
Minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council – Community Services and Infrastructure

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

On Thursday 21 July 2011, commencing at 9.02am

Present: His Worship the Mayor A Miccio (Chairperson), Councillors I Barker, Councillor A Boswijk (Deputy Mayor) G Collingwood, E Davy, P Matheson, J Rackley, P Rainey, R Reese, D Shaw and M Ward

In Attendance: Chief Executive (K Marshall), Executive Manager Support Services (H Kettlewell), Executive Manager Network Services (A Louverdis), Executive Manager Strategy and Planning (M Schruer), Executive Manager Regulatory (R Johnson), Executive Manager Community Services (S.Coleman) Executive Manager Community Relations/ Kaihautuu (G Mullen) and Administration Adviser (A Rose)

Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors R Copeland and K Fulton and, for lateness, from His Worship the Mayor

In the absence of the Mayor the Deputy Mayor chaired the meeting.

Councillor Davy gave the opening prayer.

1. Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Shaw declared an interest in regard to the item in the Chief Executive Report-Infrastructure entitled "Brook Conservation Centre Slip".

2. Confirmation of Minutes

30 June 2011, Document number 119552

Resolved

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council – Policy and Planning and Governance, held on 30 June 2011, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Barker/Shaw

Carried

7 July 2011, Document number 1123076

Resolved

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council Chief Executive Quarterly Report July 2011, held on 7 July 2011, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Ward/Rackley

Carried

3. Mayors Report

The Deputy Mayor advised that a report would be coming to Council from the recent Local Government Conference from those Councillors who had attended the Conference.

INFRASTRUCTURE ITEMS

4. Infrastructure Status Report

Resolved

THAT the Infrastructure Status Report (1034781) be received.

Barker/Collingwood

Carried

5. Portfolio Holders Report

Councillor Collingwood said that the most important matter to report was that the Arterial Study had had its public release that day.

This generated some discussion on the process from here with the study. The Chief Executive reminded the meeting that Council had requested a briefing on the study before the study had been made public and that briefing had to be held in public excluded. The process from here, he said, was that the study, together with a staff report and recommendations, would be brought to Council for its consideration at the meeting of 11 August 2011.

6. Chief Executives Report - Infrastructure

Document number 112766, agenda pages 31-36 refer.

Council went through the report page by page and Councillors' questions were answered by the staff.

6.1 Mid Winter Parking for CBD

In response to a question about the cost of providing free parking on Tuesdays in the winter, the Executive Manager Network services indicated that the cost could be in the order of \$230,000 more than allowed for in

the Annual Plan, but that the true cost will only be known at the end of the financial year.

6.2 Brook Conservation Centre Slip

Councillor Shaw declared an interest and took no part in the discussion of this item.

The Manager Parks and Facilities, Paul McArthur, joined the meeting and in answer to a question regarding the Brook Waimarama Sanctuaries Trust ability to pay for any damage that might result he said that although the Trust has insurance he was not confident that costs would be able to be recovered, but discussions with the Trust are ongoing.

6.3 Removal of Plane Trees in Nile and Collingwood Streets

There was a discussion on the very great heritage value of the plane trees in Nile Street and Collingwood Street and Council requested that before any trees were removed staff make sure the life of the trees was prolonged for as long as possible.

Resolved

THAT the Chief Executive Report – Infrastructure (1112766) be received.

Collingwood/Davy

Carried

Attendance: His Worship the Mayor joined the meeting at 9.50am and assumed the Chair.

COMMUNITY SERVICES ITEMS

7. Community Services Status Report

Document No. 1034860, agenda page 37 refers.

Councillor Matheson indicated a possible conflict of interest with item 2 on the status report and took no part in the discussion of this item.

Resolved

THAT the Community Services Status Report (1034860) be received.

Rainey/Boswijk

Carried

8. Portfolio Holder's Report

The portfolio holder said he had no report for this meeting.

9. Chief Executive Report – Community Services

Document No. 1105830, agenda pages 38-50 refer.

Council went through the report page by page and Councillors' questions were answered by the staff.

9.1 Heritage Project Fund 2011 Decisions

Resolved

THAT the information on the allocation of the Heritage Project Fund 2011, as set out in Attachment 1 of Report 1105830, be received;

AND THAT future Heritage Project Fund allocation decisions be delegated to the Executive Manager Community Services.

Matheson/Shaw

Carried

9.2 Poster Management Services

There was some discussion on the proposal to use Phantom Billstickers to improve the delivery of poster services in Nelson, in particular have them manage the eight Council owned poster towers.

Councillors said that they would like to hear from the company before any contract was let.

Resolved

THAT Phantom Billstickers be invited to come and speak at a future Council meeting.

Barker/Boswijk

Carried

10. Mr Chris Fitchett Leaving Council Staff after 22 Years

His Worship the Mayor said that Mr Fitchett was leaving Council after working for 22 years as Director of Finance responsible for Councils financial and accounting services. He said this was the last meeting that would be held while Mr Fitchett was still working for Council and it was appropriate to say a few words of thanks on behalf of Council for all Mr Fitchett's contributions to Council over the past 22 years.

The Mayor gave a brief history of Mr Fitchett's time with Council and his achievements. He praised Mr Fitchett's integrity and hard work for the interests of Nelson City. He said Mr Fitchett had managed Councils finances very prudently and Council had relied on his advice and he had been a valued member of the Executive Team.

Outside of the finance world Mr Fitchett had promoted the athletic life of the Council by organising Council teams for the annual Molesworth race and mid-winter swims.

His Worship the Mayor then presented Mr Fitchett with a gift and his wife with a bouquet of flowers.

In reply Mr Fitchett thanked Council saying he had enjoyed the varied work he had had to do and he had enjoyed working with various Councils and Executive Teams over the years.

The Mayor invited Mr Fitchett and his wife to join the Council for morning tea.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned from 10.40am to 10.58am for morning tea.

After morning tea the Council returned to consideration of the Chief Executives Report – Community Services.

Resolved

THAT the Chief Executives Report – Community Services (1105830) be received.

His Worship the Mayor/Barker

Carried

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

11. Youth Council Update

One of the two Youth Councillors attending the meeting, Alexandra Nott, gave Council a brief oral update on recent Youth Council activities.

12. Nelson Youth Council – 20 May 2011

Document No. 1094515, agenda pages 51-54 refer.

Resolved

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Nelson Youth Council, held on Friday 20 May 2011, be received.

Rainey/His Worship the Mayor

Carried

13. Nelson Tasman Civil Defence Emergency Management Group – 29 April 2011

Document number 1114598, agenda pages 55-57 refer.

It was noted that the recommendation to Council contained in these minutes had already been actioned as part of the Annual Plan 2011/12 process.

Resolved

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Nelson Tasman Civil Defence Emergency Management Group held on 29 April 2011 be received.

Boswijk/Shaw

Carried

CROSS COUNCIL ITEMS

14. Delegations Register

Document number 1085813, agenda pages 58-139 refer.

There was a view that consideration of this item should be deferred to the Council meeting on 11 August 2011 so the portfolio holders could have a chance to discuss and go through the document.

Councillor Barker proposed and Councillor Matheson seconded

THAT consideration of the Delegations Register be deferred to the Council meeting of 11 August 2011.

The motion was put and lost.

The meeting then went through the Delegations Register (agenda pages 61-139) making various amendments.

Resolved

THAT the updated Delegations Register July 2011 (1068492) be adopted subject to the following amendments;

Page 92,

Delegation number TA2, add to the delegation "The Chief Executive has the power to appoint appropriate independent people as required";

Page 119,

Economic Development Committee Delegation 3 be split into two as follows:

Delegation 3 – considers Council's role in Economic Development and in doing so the Committee prepares a draft Statement of

Expectation for the Nelson Regional Economic Development Agency for Council consideration.

Delegation 4 – considers Council’s role in Economic Development in preparation for the Long Term Plan.

Page 119,

Economic Development Committee “Membership” to show that all Councillors are members of this Committee and that Councillor Matheson is deputy Chair /Portfolio Holder

Page 120,

Membership – paragraph 3 insert the word “successfully” between the words “have” and “completed” in the second line;

Page 127,

Add “All Councillors” under Economic Development Committee;

Add Councillor Davy’s name to the Commissioners listed under the Hearings Panel;

Remove the Mayor from the list under the Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit;

Page 130,

Remove the words “All Councillors” from under the Broadgreen Society;

Page 133,

Remove The Mayor from the list under Section 6c RMA Significant Indigenous Vegetation Working Group.

Rainey/His Worship the Mayor

Carried

15. Framing Our Future (Sustainability Strategy)

Document number 1106329, agenda pages 140-161 refer.

Resolved

THAT staff prepare a draft Framing our Future (Sustainability) Strategy vision statement based on

community and Council feedback, and using The Natural Step framework;

AND THAT the vision statement should be publicly consulted on prior to being considered as the vision for the Council's Long Term Plan 2012-2022;

AND THAT the information collected to date through the Framing our Future (Sustainability) Strategy process be used to inform Asset and Activity Management Plans currently under review, as a first step towards embedding sustainability principles into long term planning;

AND THAT staff bring back a draft Framing our Future (Sustainability) Strategy for approval by 30 June 2012.

Davy/Boswijk

Carried

Resolved

THAT the Draft Framing Our Future (Sustainability) Strategy Vision Statement be brought back to Council before being consulted on.

Collingwood/Reese

Carried

PUBLIC EXCLUDED BUSINESS

16. Exclusion of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting in accordance with section 7 and 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) Confirmation of Minutes – Nelson City Council 30 June and 7 July 2011

Reasons:

To protect the privacy of natural persons; and

To protect information that is subject to an obligation of confidence; and

To enable the Council to carry out negotiations or commercial activities; and

To maintain legal and professional privilege.

ii) Public Excluded Infrastructure Status Report

Reasons:

To carry out negotiations; and

To carry out commercial activities.

iii) Public Excluded Chief Executive Report – Community Services

Reasons:

To protect the privacy of natural persons; and

To protect information that may disclose trade secrets or the commercial position of a person; and

To protect information that is subject to an obligation of confidence; and

To carry out negotiations.

iv) Nelson Tasman Civil Defence Emergency Management Group – 29 April 2011

Reason:

To protect the privacy of natural persons.

His Worship the Mayor/Barker

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 11.50am and resumed in public session at 12 noon.

17. Re-admittance of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor/Davy

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 12 noon.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date