
Minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council - Infrastructure
Held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson
On Thursday 26 April 2012, commencing at 9.04am

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

In Attendance: Acting Chief Executive (R Johnson), Executive Manager Network Services (A Louverdis), Executive Manager Strategy and Planning (M Schruer), Executive Manager Kaihautū/Community Relations (G Mullen), Executive Manager Support Services (H Kettlewell), Acting Executive Manager Regulatory (M Bishop), Manager Community Relations (A Ricker), Manager Roading and Solid Waste (S Davies), Manager Policy and Planning (N McDonald), Manager Strategic Response (C Ward), Project Portfolio Manager (D Bartkowiak), Manager Information Management (S Petch), Principal Adviser City Development (D Jackson), Principal Adviser Reserves and Community Facilities (A Petheram), Planning Adviser (B Hietz), Engineering Adviser (J Thiart), Safe City Adviser (I Beach), and Administration Adviser (E-J Ryan)

Apologies: Councillors E Davy and P Matheson, and Councillor R Reese (for lateness).

Opening Prayer

Councillor Rackley gave the opening prayer.

1. Conflicts of Interest

There were no updates to the Conflicts of Interest register declared. His Worship the Mayor asked councillors to declare any conflicts with any relevant agenda items as they arose during the meeting.

2. Reducing Alcohol Related Harm in Nelson Central Business District

Mr Laurie Gabites, of InToto Projects Limited, joined the meeting. Mr Gabites gave a presentation (1277242), and explained his concerns regarding the Bridge Street environment, and suggested that additional lighting and a greater variety of brighter colours on the Bridge Street buildings would assist people to feel safer in the area. With regards to

Buxton Square, he suggested that the verandas around the public toilets hid activity from view, and consequently there was the potential to attract criminal behaviour in this area.

Attendance: Councillor Reese joined the meeting at 9.07am

Mr Gabites spoke about Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles, and suggested that improving mixed-use activity would assist with the security of the Bridge Street area. He said that he had written a report for the Alcohol Accord group, that included recommendations regarding the built environment, and had an action plan for moving the recommendations forward. Mr Gabites indicated that there was a willingness for key stakeholders to collaborate and work with the 'Safe at the Top' group. He said that many bar owners already worked well together, and that initiatives such as the 'mellow yellow' hi-visibility presence towards bar closing time had worked well so far.

In response to questions, Mr Gabites explained the differences between the day, evening and night-time economy of Bridge Street, and encouraged greater mixed-use activity in the area if possible. He also spoke about the importance of gathering data so that a meaningful strategy dealing with alcohol related harm could be developed.

In response to another question, Mr Gabites explained that the Sale of Liquor Bill to split the drinking age and to alter local authority responsibilities relating to liquor licensing and regulation was to shortly have its third reading in Parliament, and Councillors requested the Acting Chief Executive to provide Councillors with any relevant information relating to the Bill and the timeframes for its implementation. Mr Gabites noted that there would be a health forum taking place in Nelson during May, with Alcohol Advisory Group members in attendance, and suggested that this could provide a useful opportunity for further information on the Bill before Parliament.

Councillors thanked Mr Gabites for his presentation and the work he had put into investigating the Bridge Street area.

3. Confirmation of Minutes - Infrastructure

3.1 15 March 2012

Document number 1255419, agenda pages 1-8 refer.

Resolved

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council - Infrastructure, held on 15 March 2012, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Collingwood/Shaw

Carried

4. Portfolio Holder's Report

Councillor Collingwood spoke about the on-going work on Rocks Road, and acknowledged the hard work of all who had worked to repair the damage caused by the December rain event, with relatively minimal disruption to travellers.

5. Chief Executive Report - Infrastructure

Document number 1252538, agenda pages 9-16 refer.

Attendance: Councillor Reese declared a conflict of interest with the items in paragraph 3.3, and 3.13 to 3.14 of the report, relating to Major Projects Performance and December Flooding, and Parks Storm Recovery Update, and took no part in any discussion relating to these items.

The Acting Chief Executive explained that the report explicitly set out the projects that would not be able to proceed this year, and Councillors considered the report page by page.

5.1 Bridge Street Landscaping and Improvement (Trafalgar to Collingwood Street)

His Worship the Mayor said that he and Councillor Boswijk had met with the new Police District Commander, Richard Chambers, and Area Commander, Stephen Greally, who had both indicated a desire and willingness to engage with Council regarding CPTED issues in the Nelson central business district. The Mayor thanked Principal Adviser Reserves and Community Facilities, Mr Petheram, and Planning Adviser, Ms Hietz, for instigating CPTED related conversations with the Police.

In response to a question, Executive Manager Network Services, Mr Louverdis, explained that, other than improvements to the public toilet block, there were no works regarding Buxton Square planned within the Heart of Nelson strategy. It was noted that this matter could be revisited when Council considered the Bridge Street Landscaping and Improvement Project.

5.2 Parks Storm Recovery Update

In response to a question, Mr Louverdis explained that poplars and alders were being planted on the faces of slips caused by the December rain event, as it was generally accepted that these species provided quicker, greater and more efficient stability to slip faces than other species.

5.3 1903 New Toilet

Councillors discussed the proposed 1903 Square public toilets, and the fact that there would be a resource consent hearing for the project.

In response to a question, Mr Louverdis confirmed that Councillors had previously been alerted to the fact that a Resource Consent application

had been lodges, and that there was one objection. He added that the Hearing would take place in May. He also explained that, regardless of the outcome of the hearing, there would be insufficient time for the project to be commenced or completed this financial year. As a consequence, he said, a resolution was required this financial year to transfer the budget to the next financial year. Mr Louverdis agreed to provide Councillors with an update on progress in this matter.

In response to further questions, the Acting Chief Executive explained that Councillors would have the opportunity to re-visit the project and the proposed site of the public toilets through the Long Term Plan hearings.

Resolved

THAT \$114,800 for the construction of the 1903 Toilet be transferred from 2011/12 to 2012/13 subject to approval in the Long Term Plan.

Boswijk/Fulton

Carried

5.4 Water-main Renewals

Resolved

THAT the current 2011/12 budget for water-main renewals be reduced from \$815,476 to \$732,000.

Collingwood/Fulton

Carried

5.5 Ridermains

Resolved

THAT \$34,000 for ridermains be carried forward from 2011/12 to 2012/13.

Collingwood/Fulton

Carried

5.6 Backflow Prevention/Commercial Meters

Resolved

THAT \$44,000 of the 2011/12 commercial meters budget be transferred to 2012/13.

Collingwood/Fulton

Carried

5.7 Miscellaneous Pipes and Fittings

Resolved

THAT \$55,000 for miscellaneous pipes and fittings be transferred from 2011/12 to 2012/13.

Collingwood/Fulton

Carried

5.8 Maitai Planting

In response to a question, Executive Manager Strategy and Planning, Mr Schruer, explained that the resource consent for the Maitai River extraction required Council to install plantings.

Resolved

THAT \$27,000 for Maitai planting be transferred from 2011/12 to 2012/13.

Collingwood/Fulton

Carried

5.9 Todd Valley and Vanguard Street Stormwater

Resolved

THAT \$64,000 be transferred from 2011/12 to 2012/13 for the design of the Todd Valley stormwater scheme, subject to approval in the Long Term Plan;

AND THAT \$75,000 be transferred from 2011/12 to 2012/13 for the design of the Vanguard Street stormwater scheme, subject to approval in the Long Term Plan.

Collingwood/Fulton

Carried

5.10 Suter Re-development

Attendance: Councillor Shaw declared a conflict of interest in the Suter re-development, and took no part in the discussion or decision-making of this issue.

Councillors discussed the proposed Suter Re-development, and the interaction between the Suter Art Gallery and Albion Square, and it was noted that information regarding this issue had previously been circulated to Councillors. It was also noted that Nelson Marlborough Institute of technology had also raised the issue of the heritage buildings on the edge of Albion Square.

Attendance: Councillor Reese left the meeting at 10.37am

In response to a question, Executive Manager Kaihautū/ Community Relations, Mr Mullen, advised that iwi were aware of the issues surrounding Albion Square, but preferred to focus initially on the Treaty settlement negotiations regarding land at Albion Square at this stage.

Resolved

THAT \$465,000 be transferred from 2011/12 to 2012/13 for the detailed design of the Suter re-development subject to approval in the Long Term Plan.

Collingwood/Copeland

Carried

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10.51am to 11.07am, during which time Councillor Rainey left the meeting.

5.11 Branford Park Cycleway

Resolved

THAT \$85,000 is transferred from 2011/12 to 2012/13 for the construction of the Branford Park Cycleway subject to approval in the Long Term Plan.

Collingwood/Fulton

Carried

5.12 Solid waste: Renewal Plant and Equipment – Transfer Station

Resolved

THAT \$45,678 budgeted for renewal of equipment at Council's transfer station be transferred from 2011/12 to 2012/13 to enable renewal work on the crane to proceed.

Collingwood/Fulton

Carried

5.13 Ultra Fast Broadband (UFB) Roll-Out

In response to a question, Mr Louverdis said that the Ultra Fast Broadband Roll-Out was a central Government initiative that would require a large amount of trenching and other work throughout Nelson's roads. He explained that, as the roading authority, Council was required to give approval to anyone wishing to trench roads for this purpose, but that site investigations were required prior to such work starting. He said that the resourcing requirements for the site investigations prior to trenching approvals for the Ultra fast Broadband Roll-Out were far larger than Council could provide, and he had suggested various options to Chorus for achieving the requisite site investigations in a manner that was both timely and cost-neutral for Council.

In response to a further question, Mr Louverdis explained that responsibility for the roll-out lay with Chorus, but that Council had offered to assist Chorus through the Council website and Live Nelson, to ensure that the community was well informed of when and where trenching would occur.

5.14 Darwin and Argentine Ants

In response to a question, Mr Louverdis explained that it was very unlikely that Darwin and Argentine Ants could be eradicated from Nelson, and instead the focus would be on limiting the spread of these ant species. He added that Council would continue to bait around the edges of reserves to try to stop the spread of these ants.

Resolved

THAT the Chief Executive Report – Infrastructure (1252538) be received.

Collingwood/His Worship the Mayor

Carried

6. Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

Document number 1265560, agenda pages 17-25 refer.

Councillors discussed the Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan, and offered their thanks to the working party members for their work to date. It was agreed that an additional clause would be added to the recommendation to express Councillors' appreciation.

There was a discussion amongst Councillors regarding recycling by private businesses, and in particular holiday parks. It was clarified that holiday parks and campgrounds were responsible for their own recycling. Councillors discussed whether Council could take any actions to incentivise greater recycling efforts, and it was suggested that waste minimisation experts utilised by Tourism Nelson could be a useful resource.

It was also noted that there was the potential for the Working Party to set up a 'Waste Forum'.

It was noted that a minor correction as established at the hearing had not been incorporated into the plan, and it was agreed that the word 'community' should be inserted at Method 2.1.2.3 of page 20 of the Plan.

Resolved

THAT the existing Waste Management and Minimisation Plan be revoked;

AND THAT the Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (1269459) prepared for Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council be adopted;

AND THAT the Joint Waste Working Party meets annually to consider and report progress on the implementation of the Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan to Nelson City and Tasman District Councils;

AND THAT the Joint Waste Working Party will develop terms of reference at their next meeting and submit the terms of reference to both Councils for consideration;

AND THAT an invitation be extended through the Kotahitanga Hui to local Iwi to nominate up to two representatives to join the Joint Waste Working Party;

AND THAT the Iwi representatives be paid a meeting allowance to attend the Joint Waste Working Party meetings;

AND THAT the members of the Joint Waste Working Party be thanked for their work.

Shaw/Boswijk

Carried

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

7. The Joint Nelson City Council Tasman District Council Waste Management and Minimisation Plan – 19 March 2012

Document number 1257562, agenda pages 26-31 refer.

Resolved

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Panel delegated responsibility to hear and make recommendations regarding the Joint Nelson City Council Tasman District Council Waste Management and Minimisation Plan, held on 19 March 2012, be received.

Shaw/Copeland

Carried

8. Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit – 9 March 2012

Document number 1251130, agenda pages 32-40 refer.

Resolved

THAT the minutes of the Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit, held on 9 March 2012, be received.

Shaw/Collingwood

Carried

9. Regional Transport Committee – 29 March 2012

Document number 1266639, agenda pages 41-44 refer.

9.1 Three Roundabouts

Councillors discussed the recommendation contained within the minutes regarding the inclusion of the New Zealand Transport Authority proposal to fund and carry out improvements to the roundabout on State Highway 6 at the southern end of Whakatu Drive in the Draft Regional Land Transport Programme 2012-2013 to 2014-2015.

It was noted that the draft Regional Land Transport Programme was currently out for public consultation, and that New Zealand Transport Agency was expected to make a submission to the same effect as the recommendation contained within the Regional Transport Committee minutes.

It was agreed that, as the matter was open for public consultation, it would be best to let this recommendation lie on the table, and to consider it again in light of all submissions received on the draft Regional Land Transport Plan.

Attendance: Councillor Rainey rejoined the meeting at 11.49am.

Resolved

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Nelson Regional Transport Committee, held on 29 March 2012, be received.

Copeland/Collingwood

Carried

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	Public Excluded Nelson City Council Infrastructure Minutes – 15 March 2012 These minutes contain information regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal issues in respect of Nelson Wastewater Treatment Plant • Negotiations for strategic land purchase. 	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)(g) To maintain legal professional privilege • Section 7(2)(i) To carry out negotiations
2	Public Excluded Chief Executive Report – Infrastructure – 26 April 2012 This report contains information regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal proceedings in regard to Nelson Wastewater Treatment Plant. 	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)(g) To maintain legal professional privilege • Section 7(2)(h) To carry out commercial activities • Section 7(2)(i) To carry out negotiations
3	Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit Public Excluded Minutes – 9 March 2012 These minutes contain information regarding the draft Nelson Regional Sewerage Business Unit Audit Report for the year ended 30 June 2011.	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

His Worship the Mayor/Boswijk

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 11.55am and resumed in public session at 12.23pm.

11. Re-admittance of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor/Collingwood

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 12.24pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date