

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE NELSON CITY COUNCIL TO HEAR SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2008/2009 HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HOUSE, TRAFALGAR STREET, NELSON ON THURSDAY 22 MAY 2008 COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

- PRESENT:** His Worship the Mayor K Marshall (Chairperson), Councillors I Barker, A Boswijk, G Collingwood, M Cotton, D Henigan, M Holmes, P Rainey, D Shaw and G Thomas
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive (V Altmnts), Manager Strategy and Planning (M Tregurtha) and Administration Adviser (A Rose)
- APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors A Miccio, A McAlpine and R Reese (Deputy Mayor)
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His worship the Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained its purpose was to hear submitters who wish to speak to submissions they had made to the Council's Draft Annual Plan 2008/09.

1.0 LATE SUBMISSIONS

Resolved

***THAT** the Council received submissions subsequent to page number 543 and that they be considered.*

Boswijk/Henigan

Carried

2.0 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2008/09

2.1 Nelson Chamber of Commerce Submission 7365 Page 534

The Chief Executive Officer of the Nelson Tasman Chamber of Commerce, Sharon McGuire, presented the Chamber's submission. She emphasised that there should be sufficient funding for the Events Strategy and that it should be undertaken by Nelson Tasman Tourism Ltd.

Ms McGuire expressed disappointment on behalf of the Chamber regarding the expenditure on the Trafalgar Centre saying that the members did not understand why so much money is being spent on what is primarily an indoor sports stadium when there was likely to be a need for large amounts of funding for the conference and performing arts centre.

In answer to questions Ms McGuire confirmed that the Chamber still saw regional governance as very important and they thought that Trafalgar Park should be upgraded as a multi-use facility for events like Opera in The Park etc.

In answer to another question, Ms McGuire said that the Chamber was definitely not in support of any money being spent to upgrade the southern end of the Trafalgar Centre.

2.2 Mr Dan McGuire Submission 7143 Page 72

Mr McGuire expressed strong concern over the proposed rates rise for the forthcoming financial year, saying that over the last six years rates had been racing ahead of inflation and he felt this was very unfair.

Mr McGuire also questioned where the performing arts and conference centre project was at now that the Tasman District Council seemed to have withdrawn from offering any funding towards the project. He cautioned that Nelson City Council should not go ahead with the project on its own.

Mr McGuire also expressed concern regarding Council support of the Waimarama Brook Sanctuary project, in particular the proposal to cut down forest on the ridges for the installation of the fence. The clearing and loss of over 8 hectares of native beech forest to install the fence he said would be environmental vandalism, he said.

In answer to a question, Mr McGuire said that he neither supported nor opposed the performing arts and conference centre project, but he had issues with the process that Council was going through with regard to this project. He also reminded the Council that the regional average income is \$18,000 per annum and they should keep that firmly in mind when they were setting the rate level.

2.3 The Bishop Suter Art Gallery Board Submission 7344 Page 179

The Chairperson of the Trust Board, Ms Sari Hodgson and the acting director Ms Julie Catchpole, presented the submission on behalf of The Suter.

They said that whilst they appreciated the proposed increase to the annual grant from the Council, they requested an additional \$75,000 to the operational grant, which would bring it up to \$400,000 and they requested an additional \$19,000 to the capital grant which would bring it up to \$100,000. They said that the Suter had recently lost a sponsorship of \$40,000 which highlighted the risk of relying on sponsorship to cover operational cost.

In answer to questions, Ms Hodgson said they had presented a budget to the Chief Executive and the Mayor, and the Chief Executive confirmed that the budget would be circulated to all Councillors. Ms Hodgson also confirmed that The Suter Board were making a similar submission to the Tasman District Council. In reply to a question to the Chief Executive as to why, what appeared to be maintenance work, was being paid for as capital, Ms Hodgson said it was in the nature of an upgrade rather than a straight replacement.

2.4 Ms Margot Haley Submission 7265 Page 265

Ms Haley highlighted her submission which sought to preserve and promote Alton Street as a heritage area and as part of Nelson's Heritage Trail. In addition she sought Council assistance for erecting an historic display board describing the precinct for tourist information and as an educational tool for Nelson Central School.

In the questions that followed Ms Haley said she would be pleased to accept assistance from Councillor Rainey and would look into approaching Griffins to see if they would support the project.

2.5 Anglican Diocese of Nelson Submissions 7341 Page 191 and 7339 Page 193

Mr Mark Chamberlain, Chaplain to the Bishop of Nelson and Chair of the Diocese Organising Committee to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Nelson becoming a Bishop's See, presented the submission on behalf of the Diocese.

He gave a power point presentation on the programme that the Diocese was proposing to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Anglican Diocese and the City of Nelson. He requested a grant of \$1,000 from Council to produce an information booklet for an historic walking tour of the Cathedral and its environs, that would take place on the weekend of 27th and 28th September. He also requested a further grant of \$1,500 to prepare a display of artefacts relating to the first Bishop, Bishop Hobhouse, including relevant pictures and photos and the Letters Patent establishing the Diocese and the City.

2.6 Arts Marketing Submission 7293 Page 169

Mr Warren Hoy, Chief Executive of Arts Marketing, spoke to the submission, which requested the following grants from Council:

- \$20,000 for core operating costs
- \$10,000 to support 'Art in its own Place' initiatives
- \$10,000 for special projects.

He also asked Council to consider how it could evolve and engage Arts Marketing to assist with the Arts Strategy.

Councillor Thomas pointed out that it was difficult for Council to consider requests for funding without being provided with a business plan and budget.

2.7 Nelson Millennium Centre Trust Submission 7287 Page 240

Mr Brian Smythe, a Trustee, presented the submission on behalf of the Millennium Centre Trust. Mr Smythe said that the Trust requested Council to confirm its provision for funding for design and other preliminary work for the Millennium Centre in its Annual Plan 2008/09.

In answer to questions Mr Smythe said he did not know how much money could be raised from the public of Nelson, but he believed that the will exists and he was confident that money could be raised. He also confirmed that The Trust was making submissions to the Tasman District Councils draft Annual Plan.

2.8 Richard Sellars Architect Ltd Submission 7301 Page 475

Mr Richard Sellars made a powerpoint presentation which looked at ways to develop public transport in Nelson by means of a shuttle bus systems, rather than buses travelling defined routes.

2.9 Melrose House (Colonel Noel Percy Adams Trust) Submission 7327 Page 215

Joe Waller, Trust Chairperson, and Simone Henbrey, Trustee, presented the submission explaining that there was a newly formed committee who were very enthusiastic to breathe life back into Melrose as a facility that all citizens of Nelson could enjoy. Additional material was tabled explaining the 'arts centre' proposal for Melrose House. Mr Waller said that the Trust was requesting a 'start-up' grant of \$24,700 for 2008/09 and \$15,000 for 2009/10.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10:40am until 10:50am.

2.10 Mr Ross Whitlock Submission 7300 Page 184

Mr Whitlock presented his submission which was in support of an increase in the base funding for The Suter. He drew on his experiences as an exhibiting artist and art teacher over the last 30 years and his experience of similar facilities in the Wanganui, Manawatu and Wellington regions. Mr Whitlock went on to give examples of the levels of funding for similar institutions to The Suter in those various regions, which he pointed out were significantly more than was proposed for The Suter.

2.11 Nelson Railway Society Submission 7151 Page 237

Mr R S Murray presented the submission on behalf of The Nelson Railway Society Inc, which requested Council's assistance in extending the existing rail line from its present terminus at the end of Sovereign Street to behind Trafalgar Park in the Hathaway Terrace area.

Mr Murray said that the Nelson Railway Society had all the rail and station buildings necessary and had a sufficient pool of volunteers who could easily carry out the work. What the Society was requesting was Council's assistance in obtaining the various resource consents for this to go ahead. In addition he requested Council's consent to occupy land for the track to be put down on. He said it needed to be a strip 3 metres in width.

2.12 Nelson Branch of the Council of Women New Zealand Submission 7261 Page 401

Ms Queenie Ballance presented the submission on behalf of The Nelson Branch of the National Council of Women New Zealand.

The submission was a multiple submission on many items within the Draft Annual Plan and the Mayor thanked Ms Ballance for the quality of the submission. Ms Ballance said that although the Nelson Branch was generally in support of the Council's proposals, she said that the proposed rate increase was causing some disquiet amongst the members of the Nelson Branch.

2.13 Nelson Tasman Tourism Ltd Submission 7273 Page 433

Mr Paul Davis, Chief Executive and Mr Nigel King, Chairperson of Nelson Tasman Tourism Ltd presented the submission and tabled additional material, which requested that Council put on hold its proposal to introduce a rating differential for bed and breakfast establishments, and asked that a working party be established with The Nelson Tasman Chamber of Commerce Motel Association and the Bed and Breakfast Association to more fully investigate the implications of the proposal.

A request was also made that the overall control of the Nelson Events Strategy sit with the Economic Development Agency through the Events Management Committee, but that day to day management and implementation is subcontracted to Nelson Tasman Tourism Ltd.

In addition the Council was encouraged to remain resolute regarding its plan to construct a conference and performing arts centre.

Attendance: His Worship the Mayor declared an interest and vacated the Chair and the meeting continued with Councillor Boswijk as the Chair of the meeting at 11.36am.

2.14 Adam Chamber Music Festival Submission 7220 Page 133

Mrs Coleen Marshall, Chairperson, and Mr Roger Lloyd, Manager, of the Adam Chamber Music Festival presented the submission on behalf of the Festival which they said had been running bi-annually since 1994 and made a powerpoint presentation.

They tabled the proposed programme for the 2008 festival and requested a grant of \$25,000 from Council to assist with the mounting of this year's festival. The benefits of the Festival to Nelson were detailed.

In answer to a question from Councillor Rainey, the presenters said in return for Council assistance they would consider making the festival exclusively Nelson and include New Zealand into the name.

Attendance: His Worship the Mayor resumed the Chair of the meeting at 11.55am.

2.15 Fountain Place Residents Group Submission 7347 Page 79

Ms Susan Price, Ms Dorothy Stafford and Ms Gurli Hansen presented the submission on behalf of the Fountain Place Residents Group, which sought multiple outcomes from Council in the Heritage, Environmental and Infrastructure areas.

2.16 Friends of Nelson Haven and Tasman Bay Submission 7262 Page 30

Ms Pam Lambert presented the submission on behalf of the Friends of Nelson Haven and Tasman Bay. It recommended that Council identify landscape priority areas and outstanding natural features and landscapes, and maintain and enhance these areas with appropriate objects, policies and methods.

2.17 Nelson/Tasman Area New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Submission 7154 Page 129

Mr Neville Baldwin presented the submission which sought that 3 'dump-stations' be established at strategic sites for the purpose of disposal of sewage and waste water from motorhomes/caravans holding tanks. The sites to be in the vicinity of Sewerside Drive, at the Trafalgar Centre and at the Saxton Field Complex. Mr Baldwin said that his association was prepared to contribute a pre-cast concrete 'dump-station' for each site, which will simplify the installation and greatly save on overall cost.

In answer to a question he said the value of the pre-cast dump sites was approximately \$800 each. He said it was important for Council to have these facilities in town and easily accessible because they went a long way to keeping tourists, who travelled in mobile homes, in town, and spending their money, longer.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:20pm until 1:20pm.

2.18 Mr Jeremy Matthews Submission 7268 Page 408

Mr Matthews spoke to his submission which urged Council to urgently pursue the construction of a southern arterial route into town and to get heavy traffic off Rocks Road.

He congratulated Council on addressing the Natureland issue in a positive way. He also made some comments with regard to Council's need to communicate and suggested that they purchase a regular column feature in The Nelson Mail.

He also urged Council to explore the possibility of amalgamation with the Tasman District Council.

2.19 Penny Griffiths Submission 7278 Page 207

Ms Griffiths spoke to her submission which addressed itself to the role of the Nelson Provincial Museum as holder of the principle regional heritage collections and provider of information services based on those collections. She presented eight requests to Nelson City Council in her submission which she said she had also presented to Tasman District Council.

In her role as a research historian, she said that she had found that access to the information held by the Nelson Provincial Museum at Isel House was in need of improvement, both in regard to the access hours and the environment in which a researcher has to work. She said that both Councils need to begin planning for an adequate building and staff for these museum collections. In the meantime, there needs to be guaranteed access to these collections for researches more days during the week.

2.20 Mr Paul Bielecki Submission 7295 Page 466

Mr Bielecki presented his submission which addressed a number of issues in the Economic and Environmental areas. In particular he said the Council should not be promoting tourism and should not allow development to proceed on any land that could be used for food production. In answer to a question he said he was still in support of a national memorial for Lord Rutherford located on the Grampians above Nelson College.

2.21 Motel Association of New Zealand Nelson Branch Submission 7280 Page 327

Mr Michael Baines, CEO Motel Association of New Zealand, presented the submission. Highlighting points, he said that the Association felt that bed and breakfast establishments should have to comply to the same set of rules as motels.

With regard to events planned for the City he said it was important that events are targeted properly. It would be far better for them to be planned in the so called 'shoulder' periods of April, May, June and July than at the peak tourist times.

He said that the Association strongly supported the development of Trafalgar Park and a performing arts and convention centre.

In addition, he affirmed that the Association supported Council's allocation of additional funding for the implementation of an Events Strategy, but he said such a strategy had to be good for the whole community.

2.22 Tahunanui Business Association Submission 7350 Page 64

Mr Tony Quickfall presented the submission on behalf of the Tahunanui Business Association. The submission addressed three areas:

- i. It sought specific funding in the 2008/09 Annual Plan to allow for the ongoing implementation of the Tahunanui Structure Plan.
- ii. It sought continuation of Council funding to at least the level of \$130,000 per annum for at least five years to retain Natureland.
- iii. It sought that all revenue generated within Tahunanui Reserve be reinvested into the Reserve for its improvement and enhancement.

2.23 Quickfall Associates Ltd Submission 7357 Page 339

Mr Tony Quickfall presented the submission which sought that Council no longer charge for pre-application meetings. He also expressed concern that there appeared to be no provision for carry-overs for major projects to go forward to the next financial year.

In answer to a question as to where this could be seen in the accounts, Mr Quickfall said that during his time as the Nelson Policy Planner, the Clean Heat Warm Homes project had had a significant surplus in its first year, but staff were not allowed to spend it and he had never found out where it had been allocated to.

2.24 Ms Susan Ledingham Submission 7345 Page 203

Ms Ledingham said that she supported the level of funding proposed for the 150th celebrations of Nelson becoming a Bishop's See and City and asked that a minimum of \$50,000 be put aside for this purpose.

2.25 Mr Dean Walker Submission 7354 Page 27

Mr Dean Walker requested Council act to improve the quality of the water in the Maitai River.

He also said he would like to see marked cycle routes bisecting Nelson with linkages to the schools and he would like to see the bus service enhanced by the installation of illuminated destination boards announcing departure times installed at the terminal in Wakatu Square.

2.26 Ms Sue Bateup Submission 7331 Page 513

Ms Bateup presented her submission which in particular urged Council to establish safe walking and cycle routes for primary school children within the inner City.

2.27 Mr James Lincolne Submission 7312 Page 488

Mr Lincolne presented his submission which addressed multiple areas of the Council's activities.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea from 3.00pm to 3.20pm.

2.28 Nelson Youth Council Submission 7231 Page 357

The Nelson Youth Council's submission was presented by Sara Shalders, Jesy Ruha-Newy and Olivia McIntyre. The representatives from the Nelson Youth Council presented the submission and in particular requested an extra \$30,000 from Council for the Tahunanui BBQ project.

In answer to a question, Sara Shalders said that there is a plan of the proposed BBQ project and it would be made available to Council. The proposal, she said, comprised of the construction of a low stage with some BBQs and planting of trees. She confirmed that the Youth Council was working with the Nelson Host Lions Club on this project.

2.29 Green Party of Aotearoa/New Zealand Nelson Branch Submission 7306 Page 483

Mr Phil Osbourne presented the submission on behalf of the "Nelson Greens".

The submission addressed a range of Council activities.

2.30 Daryl Sanderson and Keri King Submission 7122 Page 296

Ms Keri King presented the submission, which requested that storage complexes with unit titles should not be levied directly for waste water disposal, and similar consideration should be given on all other fixed charges such as stormwater.

The Council suggested to Ms King that she should look at restructuring the organisation to overcome this problem.

2.31 Mr Hein Kolff Submission 7366 Page 530

Mr Kolff presented his submission, which supported the proposed Sustainability Policy and urged the Council to encourage people to grow their own vegetables.

2.32 Mr Carl Horn Submission 7247 Page 392

Mr Horn presented his submission and tabled extra information, which he read. He encouraged Council to include in its Annual Plan initiatives to action the proposed Sustainability Policy.

2.33 Mr Kerry Neal Submission 7255 Page 296

Mr Neal presented his submission which addressed a multitude of Council activities.

2.34 Port Nelson Ltd Submission 7184 Page 316

Mr Parke Pittar, the Chief Commercial Officer of Port Nelson Ltd, presented the submission, which requested that the Council review its current freshwater supply charging to ships with a view to having the premium surcharge for ship supply removed altogether.

Attendance: Councillor Rainey left at 4.30pm.

2.35 New Zealand Road Transport Association Submission 7343 Page 42

Mr Grant Turner, Area Manager, presented the submission behalf of the New Zealand Road Transport Association.

The submission addressed itself to roading and transport, the Corridor Study, the Whangamoia South State Highway 6 realignment, and the Council's Regional Land Transport Committee.

He also urged the Council to support the introduction of increased weights for freight vehicles to 50 tonnes.

2.36 Ms Joanna Plows Submission 7371

Ms Plows presented her submission, which addressed a number of Council activities.

Attendance: Councillor Holmes left the meeting at 4.50pm.

2.37 Ms Mary O'Hare Submission 7379

Ms O'Hare presented her submission, which requested Council provide funding and support to those organisations offering childcare for one to five year olds.

2.38 Victory Community Health Centre Inc. Submission 7378

Ms Kindra Douglas presented the submission on behalf of the Victory Community Health Centre.

The submission in particular requested that Council provide \$20,000 per annum to the Victory Community Health Centre for the next four years to provide recreation services for people in the Victory Community. It also requested that Council staff provide greater input and support to the Victory Community Health Centre.

Following Ms Douglas' presentation His Worship the Mayor said that concluded the day's business and the meeting would resume at 9.00am on Tuesday 27 May 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 5.10pm.

CONFIRMED AS A CORRECT RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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MINUTES OF A RESUMED MEETING OF THE NELSON CITY COUNCIL TO HEAR SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2008/2009 HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HOUSE, TRAFALGAR STREET, NELSON ON TUESDAY 27 MAY 2008 COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor K Marshall (Chairperson), Councillors I Barker, A Boswijk, G Collingwood, M Cotton, D Henigan, M Holmes, A McAlpine, A Miccio, P Rainey, R Reese (Deputy Mayor) D Shaw and G Thomas

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive (V Altmnts), Manager Strategy and Planning (M Tregurtha) and Administration Adviser (A Rose)

1.0 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2008/09 CONTINUED

His Worship the Mayor said that the business of the meeting was to continue hearing submissions to the draft Annual Plan 2008/09.

1.1 Tiakina te Taiao Ltd Submission 7276 Page 425

Ms Anne Sheridan, Environmental Manager, and Mr Barney Thomas, Chairman, presented the submission on behalf of Tiakina te Taiao Ltd. Ms Sheridan made a powerpoint presentation to highlight the submission.

In particular, the organisation requested an increase in funding from \$3,000 to \$15,000 ext GST per annum.

A request was also made for Council to appoint an Iwi Manager within its Senior Executive Team and to employ Maori Commissioners and Maori Councillors.

In answer to a question from Councillor Holmes, Mr Thomas said that the door was always open for the other two iwi's to join the Company, but those iwi have issues with the \$6,000 set up fee.

In answer to another question, Mr Thomas said that the Council Iwi Manager they were proposing did not necessarily have to be local, or even iwi, but the best person for the job, and that iwi should be part of the decision making process to employ that person.

1.2 Santa Parade Trust Submission 7142 Page 234

Ms Sarah Hutt, Parade Director, presented the submission which requested more Council support for the Santa Parade because it was struggling more and more each year to bring an event of the size of the current Santa Parade to Nelson each year.

She said that this year the budget would be in the region of \$60,000. It was an event in Nelson which should be kept running as it was attended by most Nelson families.

Ms Hutt said what the Trust was requesting was assistance from someone on the recreation side of Council who can give a hand. In addition, she said that the Trust was looking for a grant of somewhere in the region of \$38,000.

Ms Hutt confirmed that when their community contract ran out on 30 June 2008 the Trust would be reapplying via the Community Assistance Scheme for funding.

1.3 Ms Margaret Belton Submission 7318 Page 75

Ms Belton presented her submission which urged Council to make provision in Nelson City for natural burials and she tabled a copy of the Kapiti Coast Natural Burial Policy 2008.

1.4 Happy Valley Adventures, Keith and Jill Anderson Submission 7310 Page 93

Mr Keith Anderson presented the submission, which supported more funding for tourism. He was concerned about the emphasis for funding on the promotion of tourism seems to only fall on tourism operators. He said that everybody in Nelson is either directly or indirectly in the tourism industry and that all gain from the economic benefit derived from tourism in Nelson. It is important to make sure that the rest of the businesses that benefit from tourism also contribute.

Mr Anderson also urged Council to have a positive attitude towards developing a Conference and Performing Arts Centre in Trafalgar Park and he said that he felt all ratepayers should be supporting tourism.

1.5 Mr Nick Kiddey Submission 7294 Page 464

Mr Kiddey presented his submission, which supported the proposed Sustainability Policy but wanted more emphasis placed on the social aspect of sustainability.

He also supported the Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Project but urged Council to also make significant contributions to its two community gardens, the Waimarama Community Garden in Brook Street and the Victory Community Garden.

He also suggested that the City's parks and open spaces play a role in producing food for the community.

1.6 Mr Addo Mulders Submission 7234 Page 304

Mr Mulders presented his submission, which enclosed a petition signed by ratepayers, which requested having the Uniform Annual General Charge increased from 15% to 25% for the year 2008/09.

1.7 Health Action Trust Submission 7282 Page 451

Ms Rosie Duncan presented the submission on behalf of the Health Action Trust, which addressed a number of youth health issues within the Council's activities, in particular requesting the Council develop a youth policy.

In answer to a question, Ms Duncan said that a similar submission was being made to the Tasman District Council. The Health Action Trust would support a joint youth strategy for both Nelson City and Tasman District Council, she added.

1.8 Nelson Forests Ltd Submission 7196 Page 361

Ms Heather Arnold, Business Support Planner, presented the submission, which made seven specific requests to:

- (i) widen the Sustainability Policy to include the Council processing processes
- (ii) do not increase the funding for Uniquely Nelson

- (iii) provide for the Corridor Study to be completed this financial year
- (iv) ensure there is a vision within the draft Annual Plan to improve the level of performance in Consents processing
- (v) ensure the minimal use of consultants for processing resource consents
- (vi) attract, train and retain appropriately skilled and qualified Consents staff
- (vii) make provision in the draft Annual Plan to show for internal monitoring of resource consents
- (viii) do not increase charges for resource consents to the levels proposed in the draft Annual Plan.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for morning tea from 10.45 to 11.00am.

1.9 Mary-Lynn Boyes and Finn Smith Submission 7328 Page 511

Ms Boyes and Mr Smith presented their submission, which ranged over various Council activities in the recreation, community and transport areas.

1.10 Mike and Hazel Blowers Submission 7281 Page 449

Ms Blowers presented the submission saying the rates on flats were too high and have outstripped those on houses. In particular, she asked the Council to charge for waste water on a water in/water out basis.

1.11 Nelson Greypower Executive – Errol Miller Submission 7257 Page 283

Mr Miller presented the submission, which covered a wide range of Council activities. In particular, he said that a proposed 11% rate rise was unacceptable given the present financial climate within New Zealand.

1.12 Nelson Tasman Housing Trust Submission 7221 Page 375

Mr Keith Preston presented the submission on behalf of the Nelson Tasman Housing Trust.

The submission supported Council's decision to allocate \$40,000 towards the development of an Affordable Housing Policy but urged that Council should also develop a Housing Strategy.

In answer to a question, Mr Preston agreed with a comment from a Councillor that when Council changed to a minimum lot size of 400m it made it difficult to do low cost subdivisions and that a review of the Resource Management Plan could do a lot to assist in providing low cost homes.

1.13 Nelson Safer Community Council Submission 7182 Page 167

Mr Mike Fitzsimmons and Mr Paul Max presented the submission on behalf of the Nelson Safer Community Council.

The submission requested Council make a priority of its Alcohol Strategy and allocate funding for the implementation of the strategy and provide leadership in this process.

1.14 NZ Community Trust Submission 7139 Page 266

Mr Paul Matheson and Mr Andrew Morgan presented the submission on behalf of the NZ Community Trust. They tabled information which indicated that the Trust had distributed over a million dollars to sporting and community groups in the area covered by the Nelson City Council.

They asked Council to reconsider its “sinking lid” policy on gaming machines and reminded Council that without the support of the proceeds from these machines, many local organisations would have to look elsewhere for their funding.

They also requested Council for invitations to launching functions held for new Council facilities that the Trust had contributed funds to.

In answer to a question, Mr Morgan said 75% of the funds distributed went to sporting organisations and 25% went to culture and/or social groups.

1.15 Mr Brian Butler Submission 7254 Page 315

Mr Butler presented his submission and tabled additional which he read. He requested the reintroduction of the classification “rural residential” into the Council’s rating vocabulary so that all allotments in the rural zone that are under 15 hectares could be treated with an even hand when negative differentials for disadvantage are considered.

1.16 Nelson Heritage Advisory Group Submission 7355 Page 222

Ms Anne Rush, President, and Ms Sarah Holmes, Secretary, presented the submission, which requested Council to contribute more to implementing a Heritage Strategy as well as asking Council to add an additional \$150,000 to its budget for the forthcoming year to undertake an updated inventory of its heritage assets.

The submission was wide ranging over all of Council’s activities that touched on Heritage matters.

1.17 Sustainable Transport Futures/Sustainability Ltd Submissions 7377 and 7382

Ms Katy Steele presented the submissions on behalf of Sustainable Transport Futures and Sustainability Limited, which covered a wide range of Council activities.

1.18 Elderly Housing “Tenants Action Group” – Daphne Stevens Submission 7233 Page 385

Ms Stevens presented the submission which expressed concern at the proposed 11% rate rise and asked for a significant reduction to proposed Council spending over a range of projects.

Attendance: Councillor Henigan left the meeting at 12.50pm.

1.19 Nelson Residents Association Submission 7238 Page 388

Mr Gaire Thompson presented the submission on behalf of the Nelson Residents Association.

He said that the Association supported Brian Butler's submissions regarding the rating of residential properties in Cable Bay. He said that the Association was very concerned at the proposed 11% rate rise and the Association felt it needed to be reduced as it would not help the local economy.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.05pm and resumed and 1.30pm.

1.20 Women in Nelson Inc Submission 7202 Page 152

Ms Carrie Mozener presented the submission, which supported Council budgeting \$40,000 towards the development of a housing policy.

1.21 Energy Smart Submission 7362 Page 153

Ms Kindra Douglas presented the submission on behalf of Energy Smart, which requested \$20,000 from Council for the Healthier Homes Nelson Tasman project for the 2008/09 year.

1.22 Department of Conservation Submission 7313 Page 490

Mr Steven Wynne Jones presented the submission and gave a powerpoint presentation. The submission addressed matters arising from new expenditure items and issues arising from proposed amendments to the Council's LTCCP.

1.23 Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society Submission 7304 Page 480

Ms Jocelyn Bieleski presented the submission, which covered a range of Council activities.

1.24 Nelson Marlborough District Health Board Submission 7316 Page 494

Mr Richard Butler presented the submission, which offered overall support for the draft Annual Plan and addressed a wide range of Council activities.

1.25 Rainbow Sports Club Submission 7374 Page 547

Mr John Fitchett and Mr Joe Rainey presented the submission and tabled additional information.

Mr Fitchett said the submission was to bring Council up to date with what had been happening with regard to the Rainbow ski field and give advance warning that, within the next six months, an application will be made to Nelson City, Tasman District and Marlborough District Councils for funding to enable the ski field to be further developed for the advantage of residents of those three neighbouring local authorities.

1.26 Institute of Landscape Architects Submission 7351 Page 515

Ms Lynne Cadenhead presented the submission, which covered a wide range of Council activities.

In answer to a question, Ms Cadenhead confirmed that the Institute would be interested in being a member of the reference group to assist with developing the Inner City Strategy.

1.27 Kathie Taylor Submission 7155 Page 354

Ms Taylor presented the submission, which proposed amendments to the stormwater rating policies to include Hill Street properties.

1.28 Nelson Mountain Bike Club Submission 3848 Page 253

Mr Tim Tucker presented the submission. He said that the Club was requesting Council expand in the order of \$70,000 towards the creation of mountain bike tracks on Council land.

In answer to a question, he said the Club currently had 300 members but reminded the Council that there were in excess of 5,000 active mountain bikers in Nelson.

1.29 Nelson Tasman Connections Steering Group Submission 7239 Page 162

Ms Nicola Robb and Mr Trevor Olley and others presented the submission, which requested Council to continue its funding support for the Group.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea from 3.02pm until 3.25pm.

1.30 Ross Wylie Submission 7308 Page 289

Mr Wylie presented his submission. He said he was a superannuitant who owned property in Nelson City and Tasman District and was concerned with the proposed rate increases compared with those of the Tasman District Council. He also said that he had difficulty in understanding the financial information contained within Nelson City Council's draft Annual Plan. He cited the Tasman District Council's Plan as easier to understand and that it stated that TDC were only increasing rates by 4%. He also requested that Council increase the Uniform Annual General Charge and warned Council to endeavour to keep rates within the CPI.

1.31 Independent Theatre and Channel Submission 7332 Page 251

Mr Grae Burton presented the submission and tabled additional information. He warned Council to be careful in its development of a Performing Arts Centre and particularly the amount of seating it provided.

He described the complex operated by the Nelson Independent Theatre and Arts Centre as a 125 seat theatre which was now fully functional. He also described the independent channel – Free to Air TV – and the desire to keep it a community organisation.

He said the Independent Theatre was now working towards creating a professional theatre company in Nelson and was working with the Nelson Regional Economic Development Agency to achieve this.

1.32 Friends of The Glen Submission 7251 and 7252 Pages 25 and 74

Sandy Fontwit presented these submissions, the first of which requested Council to specifically include the Boulder Bank in its planning documents as a 'no development' area.

The second submission asked Council to ensure that specific funds were available in the 2008/09 year for the design and development for a recreational reserve at the Glen.

He suggested that what could be developed would be a toilet block, changing facility, wetland area, and a nice oval for a children's playground as well as a designated parking area.

1.33 Nelson Multi Ethnic Council Submission 7315 Page 146

Ms Evey McAuliffe, Co-ordinator, presented the submission, which requested Council assistance in the establishment of a centre where assistance to migrants and former refugees would be co-located and the ongoing provision of such a centre.

In answer to a question, Ms McAuliffe said that that Multi Ethnic Council currently receives \$5,000 per annum from the Council under a contract for four years. Most of its other finance comes from lotteries, the Ministry of Social Development, Community Trust and COGS.

In answer to another question, Ms McAuliffe said that the Multi Ethnic Council is currently short \$20,000. In addition, she said, the Nelson City Council holds a three year contract with Settlement Support and the Multi Ethnic Council would like the Settlement Support staff member to be located within the premises of the Nelson Multi Ethnic Council.

Councillor Thomas said that before a grant of \$20,000 could be considered, the Multi Ethnic Council would need to provide a budget and business plan to Council.

1.34 Youth Nelson Submission 7243 Page 161

Ms Maree Shalders presented the submission on behalf of Youth Nelson. The submission was in support of Nelson City Council's continued provision of some of the building and operational costs of Youth Nelson and she thanked Council for their ongoing support.

1.35 Family Start He Matapuna Ora Trust Submission 7238 Page 148

Ms Megan Familton, Manager, presented the submission together with Deborah van Damme, Manager of Bernardos.

They asked Council for assistance with office accommodation. Approximately 700 square metres was needed for the three agencies, including Plunket, to house 40-50 staff and would need to be ground floor with access to parking.

1.36 Neighbourhood Support Nelson Inc Submission 7201 Page 368

Mr John Jefferies, Chairperson, and Kim McDonald, Co-ordinator, presented the submission, which sought funding from Council of \$35,000 per annum for three years. Mr Jeffries confirmed that the organisation was a charity and was currently receiving grants from various Trusts.

1.37 Wayne Ballentine Submission 7250 Page 335

Mr Ballentine made a powerpoint presentation which requested Council to reconsider the proposed change to the rating of medium sized bed and breakfast establishments.

He said that the rating formula for mid sized bed and breakfast establishments should be based on an outcome that has some paying rates per room circa the average paid by fringe CBD motels.

1.38 Ms Lynn Wynne–Jones Submission 7311 Page 349

Mr Steven Wynne–Jones presented the submission and gave a powerpoint presentation. The submission, on the proposal of Council to dispose of land at Blackwood Street, sought five amendments be made to the proposal to dispose of the land. These requests were set out on page 350 of the submissions.

1.39 Bicycle Nelson Bays Submission 7237 Page 44

Ms Judy Cox presented the submission, which requested Council develop areas in reserves for wheeled activities to give opportunities to children to develop proficiency in cycling and other wheeled activities before riding on shared paths and roads.

In addition, the submission requested Council demonstrate its commitment to walking by becoming a signatory to Walk 21.

1.40 Nelson Lawn Tennis Club Submission 7240 Page 260

Mr Ian McKeage, President of the Nelson Lawn Tennis Club, presented the submission which requested that Council make provision for the funding of \$60,000 towards the cost of floodlighting in the 2009/10 financial year.

In answer to a question, Mr McKeage said that coin operating the lights would not support their capital costs.

At the end of Mr McKeage's presentation, His Worship the Mayor said that concluded the hearing of submissions. He said that Councillors would consider all of the submissions at a meeting on Friday 6 June 2008 which would continue on Monday 9 June 2008.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 5.17pm.

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