

Minutes of a meeting of the Community Services Committee

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

On Thursday 27 March 2014, commencing at 9.03am

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

In Attendance: Councillors L Acland, I Barker, E Davy, K Fulton, and B McGurk, Chief Executive (C Hadley), Group Manager Support Services/Acting Group Manager Community Services (H Kettlewell), Group Manager Infrastructure (A Louverdis), Acting Group Manager Environment (G Carlyon), Manager Libraries (I Littleworth), Manager Environmental Programmes (C Ward), Manager Communications (A Ricker), Angela, Manager Administration (P Langley), Administration Adviser (E-J Ruthven), and Youth Councillors (C Phillips and S Smith)

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Interests

There were no updates to the Interests Register, and no conflicts of interests with any agenda items were noted.

3. Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

4. Public Forum

4.1 Brook Waimarama Sanctuary

Hudson Dodd and Dave Butler spoke about the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary, and outlined their concerns regarding the officer recommendation to cap funding at current levels. They referred to a previous Council resolution, which had delegated to the Chief Executive the power to negotiate any future requests for increased funding from

the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Trust, and noted that no requests for increased funding had been made to date.

They explained that sufficient fund-raising had been carried out to complete the pest-proof fence, and that they expected to be able to present such evidence to Council, in order to uplift Council's portion of funding.

In response to questions, Mr Butler and Mr Dodd explained that the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Trust had prepared a robust business case, with the objective of being self-sustaining. They said there was a small possibility of a funding shortfall in the short-term only, but that they were continuing to pursue all available funding, and that they did not expect to request any increase in operational funding.

5. Confirmation of Minutes – 28 January 2014

Document number A1135727, agenda pages 7-11 refer.

Resolved

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council – Community Services, held on 28 January 2014, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Ward/Skinner

Carried

6. Status Report

There was no Status Report update.

7. Chairperson's Report

Councillor Rainey explained that the officer recommendations contained in the reports to this meeting would be considered clause by clause.

RECREATION AND LEISURE

8. Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Fence and Conservation Centre

Document number A1158237, agenda pages 12-15 refer.

Acting Group Manager Environment, Greg Carlyon, presented the report. He noted that it appeared that the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Trust had reached its fundraising goal and was in a position to move forward with the fence construction. However, he also explained that a number of risks remained, and that Council, as principal funder, should be aware of these.

He added that the release of Council funding should be contingent on the lease to the Trust being finalised. He added that lease negotiations were progressing well, and that this was not expected to hold the project up. In response to a question, Group Manager Infrastructure, Alec Louverdis, outlined the complexity of the lease negotiations.

Councillors discussed the report. It was noted that the report was light in detail in comparison to previous reports that had guided decision-making on the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary, and a suggestion was made that previous public excluded reports be released to the public to identify the factors that Council had taken into account in its decisions to date.

Councillors also discussed the previous Council resolution that had delegated authority to the Chief Executive to negotiate directly with the Trust any requests for increased operational funding, and several councillors expressed concern with the officer recommendation to cap funding at current levels.

In response to a question, Mr Carlyon explained that it was important to address the full biodiversity programme across the city, and to consider what was best value for money in achieving Council's biodiversity goals. He emphasised the importance of leveraging off the fence construction at the Sanctuary to assist with achieving biodiversity goals.

Attendance: Her Worship the Mayor left the meeting at 9.45am.

Councillors debated whether to receive the report. Those in favour noted the importance of understanding the risks, noting that the trust had proposed mitigating measures. Those against suggested that there was insufficient detail within the report to make any decisions on the officer recommendations.

Resolved

THAT the report Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Fence and Conservation Centre – Councillor Update (A1158237) be received.

Rainey/Ward

Carried

Councillor Rainey, seconded by Councillor Skinner, moved

THAT Council funding committed through the Long Term Plan be capped at current levels.

Councillor Noonan, seconded by Councillor Skinner, moved an amendment

THAT Council funding for operational funding aside from contract service funding committed through the Long Term Plan be capped at current levels.

Councillors discussed the amendment. It was noted that operation funding was currently \$0, as the current funding provided was in relation to pest management services and related works on site.

The amendment was put and lost, and the meeting returned to the original motion, which was also put and lost.

Councillor Rainey, seconded by Councillor Copeland, moved

THAT Council operational funding to the Sanctuary Trust be directed to on-the-ground biodiversity activities consistent with Nelson City Council's overarching biodiversity programmes.

Following discussion, the motion was put and lost.

Recommendation to Council

THAT Council obtains formal confirmation from the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Trust that it has reached its funding target.

Rainey/Noonan

Carried

Recommendation to Council

THAT Council directs officers to provide a summary of Council's biodiversity output with a particular focus on opportunities to leverage the work undertaken in the Sanctuary.

Rainey/Copeland

Carried

HERITAGE

9. Heritage Activity Management Plan

Document number A1129219, agenda pages 16-18 refer.

Manager Libraries, Ian Littleworth, and Arts and Heritage Adviser, Debbie Daniell-Smith, joined the meeting and presented the report.

Ms Daniell-Smith noted that the date on the front of the document should be updated to read "2015-2025".

Mr Littleworth explained that Broadgreen House was run on a different basis than all other heritage houses, as council owned the house and directly managed it, rather than leasing it out to an historical society. He clarified that the Broadgreen Centre was directly owned by the

Broadgreen Historical Society, who leased the land on which it sat from Council.

In response to a question, Group Manager Support Services, Hugh Kettlewell explained that the Tasman Bays Heritage Trust Board was undertaking a strategic review of its role in a regional context, and that part of that review would include considering its long-term accommodation needs and storage needs.

Resolved

THAT the report Heritage Activity Management Plan (A1129219) and its attachment (A372602) be received.

Rainey/Matheson

Carried

Councillor Rainey, seconded by Councillor Noonan, moved the recommendation to Council contained in the officer report.

Councillors discussed the Anchor Foundry and State Advances Building, and why they had been excluded from the Heritage Activity Management Plan. In response to a question, Mr Kettlewell explained that, as potential uses for these buildings was still under consideration, they were best captured in the Property and Facilities Asset Management Plan, although they would not be precluded from being in the Heritage Activity Management Plan in the long term.

Councillor Copeland, seconded by Councillor Ward, moved an amendment:

THAT the Heritage Activity Management Plan 2015-2025 (A372602) be adopted as the version that will inform the Long Term Plan 2015-2025, with the inclusion of the Anchor Foundry building and the State Advances building.

The amendment was passed and became the substantive motion.

Recommendation to Council

THAT the Heritage Activity Management Plan 2015-2025 (A372602) be adopted as the version that will inform the Long Term Plan 2015-2025, with the inclusion of the Anchor Foundry building and the State Advances building.

Rainey/Noonan

Carried

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10.38am to 10.55am, during which time Councillor Copeland left the meeting.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

10. Provision of Public Pianos in the CBD

Document number A1140050, agenda pages 19-37 refer.

Resolved

THAT the report Provision of Public Pianos in the CBD (A1140050) and its attachment (A1145197) be received.

Ward/Noonan

Carried

Committee members supported a trial pilot project involving more than one public piano.

Recommendation to Council

THAT Council support a pilot project to have two public pianos for a trial period of 12 months.

Ward/Lawrey

Carried

Recommendation to Council

THAT Council not take on any ownership or management of the piano once supplied.

Rainey/Skinner

Carried

Recommendation to Council

THAT the Chief Executive is delegated the authority to terminate the trial at any time should the need arise.

Rainey/Noonan

Carried

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

11. Nelson Youth Council

11.1 Nelson Youth Council Update

Chelcie-Mei Phillips and Sophie Smith gave an update regarding Youth Council activities. They noted that they had assisted with The Wood Treasure Hunt, and were planning future events, including a quiz night, promotional activities for Rock Quest, tree planting, and assisting with under-age events such as 'Blackout'. They added that Youth Councillors were sourcing name badges, which they intended to pay for individually.

In response to a question, Ms Phillips explained the way the gigatown competition worked, and encouraged councillors to support the competition.

Attendance: Her Worship the Mayor returned to the meeting at 11.07am.

There was a brief discussion regarding Youth Council badges, during which general agreement was indicated for Council to supply badges, rather than youth councillors paying for them directly.

11.2 Nelson Youth Council – 10 February 2014

Document number A1139966

Resolved

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Nelson Youth Council, held on 10 February 2014, be received.

Noonan/Lawrey

Carried

12. 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>Community Services Committee – Public Excluded – 28 January 2014</p> <p>These minutes confirm the minutes of 28 January 2014 and also contain information regarding:</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)(h) To carry out commercial activities • Section 7(2)(i) To carry out negotiations

	Future Arrangements – City Camping Grounds		
2	<p>Founders Leases 2014</p> <p>This report contains information regarding the consideration of leases at Founders Park.</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)(h) To carry out commercial activities • Section 7(2)(i) To carry out negotiations

Rainey/Noonan

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 11.11am and resumed in public session at 11.48am.

13. Re-admittance of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

Rainey/Ward

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 11.48am.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date