
Minutes of a meeting of the Works and Infrastructure Committee

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

On Thursday 16 October 2014, commencing at 9.02am

Present: Councillors E Davy (Chairperson), L Acland, I Barker, R Copeland, M Lawrey (Deputy Chair), G Noonan and T Skinner

In Attendance: Councillors P Matheson, B McGurk and M Ward, Group Manager Infrastructure (A Louverdis), Communications Manager (P Shattock), Group Manager Corporate Services (N Harrison), Manager Administration (P Langley), and Administration Adviser (G Brown)

Apologies: Her Worship the Mayor, R Reese

1. Apologies

Resolved

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

Barker/Skinner

Carried

2. Confirmation of Order of Business

The Chairperson advised that there would be a public forum presentation.

3. Interests

There were no updates to the Interests Register, and no interests with agenda items were declared.

4. Public Forum

Roger Gibbons spoke about the St Vincent Street Cycleway and tabled document (A1262238). He advised that he was in support of the cycleway however, he believed there were safety issues in relation to the preferred option 5.

Mr Gibbons advised that he had been in discussions with council officers and discussions had been positive. He advised that he favoured option 1, and saw option 5 as the next best option, however believed this option required 'Stop' signs at the Countdown/Warehouse intersection.

In response to questions, Mr Gibbons advised that he had not witnessed any accidents or an increase in cyclists using the cycleway, and that his safety concerns were for cyclists rather than motorists.

In response to a further question, Mr Gibbons said he believed parking between a cycleway and roadway was unwise and that cars should be parked against the kerb, as this traditional way of parking cars was safer.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 4 September 2014

Document number A1245605, agenda pages 8-12 refer.

Resolved

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Nelson City Council – Works and Infrastructure Committee, held on 4 September 2014, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Lawrey/Noonan

Carried

5.2 16 September 2014

Document number A1251114, agenda pages 13-17 refer.

Resolved

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Nelson City Council – Works and Infrastructure Committee, held on 16 September 2014, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Lawrey/Copeland

Carried

6. Status Report – Works and Infrastructure 16 October 2014

Document number A1150321, agenda pages 18-19 refer.

Group Manager Infrastructure, Alec Louverdis explained that items within minutes which had no outstanding actions would not be contained in the status report and that updates, if any, would be provided in the Councillors Newsletter.

Resolved

THAT the Status Report – Works and Infrastructure 16 October 2014 (A1150321) be received.

Lawrey/Acland

Carried

7. Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson gave a verbal update in relation to buildings noted within the Property Asset Review, and the possibility for buildings to be utilised by community groups. He asked that Council Officers note these opportunities when reviewing Council properties, and councillors were in support of this idea.

The Chairperson advised that the Property Asset Review would be completed in approximately 6 weeks.

BUILDINGS

8. Council Owned Earthquake Prone Buildings – Earthquake Assessment Update #2

Document number A1250395, agenda pages 20-28 refer.

Team Leader Engineer, Mel Large joined the meeting.

In response to a question, Ms Large said that strengthening of Broadgreen House was expected to be done by December 2014, however if this was not the case it would be delayed until 2015, and she advised that the appropriate Health & Safety procedures were being followed.

Mr Louverdis explained to councillors that minimal work would be carried out on the Anchor Building as it was a health and safety risk to pedestrians, and this was separate from the Property Assets Review.

There were concerns that the Refinery Gallery should be more highly prioritised within the scheduled assessments table under 5.18 of the report.

In response to a question, Mr Louverdis explained that no-one had approached Council about tenanting the Anchor Building and in its current state it could not be occupied.

Resolved

THAT the report Council Owned Earthquake Prone Buildings – Earthquake Assessment Update #2 (A1250395) and its attachments (A573820, A573853 and A573921) be received;

AND THAT it be noted that critical structural weaknesses have been identified at the Anchor building (258 Haven Road) and the Reliance Engineering building (236 Haven Road);

AND THAT the critical structural weakness be addressed at the Anchor Building at an estimated cost of between \$2,000 and \$10,000 to mitigate the risk of localised collapse of the southern wall that would result in debris falling onto the footpath and carriageway, funded from provision in the current 2014/15 financial year;

AND THAT Council note that no work will be undertaken on the Reliance Engineering Building at this stage as the building is not expected to collapse or cause serious injury during a moderate earthquake event.

Davy/Lawrey

Carried

9. Highland Pipe Band Hall – New Lease and the Demolition of the Existing Building

Document number A1247499, agenda pages 29-33 refer.

Property and Facilities Asset Manager, Michael Homan joined the meeting.

In response to questions, Mr Homan said that the Highland Pipe Band would utilise 81 Achilles Street for two nights a week and the weekend, and that they would also be using the building for storage.

Mr Homan advised that the lease would be for 6 months and then on a month by month basis. He also said that there was a focus on sharing premises with other organisations however, this had not been discussed with the group.

Mr Homan informed councillors that for the Highland Pipe Band to move into 81 Achilles Street, Council needed to secure a lock up area and tidy up cabling within the building.

In response to a further question, Mr Homan advised that he was aware of discussions around community groups wishing to be accommodated at Saxton Field.

Mr Homan advised that there were no immediate plans to remove the skatepark located near the Highland Pipe Band Hall however, he said that it could be removed at some stage in the future to align with the Rutherford Park development plan.

Resolved

THAT the report Highland Pipe Band Hall – New Lease and Demolition of The Existing Building (A1247499) and its attachment (A1255052) be received;

AND THAT the Highland Pipe Band be granted a temporary lease of 81 Achilles Street, provided that a Detailed Seismic Assessment of 81 Achilles Street does not show up any critical structural weakness.

Lawrey/Copeland

Carried

Councillor Davy moved the recommendation to Council, seconded by Councillor Noonan.

Councillor Copeland moved an amendment, seconded by Councillor Lawrey

AND THAT every effort is made to increase the amenity value of the site

Councillors discussed the amendment. It was noted that the officer's report addressed aesthetic improvements by stating that the removal of the Highland Pipe Band Hall would improve access to the Trafalgar Centre and that the area would be grassed.

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

Recommendation to Council

THAT Council approve unbudgeted operational expenditure of \$50,000 to demolish the building and make good the site currently occupied by the Highland Pipe Band Hall this financial year.

Davy/Noonan

Carried

TRANSPORT AND ROADING

10. Trial Closure of Beatson Road: Follow Up Report

Document number A1251300, agenda pages 34-37 refer.

Manager Operations, Shane Davies joined the meeting.

In response to a question, Mr Davies advised that the trial could be longer. There was agreement to make the trial for a period of two weeks.

In response to a question, Mr Louverdis advised that once Council approved the recommendation then residents would be given advanced warning of the trial but would not be engaged on the merits of the trial.

Resolved

THAT the report Trial Closure of Beatson Road (A1251300) and its attachment (A1213688) be received;

AND THAT a two week Trial Closure of Beatson Road, during the weekday morning peak, in early November, be approved;

AND THAT the findings of the Trial Closure of Beatson Road be reported back to a future Works and Infrastructure Committee meeting;

AND THAT the Trial Closure of Beatson Road be funded from existing budgets.

Davy/Barker

Carried

11. Tahunanui Cycle Network Investigation

Document number A1251007, agenda pages 38-44 refer.

Engineering Adviser, Sue McAuley and Senior Asset Engineer – Transport and Roding, Rhys Palmer joined the meeting.

In response to questions, Ms McAuley advised that in relation to option 4 discussions had not taken place with landowners regarding possible land purchases, and clarified that a sharrow was a shared lane bicycle road marking.

In response to a question, Mr Palmer advised that option 4 would join onto Wakatu Drive and connect to the railway reserve, and that an opportunity for the future would be a link through to Nayland College.

Ms McAuley advised that the loss of carparking would affect 30-35 bays along Beach Road in Tahunanui. She advised that the majority of options affected this parking, and that the cost of option 4 of \$0.73 million did not include any land purchases.

In response to a further question, Ms McAuley said that it was proposed to widen the cycleway through Beavens Way, off Muritai Street as there were visibility issues. The cycleway would link to Rocks Road using the existing cyclepath network at Beach Road lights.

There were discussions in relation to the loss of car parking spaces, however it was noted that the parking strategy was currently being considered and that option 4 was the most direct route for cyclists. It

was mentioned that Nelson was obtaining the reputation of being cycle friendly and that a loss of some carparks may be acceptable to ensure safe travel for school children.

It was noted that the NZ Cycling Conference was being held in Nelson as it was a progressive cycling region therefor this linkage was important.

Resolved

THAT the report Tahunanui Cycle Network Investigation, (A1251007) and its attachments (A1251882 and A1252296) be received;

AND THAT approval be given for officers to proceed with the community engagement phase of the study, indicating support for Option 4 as a basis for further development and consultation.

AND THAT the engagement run during November and include an open day at Tahunanui;

AND THAT the outcome be reported back to a future Works and Infrastructure Committee meeting to guide the upcoming LTP.

Lawrey/Copeland

Carried

12. St Vincent Street Cycle Facilities – Stage 2

Document number A1250319, agenda pages 45-50 refer.

In response to a question, Ms McAuley informed councillors that whilst it is possible to relocate the bus stop on St Vincent Street, its current location was the best location for bus passengers.

In response to a question, Mr Palmer said that the safety review had been conducted on Stage One of the project from Totara Street to Gloucester Street and it had identified conflict zones and the need for additional signage.

In response to a further question, Mr Palmer said that motorists give way to cyclists at driveways, however at intersections cyclists needed to give way to motorists. He said that the road markings would be advertising to motorists that the cycleway was two way and that all measures would be taken to protect all users.

Ms McAuley advised councillors that the Nelson community had been consulted with in relation to the original design in November 2012. Letters were sent to all land owners and occupiers on St Vincent St

from Totara St through to Haven Road along with advertisements in Live Nelson. She said that frontage landowners on the section of St Vincent St now being designed received letters then, and that further consultation would commence with them once decisions had been made for moving forward.

In response to a question, Ms McAuley said that a traffic count had not been conducted at the St Vincent Street entrance to the Warehouse and Countdown carpark. She also confirmed that preliminary conversations had commenced with frontage property owners on the eastern side of St Vincent Street in relation to widening the footpath to provide a shared path on the eastern side. This required Council to obtain a license to occupy some private property to widen the footpath into the private landscaping strip. This would enable the provision of a shared path without the need to replace the angle parking with parallel parking. There was support from the landowner for this.

In response to a question, Mr Palmer said that cycle experts were divided in relation to vehicles having the right of way unless there was a raised crossing for cyclists however he indicated that this was not feasible on St Vincent Street.

In response to a further question, Mr Palmer said that an investigation was underway in relation to slowing traffic movements at the St Vincent Street/ Gloucester St roundabout and that linkage across Anzac Park would be considered when a decision was made in relation to the Southern Link.

There were discussions that further information was required in relation to traffic counts at the entrance of Countdown and Warehouse, along with a clearer presentation of the proposal. Ms McAuley tabled documents (A1252265) and (A1263101).

Group Manager Infrastructure, Mr Louverdis explained that the original design constructed on the southern section of cycleway was to be continued through this section of St Vincent St. However following discussions regarding the operation of the southern section and due to the volume of traffic movements at the Warehouse/Countdown driveway, an alternative proposal to continue the cycleway northwards has been investigated. This report was intended to gain Council support for this variation in the design. He confirmed the original consultation was not a Special Consultative Procedure (SCP).

Mr Louverdis explained that Option 5 was a workable option, and that the project was to be constructed this year.

There was discussion that the item be adjourned so further information could be considered.

Resolved

THAT the item of business being discussed be adjourned to the Works and Infrastructure Committee meeting in December 2014.

Barker/Noonan

Carried

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 11.01am and resumed at 11.14am. During this time Councillor Acland left the meeting.

The Chair thanked Tracy Neal from the Nelson Mail as it was her last meeting at Nelson City Council.

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	Works and Infrastructure – Public Excluded Minutes – 4 September 2014	Section 48(1)(a) The public conduct of this matter would be likely to result in disclosure of information for which good reason exists under section 7	The withholding of the information is necessary: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section 7(2)(h) To carry out commercial activities• Section 7(2)(i) To carry out negotiations
2	Works and Infrastructure – Public Excluded Status Report – 16 October 2014 This report contains information regarding:	Section 48(1)(a) The public conduct of this matter would be likely to result in disclosure of information for which good reason exists under section 7	The withholding of the information is necessary: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section 7(2)(b) To protect information that may disclose a trade secret or the commercial position of a person• Section 7(2)(h) To carry out

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	Washington Valley Property Disposal		commercial activities
3	Millers Acre – Lease Proposal This report contains information regarding: Tenancy Proposal	Section 48(1)(a) The public conduct of this matter would be likely to result in disclosure of information for which good reason exists under section 7	The withholding of the information is necessary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 7(2)(h) To carry out commercial activities • Section 7(2)(i) To carry out negotiations

Davy/Barker

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 11.10am and resumed in public session at 11.50am.

Re-admittance of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

Davy/Lawrey

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 11.50am.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date