
Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Nelson City Council

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

On Thursday 15 May 2014, commencing at 1.03pm

Present: Her Worship the Mayor R Reese, Councillors L Acland, I Barker, R Copeland, 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), Chief Financial Officer (N Harrison), Group Manager Support Services/Acting Group Manager Community Services (H Kettlewell), Manager Communication (A Ricker), Manager Administration (P Langley), Administration Adviser (L Laird), and Nelson Youth Councillors (C Lindley and C Rumsey)

Apology: Councillor E Davy

Opening Prayer

Councillor Copeland gave the opening prayer.

1. Interests

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

2. Confirmation of Order of Business

Attendance: Councillor Skinner joined the meeting at 1.05pm.

2.1 Late item – Local Government New Zealand Remit – Earthquake Prone Buildings

Resolved

THAT the item regarding Local Government New Zealand Remit – Earthquake Prone Buildings be considered at this meeting as a major item not on the agenda, pursuant to Section 46A(7)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, to enable the Local

Government New Zealand deadlines for remits for their 2014 Annual General Meeting to be met.

Her Worship the Mayor/Barker

Carried

3. Apologies

Resolved

THAT the apology from Councillor Davy be received and accepted.

Her Worship the Mayor/Acland

Carried

4. Policy on Selection, Appointment and Remuneration of External Appointees to Council Committees

Document number A1183008, agenda pages 4-14 refer.

Manager Administration, Penny Langley, joined the meeting and presented the report. She added that paragraph 3.5 should be expanded to include current external appointees as well as members of the District Licensing Committee.

There was a discussion about the appropriate number of external appointees on the Governance Committee. The Chief Executive advised that the Committee Delegations had already been approved by the Council and included 'up to two' additional appointed members. She further advised that this report was concerned with the policy and not the appropriate numbers of additional appointed members, yet encouraged the Council to consider the benefits of a wider ranging view of professionals on the Committee. She said in terms of governance decisions, this was a benefit to the Council.

Ms Langley noted that the figure in paragraph 11.2 of the report should be \$31,100, and not \$12,000.

There was a discussion about the appropriateness of external appointees having full voting rights on council committees. There was general agreement that for their contribution to be meaningful, full voting rights were required.

Concern was expressed as to the balance of power with more than one external appointee on the Governance Committee. It was noted that elected members would remain the majority of committee members.

It was noted that Council would consider applicants for external appointments in the June Council meeting, and that there would be an opportunity for review at the mid-term point of the Council term.

Resolved

THAT the report Policy on Selection, Appointment and Remuneration of External Appointees to Council Committees (A1183008) and its attachment (A1181155) be received;

AND THAT the Nelson City Council Selection, Appointment and Remuneration Policy for External Appointees on Council committee (A1181155) be adopted.

Her Worship the Mayor/Ward

Carried

5. 2014/15 Infrastructure Insurance Renewal

Document number A1173315, agenda pages 15-17 refer.

Chief Financial Officer, Nikki Harrison presented the report. She said the Council had been with LAPP for a long time however it was likely the scheme would undergo changes in the coming year following the LGNZ Insurance market review report prepared by Craig Stobo. She added that once the insurance review recommendations were completed, she would be able to provide the Council with further advice as to the best insurance option for Council.

Resolved

THAT the report 2014/15 Infrastructure Insurance Renewal (A1173315) be received;

AND THAT Council remain with the Local Authority Protection Programme scheme for infrastructure insurance for the 2014/15 financial year;

AND THAT Council give the required one year's notice to withdraw from 1 July 2015, with the option to withdraw notice, to investigate other insurance options for future financial years.

Noonan/Barker

Carried

6. Local Government New Zealand Remit – Earthquake Prone Buildings

Document number A1187387, late item refers.

The Chief Executive said, should the remit be successful, Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) would be delegated the authority to advocate on behalf of local authorities to assist building owners with earthquake strengthening requirement issues. She reminded the

Council the decision for this meeting was whether to support the remit, not debate the discussions they wanted LGNZ to have.

Attendance: the meeting adjourned from 11.46am to 11.50am.

The Chief Executive clarified that Wellington City Council required support from five local authorities for the remit to be successful, and that she did not know how many supported it at this stage.

Resolved

THAT the report Local Government New Zealand Remit – Earthquake Prone Buildings (A1187387) and its attachments (A1187398 and A1187413) be received;

AND THAT Nelson City Council support the remit application prepared by Wellington City Council (A1187413) being put forward to the Local Government New Zealand 2014 Annual General Meeting.

Ward/Rainey

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 1.53pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date