discussed the application, during which questions were raised regarding whether any compliance issues were raised with regards to the use of flued heaters.

Following discussion, it was agreed that a grant of \$974 be made, subject to consultation with Council's Eco Building Design Adviser and the installation of the heaters meeting building compliance.

6.23 Nelson Railway Society

Following discussion, it was agreed that a grant of \$2000 be made.

6.24 Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust

Committee members discussed the application, and whether Community Assistance funding was appropriately directed towards marketing materials. It was further noted that the application was partly to promote the Great Taste Trail, which was of benefit to the Nelson-Tasman region, rather than to Nelson residents.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the application be declined, but that further discussions take place with the applicant and Tasman District Council to consider how best to support the organisation going forward.

6.25 Nelson Tasman Region Hospice Trust

Following discussion, it was agreed that a grant of \$2500 be made.

6.26 Nelson Returned and Services Association Inc

The Committee discussed the application. It was noted that provision had been made within the Annual Plan 2014/15 for events associated with the centenary commemorations of World War I.

It was agreed that the application should be declined, and the applicant directed to apply to the Annual Plan budget for assistance with this project.

6.27 New Zealand Centre for Gifted Education Limited

The Committee discussed the application. Several committee members noted a concern regarding the number of children that would benefit, and the proportion that were Nelson-based, given that the programme was based in Richmond.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the application be declined.

Attendance: Her Worship the Mayor left the meeting at 11.31am.

6.28 New Zealand Chinese Association – Nelson Branch Incorporated (NZCA-NB)

The committee discussed the application. It was noted that the application was to cover the Chinese New Year Festival, and while this potentially could be an annual, on-going event, this was the first time that the organisation had applied for such funding.

Attendance: Councillor Copeland returned to the meeting at 11.34am.

Following discussion, it was agreed that a grant of \$2500 be made.

6.29 New Zealand Zomilnnkuan (Nelson) Inc

The committee noted that the application was for a festival for a significant former refugee community in Nelson, which also potentially could become an annual event. It was also noted that the application would benefit from greater clarity in the budget for the event.

Following discussion, it was agreed that a grant of \$2500 be made.

6.30 Nga Tamariki Toa o Te Pouahi

Committee members discussed the application, and noted that the organisation had not identified any further sources of funding towards the kapa haka uniforms.

Following discussion, it was agreed that a grant of \$2500 be made.

6.31 Richmond Group Riding for the Disabled Inc

During discussion, several committee members noted concerns regarding the number of Nelson residents that would benefit from the application.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the application be declined.

6.32 Rutherford Street Kindergarten

Following discussion, it was agreed that a grant of \$2500 be made.

6.33 Sport Tasman

Committee members discussed the application. A variety of views were expressed regarding holding a free adult activity day on a weekday, and the need to provide a free bus when a large number of attendees would be Super Gold card holders, and already entitled to receive free public transport.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the application be declined.

6.34 The Order of St John

Following discussion, it was agreed that a grant of \$1396.63 be made.

6.35 Victory Community Health

Following discussion, it was agreed that a grant of \$2500 be made.

6.36 Victory School

Following discussion, it was agreed that a grant of \$1500 be made.

6.37 Waimarama Community Gardens

Following discussion, it was agreed that a grant of \$1000 be made.

6.38 Chin Community

Following discussion it was agreed that this application would need to go to Council as it sat outside the criteria of the Policy, given it related to the ongoing costs of the programme.

6.39 Community Workers Training and Support

During discussion, concern was expressed that the application did not fit within the criteria of the Community Assistance Policy, and that there were more appropriate funds for the project, including the Public Art Fund.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the application be declined.

It was further agreed the response to the organisation should include endorsement of the project.

Attendance: the meeting adjourned for lunch from 12.19pm – 12.45pm

The Committee discussed a recommendation to Council. Group Manager, Chris Ward, said officers would bring a report back to the Committee should the Council agree to not fund these organisations.

Recommendation to Council

THAT the following one-off contracts be approved because the benefits to the community outweigh the individual reasons as to why they have not met the individual criteria of the policy as they stand:

- ***Nelson Community Christian Night Shelter***
- ***Nelson Multicultural Council***
- ***Chin Community of Nelson.***

Ward/Noonan

Carried

7. Contract Applications

The Committee then considered contract applications. Officers clarified that if contracts were approved in excess of the total available amount, it would be open to the Committee to consider applying a pro rata system, resulting in a reduction in the amounts available for each organisations.

7.1 Adult Learning Support

Committee members noted the unmet outcomes, and officers advised that the organisation had returned the funds that had been allocated for the parts of the programme that were not delivered.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the full contract be awarded.

7.2 Alzheimers Society Nelson Inc

Following discussion, it was agreed that the full contract be awarded.

7.3 Annesbrook Trust

Following discussion, it was agreed that the contract be awarded to 75% of the amount applied for.

7.4 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Nelson

Attendance: Councillor Noonan declared an interest and left the room for the duration of this item.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the full contract be awarded.

7.5 Blind Foundation

Following discussion, it was agreed that the full contract be awarded.

7.6 CCS Disability Action Nelson Marlborough Incorporated

There was discussion regarding the effects of applying a pro rata system to contract applications. Several committee members suggested that some organisations should be awarded the full application amount, and to achieve this some applications should be fully declined.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the full contract be awarded.

7.7 Citizens Advice Bureau

Committee members noted the value of the organisation's databases. Following discussion, it was agreed that the full contract be awarded.

- 7.8 English Language Partners Nelson-Marlborough
Following discussion, it was agreed that the full contract be awarded.
- 7.9 Family Education Network Inc - Nelson
Following discussion, it was agreed to come back to this application later in the meeting.
- 7.10 Hearing Association Nelson Inc
Following discussion, it was agreed that the full contract be awarded.
- 7.11 Kidpower Teenpower Fullpower Trust
Following discussion, it was agreed that the full contract be awarded.
- 7.12 Loaves and Fishes
Following discussion, it was agreed that the full contract be awarded.
- 7.13 Nelson Civic Choir, Nelson Symphony Orchestra and Nelson Male Voice Choir

There was a discussion about the applications from the Nelson Civic Choir, the Nelson Symphony Orchestra and the Nelson Male Voice Choir. It was mentioned that the Council had previously resolved to provide additional funding in the Annual Plan 2013/14 to the Nelson School of Music to assist the organisation to deliver its core services whilst the building remained closed due to earthquake-prone issues.

The Group Manager Community Services, Chris Ward, advised that the outcomes for this funding had not yet been decided, and were due to be the subject of a report to the Community Services Committee for decision.

The Chairperson raised that providing funding to the three organisations mentioned above could be included in the outcomes sought for the allocation of the Annual Plan 2013/14 funding, noting that this would require approval by Council. It was suggested that these organisations are affiliated to the Nelson School of Music and that this may be an appropriate place for this funding to be allocated from.

Concern was expressed that Council may not agree to fund these organisations from this Annual Plan budget. It was acknowledged by most committee members that this was a risk, however most expressed a preference for the Annual Plan budget to be used for these organisations. It was re-iterated that the delegation to decide on the outcomes for this budget was with the Community Service Committee, however the Committee would need agreement from Council to alter how the budget was to be allocated.

Following discussion, it was agreed to come back to the applications from the Nelson Civic Choir, the Nelson Symphony Orchestra and the Nelson Male Voice Choir.

7.14 Nelson Environment Centre

Following discussion, it was agreed that the full contract be awarded.

7.15 Nelson Multicultural Council

Following discussion, it was agreed that the full contract be awarded.

7.16 Nelson Tasman Youth Workers Collective

Following discussion, it was agreed that the full contract be awarded.

7.17 Nelson Women's Support Inc

Following discussion, it was agreed that the full contract be awarded.

7.18 New Zealand Centre for Gifted Education Limited

Committee members discussed the applications and agreed that the wider community benefit in this programme was limited, and that there were more appropriate places for funding.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the application be declined.

7.19 Open Home Foundation – Nelson

Upon discussion it was noted that the organisation had not met the outcomes associated with its previous contract. Officers advised that the organisation had not catered for the targeted number of children owing to some children staying for longer periods.

The Committee agreed the outcomes should be changed to reflect bed nights as opposed to number of children.

In response to questions, Mr Ward said the organisation did receive funding from Child Youth and Family, yet sought additional support to provide a certain level of care for children who struggled to find appropriate foster care. He said the organisation offered a transitional service in the family home whilst dealing with behavioural issues, and added that they focussed on providing a high level of need for a small number of children.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the contract be awarded to 70% of the amount applied for.

7.20 Post Natal Depression Support Network Nelson Inc

Following discussion, it was agreed that the full contract be awarded.

7.21 Q Youth

It was noted that the organisation was not currently achieving its outcomes, and that this should be encouraged in any further contract. Following discussion, it was agreed that the full contract be awarded.

7.22 Special Olympics

Following discussion, it was agreed that the full contract be awarded.

7.23 Sport Tasman

Following discussion, it was agreed that the application be declined.

The Committee noted that in terms of the priorities of the Community Assistance Policy, the services offered by this organisation were a low priority, and that there was no evidence the organisation was seeking to leverage additional funding from other sources.

7.24 SVS – Living Safe

Following discussion, it was agreed that the full contract be awarded.

7.25 Tahunanui Community Centre

The need for a well developed plan was noted. Following discussion, it was agreed that the full contract be awarded.

7.26 Nelson Ark

Following discussion, it was agreed that the full contract be awarded.

7.27 The Parenting Place

Following discussion, it was agreed that the full contract be awarded.

7.28 Victory Boxing Trust

Following discussion, it was agreed that the full contract be awarded.

7.29 Victory Community Health

Following discussion, it was agreed that the full contract be awarded.

7.30 Volunteer Nelson

Following discussion, it was agreed that the full contract be awarded.

7.31 YMCA Nelson

Following discussion, it was agreed that the full contract be awarded.

7.32 Youth and Community Trust

Attendance: Councillor Rainey declared an interest and left the room for the duration of the item. During this time Councillor Noonan assumed the Chair.

It was noted that previous contracts had unmet outcomes, in that fewer young people were supported than contracted for.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the full contract be awarded.

7.33 Family Education Network Inc – Nelson

Attendance: Councillor Rainey assumed the Chair.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the full contract be awarded.

Attendance: Her Worship the Mayor joined the meeting at 2.16pm.

The Committee discussed the effects of the pro rata system on contracts, and that the lower level of funding received would limit the ability of some organisations to achieve their outcomes. The Chairperson encouraged committee members to consider this during the review of the Community Assistance Policy.

It was agreed that the review would need to be wide reaching also considering the role and position of the Community Assistance Fund by Council.

The Committee considered the recommendation to Council regarding the Annual Plan budget for the Nelson School of Music discussed previously in the meeting.

It was agreed that the preferable approach for consider the allocation of this budget should be through a recommendation to Council that sought approval for these organisations to be included in the outcomes sought for this funding.

Mr Ward advised at that point an officer report could be brought to the Community Services Committee detailing the appropriate distribution of that budget. There was agreement that this would add value to that budget line.

Resolved

THAT 12.25% of the total funds available for Community Assistance be allocated to one-off grant applications.

Ward/Lawrey

Carried

Recommendation to Council

THAT Council give consideration to the sum of up to \$15,000 being allocated amongst the following organisations from the budget allocated to the Nelson School of Music through the Annual Plan 2014/15:

- ***Nelson Civic Choir***
- ***Nelson Male Voice Choir***
- ***Nelson Symphony Orchestra***

Copeland/Noonan

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 2.45pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date

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