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

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

On Tuesday 24 April 2012, commencing at 9.04am

Present: His Worship the Mayor (A Miccio), Councillors I Barker, A Boswijk (Deputy Mayor), G Collingwood, R Copeland, K Fulton, P Matheson, J Rackley, P Rainey (Portfolio Holder), R Reese, D Shaw and M Ward

In Attendance: Acting Chief Executive (R Johnson), Acting Executive Manager Community Services (R Ball), Executive Manager Network Services (A Louverdis), Executive Manager Strategy and Planning (M Schruer), Executive Manager Support Services (H Kettlewell), Manager Roading and Solid Waste (S Davies), Manager Community Relations (A Ricker), Manager Strategic Response (C Ward), Manager Community Development (K Inwood), Manager Administration (P Langley), Manager Parks and Facilities (P McArthur), Team Leader Recreation Services (G Alsop), Environmental Education Adviser (J Martin), and Administration Adviser (E-J Ryan)

Apologies: Councillor E Davy, and Councillor J Rackley (for lateness)

Opening Prayer

His Worship the Mayor gave the opening prayer.

1. Conflicts of Interest

There were no updates to the Conflicts of Interest register noted, and no conflicts of interest with any agenda items were declared.

2. Confirmation of Minutes – 13 March 2012

Document number 1254985, agenda pages 1-8 refer.

Resolved

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council – Community Services, held on 13 March 2012, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

His Worship the Mayor/Reese

Carried

3. Mayor's Report

Document number 1267460, agenda pages 9-10 refer.

His Worship the Mayor tabled an updated version of his report (1247640), and explained that the report sought approval for Councillor programme registration and costs.

In response to a question, the Acting Chief Executive explained that the travel costs to Blenheim were potential mileage claims.

Councillor Reese explained that she was attending the New Zealand Planning Institute Conference in Blenheim at her own cost.

Resolved

THAT Council retrospectively approves travel and programme registration costs of \$864 plus disbursements for Councillor Copeland to attend the Local Government KnowHow Financial Governance 101 in Blenheim on 20 April 2012;

AND THAT Council approves travel and accommodation costs of \$1,880 plus disbursements for Councillor Shaw to attend the New Zealand Planning Institute Conference in Blenheim 1-3 May 2012;

AND THAT Council approves travel costs of \$700 plus disbursements for the Mayor and Councillor Rainey to meet the Hon Chris Finlayson in Wellington on 2 May 2012.

Matheson/Boswijk

Carried

4. Status Report – Community Services

Document number 1034860, agenda pages 11-12 refer.

Resolved

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

Boswijk/Collingwood

Carried

5. Chief Executive Report – Community Services

Document number 1246919, agenda pages 13-16 refer.

Council considered the report page by page, and congratulations were offered to the whole Council organisation for the good work illustrated in

the report, that highlighted the type of things that make Nelson a great place to live.

5.1 Fringed Hill Land Acquisition

In response to a question, Manager Parks and Facilities, Mr McArthur, explained that this purchase had been approved several years ago by Council, and that the matter had been considered by Council twice; once to consider purchasing the land of the walkway and below, and later to consider purchasing the whole block for the purpose of wider backdrop landscape protection. He added that there would be a challenging re-vegetation programme planned for Fringed Hill, and that staff will be reporting back to Council regarding its progress. It was also noted that this land acquisition would provide opportunities for the redevelopment of downhill mountain bike tracks.

5.2 Heritage Week

Councillors expressed their appreciation of the Heritage Week events, and noted that it was a unique event within New Zealand that was going from strength to strength each year. The use of 'QR' smartphone codes to provide further information regarding the Heritage Week events was endorsed. Special mention was also made of the 'Lest we Forget' event at Founders Park, and all Councillors were encouraged to attend this event on Anzac Day. A suggestion was also made that next year each Councillor be involved in at least one Heritage Week event.

Councillors noted the amount of work staff had put into Heritage Week.

Resolved

THAT Council recognise the work of Council staff, and in particular Arts and Heritage Adviser Debbie Daniell-Smith, for their work in making Heritage Week such a success.

His Worship the Mayor/Barker

Carried

5.3 Art Walk Video

It was noted that the Art Walk video was very clear, and portrayed Nelson very well.

5.4 Enviroschools in the Early Years

In response to a question, Environmental Education Adviser, Ms Martin, explained that the Enviroschools programme was being introduced into Nelson kindergartens with the assistance of the Nelson Kindergarten Association. Ms Martin added that the Nelson Environment Centre was not involved with delivering the programme to kindergartens, although it was involved with the delivery of a local programme called Small Planet to early childhood education providers.

Councillors expressed their satisfaction at the extension of Enviroschools into the Early Childhood sector.

Resolved

THAT the Chief Executive Report – Community Services (1246919) be received.

Collingwood/Fulton

Carried

6. Public Forum

Ms Phillipa Askew, Chair of the Physical Activity Fund Allocation Committee, addressed the meeting. She outlined the manner in which the Committee had been set up, and described the work of the Committee. She explained that the Committee's preference was to allocate all remaining monies next financial year.

In response to a question, it was clarified that the Broadgreen Fitness Trail, one of the recipients of the Physical Activity Fund, was based along the Railway Reserve, and was available for community use. It was noted that Council had received excellent feedback regarding the Fitness Trail.

His Worship the Mayor thanked Ms Askew, on behalf of Council, for the Committee's hard work over the years.

7. Physical Activity Fund Allocation

Document number 1261408, agenda pages 17-34 refer.

Councillors recognised the large amount of work that the Committee had undertaken, noting that each application to the Fund involved a large amount of paperwork, and visits by Committee members to meet with each applicant.

His Worship the Mayor advised that Council would look at an appropriate way of thanking the Committee once their work was wound up.

Resolved

THAT the remaining Physical Activity Fund monies be allocated by the Physical Activity Fund Committee in the 2012/13 financial year;

AND THAT the Physical Activity Fund and Physical Activity Committee be wound up once these monies have been allocated;

AND THAT the final loan repayment of \$5,625 be reallocated to the Community Assistance Funding pool in the 2013/14 financial year;

AND THAT the Committee be thanked for their work over the years.

Shaw/Ward

Carried

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

8. Nelson Youth Council Update

Mitchell Newcombe and Petra Higgins gave an update about Youth Council activities.

Mr Newcombe said that Youth Council had been focusing on the 'Amazing Race' event to be held during Youth Week, and was working with The New Hub to promote youth events being held there. He added that Youth Council was also looking at the possibility of a Stoke Youth Plaza, rather than a Stoke Skate Park.

Ms Higgins added that Youth Council was also assisting Soloman Rahui from Presbyterian Support with a survey regarding youth activities in Stoke, and working with Councillor Rainey and the Tasman Youth Council on a Rockquest Award. She said she had also had the privilege of attending the 'Youth in Local Government' conference in Invercargill, and thanked Council for this opportunity. She said she had attended many interesting and useful workshops at the conference.

9. Nelson Youth Council

9.1 14 February 2012

Document number 1235882, agenda pages 35-40 refer.

Resolved

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Nelson Youth Council, held on 14 February 2012, be received.

Reese/Collingwood

Carried

9.2 9 March 2012

Document number 1235882, agenda pages 41-48 refer.

Resolved

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Nelson Youth Council, held on 8 March 2012, be received.

Reese/Collingwood

Carried

CROSS COUNCIL ITEMS

10. Remuneration of Elected Members July 2012 to June 2013

Document number 1266819, agenda pages 49-70 refer.

Executive Manager Support Services, Mr Kettlewell, and Manager Administration, Ms Langley, joined the meeting and presented the report. Ms Langley tabled a memo (1277125) that updated the hourly rates for remuneration for Hearing Panel members. It was noted that these figures were different from the figures listed in the draft Long Term Plan, and Ms Langley said she would look into this. She clarified that the Remuneration Authority had directly provided the figures in the tabled memo.

Councillors discussed the report, and a question was raised as to whether the figures in Attachment 4, which indicated that Nelson’s population had decreased, were correct. The Acting Chief Executive said that staff would look into this matter.

In response to a question, it was clarified that the Hearings Panel remuneration related to resource consent hearings, and street naming and dog appeals hearings did not attract such additional remuneration.

Attendance: Councillor Rackley joined the meeting at 9.51am.

Resolved

THAT the current remuneration system be confirmed to apply from July 2012 to June 2013 and for referral to the Remuneration Authority.

Boswijk/Copeland

Carried

11. 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	<p>Nelson City Council Community Services – Public Excluded minutes – 13 March 2012</p> <p>These minutes contain information about the 3-year review of the Solar Saver scheme to Council, including legal advice and a recommendation that a public version of the review report be released in due course.</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)(a) To protect the privacy of natural persons • Section 7(2)(b) To protect information that may disclose a trade secret or the commercial position of a person • Section 7(2)(g) To maintain legal professional privilege • Section 7(2)(h) To carry out commercial activities
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His Worship the Mayor/Ward

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 9.54am and resumed in public session at 10.00am.

12. Re-admittance of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

Barker/Copeland

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 10.01am.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date