
Minutes of a meeting of the Works and Infrastructure Committee

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

On 30 January 2014, commencing at 9.00am

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

In Attendance: Councillors P Matheson and M Ward, Chief Executive (C Hadley), Group Manager Infrastructure (A Louverdis), Chief Financial Officer (N Harrison), Manager Communications (A Ricker), Manager Administration (P Langley), Senior Asset Engineer – Transport (R Palmer), and Administration Adviser (E-J Ruthven)

Apologies: Her Worship the Mayor R Reese, and Councillor R Copeland

1. Apologies

Resolved

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

Lawrey/Noonan

Carried

2. Interests

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

3. Confirmation of Order of Business

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

He added that the agenda items would be taken in a different order, to allow a representative from the New Zealand Transport Authority (NZTA) to attend for the item 50 MAX High Productivity Motor Vehicles.

4. Public Forum

4.1 Trafalgar Centre

Kerry Neal spoke about the Trafalgar Centre. He noted his concern that some of the engineering reports relating to the Trafalgar Centre were marked "draft", and said that, in his opinion, these were discussion documents only.

In response to a question, Group Manager Infrastructure, Alec Louverdis, explained that it was common practice for engineering reports to be marked "draft", and clarified that the advice contained within the documents was considered final.

5. Confirmation of Minutes – 28 November 2013

Document number A1111685, agenda pages 8-14 refer.

Resolved

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council – Works and Infrastructure Committee, held on 28 November 2013, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Barker/Lawrey

Carried

6. Chairperson's Report

There was no Chairperson's report.

TRANSPORT AND ROADING

7. Parking Changes to Buxton Square

Document number A697784, agenda pages 23-27 refer.

Group Manager Infrastructure, Alec Louverdis, presented the report. He explained that it was possible to create three additional car parks in Buxton Square at minimal cost.

In response to questions, Mr Louverdis clarified that the original projection for the Buxton Square upgrade, prior to the place-making proposal, had been approximately \$350,000. He said that the budget for the subsequent place-making project had been \$75,000, subsequently extended to \$90,000. He added that the full costs for the project were now likely to be approximately \$120,000, prior to any landscaping taking place.

Resolved

THAT the Parking Changes to Buxton Square report (A697784) and its attachments (A848459 and A843234) be received.

Lawrey/Noonan

Carried

Councillors discussed whether to proceed with landscaping around the toilets. Those in favour of noted that the entire project, including landscaping, could be delivered at half the cost of the original proposed toilet block re-build; those against landscaping considered that it would be inappropriate to landscape an area in a carpark adjacent to public toilets, and that there were other parts of the city centre that could be landscaped to create enjoyable linger nodes.

There was general agreement that three additional car-parking spaces should be created in Buxton Square.

Resolved

THAT the landscaping proposal at an additional \$30,000 not be approved;

AND THAT creating three additional carparks in Buxton Square at minimal cost be approved and that the necessary alterations be made to Schedule 5 of Bylaw No 207, Parking and Vehicle Control Bylaw (2011).

Noonan/Barker

Carried

8. 50 MAX High Productivity Motor Vehicles

Document number A1120022, agenda pages 15-22 refer.

Senior Asset Engineer – Transport, Rhys Palmer, and NZTA representative, Jason Morgan, joined the meeting.

Mr Palmer explained the proposal for region-wide permits for High Productivity Motor Vehicles (HPMV) carrying up to 50 tonnes, as opposed to specified route permits for HPMVs of up to 62-tonnes as previously passed by Council.

Mr Morgan gave a Power Point presentation (A1136385), and explained NZTA's offer to assist Council to deliver a regional permit system, with Council retaining control of the system. He said that permitting 50 MAX HPMVs within Nelson would cater for the increased freight movement, and should result in fewer, newer and safer trucks on Nelson roads. He added that, under the 50 MAX permit system, the tolerance for over-loading trucks was much less, and that the penalties for doing so were greater.

In response to questions, Mr Morgan said that 50 MAX HPMVs were designed with nine axles, rather than eight. He explained that the extra axle spread the additional load more efficiently, and that the wear and tear on roads from 50 MAX HPMVs was no greater than non-HPMV trucks. He added that the manoeuvrability and tracking of 50 MAX HPMVs was generally very similar to non-HPMV trucks.

In response to further questions, Mr Palmer said that 50 MAX permits incentivised the freight industry to update their fleet, which resulted in newer, safer vehicles, which produced fewer emissions.

Councillors discussed whether to support the introduction of 50 MAX permits for Nelson roads. There was general support for encouraging increased freight movement on fewer trucks, however concern was also expressed regarding whether there was adequate driver training for drivers of heavier vehicle loads, and whether the safety of other road users would be compromised by permitting 50 MAX HPMVs.

Councillors also agreed that it was important to clearly identify any excluded areas, and to retain the right to exclude further areas from the 50 MAX permit in the future as necessary.

Resolved

THAT the report 50 MAX High Productivity Motor Vehicles (A1120022) and its attachments (A1120148 and A1120812) be received;

AND THAT Council support the introduction of 50 MAX High Productivity Motor Vehicles and give the New Zealand Transport Agency the authority to process 50 MAX permits for Nelson City Council roads subject to the following exclusions:

- ***Maitai valley Road (Smiths Ford Bridge, Jickells Bridge, and Gibbs Bridge***
- ***Nile Street east (Nile Street Bridge and Cloustone Bridge)***
- ***Maori Pa Road (Maori Pa Bridge)***
- ***Trafalgar Street North (Trafalgar Street Bridge)***
- ***Collingwood Street (Collingwood Street Bridge);***
- ***and any other exclusions that this Council determines;***

AND THAT Council delegates future decisions to approve new routes for High Productivity Motor Vehicle use to the Group Manager Infrastructure, subject to:

- ***compliance with the Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimension and Mass 2002;***
- ***consideration as to whether the proposed route is the most suitable option with the least impact on others;***
- ***consideration of the environment the proposed route passes through including the extent of existing heavy vehicle traffic and the extent of impact on cyclists, pedestrians, other vulnerable users, educational facilities and other sensitive activities;***
- ***satisfactory consultation with residents along routes where appropriate;***
- ***funding availability for, and satisfactory outcome of, structural assessments and upgrades;***
- ***extent of modification of infrastructure required to provide for intersection manoeuvring.***

Barker/Skinner

Carried

9. Use of Public Car Parking Spaces for Place Making Trial – Follow Up Report

Document number A1118099, agenda pages 28-37 refer.

Mr Louverdis presented the report. He said that the updated report addressed the Committee's previous concerns that businesses outside of the central business district might gain a commercial advantage over businesses located within the central business district. He said that such projects were non-exclusive, and could be used by any members of the public.

Councillors discussed whether it was appropriate to use car parking spaces for place making projects. Those in support emphasised the importance of supporting creative community initiatives, and those opposed highlighted the importance of parking on the fringe of the central business district.

Councillor Lawrey, seconded by Councillor Acland moved

THAT the report Use of Public Car Parking Spaces for Place Making Trial Follow Up Report (A1118099) and attachment (A692911) be received;

AND THAT Council approve a 12 month trial for the two applications received to date for the use of three individual public car parking spaces, outside of the CBD;

AND THAT the current 'Licence To Occupy for Outdoor Dining on Carparks' be used based on \$825 per carpark and a one-off \$1,000 bond;

AND THAT each applicant undertake at their cost and confirm in writing 50% support from surrounding retail/businesses for their initiative;

AND THAT alterations to the Schedules of Bylaw No 207, Parking and Vehicle Control (2011) be approved in order to temporarily discontinue public use of three car parking spaces for the current requests to trial place making under Schedule 8 – Time Limited Parking Areas:

- o P15: Alton Street – Temporarily Discontinue;*
- o P60: Nile Street West – Temporarily Discontinue.*

Councillors discussed whether it was necessary or desirable to ensure that at least 50% of surrounding retail/businesses supported the venture. Those in favour emphasised the importance of ensuring that the immediate community supported the place making project, and those opposed suggested that each application should be considered independently, on its own merits.

Councillor Davy, seconded by Councillor Lawrey moved an amendment, to delete the fourth clause of the motion.

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

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Lawrey/Acland

Carried

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10.30am to 10.46am.

10. 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 Committee Minutes – Public Excluded – 28	Section 48(1)(a) The public conduct of this matter	The withholding of the information is necessary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 7(2)(h)

	<p>November 2013</p> <p>These minutes confirm the minutes of 28 November 2013 and also contain information regarding:</p> <p>Trafalgar Centre – Follow up report.</p>	<p>would be likely to result in disclosure of information for which good reason exists under section 7</p>	<p>To carry out commercial activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 7(2)(i) To carry out negotiations
2	<p>Washington Valley Property Disposal</p> <p>This report contains information regarding the sale of property.</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)(b) To protect information that may disclose a trade secret or the commercial position of a person • Section 7(2)(h) To carry out commercial activities

Davy/Lawrey

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 10.47am and resumed in public session at 10.57am.

11. 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 10.57am.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date