
Minutes of a meeting of the Nelson City Council to Hear Submissions to the Draft Annual Plan 2016/17

Held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson

On Tuesday 3 May 2016, commencing at 11.00am

Present: Her Worship the Mayor R Reese (Chairperson), Councillors L Acland, I Barker, R Copeland, E Davy, K Fulton, M Lawrey, P Matheson (Deputy Mayor), B McGurk, G Noonan, P Rainey, T Skinner and M Ward

In Attendance: Chief Executive (C Hadley), Group Manager Community Services (C Ward), Group Manager Corporate Services (N Harrison), Senior Strategic Adviser (N McDonald), Policy Coordinator (J Loughnan), and Administration Advisers (S Burgess and L Halsall)

Apology: Councillor K Fulton for lateness

1. Apologies

Resolved CL/2016/081

THAT an apology is received and accepted from Councillor Fulton for lateness.

Her Worship the Mayor/Matheson

Carried

2. Confirmation of Order of Business

Her Worship the Mayor drew attention to the final hearing schedule (A1525424), the updates to submission folders (A1543004) and the late submissions (A1536081), which had been tabled. She advised a resolution was required to accept the late submissions.

Resolved CL/2016/082

THAT late submissions to the draft Annual Plan 2016/17 be accepted.

Her Worship the Mayor/Ward

Carried

Attachments

- 1 A1525424 - Hearing Schedule
- 2 A1543004 - Draft Annual Plan 2016-17 - Update to Submission Folders
- 3 A1536081 - Annual Plan 2016-17 - Total Late Submissions

3. Interests

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

4. Hearing of Submissions to the draft Annual Plan 2016/17

4.1 Dean Walker, Kawatiri Resource Management

Submission number 7617, page 322 refers.

Mr Walker highlighted key parts of his submission and emphasised his support for the Cleveland Terrace Residential Shared Zone team submission.

In response to a question, Mr Walker said he would like the shared zone to extend to City Heights.

4.2 Ian Jonson

Submission number 7393, page 24 refers.

Mr Jonson tabled images (A1536299) and summarised key points in his submission relating to graffiti removal and publicising rules for community signs. He gave a progress report on cleaning up the Nelson shoreline.

In response to a question, Mr Jonson said he would be comfortable for the cost of graffiti removal to be added to rates.

Attachments

- 1 A1536299 - Annual Plan 2016-17 - Submission 7393 - Ian Jonson - Additional Information Tabled - 03May2016

Attendance: Councillor Fulton joined the meeting at 11.20am, Councillor Skinner left the meeting at 11.21am.

4.3 Jennifer Walker

Submission number 7469, page 117 refers.

Dr Walker spoke about the need for investment in mountain biking in Nelson and emphasised points in her submission relating to community health, tourism, and the need for beginners tracks.

In response to a question, Dr Walker said she was aware that some members of the community opposed an investment in mountain biking. She said she was also aware of congestion issues with cars and bikes at key entrances, and suggested that a carpark and toilet block would be a worthwhile investment.

4.4 Michele Surcouf

Submission number 7518, page 186 refers.

Ms Surcouf spoke about her submission, and urged Council not to support the addition of fluoride to the city's water supply. She suggested that ingesting fluoride would not benefit teeth, and said the matter was a human rights issue.

4.5 Gerald Renshaw

Submission number 7566, page 263 refers.

Mr Renshaw asked that the community be provided detail on likely events and ticket costs before any decisions were made regarding a Performing Arts Centre.

Attendance: Councillor Copeland left the meeting from 11.39am to 11.41am.

Mr Renshaw suggested a Centre would not be a good community investment if it was funded using rates and only a small sector of ratepayers used the facility.

Attendance: Councillor Lawrey left the meeting at 11.45am.

In response to questions, Mr Renshaw advised he supported the proposed Trafalgar Theatre as it appeared to be a fiscally responsible proposal. He said he did support the reconsideration of a Performing Arts Centre, but wanted key questions to be asked of the community during that process.

4.6 Paul Jennings, individual submission and Nelson Mountain Bike Club submission

Submission number 7503, page 167, and submission number 7945, page 889 refers.

Mr Jennings summarised his personal submission which focussed on mountain biking in Nelson.

Attendance: Councillor Lawrey returned to the meeting at 11.48am.

Mr Jennings spoke to the Nelson Mountain Bike Club submission, highlighting opportunities surrounding mountain biking and how the activity could define Nelson. He spoke about the disconnect between having plans and volunteer hours, but not getting the 'green light' from Council to develop trails.

Mr Jennings summarised the requests of Council from the Club, and emphasised the need for facilities at the start and end of key tracks in the Brook and Maitai.

In response to questions, Mr Jennings provided detail regarding membership fees, sponsorship, first aid, beginners tracks, maintenance, conservation, the international code of conduct for mountain bikers, Council's proposed Off Road Tracks and Trails Strategy, and land ownership.

Attendance: Councillor Noonan left the meeting from 12.16pm to 12.18pm.

In response to further questions, Mr Jennings said there was a need for a mountain bike strategy, which could be incorporated in the Off Road Tracks and Trails Strategy, as well as a need for discussions with groups like the Nelson Regional Development Agency. He said the Club supported the proposal for a gondola, but highlighted it was important that the facilities and strategy surrounding the gondola were considered as well.

Attendance: Councillor Fulton declared an interest and sat back from the table at 12.25pm.

4.7 Simon and Jane Murray

Submission number 7558, page 243 refers.

Mrs Murray spoke to their submission, requesting that stormwater facilities in Atmore Terrace be upgraded. She said the stormwater from their house would run off into neighbouring properties, and an upgrade would be needed before they could develop further houses on the site. Mrs Murray asked that they be informed with an approximate timeframe for this upgrade so they could plan their development.

Attendance: Councillor Fulton returned to the table at 12.31pm.

4.8 Bill Johnson and Hilary Clifton, Citizens Advice Nelson Tasman

Submission number 7592, page 291 refers.

Mr Johnson summarised the Citizens Advice Bureau's (CAB) desire to be involved in discussions regarding the redevelopment of the library. He highlighted that the Nelson CAB had significantly lower walk-in visitors than elsewhere in New Zealand, and would benefit from a new location such as a redeveloped library.

4.9 Peter Kortegast, Iron Duke Seascouts

Submission number 7594, page 294, and submission number 7687, page 433 refers.

Mr Kortegast presented the Iron Duke Seascouts submission, asking Council to fund the repair work required to the boat ramp at their marina

facility. He noted that their facility was used every night of the week and involved a large number of youth.

In response to a question, Mr Kortegast said he was aware of the draft Marina Strategy, and a representative of their organisation had been involved in the Sea Sports Facility consultation.

4.10 Sonja Gillies

Submission number 7616, page 321 refers.

Ms Gillies spoke to her submission and added that the current library site worked well for those who needed disabled access.

In response to a question, Ms Gillies said the library could be improved by relocating noisier areas such as the children's library and the computer hub away from the quieter areas.

Attendance: Councillor Davy left the meeting from 12.54pm to 12.56pm.

4.11 Cynthia McConville

Submission number 7655, page 376 refers.

Ms McConville provided a handout (A1542825) and spoke to the points in her submission regarding interpretation panels and freedom camping. She raised concerns about freedom campers using water facilities to wash dishes and clothes, and the impact this had on the Maitai River.

Ms McConville presented a short video (A1542839) regarding freedom camping, and asked Council to request government to remove areas with inadequate facilities from the Freedom Camping Act 2011.

In response to questions, Ms McConville said she did not believe a ban on freedom camping would impact the Nelson economy. She said she did not have any issues with self-contained campers.

Attachments

- 1 A1542825 - Annual Plan 2016-17 - Submission 7655 - Cynthia McConville - Additional Information Tabled

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for lunch from 1.10pm to 1.42pm, during which time Councillor Acland left the meeting and Councillor Skinner returned to the meeting.

4.12 Connie Winslow

Submission number 7688, page 435 refers.

Ms Winslow spoke to her submission, which focused on her concerns about the possibility of fluoride being added to the city's water supply, saying its highly toxic nature would have a detrimental effect on the health of residents and the environment. She stated that many cities across the world that had previously added fluoride to their water

supplies, had now ceased to do so because of well-documented research findings highlighting associated dangers.

A YouTube clip (A1542410) was shown and a hand-out (A1543904) circulated in support of Ms Winslow's submission.

Attachments

- 1 A1543904 - Submission 7688 - Connie Winslow - Additional Information Tabled

4.13 Katy Steele, Volunteer Nelson

Submission number 7672, page 401 refers.

Ms Steele from Volunteer Nelson summarised the organisation's submission relating to its request for funding to support the development of volunteer hubs and services for Nelson's elderly and disabled. She highlighted the increasing number of socially isolated seniors within the city, and the benefits of volunteering experienced by many individuals and the community as a whole. Mrs Steele's submission was supported by a tabled document (A1543902).

Attachments

- 1 A1543902 - Submission 7672 - Katy Steele - Volunteer Nelson - Additional Information Tabled

Attendance: Councillor Acland returned to the meeting at 1.56pm.

4.14 Paul Lunberg

Submission number 7365, page 1 refers.

Mr Lunberg told councillors about considerable sea erosion evident at the bottom of steps to the foreshore opposite Richardson Street, and his idea of a concrete platform being built out into the sea in this area. In support of his submission, Mr Lunberg showed councillors a presentation (A1542861) featuring a number of photos.

Attachments

- 1 A1542861 - Submission 7365 - Paul Lunberg - Additional Information Tabled

Attendance: Councillor Skinner left the meeting at 2.11pm.

4.15 Helen Webber

Submission number 7737, page 484 refers.

Ms Webber urged Council to consider the possibility of providing a dog park in Stoke where dogs could be exercised off their leads, identifying Greenmeadows as being a potentially ideal location for such a facility. She stressed the high level of dog ownership among the elderly in the area, and the associated health benefits.

4.16 Francesca Francina

Submission number 7752, page 502 refers.

Ms Francina spoke about her concerns of the possibility of adding fluoride to the city's water supply, particularly in terms of the impact on the health of babies and toddlers. She told councillors that she believed it would be "unethical" to force the entire city's population to drink fluoridated water and that there were better ways to improve dental health. Ms Francina left a magazine (A1545464) containing an article on the issue for circulation among councillors.

The Mayor told Mrs Francina that this issue was for the District Health Board to decide, not Council, but that councillors were happy to hear residents' concerns.

Attachments

- 1 A1545464 - Francesca Francina Additional Information Submission 7752

4.17 James Glass

Submission number 7726, page 470 refers.

Mr Glass urged Council not to introduce fluoride to the city's water supply because of its toxic nature.

4.18 Peter Thompson, Tasman District Council (TDC)

Submission number 7753, page 505 refers.

Mr Peter Thompson, Engineering Services Manager at Tasman District Council, spoke to TDC's submission supporting the proposed landfill joint venture between TDC and Nelson City Council.

Attendance: Councillor Matheson left the meeting from 2.37pm to 2.39pm.

4.19 Nigel Muir and Brent Maru, Sport Tasman

Submission number 7736, page 482 refers.

Mr Muir and Mr Maru from Sport Tasman told councillors that they applauded the energy that Council was putting into cycle tracks and walkways. They requested that Council consider investing in BikeFest and asked for greater collaboration with Council officers in development of the South Island Masters Games as a key regional event.

4.20 Graeme O'Brien

Submission number 7809, page 582 refers.

Mr O'Brien highlighted a number of issues, including his opposition to the fluoridation of the city's water, the proposed gondola, moving the Elma Turner Library, and the dangers of children cycling to school along

Waimea Road. He also outlined his ideas on how to encourage more residents to become involved in local democracy.

Additionally, Mr O'Brien voiced his concern at the way groups such as Target Shooting Nelson had been treated in being forced to relocate from Trafalgar Park. The Mayor advised that a new purpose-built facility for target shooting was under development at Saxton Field.

Attendance: Councillor Lawrey left the meeting at 2.57pm.

4.21 Susan Lea

Submission number 7841, page 629 refers.

Mrs Lea addressed Council about her concerns relating to the possible fluoridation of the city's water, stating that she believed people should have responsibility for their own wellbeing and that education was key to good dental health. She also referred to a local subterranean aquifer from which water was being taken to be bottled and mainly sold offshore.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea from 3.05pm to 3.25pm, during which time Councillor Acland left the meeting and Councillor Skinner returned to the meeting.

Attendance: Councillor Lawrey returned to the meeting at 3.28pm.

4.22 Christopher St Johanser, Brook Valley Community Group Inc

Submission number 7888, page 709 refers.

Mr St Johanser spoke on behalf of the Brook Valley Community Group Inc in opposition to the idea of constructing a gondola in the city and his belief that ratepayers should not have to pay for a feasibility study.

4.23 Duncan Cunningham

Submission number 7796, page 564 refers.

Mr Cunningham spoke to his submission in relation to mountain biking trails on Council land. He told councillors that the key to a trail being shared by bikers and walkers was abiding the "keep left" rule and showing each other courtesy.

Attendance: Councillor Acland returned to the meeting at 3.37pm and left the meeting at 3.40pm.

4.24 Sara Cooper, Fluoride Free Nelson

Submission number 7970, page 940 refers.

Mrs Cooper spoke on behalf of Fluoride Free Nelson about the group's opposition to the fluoridation of Nelson's water supply. She explained that she was raising this issue with Council because residents were not

able to engage constructively or have a democratic process with the District Health Board, which would be making the decision. Mrs Cooper highlighted the diverse membership of the Fluoride Free Nelson group and its strong and shared beliefs.

In support of her submission, Mrs Cooper showed a PowerPoint presentation (A1545251) and circulated a hand-out (A1543219).

Attachments

- 1 A1543219 - Submission 7970 - Sara Cooper - Fluoride Free Nelson - Additional information tabled
- 2 A1545251 - Sara Cooper Powerpoint Fluoride-Free-Nelson

Attendance: Councillor Acland returned to the meeting at 3.55pm.

4.25 Steve Newport, Helibike Nelson Limited

Submission number 7852, page 647 refers.

Mr Newport of Helibike Nelson Limited summarised his submission urging Council to assist with further development of mountain biking in Nelson, which after Queenstown and Rotorua, was now identified as being one of the best places for the sport in New Zealand.

Attendance: Councillor Skinner left the meeting at 4.07pm.

In response to a question, Mr Newport said that it would be a great help if Council could assist with providing good maps of mountain bike areas.

Attendance: Councillor Skinner returned to the meeting at 4.11pm. Councillor Lawrey left the meeting from 4.17pm to 4.19pm.

4.26 Hudson Dodd and Dave Butler, Brook Waimarama Sanctuary Trust

Submission number 7927, page 793 refers.

Mr Dodd and Mr Butler spoke to the Trust's submission in which it outlined its projects and the support it received from Council. In response to questions, Mr Dodd and Mr Butler spoke about proactive stormwater management, the best methodology for killing pine trees and insurance issues.

4.27 Douglas Craig, Friends of Nelson Haven and Tasman Bay Inc

Submission number 7905, page 745 refers.

Mr Craig spoke on behalf of the environmental advocacy group, Friends of Nelson Haven and Tasman Bay Inc. The submission covered: Waimea Community Dam, river ecology monitoring, airport cycleway, wastewater and stormwater. Mr Craig told councillors that currently, when there were discharges into Tahunanui Beach, the District Health Board was notified for health reasons and iwi for cultural purposes. He said he

believed the Friends of Nelson Haven and Tasman Bay Inc should also receive notification for ecological reasons.

4.28 Heather Thomas and Logan Clarke, Nelson BMX Club Inc

Submission number 7755, page 508 refers.

Mrs Thomas, President of the Nelson BMX Club Inc, and local young rider Mr Clarke, requested Council's help with securing a new professional standard track for local riders. In response to a question enquiring if the Club's preference was for a facility located at Saxton's Field, Mrs Thomas and Mr Logan stated that their main concern was that it was of a better standard than the one at Tahunanui currently being used by the Club, and that they had assistance with maintenance.

4.29 Ren Kempthorne

Submission number 8030, page 1030 refers.

Mr Ren Kempthorne spoke to his submission regarding his opposition to the possible building of a gondola in Nelson. He stated that he believed it was unnecessary, not an attractive location and potentially unsafe. In response to a question, Mr Kempthorne said he did not believe there was any justification for spending public money on assisting to get the project started. He said he could see no public benefit in having a gondola, and he did not think it would attract any more visitors.

4.30 Fluoride Free Nelson (Continued)

A video link (A1543924) in further support of the submission made by Mrs Cooper earlier in the meeting was shown.

Attendance: Councillor Fulton left the meeting at 5.05pm. Councillor Acland left the meeting from 5.05pm to 5.15pm.

The Mayor invited councillors to give their comments and queries on topics heard during the first day of hearings so they could be passed to the appropriate Council officers.

Attendance: The meeting was adjourned at 5.21pm.

Minutes of a reconvened meeting of the Nelson City Council to Hear Submissions to the Draft Annual Plan 2016/17

Held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, 110 Trafalgar Street, Nelson

On Wednesday 4 May 2016, commencing at 9.01am

Present: Her Worship the Mayor R Reese (Chairperson), Councillors L Acland, I Barker, R Copeland, E Davy, K Fulton, M Lawrey, P Matheson (Deputy Mayor), B McGurk, G Noonan, P Rainey, T Skinner and M Ward

In Attendance: Chief Executive (C Hadley), Group Manager Infrastructure (A Louverdis), Group Manager Strategy and Environment (C Barton), Group Manager Community Services (C Ward), Group Manager Corporate Services (N Harrison), Senior Strategic Adviser (N McDonald), Policy Coordinator (J Loughnan), and Administration Advisers (J McDougall and E-J Ruthven)

Apologies: Councillors K Fulton and E Davy for lateness

5. Hearing of Submissions to the draft Annual Plan 2016/17 Contd.

The apologies for lateness were noted.

It was noted that an additional late memo (A1543857) regarding a submission (8098) had been received.

Attendance: Councillor Fulton joined the meeting at 9.03am.

Attachments

- 1 A1543857 and Sub No 8098 - additional late submission

5.1 Nelson Youth Council

Submission number 8035, page number 1043 refers.

Youth Council survey results were distributed (A1545156). Elaine Ang advised that the data from the survey showed that respondents were against any shift of the Library.

Taylah Shuker spoke about lighting of the Railway Reserve, Keegan Phipps spoke on the performing arts centre, Jordan Lankshear spoke about international cricket events in Nelson and Isabella Lorandi spoke

about closing Upper Trafalgar Street to traffic. Carys Collins noted that the largest support in the survey came for improvements to the NBus timetable.

In answer to questions, Daniel Leaper advised that 75% of survey respondents believed the gondola would be beneficial; and Elaine Ang agreed with the idea of a separate room at the Library for Skype-users to avoid disturbing others.

Attachments

- 1 A1545156 - Nelson Youth Council Additional Information

5.2 Aynsley Moore, Top of the South Athletics Charitable Trust

Submission number 7911, page number 755 refers.

Aynsley Moore, on behalf of Derek Shaw (the Trust's Chairperson), gave background information on the discus and hammer cages at Saxton Field and urged the Council to fund a new cage to improve safety.

Attendance: Councillor Davy joined the meeting at 9.18am

5.3 Andrew Goldsworthy and Kay Snedden, Nelson Ants

Submission number 7915, page number 769 refers.

Mr Goldsworthy and Ms Snedden spoke about the ant problem in the Nelson area and urged Council to support the initiatives outlined in the submission. Additional information was circulated (A1543950).

Attachments

- 1 A1543950 - Submission 7915 - Andrew Goldsworthy - Additional Information Tabled

Attendance: Councillor Acland left the meeting from 9.37am to 9.39am.

5.4 Chris Mildon, MTB Trails Trust

Submission number 7875, page number 690 refers.

Mr Mildon presented the submission and encouraged Council to continue supporting mountain biking in the region and to support initiatives underway which brought economic benefits to the region.

Attendance: Councillor Barker left the meeting from 9.40am to 9.41am.

5.5 Gail Collingwood

Submission number 7981, page number 974

Mrs Collingwood presented her submission and advised that she supported the proposed upgrade of the Elma Turner library but did not support moving the library.

Responding to a question, Mrs Collingwood said she was not aware that the Annual Plan was considering what to do with the State Advances building but did note the need for it to be kept clean and tidy while unoccupied.

Responding to another question, Mrs Collingwood agreed that looking at other sites for the Library was appropriate, but it was important to keep the community informed. Mrs Collingwood however did query the need to look at other sites for the Library when she believed the current location was ideally suited.

5.6 Ms Glenys Maclellan

Submission number 7982, page number 977 refers.

Ms Maclellan spoke about footpaths and pavements as outlined in her submission and added comments about: the need to increase budget for repairs and maintenance for footpaths and pavements; the need to ensure kerbs were high enough to cope with any flooding events; and a request that the new toilets in Queens Gardens had the best disabled access possible such as sliding doors, access from both sides, pull down rails etc.

In response to a question, Ms Maclellan added that she was seeking designated footpaths, rather than pathways shared with cyclists or other users.

5.7 Kelly Atkinson, Days Track Group

Submission number 7918, page number 777 refers.

Ms Atkinson spoke to her submission and highlighted the lack of action following the December 2011 storm event in the Days Track area. She urged Council to work in partnership with the local community and hoped for a swift resolution to the issue.

5.8 Ruth Newton

Submission number 7983, page number 979 refers.

Ms Newton spoke to her submission about the possible relocation of the Library and expressed concern about the lack of detail available publicly regarding the proposed move.

In response to a question, Ms Newton advised that she would not be against using the airspace above the current Library for apartments, as long as the building was not too high.

5.9 Dan Hawke, Youth Nelson

Submission number 7921, page number 781 refers.

Dan Hawke, (replacing Maree Shalders) from the alternative education school, Youth Nelson, spoke to the letters from students at the school

which were tabled (A1544302) expressing their thanks for the current level of support from the Council. The Mayor accepted an invitation to go for lunch at the school at Pioneer Park.

Attachments

- 1 A1544302 - Submission 7921 - Dan Hawke - Youth Nelson - Additional Information Tabled

Attendance: Councillor Copeland left the meeting from 10.21am to 10.23am.

5.10 Jade Tuckwell

Submission number 7954, page number 904 refers.

Mr Tuckwell spoke to his submission about fluoridation of the water supply and urged Council to research the issue. He acknowledged that Council had little jurisdiction in this area now that responsibility had been passed to District Health Boards.

In response to a query, Mr Tuckwell confirmed his view was that the District Health Board was supporting companies seeking to avoid the cost of getting rid of waste fluoride by selling it for adding to water supplies.

5.11 Steve Cross

Submission number 7842, page number 631 refers.

Mr Cross spoke to his submission and urged the Council to treat repairs and maintenance on the sewer system as urgent.

He also suggested differential marina charges for locals and people from out of town.

5.12 Marc Barron

Submission number 7957, page number 912 refers.

Mr Barron spoke about his submission on the possible relocation of the Library. He said he believed Civic House and State Advances needed to be opened up to small scale retail at ground level, not another large institutional frontage. His vision was of an exciting redevelopment on the current library site with a second level making use of views towards the bay for a reading space for library users.

Attendance: Councillor Davy left the meeting at 10.51am.

In response to a question Mr Barron advised that he had been party to round table discussions in the past about the Library location, which had not reached a consensus but had a range of views.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for morning tea from 11.01am to 11.09am.

5.13 Brendan Santorini

Submission number 8026, page number 1026

Mr Santorini spoke to his submission about a smoke-free CBD, traffic congestion, the Nelson Southern Link investigation, and global warming.

Attendance: Councillor Fulton left the meeting from 11.00am to 11.12am.
Councillor Skinner left the meeting at 11.13am.

In response to a question, Mr Santorini advised that he urged councillors to do their own research on global warming but was not asking for specific action by Council.

5.14 Douglas Craig

Submission number 7907, page number 748 refers.

Mr Douglas Craig spoke to his submission and PowerPoint presentation (A1545951) and noted that Nelson values: sense of place; ease of access; liveable cities and communities; green spaces; and urban form were important.

Attachments

- 1 A1545951 - Douglas Craig, Submission No 7907, PowerPoint presentation

5.15 Mr Scott Gibbons, Gibbons Holdings Ltd

Submission number 7898, page number 732 refers.

Mr Gibbons spoke to the submission and emphasised that retailers relied on demographic information and trends in making decisions about long term capital investment. He said current trends showed the growth was in Tasman and to the south-west of Nelson City.

Attendance: Councillor Skinner returned to the meeting at 11.36am.

Mr Gibbons added that there was some nervousness from retailers about any decision on the Nelson Southern Link and noted that signals about this from Council were very important.

Attendance: Councillor Davy returned to the meeting at 11.40am.

In response to a query, Mr Gibbons advised that he supported the unbundling of changes to the waterfront and the Nelson Southern Link investigation.

5.16 Geoff Golding, Menzshed – Nelson

Submission number 7947, page number 891 refers.

Mr Golding spoke to the submission which was circulated at the meeting (A1544313).

Attachments

- 1 A1544313 - Submission 7947 - Geoff Golding - Menzshed Nelson Inc - Additional Information Tabled

Attendance: Councillor Copeland left the meeting at 11.55am.

In answer to a query, Mr Golding mentioned several possible premises for the Menzshed including one at Founders Park. Mr Golding said he would follow up the suggestion of talking to the Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology about premises for Menzshed.

Attendance: Councillor Noonan left the meeting from 12.00pm to 12.02pm.

5.17 Karensa Johnston, Wakatu Incorporation

Submission number 7932, page number 833 refers.

Ms Johnston introduced Mr Iain Sheves who spoke to the submission and answered questions from councillors.

Attendance: Councillor Acland left the meeting at 12.06pm. Councillor McGurk left the meeting from 12.10pm to 12.13pm.

5.18 Mark Lile, Landmark

Submission number 7777, page number 539

Mr Lile spoke to the submission which was circulated (A1544319) regarding Council bringing forward expenditure planned for the Gracefield Beheading (a wastewater project).

Attachments

- 1 A1544319 - Submission 7777 - Mark Lile - Gibair Developments Ltd and Coastal View Retirement Village Ltd - Additional Information Tabled

Attendance: Councillor Noonan left the meeting from 12.16pm to 12.19pm.

In response to questions, Mr Lile advised that the earthworks would take between 12 and 24 months to complete and that there was connectivity with Waimea Road and Princes Drive.

5.19 Richard Sullivan (via audio)

Submission number 7938, page number 865 refers.

Mr Sullivan spoke initially about the difficulty of attending public forums due to being usually scheduled within the normal working day. He then spoke to his submission about keeping rates rises as low as possible.

5.20 Sara Cooper

Submission number 7969, page number 936 refers.

Mrs Cooper spoke about her submission against putting fluoride in the water supply and circulated additional information (A1544324).

Attachments

- 1 A1544324 - Submission 7969 - Sara Cooper - Additional Information Tabled

5.21 Willemijn Vermaat, Handle With Care

Submission number 7883, page number 702 refers.

Dr Vermaat spoke to her submission including a suggestion that Council work towards minimising rent increases for businesses in the City.

5.22 Belinda Crisp

Submission number 7414, page number 56 refers.

Ms Crisp spoke about her submission on Codgers Reserve and Brook Street, and expressed frustration at the lack of repair work since the Easter 2014 storm.

Attendance: Councillor Fulton left the meeting at 12.40pm.

5.23 Jim Cable

Submission number 7940, page number 869 refers.

Mr Cable read out his submission (A1543960).

Attachments

- 1 A1543960 - Submission 7940 - Jim Cable - Additional Information Tabled

Attendance: Councillor Fulton returned to the meeting at 12.44pm.

5.24 Lesley James Hollyman

Submission number 8023, page number 1022 refers.

Mr Hollyman spoke to his submission and expressed concern about the lack of action by the Council to clear out Hillwood Streams 1 and 2 since the flooding of November 2011.

Mr Hollyman was advised that a resource consent application was currently being considered by Council and that Council offers would be in touch with Mr Hollyman directly on this issue.

The meeting adjourned for lunch from 12.58pm to 1.35pm, during which time Councillors Davy and Fulton left the meeting, and Councillor Copeland returned to the meeting.

5.25 Stuart Walker

Submission number 8032, page number 1033 refers.

Mr Walker said that the library should stay in its current location, and requested upgrades to the pipe network and more parking in the city.

Attendance: Councillor Fulton returned to the meeting at 1.37pm

Mr Walker outlined his concerns in relation to the Waimea Community Dam, and suggested alternatives such as diverting water from the Nelson Lakes or Pelorus Headwaters to the Waimea Plains instead.

In addition, he outlined his concerns regarding the width of the access road to the Trafalgar centre Northern extension and the timing of drainage work undertaken at a Saxton Field soccer practice pitch.

5.26 Karen Dean, Nelson Residents' Association

Submission number 8040, page number 1051 refers.

Ms Dean suggested that the State Advances Building be redeveloped as a high-end shopping development, the library be extended into the building next door and an additional floor built, and that the computers could be relocated from the library to Civic House. She added that the current Library Activity Room was not big enough at present.

5.27 Frank van der Plas

Submission number 8024, page number 1023 refers.

Inga Schmidt presented the submission on behalf of Frank van der Plas. She said there was divergent scientific opinion as to whether fluoride in the water supply was safe, and that it was important that residents did not lose the choice of whether to ingest fluoride. She added that most water was used in industry, agriculture or disposed of as grey water, and that other countries had removed fluoride from the water supply without experiencing an increase in tooth decay.

5.28 Inga Schmidt

Submission number 8025, page number 1024 refers.

Ms Schmidt said that it was possible to apply fluoride in other forms, such as through toothpaste. She explained her concerns of the effects that fluoride in the water supply would have on bottle-fed babies and people with health conditions. She suggested that focus be placed instead on less sugar in diets, better dental hygiene and targeted assistance, such as free toothpaste, to people at risk of dental decay.

5.29 Dot Kettle, Nelson Tasman Chambers of Commerce

Submission number 8048, page number 1063 refers.

Ms Kettle noted the Chamber of Commerce's support for a theatre space in the Trafalgar Centre, CBD enhancements, innovative city planning and cycleways. She noted the potential for tourism and business opportunities with better walking and cycling facilities for Rocks Road. In response to a question, she said the Chamber of Commerce supported separating the Southern Link from the Rocks Road walking and cycling project.

Ms Kettle also spoke about the marina, and outlined concerns that the scope of the draft Marina Strategy was too narrow in focus. She suggested that the marina precinct area should be widened, and said that Chamber members were interested in further discussions regarding the marina, including a focus on recreational, as well as business use.

In response to questions, Ms Kettle clarified the numbers of members who had responded to their survey regarding the NZTA Southern Link Business Case.

5.30 Gavin O'Donnell, Federated Farmers of NZ

Submission number 7944, page number 880 refers.

Mr O'Donnell explained the effect of rates on rural properties, and encouraged Council to consider a greater uniform targeted rate, with a lesser proportion based on land values.

Attendance: Councillor Noonan left the meeting at 2.06pm and Councillor Davy returned to the meeting at 2.06pm.

Mr O'Donnell explained that Federated Farmers supported Council taking a business case approach to capital projects, greater environmental water monitoring through a transparent testing regime, and a contribution towards the construction of the Waimea Community Dam.

He added that clarification was sought as to the status of and timeline for flood protection work at Wakapuaka.

5.31 Mr Peter Chisholm

Submission number 8071, page number 1097 refers.

Mr Chisholm encouraged Council to continue to improve cycling infrastructure. He noted that recent work in Brook Street had resulted in kerbs jutting out, and explained the difficulties that this presented for cyclists. He added his support for the Maitai Pathway being widened, and that most cyclists and pedestrians behaved in a respectful manner on shared pathways.

Attendance: Councillor Noonan returned to the meeting at 2.16pm, and Councillor Fulton left the meeting at 2.16pm.

5.32 Mike Cameron, Cleveland Tce (west area) Residential Shared Zone Team

Submission number 7765, page number 518 refers.

Mr Cameron outlined the submission, and noted an increase in cyclist and pedestrian traffic along Cleveland Terrace. He noted the neighbourhood's support for a Residential Shared Zone being achieved with minimal capital works being required.

He explained that the proposal was separate to the submission in relation to the Manuka Street intersections, to allow the Cleveland Terrace proposal to be actioned as soon as possible.

Attendance: Councillor Copeland left the meeting from 2.26pm to 2.28pm.

In response to questions, Mr Cameron noted that not many vehicles travelled at 40 km/h, but those that did posed safety concerns. He also outlined low-level capital works that may be required to achieve the Residential Shared Zone.

5.33 Wendy Griffin

Submission number 8033, page number 1037 refers.

Ms Griffin outlined her concerns that introducing fluoride to the water supply would result in adverse health effects. She spoke about the potential dangers posed by hydrofluoric acid, and added that it was more appropriate to focus on removing sugar from diets.

Attendance: Councillor Fulton returned to the meeting at 2.39pm.

In response to a question, she explained that the \$1 million per year cost of adding fluoride to the water supply was based on a calculated cost of 20 cents, per person, per year.

5.34 Lynn Cooper, NZ Health Professionals Opposing Fluoridation

Submission number 8065, page number 1087 refers.

Sara Cooper presented the submission on behalf of Lynn Cooper. She tabled a document (A1544332) and showed a video clip relating to the economic arguments against putting fluoride into the water supply (A1545966).

She emphasised the importance of limiting sugar intake and assisting children to brush their teeth properly.

Attendance: The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea from 2.48pm to 3.01pm, during which time Councillors Fulton and Lawrey left the meeting.

Attachments

- 1 A1544332 - Submission 8065 - Sara Cooper on behalf of Lynn Jordan - Additional Information Tabled

5.35 Fionna Heiton

Submission number 7991, page number 991 refers.

Ms Heiton said that, in other countries, there had been no increase in tooth decay once fluoride had been removed from the water supply. She outlined her concerns that fluoride in the water supply could cause harm to infants, elderly people, and those with underlying health conditions.

Attendance: Councillor Fulton returned to the meeting at 3.05pm.

Ms Heiton added that the main focus should be on reducing sugar in diets. She encouraged Council to represent the community views on fluoride to the District Health Board, and to continue working with the District Health Board to limit sugar intake.

5.36 Pam Frahm, Nelson Residents' Association

Submission number 7897, page number 730 refers.

In response to a question, Ms Frahm explained that the Nelson Residents' Association supported a third road into Nelson, but wished to reserve its position regarding the Southern Link until it understood the costs involved.

In response to a further question, she said that the Residents' Association was against the rezoning of the Brook Reserve as a special purposes reserve.

5.37 Peter Olorenshaw

Submission number 7729, page number 473 refers.

Mr Olorenshaw gave a power point presentation (A1543885). He outlined his concerns regarding wastewater charges on his rates bill given he did not receive this service from Council. The Mayor advised that he should talk to officers as records showed he was not being charged a wastewater rate.

Mr Olorenshaw noted his concerns regarding wastewater charges on his rates bill, and outlined a proposal for allowing second dwellings on a section, whilst keeping set-backs and site coverage at the same level. He spoke about the benefits of intensification of current urban dwellings, and encouraged low-flow fittings to be included within the Nelson Plan.

Mr Olorenshaw also spoke about forecast sea-level rises. He encouraged Council to undertake further studies to consider possible mitigation and adaptation solutions, and to incorporate proposed sea-level rises into planning documents.

Attachments

- 1 A1543885 - Submission 7729 - Peter Olorenshaw - Additional information

5.38 Requests for additional information

Councillors advised of additional information they wished to consider during the deliberations meeting, as a result of points raised by submitters.

Attendance: Councillor Fulton left the meeting at 3.40pm. Councillor Rainey left the meeting at 3.42pm.

5.39 Gaire Thompson

Submission number 7989, page number 987 refers.

Mr Thompson outlined the points in his written submission. He noted further that he disagreed with proposed spending on the Saxton Cricket Stadium, Saxton Pavilion lift, river monitoring, the Council Chamber sound system, and the Gondola, but supported Council fully funding the Modeller's Pond.

Attendance: Councillor Fulton returned to the meeting at 3.44pm.

Mr Thompson also spoke about commercial rates for properties in the CBD. He said the commercial differential led to large rates increases for commercial property owners, and said that extra charges per tenant were driving out smaller operators.

Attendance: Councillor Davy left the meeting at 3.48pm.

In response to a question, Mr Thompson said that commercial rents in the Nelson CBD area had not risen aside from CPI increases. He said that insurance costs could be kept low, but that property owners could not control rates rises.

Attendance: Councillor Copeland left the meeting at 3.54pm.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 3.56pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

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