
Minutes of a meeting of the Works and Infrastructure Committee

Held in the Muritai Centre, Tahunanui School, 69 Muritai Street,
Tahunanui

On Thursday 1 May 2014, commencing at 9.03am

Present: Councillor E Davy (Chairperson), Her Worship the Mayor (R Reese), Councillors L Acland, I Barker, R Copeland, M Lawrey, G Noonan, and T Skinner

In Attendance: Group Manager Infrastructure (A Louverdis), Acting Group Manager Strategy (N McDonald), Manager Communications (A Ricker), Senior Asset Engineer – Utilities (P Ruffell), and Administration Adviser (E-J Ruthven)

Apology: Her Worship the Mayor for lateness

1. Apologies

Resolved

THAT the apology from Her Worship the Mayor for lateness be received and accepted.

Noonan/Davy

Carried

2. Interests

There were no updates to the Interests Register, and no conflicts of interest with any agenda items were declared.

3. Confirmation of Order of Business

The Chairperson explained that there were five public forum presentations.

4. Public Forum

4.1 Beach Erosion

Rob Stevenson spoke about beach erosion. He noted that the beach environment was dynamic and complex, but that the intervention at the eastern end of the beach had been successful. He noted his concerns regarding erosion at the western end of the beach.

Attendance: Councillor Skinner joined the meeting at 9.08am.

Mr Stevenson suggested removing trees and their roots at the back beach to allow sand to freely move, and planting grasses along the back beach in order to encourage dune formation. He said that the high volumes of water moving between the Modeller's Pond and the Channel contributed to erosion at the western end of the beach.

He noted that the draft Annual Plan contained \$65,000 to investigate erosion issues, and encouraged Council to carry out this work.

In response to questions, Mr Stevenson suggested that using hard walls to prevent erosion was not the best solution for the area, and instead suggested using groynes to deflect water movement.

4.2 Parkers Road, Footpaths and Vegetation, the Modeller's Pond and the Tahunanui Community Centre

Joy Shackleton and Judy Robinson spoke about the T-intersection between Parkers Road, Tahunanui Drive and Annesbrook Drive. They said that the busy nature of Tahunanui Drive and Annesbrook Drive made it difficult to turn in from Parkers Road. In response to a question, they clarified that this was an issue throughout the day, but was particularly difficult at peak times.

Ms Shackleton and Ms Robinson also noted that vegetation from gardens was encroaching footpaths in the Tahunanui area. They said this made it difficult for people to navigate footpaths, particularly for parents with pushchairs, or others with mobility difficulties.

With regards to the Modeller's Pond, Ms Shackleton and Ms Robinson explained that it was iconic, and encouraged Council to retain and clean it, rather than fill it in. They suggested that its use as a stormwater overflow made the pond issues worse.

Ms Shackleton and Ms Robinson outlined the programmes currently running from the Tahunanui Community Centre, but suggested that with more space the Centre could run a broader range of programmes. In response to a question, they said they would welcome the opportunity to utilise a neighbouring building for further programmes.

Attendance: Her Worship the Mayor joined the meeting at 9.20am.

4.3 Parking Times and Pedestrian Refuge

Ray Weston spoke about parking restrictions in Tahunanui and how these affected businesses in the area.

He noted that a number of parks in the Tahunanui area were either p30 or p60, but that the nature of many businesses in the area was such that people visiting would require parking for more than 60 minutes.

Mr Weston also spoke about pedestrian safety, and noted difficulties faced by pedestrians attempting to cross Tahunanui Drive. He asked Council to consider installing a pedestrian refuge there, to make it safer for pedestrians to cross.

In response to questions, he said that businesses in the area would likely be in favour of an easement from Beach Road through to Tahunanui Drive, in order to open up more parking options, and noted that there were appropriate areas on the painted median where a pedestrian refuge could be put.

4.4 Cycleways and Modeller's Pond

John Gilbertson spoke about the Modeller's Pond. He suggested that Council received income from businesses and concessionaires operating from Tahunanui Reserve, and suggested that this income be returned into the Reserve. He said that by doing so, there would be an adequate source of funds to restore the Modeller's Pond.

Mr Gilbertson suggested that issues with the Modeller's Pond were compounded by tidal influx and the stormwater system, although he also noted his appreciation of the stormwater system having been installed in Tahunanui. He tabled a series of photographs of the Modeller's Pond (A1180248).

Mr Gilbertson spoke about previous reports regarding the Modeller's Pond by NIWA and the Cawthron Institute, and encouraged Council to follow the conclusions of the NIWA report in order to address the issues with the Modeller's Pond. In response to a question, he said it was worth trialling the proposed solution using fish, but felt that the pond would still need regular cleaning.

Mr Gilbertson also spoke about a recent workshop regarding cycleways in Tahunanui. He said that the workshop had included a cross-section of the Nelson community, but he felt that the Tahunanui community was under-represented at the workshop. He asked Council to re-consult with the Tahunanui community on this issue.

4.5 Open Stormwater Drainage and Parking

Mike Thomas endorsed previous public forum presenters' comments regarding car parking in Tahunanui. He noted the open drain adjacent to the pharmacy, and suggested that covering the drain would free up additional space to be used for car-parking behind the pharmacy.

In response to a question, Mr Weston said that provision for car parking behind the businesses on Tahunanui Drive would alleviate many of the parking problems in the area, however he suggested that there would still be a need for some short stay parks outside some of the businesses fronting Tahunanui Drive.

4.6 Public Excluded Information

Ken Beckett spoke about public excluded information. He noted his concerns regarding business to be conducted in the public excluded session of the meeting, particularly with regards to the Trafalgar Centre.

He noted that a large amount of previously public excluded information in relation to the Trafalgar Centre had been made public subsequent to the March Council meeting, and noted his concern that items on the public excluded status report relating to the Trafalgar Centre for the meeting's agenda appeared in the public excluded table.

The Chairperson explained that the only item in the public excluded agenda was the public excluded status report. He said that the public excluded part of business would be dealt with immediately after the confirmation of the meeting minutes.

5. Confirmation of Minutes – 13 March 2014

Document number A1156828, agenda pages 7-16 refer.

Resolved

THAT the minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council – Works and Infrastructure Committee, held on 13 March 2014, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Acland/Davy

Carried

6. Exclusion of the Public

There was a brief discussion regarding the reasons included within the public excluded items table, and it was agreed that these were best discussed during the public excluded part of the meeting.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned from 10.17am to 10.22am.

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>Works and Infrastructure – Public Excluded Status Report– 1 May 2014</p> <p>This report contains information regarding:</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>
	<p>Trafalgar Centre Follow Up report – Short Term Actions</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 7(2)(h) To carry out commercial activities • Section 7(2)(i) To carry out negotiations
	<p>Trafalgar Centre – Update Report</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 7(2)(h) To carry out commercial activities • Section 7(2)(i) To carry out negotiations
	<p>Washington Valley Property Disposal</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 7(2)(b) To protect information that may disclose a trade secret or the commercial position of a person • Section 7(2)(h) To carry out commercial activities

Davy/Copeland

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 10.22am and resumed in public session at 10.40am.

7. Re-admittance of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

Noonan/Davy

Carried

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10.40am until 10.57am, during which time Her Worship the Mayor departed the meeting.

8. Status Report

Document number A1150321, agenda pages 17-18 refer.

The Chairperson advised that, during the public excluded part of the meeting, the committee had resolved to move two items from the public excluded status report to the public status report. He advised that the additional two items now forming a part of the public status report were:

Date of meeting/Item	Action Resolution	Officer	Status
12/12/13 Council Trafalgar Centre Follow Up Report – Short Term Actions	THAT Council confirms that up to \$600,000 should be spent on improvements to Saxton Stadium should it prove a viable alternative venue, to be funded from provision made in the 2013/14 Annual Plan for capital works on the Trafalgar Centre;	Alec Louverdis	01/05/14 Work was completed in time to host the first Giants basketball game on 4 April 2014. Minor works will be undertaken to accommodate the Tactix netball game and other events. UNDERWAY
06/03/14 Council Trafalgar Centre – Update Report	THAT the Council invite the project team for the Trafalgar Centre Project to consider and respond to it on any potential engineering solutions and costings which would ensure the Trafalgar Centre can be adequately strengthened to address Council's obligations in relation to public safety; AND THAT the Grant Cameron and Associates report be provided to the Trafalgar Centre Project team on receipt of a signed confidentiality agreement by	Alec Louverdis	01/05/14 The Project team once finalised will meet to progress this issue. UNDERWAY

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	<p>each of the members of the team;</p> <p>AND THAT the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive be authorised to release information to support public communications</p>		
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In response to a question, Mr Louverdis outlined the Trafalgar Centre Project team, and the likely timeframe in which they would be considering potential solutions for the Trafalgar Centre. He said that the outcome of this work would be reported back to Council.

In response to a question regarding the Bata Building demolition, Mr Louverdis outlined discussions that had taken place with Project Butterfly regarding re-use of the mosaic panels that had formed a part of the Bata Building. He outlined Project Butterfly's proposal to re-use the panels in a heritage park, and said a report would be brought to the relevant committee if Project Butterfly decided to pursue the idea further.

Resolved

THAT the Status Report – Works and Infrastructure 1 May 2014 (A1150321) be received.

Noonan/Acland

Carried

9. Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson tabled a report (A1179119).

9.1 Beatson Road

The Chairperson spoke about motorists using Beatson Road as a short-cut to avoid peak hour traffic on Waimea Road.

The importance of consulting with Beatson Road residents prior to undertaking any trial closure periods was emphasised.

Resolved

THAT a staff report be prepared considering the closure of the roundabout exit onto Beatson Road for a trial period of approximately three weeks.

Davy/Barker

Carried

9.2 Joint Regional Transport Committee

The Chairperson spoke about the possibility of forming a Joint Regional Transport Committee with Tasman District Council.

Resolved

THAT a report and draft terms of reference to form a Joint Regional Transport Committee be prepared by staff for consideration by the Nelson City Council Regional Transport Committee.

Noonan/Lawrey

Carried

WATER, WASTEWATER AND STORMWATER

10. Water Supply, Wastewater, Stormwater/Flood Protection Asset Management Plans 2015-2025

Document number A1163082, agenda pages 19-24 refer.

Senior Asset Engineer – Utilities, Phil Ruffell, presented the report.

10.1 Water Supply Asset Management Plan

In response to a question, Mr Ruffell explained that it was possible to meet the majority of Nelson City Council's water needs from the Maitai supply alone, although it would be difficult to provide a fire-fighting water supply to Champion Road and Wakatu Estate without drawing from the Roding supply. In response to a further question, he outlined the timeframe for application for a further resource consent to draw water from the Maitai River, and confirmed that the maximum resource consent available under the Resource Management Act was 35 years.

There was a discussion regarding the Maitai River. In response to a question, Mr Ruffell outlined a trial currently taking place whereby carbon dioxide was used to lower the ph of water taken prior to going through the filtration system.

In response to a further question, Mr Ruffell explained that changes in the code of practice for fire flows meant that there were some areas which would require an increased number of fire hydrants. He clarified that there was a budget provision for this.

There was a brief discussion regarding unaccounted-for water. In response to a question Mr Ruffell explained how unaccounted-for water was measured, and noted that providing additional meters for separate districts within the city would provide greater clarity as to the point at which water was becoming unaccounted-for.

10.2 Wastewater Asset Management Plan

In response to a question, Mr Ruffell explained that mains water pressure was routinely reviewed to try and reduce unaccounted for water. He explained that regular maintenance was required, for example, to fix dripping taps, to ensure that water did not flow directly from the water system straight into the wastewater system.

In response to a further question, Mr Durrell explained the provision of a dry pipe from Bell Island to the Monaco area, and future uses to which this might be put.

10.3 Stormwater/Flood Protection Asset Management Plan

In response to a question, Mr Ruffell explained the proposal to move to q100 flood modelling as the basis for stormwater designs, and that an equivalent provision was being included in the review of Council's Land Development Manual.

Resolved

THAT the report Water Supply, Wastewater, Stormwater/Flood Protection Asset Management Plans 2015-2025 (A1163082) and its attachments (A824126, A824068 and A824368) be received.

Lawrey/Noonan

Carried

Recommendation to Council

THAT the Water Supply, Wastewater, Stormwater/Flood Protection Asset Management Plans 2015-2025 be adopted as the versions to inform the Long Term Plan 2015-2025.

Noonan/Lawrey

Carried

LAND

11. Airport Easement for Purposes of Power

Document number A1160764, agenda pages 25-28 refer.

Attendance: Councillor Barker declared an interest, and took no part in the discussion or decision-making for this item.

Resolved

THAT the report Airport Easement for Purposes of Power (A1160764) and its attachment (A1163463) be received.

Lawrey/Skinner

Carried

Recommendation to Council

THAT the easement in favour of Network Tasman Limited shown on plan LT450260 be granted pursuant to s48 Reserves Act 1977;

AND THAT all legal costs be incurred by Nelson Airport Limited in this matter.

Lawrey/Skinner

Carried

12. Corder Park Reserve Utility Easements

Document number A1157321, agenda pages 29-32 refer.

Resolved

THAT the Corder Park Reserve Utility Easements Report (A1157321) and its attachment (A1135226) be received.

Lawrey/Davy

Carried

Recommendation to Council

THAT the Council consent to granting the easements over reserve land subject to the Reserves Act 1977 under delegated authority from Minister of Conservation.

Noonan/Skinner

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 12.06pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date