
Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the Nelson City Council

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

On Thursday 19 December 2013, commencing at 9.01am

Present: Her Worship the Mayor R Reese, Councillors L Acland, I Barker, E Davy, M Lawrey, B McGurk, Paul Matheson, G Noonan, P Rainey, T Skinner, and M Ward

In Attendance: Chief Executive (C Hadley), Group Manager Support Services/Acting Group Manager Community Services (H Kettlewell), Group Manager Infrastructure (A Louverdis), Acting Group Manager Strategy and Environment (N McDonald), Chief Financial Officer (N Harrison), Kaihautū (G Mullen), Senior Accountant (T Hughes), Manager Administration (P Langley), Administration Adviser (L Canton)

Apologies: Councillors R Copeland and K Fulton

Opening Prayer

Councillor Skinner gave the opening prayer.

1. Apologies

Resolved

THAT apologies be received and accepted from Councillors Copeland and Fulton.

Davy/Noonan

Carried

2. Interests

There were no updates to the Interests Register and no conflicts of interests with items on the agenda were noted.

3. Confirmation of Order of Business

Her Worship the Mayor advised that three public forums had been confirmed since the agenda was issued.

4. Public Forum

4.1 Trafalgar Centre

Mr Brian Mills tabled information (A1120003 and A1120006), and a copy of the original sketch plan for the Trafalgar Centre (A1120459), which he spoke to.

In response to questions, Mr Mills said that at the time of construction, Council chose the current site over the number 2 grounds at Trafalgar Park due to convenience and existing lease considerations. Mr Mills said he would like to see the building strengthened and reopened, as it was an important multi-function centre and a priority over a more defined-use performing arts centre.

4.2 Trafalgar Centre

Mr Kerry Neal said liquefaction was a recognised factor at the time the reclamation was underway in 1954. He suggested a number of solutions to strengthen the Trafalgar Centre, but added that he had not seen any engineering advice as to the structural safety of the building.

In response to questions, Mr Neal said that the landfill portion of the land was a shallow basin and therefore he believed the piles should withstand liquefaction. He added that there was a lot of sympathy in the community for the issue Council was trying to address.

Her Worship the Mayor advised that the latest engineering reports on the Trafalgar Centre would be made available to the public on request.

4.3 Trafalgar Centre

Gaire Thompson tabled information (A1120272) which he spoke to. He reiterated the suggestions made by Mr Mills and Mr Neal about the importance of the Trafalgar Centre as a multi-function facility for Nelson and the potential for the piles to withstand liquefaction.

5. 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>Trafalgar Centre – Follow up report</p> <p>This report contains information relating to the earthquake prone issues of the building and its long-term future.</p> <p>This item will include discussions about legal advice received at the 12 December 2013 Council meeting.</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)(g) To maintain legal professional privilege • Section 7(2)(h) To carry out commercial activities • Section 7(2)(i) To carry out negotiations

Matheson/Barker

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 9.35am and resumed in public session at 12.14pm.

6. Re-admittance of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

Her Worship the Mayor/McGurk

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 12.15pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date