
Minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council – to Hear Applications for Community Assistance Funding

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

On Monday 9 September 2013, commencing at 9.04am

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

In Attendance: Chief Executive (C Hadley), Executive Manager Network Services (A Louverdis), Executive Manager Support Services (H Kettlewell), Team Leader Social Development (M Parfitt), Social Development Advisers (R Large and M Curnow), and Administration Advisers (L Laird and E-J Ruthven)

Apology: Councillor P Matheson

1. Apologies

Resolved

THAT apologies be received and accepted from Councillor Matheson.

His Worship the Mayor/Boswijk

Carried

2. Interests

Councillor Rainey declared an interest with the Youth and Community Trust; Councillor Barker declared an interest with Age Concern; Councillor Copeland declared an interest with Nelson Roller Sport Club; and Councillor Shaw declared an interest with the Nelson Environment Centre.

3. Confirmation of Order of Business

The Council was informed of changes to the hearings schedule and to changes in the table of one-off grants (agenda pages 21-28). It was noted that the Victory Community Centre had a contract until 2014/15, and that the Arts Council Nelson had a contract for \$40,000 until the end of the 2013/24 financial year.

4. Hearing of Community Contract Applications

4.1 Age Concern Nelson Incorporated

Sue Tilby and Susan Arrowsmith spoke on behalf of the application from Age Concern. Ms Tilby said the organisation worked to promote an inclusive society and increase the participation of the older community by reducing social isolation.

Ms Tilby explained how the Taxi Mobility Scheme contributed to these goals and spoke in support of the scheme.

4.2 Bhutanese Society of Nelson

Chandra Dahal spoke to the Council about the Bhutanese community in Nelson. He said the community of about 35 families felt isolated and sought support to better integrate into Nelson.

Mr Dahal asked the Council to consider funding a Bhutanese festival and to encourage the wider community to participate. Mr Dahal also spoke about the air charge to Fresh FM. He said this funding had nearly run out and asked the Council to continue supporting their community.

4.3 Community Art Works

Faye Wulff presented the submission and spoke about the work of the organisation to support people through art. She spoke about the recent award they received for their programme with Corrections, delivering an arts programme to prison inmates to increase engagement, with the hope of reducing recidivism.

In response to a question, she said the support from central government was minimal.

4.4 International Student Ministries NZ Inc

Jonathan Thorpe noted the key points of the application, and said that the International Student Ministries helped to provide international students with essential needs whilst studying in New Zealand.

He said the organisation arranged for weekly events with students to keep them engaged, and the funding for the part time coordinator would assist this work.

Attendance: the meeting adjourned from 9.35am to 9.45am.

4.5 Safeguarding Children Initiative

Annette Milligan and Willow Duffy spoke about the initiative and said the work had resulted in a number of 'rescues' of neglected children in Nelson. The submitters confirmed that the organisation worked collaboratively with Child Youth and Family, and noted that they ran

education seminars for organisations that worked with children, regarding the signs and indicators of neglected children.

In response to a question, the submitters said they accepted a koha from seminar participants, and had recently been unsuccessful in securing funding from JR McKenzie.

4.6 Ministry of Inspiration

Caroline Hoar gave a PowerPoint presentation (1591888) that illustrated the goals and outcomes of the Ministry of Inspiration, and illustrated how their programmes were consistent with Council policy.

4.7 Nayland College

Kathryn Sclater and a representative group of tutors spoke to the application and tabled additional information (1594001). Ms Sclater emphasised the community benefits of the Adult Education Programme and gave examples of the types of courses available.

The submitter said central government had withdrawn from funding adult community education, resulting in the programme relying on user-pays.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10.22am to 10.43am.

4.8 Nelson Growables Trust

Jo Reilly spoke about the role of the Nelson Growables Trust and the community benefits of education on growing fresh produce. Ms Reilly said the Growables Fair was a focus for the Trust. She added that the ethos of the Trust was consistent with the Nelson 2060 Strategy.

In response to a question, the submitter said she had previously received event funding however had been informed that the Growables Fair fitted better with Community Assistance.

4.9 Nelson Railway Society

Jim Maguire spoke to the application from the Nelson Railway Society Committee. He said the Society was comprised of volunteers and relied on funding for its operation.

4.10 Loaves and Fishes

Mary Sullivan gave a Power Point presentation of the highlights of the application from Loaves and Fishes (1591577).

Ms Sullivan clarified that the application sought \$8,000 in salary support for the part time co-ordinator. She then outlined the role and responsibilities of the co-ordinator.

4.11 Nelson Roller Sports Club

Attendance: Councillor Copeland sat back from the table for the duration of this submission.

Josie Rose spoke to the application from the Nelson Roller Sport Club. She gave a PowerPoint presentation (1591507) and tabled additional information (1592996), and spoke about the benefits of roller skating for participants.

Ms Rose spoke about the need for improvements to the facilities. She said that any funding from the Council would assist with operational expenses and purchasing new equipment, and that this would allow the Club to divert excess funds to facility improvements.

4.12 Nelson Symphony Orchestra Inc

Pamela Seymour spoke to the application and said the Nelson Symphony Orchestra sought funding support to arrange for a concert master from Auckland to assist performances. She said a concert master would lift the standard of the Orchestra's performances and provide for extra tuition before public performances.

4.13 Nelson Tasman Youth Workers Collective

Deanne Kilpatrick spoke on behalf of the Collective and outlined the services they provided to the community. She said the Collective participated in Youth Week to promote positive portrayals of young people and that the application sought funding to assist with the employment of a co-ordinator.

She added that since the 'Community House' building had closed they had had to seek alternate premises, resulting in increased rent costs.

4.14 Port Nelson Mission to Seafarers

Merryl Hodgson and Nigel Whinney spoke to the application and tabled additional information (1594012). The submitters said that they required funding to keep the Mission to Seafarers service open. Ms Hodgson explained that any funding from the Council would provide for a part-time co-ordinator and explained the role of that co-ordinator.

In response to questions, the submitters said they had applied to Tasman District Council without success. They also noted that the service should remain independent to the Port, although the Port contributed a large proportion of their operating costs.

The submitters said fishing companies had been approached for support but they were outside the security area, and therefore outside the mission's area.

4.15 Nelson Environment Centre

Attendance: Councillor Shaw sat back from the meeting for the duration of this submission.

Karen Driver and Sarah Langi spoke about the Nelson Environment Centre and their services. The submitters spoke about the current education programmes the Centre ran in schools and asked for funding to expand this programme into further schools through the employment of a co-ordinator.

The submitters added that the education programmes were consistent with both the national school curriculum and the Nelson 2060 Strategy.

Attendance: the meeting adjourned from 11.42am to 12.02pm.

4.16 Prisoners Aid and Rehabilitation Trust

Sally Smith spoke to the application and tabled additional information (1593966) that provided an outline of the course offered by the Trust. She said the course was for male offenders aged 20-45 years old, that it aimed to equip them with skills to make better choices, and included basic skills like numeracy and literacy.

In response to a question, the submitter said that no other organisation was providing this service.

4.17 Workstar

Kirsty Glen spoke to the application and said that Workstar sought funding to run a pre-employment course. She added that there had been an increased demand for the service.

In response to a question, the submitter said Workstar worked with people that had any type of disability, and that half of the people that attended the course found work.

4.18 Youth and Community Trust

Steve Wilson and Jay Blazek spoke to the application from the Youth and Community Trust. Mr Wilson spoke about the role of the Trust and said that there was no other provider in Nelson of this service.

In response to a question, the submitter said central government focused on 16-17 year olds whilst the Trust focussed on 15, and 18-19 year olds. In response to a further question, the submitter said the Trust received funding from Council for emergency housing.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for lunch from 12.00pm to 1.00pm, and during this time Councillor Reese left the meeting.

4.19 Q Youth Incorporated

Clare Fairbrother emphasised the work of Q-Youth incorporated, including providing a safe space for young people and community education programmes. She highlighted the community outcomes and Nelson 2060 goals that the application would contribute to.

Ms Fairbrother introduced a Q-Youth mentor and board member, who spoke about his experiences with Q-Youth Incorporated.

In response to a question, the submitters explained that Q-Youth Incorporated maintained a strong identity and a focus on the delivery of core activities, despite fluidity in the group's membership and a recent turnover in coordinators.

4.20 St Barnabas Anglican Church

Jonathan Wasley spoke to the application and tabled information (1592828 and 1592824), accompanied by youth workers and students involved in the afternoon drop-in sessions run from St Barnabas Church.

The youth workers spoke about the success of the drop-in sessions, and their plans to enhance their services. The students involved in the drop-in sessions spoke about their experiences, the confidence they had gained, and the sense of ownership that participants felt towards the sessions.

In response to a question, Mr Wasley explained that the group had not found any other sources of funding for wages. It was clarified that the Anglican Diocese was supporting the costs of Mr Wasley's wages, and that the application was to fund additional social workers to assist with the programmes being run.

4.21 Victory Community Health Centre

Gareth Cashin spoke to the application, noting that its focus was on collaborating with other agencies, the local business community and other community stakeholders to expand the 'Keep Victory Safe' programme. He clarified that previous funding that the Centre had received from Council was tagged for particular projects.

In response to questions, Mr Cashin explained how the Centre collaborated with other agencies, and gave examples of how the 'Keep Victory Safe' programme operated.

4.22 YMCA

Sally Wood, accompanied by Board members of the YMCA, gave a Power Point presentation (1591924) and spoke to the application. The submitters acknowledged that there had been accountability issues in relation to last year's contract, but emphasised the depth of current staff skills.

Ms Wood spoke about the range of education and after school care services offered and gave examples of some of the youth events run over the past year. She also gave examples of collaboration with other community groups and the outcomes that had been achieved as a result.

In response to questions, the submitters agreed that the YMCA was in a position to work as an 'umbrella' organisation for other community groups focused on working with youth. In particular, the representatives considered that they would be able to take a leadership role with regards to management and administration roles, whilst noting the importance of other community groups retaining their identities.

5. Consideration of Applications

Document number 1575045, agenda pages 4-28 refer.

His Worship the Mayor explained that it was necessary to allocate between 10% and 20% of total funding available to one-off grants, with the remainder allocated towards funding community contract applications. Councillors discussed the appropriate split, and a variety of views were expressed.

Following discussion, there was general agreement that the meeting should be adjourned to the following day, to allow councillors further time to reflect.

Resolved

THAT the report Community Assistance Funding 2013/14 (1575045) and its attachments (1485919 and 1576109) be received.

Fulton/Boswijk

Carried

Resolved

THAT the meeting be adjourned until Tuesday 10 September, immediately following the Extraordinary Council meeting.

His Worship the Mayor/Boswijk

Carried

Attendance: The meeting adjourned at 2.05pm, and reconvened on Tuesday 10 September, at 10.00am.

6. Apologies – Tuesday 10 September 2013

Resolved

THAT apologies be received and accepted from Councillors Matheson and Reese; from Councillor Collingwood for lateness; and from Councillors Barker, Boswijk and Copeland for early departure.

His Worship the Mayor/Boswijk

Carried

7. Consideration of Applications

Document number 1575045, agenda pages 4-28 refer.

His Worship the Mayor explained that the applications far exceeded the funding available for distribution.

In response to a question, Team Leader Social Development, Marg Parfitt, explained the weighted assessment criteria utilised in coming to the officer recommendations in relation to each application.

Councillors discussed the applications, and noted their priorities for allocating funding.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10.15am to 10.42am, during which time Councillors Barker, Boswijk and Copeland departed the meeting, and Councillor Collingwood returned to the meeting.

7.1 Funding Split – Community Contracts and One-Off Grants

Following discussion, Council agreed the percentage of funding to award as one-off grants.

Resolved

THAT 10% of the total funds available for Community Assistance be allocated to one-off grants.

His Worship the Mayor/Fulton

Carried

7.2 Consideration of Applications for Community Contracts

Councillors discussed the applications for community contracts. In response to a question, it was noted that the previous community contract funding for House 44 had been terminated and returned to the Community Assistance pool. Ms Parfitt explained that there would be additional funding for community contracts through to 2015 as a result.

In relation to the application from Nelson Roller Sports Club Inc, it was noted that the Club had not proved its charitable status, and did not fit

the Policy criteria. In agreeing to provide a level of funding to the Club, councillors noted that it should be a simple process for the Club to regularise its charitable status, that the Club had not requested funding from Council previously, and that it was a sports area that was often overlooked.

Resolved

THAT the following Community Contracts for the financial year 2013/14 be confirmed:

Organisation	Allocated	Years Allocated
Age Concern Nelson Incorporated	\$6000	4
Nelson Environment Centre	\$0	0
Nayland College	\$6000	2
Safeguarding Children Initiative	\$0	0
Youth and Community Trust	\$5000	4
Workstar	\$3000	4
Community Art Works	\$10000	2
Loaves and Fishes	\$5000	1
Nelson Growables Trust	\$0	0
St Barnabas Anglican Church	\$18000	2
Bhutanese Society of Nelson New Zealand Incorporated	\$2300	3
Victory Community Health Centre	\$6000	1
Alzheimer Society Nelson Inc	\$0	0
YMCA	\$6000	4
Prisoners Aid and Rehabilitation Trust	\$0	0
Nelson Tasman Youth Workers Collective	\$0	0
Nelson Railway Society	\$1400	2
Q-Youth Incorporated	\$5000	2
International Student Ministries New Zealand Inc	\$0	0
Port Nelson Mission of Seafarers	\$5000	4
Ministry of Inspiration	\$0	0
Nelson Symphony Orchestra	\$0	0
Royal New Zealand Foundation of the Blind	\$0	0
Townacre 456 Nelson – Application withdrawn		
Nelson Roller Sports Club Inc	\$4000	4
Stoke Bowling Club – Application withdrawn		

His Worship the Mayor/Davy

Carried

7.3 Consideration of Applications for One-Off Grants

Councillors discussed the applications for one-off grants.

With regards to the application from Dramatix Theatre Development Trust, it was noted that the Events Fund may be an appropriate source of funding for the Trust's annual event. It was also noted that there was central government funding for World War 1 centenary events available.

In response to a question, Ms Parfitt explained that applications for one-off grants could not be utilised for on-going costs, such as wage costs. She said that applicants would clearly be directed to apply for a community contract for such costs in future years.

A view was also expressed that the Nelson 2060 document was comparatively weaker in cultural and heritage areas, and that this may have influenced the weighting used to assess community assistance applications. A suggestion was made that the Nelson 2060 document be reviewed with culture and heritage values in mind.

Resolved

THAT the following One-Off Grants for the financial year 2012/13 be confirmed:

Organisation	Amount allocated
Neighbourhood Support Nelson Inc	\$2500
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Nelson	\$2500
Victory Community Association	\$2000
Dramatix Theatre Development Trust	\$0
Te Ataarangi ki te Taihū o te Waka-a-Maui Inc	\$2500
Nelson Railway Society	\$2000
Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust	\$2500
Hearing Association Nelson Inc	\$1000
Nelson Multicultural Council	\$2500
Alzheimers Society Nelson Inc	\$1500
The Nelson Ark	\$0
Nelson Community Toy Library	\$1500
The Colonel Noel Percy Adams Trust (Melrose) Society Inc	\$0
Tautoko Services	\$0
Nelson Community Potters	\$0
Friends of The Hira School	\$1500
St Barnabas Anglican Church	\$0
Christians Against Poverty	\$0
Heart Foundation	\$0
Nelson Bays Community Law	\$0
Nelson Samba Collective	\$0

Enner Glynn Playcentre	\$0
Arts Council Nelson (on behalf of Live Poets)	\$0
City of Nelson Highland Pipe Band Inc	\$1200
International Student Ministries New Zealand Inc	\$0
Search and Rescue Nelson	\$2500
People First Nelson	\$0
The Order of St John	\$1536
Bhutanese Society of Nelson New Zealand Incorporated	\$2500
Kopuwai Te Kohanga Reo Whakatu	\$0
YMCA Nelson	\$0
Nelson Tasman Region Hospice Trust	\$2500
Tahunanui Community Centre	\$1200
New Zealand Zomilnnkuan (Nelson) Inc	\$0
Nelson Orienteering Club	\$0
Schiehallion Scottish Country Dancers	\$0
Nelson Returned and Services Association Inc	\$2500
FC Nelson	\$0
Stoke Melody Makers	\$0
English Language Partners nelson-Marlborough Inc	\$0
SVS-Living Safe (formerly Stopping Violence Services Nelson)	\$0
Volunteer Nelson	\$0
Presbyterian Support Upper South Island	\$0
Parent to Parent Nelson	\$0
Epilepsy New Zealand Nelson/Marlborough Branch	
Post Natal Depression Support Network Nelson Inc	\$0
Nelson Community Christian Night Shelter Trust	\$0
Richmond Group Riding for the Disabled Inc	\$0

His Worship the Mayor/Davy

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 11.38am.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date