

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NELSON CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE VICTORY COMMUNITY CENTRE, 214 VANGUARD STREET, NELSON ON THURSDAY 15 JULY 2010 COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

PRESENT: Councillor A Boswijk (Chairperson), His Worship the Mayor K Marshall, Councillors I Barker, G Collingwood, M Holmes, A Miccio, A McAlpine, P Rainey, R Reese (Deputy Mayor) and G Thomas

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (K Marshall), Manager Strategy and Administration (M Tregurtha) and Administration Adviser (A Rose)

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors M Cotton, D Henigan and D Shaw

1.0 OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was given by Councillor G Thomas.

2.0 PUBLIC FORUM

2.1 Victory Residents – Gambling Policy

Mr Darci Goldsworthy and Mr David Johnston addressed the Council regarding the recently adopted amended Gambling Policy.

Mr Goldsworthy said that he did not feel the amendments were for the greater good of Nelson and in particular the Victory Square Community. He said he had spoken with the Community and Business Organisations and residents were not happy about the changes made to the policy. He asked Council to review the policy and reverse the changes made.

Mr Johnston spoke in support of Mr Goldsworthy and the points he had raised. He said, he did not want to see any gambling machines in the Victory Square area because it was a particularly vulnerable community and asked Council to reverse its decision.

In answer to a question, Mr Johnston said he had not been aware of the consultation process used to amend the policy. In answer to a further question as to whether it was the closeness to childcare centres and schools or the wider issues posed to the whole community that Mr Goldsworthy and Mr Johnston were objecting to, Mr Johnson said that they were here specifically for the Victory Community because it was a vulnerable community, but overall they would like to see these machines banned throughout Nelson, he added.

2.2 Nelson Waterfront Association

Mr Jeremy Matthews, Chairperson of the Nelson Waterfront Association, addressed the Council on behalf of the Association advocating for the socialisation of the waterfront from Tahunanui to the Port. He said that for the greater good of the region he wanted to encourage Councillors to consider the big picture specifically that the waterfront should not be a state highway and not be used as an industrial conveyor belt. He said the road should be calmed down, heavy traffic should be prevented from using it and instead it should be used for walking, talking, strolling,

eating and cycling and as such would become a major tourist asset and community recreation area for the City.

In answer to a question, Mr Matthews said he supported the arterial study. In answer to another question, he confirmed his concerns extended to the people and businesses in Tahunanui pointing out that 10% of the houses in Nelson are located in the Tahunanui area.

2.3 Victory School Community Centre

Mr Mark Brown, Victory School Principal, Ms Helen Watson, Chair of the Victory School Board of Trustees and Miss Kindra Douglas, Manager of the Community Centre joined the meeting and addressed it regarding the success of the Victory Village concept that had come about with the assistance of Council in building the Victory Community Centre. They tabled a diagram entitled The Victory Village Approach, saying that the model was now used by the Families Commission. They acknowledged the help they had received from the Council and Nelson Marlborough Health Board and all the other organisations that had assisted to make Victory Village Concept a success.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10.00am to 10.15am.

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

A replacement page 8 and 9 of the minutes was tabled.

Resolved

THAT the minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Nelson City Council, held on Thursday 1 July 2010, be confirmed as a true and correct record subject to the resolution on page 8 and 9 being replaced with the amended version of that resolution as tabled.

Boswijk/His Worship the Mayor

Carried

4.0 REPORTS POLICY

4.1 Nelson Arts Policy Adoption

Document number 943675, agenda pages 11-13 refer.

The Manager Community Policy & Planning, Nicky McDonald, joined the meeting and presented the report.

Councillor Barker suggested that where possible the catalogue of existing Nelson artwork, within the policy, should include details of who had who gifted the work to the City.

Resolved

THAT the Arts Policy 2010, document number 947338 be adopted.

Boswijk/Rainey

Carried

5.0 REPORTS PRIORITY

5.1 Sustainability Strategy Project Plan

Document number 926216, agenda pages 14-40 refer.

The Strategic Planning Adviser, Sarah Yarrow, joined the meeting and presented the report and explained that its purpose was to show how the Community Sustainability Strategy for Nelson could be developed.

There was concern expressed that the costs beyond the first year of developing the policy were unknown and there was no budget for its implementation.

The Chief Executive explained that at present all that was being presented was a plan to make a plan and the costing for its implementation would be brought to Council via the Annual Plan process for 2011/12. It was confirmed that the \$100,000 set aside in the 2010/2011 Annual Plan would cover the cost of producing the Strategy even though it was proposed to spread that task over two financial years.

During a discussion of the recommendation in the report there was a minority of Councillors who were against proceeding with the development of the Strategy.

His Worship the Mayor congratulated the Strategic Planning Adviser in doing a good job on a very difficult topic.

Resolved

THAT the Sustainability Strategy be developed as proposed in sections 6 and 7 of report 926216;

AND THAT a Mayoral Taskforce be established to oversee the development of the Sustainability Strategy;

AND THAT staff bring back a list of potential candidates for the Mayoral Taskforce by 30 November 2010 for Council consideration;

AND THAT the Natural Step be used as the framework to develop the Sustainability Strategy which will include:

- a) **Reviewing the Community Outcomes as part of the strategy development process (depending on changes to the Local Government Act 2002)**
- b) **Staff bring back an Options document for approval in May 2011 which will form the basis of wider community discussions on a way forward for Nelson**
- c) **Staff bringing back a draft strategy for approval in December 2011**

- d) *Publicly consulting on a draft strategy through the draft Nelson Community Plan 2012-22 consultation process.*

His Worship the Mayor/Rainey

Carried

6.0 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

6.1 Youth Council – 28 May 2010

Resolved

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Nelson Youth Council held on Friday 28 May 2010 be received.

Rainey/His Worship the Mayor

Carried

6.2 Rugby World Cup Steering Group – 14 April and 26 May 2010

Resolved

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Rugby World Cup Steering Group held on 14 April and 26 May 2010 be received.

Miccio/Boswijk

Carried

6.3 Formal Recognition of the Birthplace of New Zealand Rugby at the Botanics

The meeting then discussed a recommendation from the Steering Group regarding the creation of some form of formal recognition of the Birthplace of New Zealand Rugby at the Botanics

Resolved

THAT the Council as landowner agree in principle to the creation of some form of recognition of the Birthplace of New Zealand Rugby at the Botanics;

AND THAT the Rugby World Cup Steering Group is requested to seek a suitable sponsor or sponsors for the project;

AND THAT the final design of any project at the Botanics be brought to Council for approval.

Thomas/Barker

Carried

Attendance: The meeting adjourned briefly from 11.15am to 11.25am.

7.0 SAXTON FIELD CRICKET/ATHLETICS/FOOTBALL PAVILION

The Chairperson then directed that item 2 from the Public Excluded Agenda be dealt with the public present.

Mr Vern Mardon, Chairman of the Saxton Field Charitable Trust and Mr Jock Sutherland, a Trustee, and Mr Colin Aitken joined the meeting. They discussed with the Council contributions made by the various sporting codes to the pavilion and explored a way forward regarding funding of the pavilion. They referred to the Trust's Submission to Nelson City Councillors dated 15 July 2010 which had been previously circulated.

Mr Mardon explained the fundraising that was being undertaken and the applications that were being made to various funding trusts. He said it may not be possible for the Trust to raise all the money but the Trust could service an interest free loan from Council of up to \$320,000. He emphasised why it was important to start building the pavilion as soon as possible because then it could be used to host revenue earning events from both cricket and athletics.

Mr Mardon said that, with regard to sponsorship, although it had been made clear that the New Zealand Community Trust (NZCT) could not ask for the naming rights for the pavilion, they could be offered those rights by Council. He said that, from his negotiations with the Trust, it had been made clear that if such an offer was made the NZCT would provide \$250,000 or \$50,000 a year for five years. He asked Council to seriously consider this making such an offer to the NZCT.

The Chairperson thanked the presenters for their submission and discussion with Council.

In answer to a question the Chief Executive confirmed that a report would be coming back to a future Council meeting.

8.0 DISCUSSION ON PUBLIC FORUM ITEMS

8.1 Victory Residents –Gambling Policy

Although the Council were sympathetic with the concerns expressed by the two members of Victory Community there was no enthusiasm to review the Gambling Policy again. It was felt that this was something provided by Central Government Legislation and Council had gone through a process and arrived at an amended policy and had no choice but to implement it.

It was suggested that in future, when consulting the community on this policy or similar policies, the opportunity, where appropriate, should be taken to notify the public via school newsletters.

It was also agreed to provide the minutes of the Council meeting adopting the policy to Mr Goldsworthy and Mr Johnston.

8.2 Arterial Study

Councillor Holmes outlined the process that the study would follow and said it was not the time for Council to discuss the Arterial Study. He said there would be a Council Workshop to review progress on this study held in the near future.

9.0 PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

9.1 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting in accordance with section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 on the grounds that the public conduct of this part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists.

i) Nelson City Council Public Excluded Minutes – 1 July 2010

Reasons:

To enable the Council to carry out negotiations or commercial activities without prejudice or disadvantage; or

To protect information where the making available of the information would unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who is the subject of the information; or

To protect the privacy of natural persons.

ii) Maitai Club Future Management and Lease Options

Reasons:

To protect information where the making available of the information would unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who is the subject of the information.

iii) Arms Length Review

Reasons:

To protect information where the making available of the information would unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who is the subject of the information.

iv) Appointments to Civic Trust and Nelmac Ltd

Reasons:

To protect the privacy of natural persons.

Boswijk/Holmes

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 12.25pm and resumed in public session at 12.55pm.

9.2 Re-admittance of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

Boswijk/His Worship the Mayor

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 12.55pm.

CONFIRMED AS A CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

CHAIRPERSON

DATE