
MINUTES
of the
SUBMISSIONS HEARING MEETING
Joint Waste Management & Minimisation Plan
held
9.30 am, Wednesday, 24 October 2018
at
Ruma Marama, Nelson City Council , 110 Trafalgar Street,
Nelson

Present: Councillor C M Maling (Chair), Crs S Bryant, D McNamara, DJ Ogilvie and DM Wensley, Tasman District Council

Councillors S Walker, I Barker, W Dahlberg and M Lawrey, Nelson City Council

In Attendance: Asset Engineer – Waste Management and Minimisation (D Stephenson), Executive Assistant (R L Scherer), Tasman District Council

Senior Asset Engineer – Solid Waste (J Thiant), Consultant (Jacqui Irwin) and Environmental Programmes Adviser (K Lee), Nelson City Council

1 OPENING, WELCOME

2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Moved Cr Bryant/Walker
Recommendation

That apologies from Cr P Matheson and Cr I Barker (for lateness) be accepted.

CARRIED

3 MINUTES

Moved Cr Walker/Cr Ogilvie
SH18-10-2

That the minutes of the Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Submissions Hearing held on Tuesday, 9 October 2018, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED

4 REPORTS

4.1 Deliberations on the 2018 Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

Asset Engineer – Waste Management and Minimisation, David Stephenson presented the report contained in the agenda which was taken as read.

He noted that the agenda included a detailed breakdown of each submission along with staff comments. He advised that local iwi are making minor changes to the kaitiakitanga section of the Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.

Mr Stephenson noted that the final plan will be an enabling document showing the strategic direction of the two councils. Progress on the plan will be tracked through each council's annual reports.

In response to a question, Mr Stephenson said that while staff have been concentrating on the development of the joint landfill, there is now an opportunity to make progress on the Plan and to make funding requests through the council's respective annual plans for funding for some of the opportunities presented in the submissions.

Mr Stephenson agreed that both councils need to better track the actions arising from the Plan and to publicise what we are doing in terms of waste management and minimisation.

Mr Stephenson also noted that staff intend to produce an action plan after the Plan has been approved. This will guide both councils in any funding decisions they make around waste management and minimisation.

Cr Wensley suggested that the goals within the Plan need to be strengthened so they are more meaningful to both councils and our residents and ratepayers. She suggested that the Plan should highlight at least one priority goal, for example reduction of green waste or zero waste.

Cr Maling proposed that product stewardship should be a priority goal. He suggested that the action for that goal could include both councils putting pressure on central government to lead product stewardship across New Zealand.

Cr Dahlberg agreed that it was important that we measure progress on any goals within the Plan. Both councils need to show to our residents and ratepayers that we have actually been doing something. He suggested that the Plan could focus on four materials to target decreases, for example timber, food waste, garden waste and plastics with the goal of solving at least two of those four.

Senior Asset Engineer, Johan Thiart suggested that any action plans should be part of the respective council's annual plans. He also cautioned the Panel about the need to be careful not to target something that is not achievable. Mr Thiart suggested that the asset management plan reviews could include actions relating to the Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.

Mr Stephenson agreed that the submission process had shown that there is an appetite for change in our respective communities around waste management and minimisation and that the councils' response through the Plan could be seen as weak. He suggested that the joint working party could recommend to the councils that they produce an action plan in response to

submitters requests.

Ms Lee noted that avoiding the creation of waste is the responsibility of every single person in the community. She recommended that the Panel be cautious about being prescriptive within the Plan. She suggested that with the changing national and international waste environment, the councils need to produce a smart, measurable action plan.

The Panel discussed zero waste as a goal to be included in the Plan. In response, Mr Thiant spoke about examples of zero waste economies where they have not been able to attain their goals. Mr Stephenson noted that staff had investigated zero waste options however the calculations suggested that this target was not achievable.

Mr Stephenson noted that performance targets are included in each council's levels of service within the asset management plans.

Councillor Walker proposed that the Plan should be proactive and encourage the community to do some of the work around waste minimisation themselves.

Councillor McNamara said that the goals of the plan need to be achievable and affordable. He suggested that each council should have an action plan arising from the Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan goals.

Councillor Bryant noted his concern with the goal of zero waste as this had been included before but had proven to be both aspirational and unachievable.

Cr Wensley reiterated her wish for an achievable target to be included in resolution. Mr Stephenson suggested that there is a danger with any goal that is ambitious that both councils will potentially fall short and lose engagement with the community. He suggested that the Panel need to consider a goal that is balanced between being ambitious and achievable.

Councillor Bryant suggested that an alternative word to "zero" could be "reduce".

Mr Stephenson spoke about the percentage of each item that would need to be reduced to gain 50% of a target. He suggested that any targets would be challenging and would require significant financial input from both councils.

Cr Wensley proposed a change to the resolution which was put to the vote.

Cr Wensley left the meeting at 10.48 am.

**Moved Cr Wensley/Cr Lawrey
SH18-10-3**

That the Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Delegations Hearing:

- 1. receives the report Deliberations on the 2018 Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan and its attachments (Attachments 1, 2 and 3); and**
- 2. requests that staff report back to the Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Working Party on a range of targets to be included in the Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.**

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11.00 am and resumed at 11.05 am.

Cr Barker arrived at 11.05 am

Mr Stephenson noted the changes that staff propose to the Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan. The meeting resolved to accept the changes provided in Appendix 2 – Schedule of Proposed Changes which was included in the agenda for this meeting.

**Moved Cr Dahlberg/Cr Ogilvie
SH18-10-4**

That the Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Hearings Panel accepts the changes noted in Appendix 2 – Schedule of Proposed Changes included in the agenda for this meeting.

CARRIED

The members discussed the issues encountered with public place recycling bins. Mr Stephenson noted that these bins get badly contaminated with unwanted waste and a lot of the contaminated material has to go to landfill.

It was suggested that signage could be placed on these bins with wording such as “do you really need to put it in here or can you take it home and recycle it”.

Mr Thiart noted that contamination levels in recycling bins within Nelson city are around 10%.

The meeting agreed to add the words “by 2040” to Table 4-2 regarding the column reading “total amount that could be diverted in future”.

The meeting adjourned.

Date Confirmed:

Chair: