
Minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council - Infrastructure
Held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson
On Thursday 15 March 2012, commencing at 9.06am

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

In Attendance: Acting Chief Executive (R Johnson), Executive Manager Network Services (A Louverdis), Executive Manager Strategy and Planning (M Schruer), Executive Manager Community Services (S Coleman), Executive Manager Kaihautū/Community Relations (G Mullen), Chief Financial Officer (N Harrison), Executive Manager Support Services (H Kettlewell), Manager Human Resources (S Gully), Manager Programme Office (D Bartkowiak), Manager Community Relations (A Ricker), Principal Adviser Transport and Roading (A James), Principal Adviser Reserves and Community Facilities (A Petheram), Manager Policy and Planning (N McDonald) and Administration Adviser (A Rose)

Apologies: No apologies were received.

1. Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was given by Councillor Davy.

2. Conflicts of Interest

No updates to the Conflicts of Interest Register or any conflicts of interest with the agenda were identified.

3. Public Forum

Nelson Railway Society

Mr Ray Carter and Mr Bob Murray, from the Nelson Railway Society, showed a short video of the railway at Founders Park and made a powerpoint presentation (document 1254167).

Mr Carter tabled a paper (document 1256891) summarising the Society's request to Council for a railway right extension and rules for construction and the operation of the railway to be included in the Long Term Plan.

The document also requested that the Council undertake a Plan Change to provide a rail corridor from Sovereign Street, across Trafalgar Street, behind Trafalgar Park, Hathaway Court and Trailways near Trafalgar Street Bridge, and to provide for the Nelson Railway Society to construct and operate the railway.

In answer to a question, Mr Murray confirmed that in his view, should the Nelson Railway Society be allowed to lay track across water mains, in the event of something happening to that water main, it would only take the Society two or three hours to lift the track, so any repairs or maintenance could be carried out.

His Worship the Mayor thanked Mr Carter and Mr Murray for their presentation and said that their tabled document would be put as a submission to the forthcoming draft Long Term Plan.

4. Mayor's Report

4.1 Council Meeting 7 March 2012- Failed For Want Of A Quorum

In answer to a question from, the Acting Chief Executive said that because the Council meeting on Wednesday 7 March 2012 had failed for lack of a quorum the meeting would now be held on 30 March 2012.

4.2 Receiving Minutes at Council Meetings

There was some discussion regarding the benefits of receiving minutes from respective Council meetings at the next meeting of that Council meeting i.e. the Infrastructure minutes should be received at Infrastructure Council meetings, the Governance minutes should be received at Governance Council meetings etc. It was agreed that in future this practice would be adopted.

5. Status Report

Document No. 1034781, agenda page 1 refers.

Resolved

THAT the Status Report – Infrastructure (1034781) be received.

Collingwood/Boswijk

Carried

6. Portfolio Holder's Report

6.1 R Funding

Councillor Collingwood reminded Councillors that when they were going through the Long Term Plan at the meeting on Friday 16 March 2012, they should consider carefully whether Council could spend all the 'R' Funding that was available.

6.2 Executive Manager Community Services, Susan Coleman

Councillor Collingwood paid tribute to the Executive Manager Community Services, Susan Coleman, who was shortly to leave the Council. Councillor Collingwood said Ms Coleman made a huge contribution to Council in many areas over the last 10 years. She presented her with a card that had been signed by all Councillors wishing her the very best for the future.

7. Chief Executive Report - Infrastructure

Document No. 1224641, agenda pages 2-9 refer.

The Councillors went through the report section by section.

7.1 Minor Safety Projects Update

There was discussion regarding issues with the traffic lights at Tahunanui and in particular the proposed State Highway 6/Tahunanui Drive pedestrian crossing near Muritai Street.

The Principal Adviser Transport and Roding, Andrew James, joined the meeting and explained that the situation on that stretch of road was very complex and that the New Zealand Transport Agency was currently working through all the issues. Mr James added that although he had noted Council's concerns, the road is State Highway and not under Council's control.

It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the New Zealand Transport Agency outlining Council's concerns and explaining the urgency for a solution.

7.2 Parking and Vehicle Control Bylaw 2011, No 207 Amendments to Schedules.

Attendance: Councillor Boswijk declared an interest and left the meeting table during the discussion of this item.

Resolved

THAT the following alterations to the schedules of Bylaw No 207 Parking and Vehicle Control (2011) be approved:

- ***Schedule 5: Metered Parking***
- ***Schedule 13: Stop Signs***
- ***Schedule 14: Give Way Signs***

Davy/Collingwood

Carried

Resolved

THAT the Chief Executive Report – Infrastructure (1224641) be received.

Collingwood/Rackley

Carried

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10.40am to 10.55am.

8. Rutherford and Trafalgar Parks Development Plan (including the Maitai Walkway)

Document No. 1239031, agenda pages 10-46 refer.

The Principal Adviser Reserves and Community Facilities, Andrew Petheram, together with the Planning Adviser, Britta Hietz, and Megan Wraight, from Wraight and Associates Ltd, joined the meeting.

Mr Petheram introduced the report saying that the proposal would take many years to complete and specific projects and their funding would go through Council's Long Term Plans and Annual Plans as appropriate.

Ms Wraight gave a Powerpoint presentation.

An updated Rutherford & Trafalgar Parks Concept plan (Document number 1238139) was tabled.

The discussion focused on what were described as Option 1 and Option 2. Option 1 proposed that the existing Haven Road carriageway from the Halifax Street roundabout to the QEII roundabout be reduced to one lane in each direction with the existing second lane being used for carparking and as an access/drop off/pick up to Auckland Point School, where it was in the vicinity of the School.

Option 2 proposed the closing of the two carriageways that were adjacent to Saltwater Creek bringing traffic into town and grassing this area and creating two way traffic on the carriageway that currently takes traffic out of town.

During discussion, it was pointed out that Council was committed to the resolution it had passed to preserve the future arterial option.

Councillor Davy moved and Councillor Matheson seconded the first two parts of the recommendation in the report with the addition of the words 'in principle subject to Long Term Plan consultation' being inserted at the end of the first paragraph.

It was agreed that the third part of the recommendation would be considered separately.

Councillor Copeland moved and Councillor Fulton seconded an amendment

THAT the Rutherford and Trafalgar Parks Development Plan (document 1238139, attachment 1) be approved in principal, subject to Long Term Plan consultation;

AND THAT Option 2 be the preferred option with further work done to address the safety issues of the drop off and pick up points for students at Auckland Point School in principal, subject to Long Term Plan consultation.

The amendment was put and **lost**.

Resolved

THAT the Rutherford and Trafalgar Parks Development Plan (1238139, attachment 1) be approved in principal, subject to Long Term Plan consultation;

AND THAT the Rutherford and Trafalgar Parks Development Plan (1238139, attachment 1) be released to the public to inform the Long Term Plan consultation.

Davy/Matheson

Carried

Councillor Barker called for a division:

Councillor	
Barker	Yes
Boswijk	Yes
Collingwood	Yes
Copeland	No
Davy	Yes
Fulton	No
Matheson	Yes
Rackley	Yes
Rainey	Yes
Reese	Yes
Shaw	No
Ward	Yes
His Worship the Mayor	Yes

The Mayor declared the resolution passed 10 votes to 3 votes.

Attendance: Councillors Matheson and Rackley left the meeting at 12 noon.

The meeting then considered the recommendation regarding the Maitai Walkway.

Resolved

THAT the concept plan for the Maitai Walkway (document 1246223, attachment 2) be approved so that a detailed design can be prepared and construction begin in 2012/13 financial year.

Fulton/Copeland

Carried

The Council congratulated staff and the consultant for an excellent development plan for Trafalgar and Rutherford Parks and an excellent concept plan for the Maitai Walkway.

9. Cable Bay Road

Document No. 1234011, agenda pages 47-66 refer.

The Principal Adviser Transport and Roading, Andrew James, joined the meeting and presented the report.

Resolved

THAT Council supports the re-instatement of the Cable Bay Road to provide the same level of service as was provided prior to the December 2011 rainfall event;

AND THAT Council approves that design and preliminary works commence in the current (2011/12) financial year (subject to New Zealand Transport Agency funding its share of the emergency works) as part of the funding set aside for recovery work;

AND THAT Council include funding to undertake these works estimated at \$1,912,000 (subject to New Zealand Transport Agency funding its share of the emergency works) in the Long Term Plan for 2012/13 to effect re-instatement to the previous level of service;

AND THAT Council contributes up to \$2500 towards fencing of slip areas to prevent stock access for soil conservation purposes through the land management fencing grant scheme;

AND THAT staff investigate the costs and implications of funding reseeding or replanting of the area of immediate road bank and farmland fenced off from grazing by Ian and Barbara Stuart;

AND THAT Council open the road to all traffic but keep the caution signs and traffic lights in place until the repair work commences.

His Worship the Mayor/Ward

Carried

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

10. Regional Transport Committee – 24 February 2012

Document No. 1245694, agenda pages 67-71 refer.

Resolved

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Regional Transport Committee held on 24 February 2012 be received.

Collingwood/Rainey

Carried

11. Discussion of Public Forum Items

Nelson Railway Society

The Mayor said that the presentation tabled at the meeting by the Nelson Railway Society (document no 1256891) would be considered to be a submission to the draft Long Term Plan 2012/2022.

12. Exclusion of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting in accordance with section 7 and 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 on the grounds that the public conduct of this part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists.

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	Chief Executive Public Excluded Report-Infrastructure Nelson Waste Water Treatment Plant	Section 48(1)(a) The public conduct of this matter would be likely to result in disclosure of information for which good reason exists under section 7	The withholding of the information is necessary: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section 7(2)(h) To carry out commercial activities• Section 7(2)(i) To carry out

			negotiations
2	Port Nelson Strategic Land Purchase	Section 48(1)(a) The public conduct of this matter would be likely to result in disclosure of information for which good reason exists under section 7	The withholding of the information is necessary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 7(2)(a) To protect the privacy of natural persons • Section 7(2)(i) To carry out negotiations

Collingwood/His Worship the Mayor

Carried

The meeting went into public excluded session at 12.37pm and resumed in public session at 1.50pm.

13. Re-admittance of the Public

Resolved

THAT the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

His Worship the Mayor/Ward

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 1.50pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date