

Minutes of a meeting of the Hearings Panel - Other

Held in Ruma Marama, Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson

On Thursday 5 May 2016, commencing at 8.15am

Present: Councillor B McGurk (Chairperson) and Deputy Mayor P Matheson

In Attendance: Investigator/Contracts Supervisor (M Hollows), Roading Network Coordinator (T Chapman) and Administration Adviser (J McDougall)

1. Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

2. Interests

There were no updates to the Interests Register, and no interests with items on the agenda were declared.

3. Temporary Road Closure (Light Nelson Festival)

Document number A1538713, agenda pages 4-9 refer.

Investigator/Contracts Supervisor, Mark Hollows, presented the report, and advised that no feedback had been received since the proposed road closure was advertised.

Mr Hollows noted that the event would take place during a holiday break at the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology, meaning that there would be less people than usual parking in the area.

It was noted that five days would be a long closure for residents.

In answer to a query, Mr Hollows advised that all the residents in Hardy and Alton Streets had been visited personally, been given a copy of the advertisement and had been given the opportunity to give feedback. He said that other streets in the vicinity of the Light Nelson Festival e.g. Tasman Street had received a letter box drop about the proposed closure.

It was noted that over the five days of the Festival, approximately 20,000 people would visit the area and parking could be a problem.

A traffic management plan was requested as the event was being held in the evening and there would be many pedestrians in nearby streets such as Collingwood and Hardy Streets.

It was noted that residents needed to be able to both leave and return to their homes during the road closures.

It was suggested that the traffic management plan could include: no parking (or parking on one side only) on Tasman Street and possibly parts of Nile Street to allow for traffic and pedestrian flow; a designated residents parking area on the NMIT campus and/or Buxton carpark (only 100m away); and consideration of the fact that Queens Gardens would be part of the Light Nelson Festival.

Resolved

THAT the report Temporary Road Closure (Light Nelson Festival) (A1538713) and its attachment (A1540102) be received;

AND THAT, subject to a suitable traffic management plan, the Hearings Panel approve the application for the temporary road closures for the Light Nelson Festival from Friday 8 July until Wednesday 13 July 2016)

McGurk/Matheson

Carried

Officers agreed to prepare a traffic management plan for discussion with Councillors McGurk and Matheson. It was agreed that decisions about parking and traffic management would be advertised, prior to the Light Nelson Festival event.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.29am.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date