

Minutes

A4A Forum Accessibility for All

**Friday 16 February 2017– 10.00am
Council Chambers, Tasman District Council**

Present

Cr Dana Wensley, Cr Dean McNamara, Drew Bryant (Activity Planning Advisor – Transportation), Dwayne Fletcher (Activity Planning Manager), Sarah Holman (Policy Advisor) Megan Bell (Administration Officer – Transportation) (Tasman District Council); Deputy Mayor Paul Matheson (Nelson City Council); Jane Murray (NMDHB) John Harwood (Hearing Association); Chris Allison (Health Action Trust); Kim Howell (Life Unlimited); Robin Hall (National Council of Woman – Nelson Branch); Donna Smith (Independent); Marrit Walstra-Russell (Age Concern) Kaye Halkett, Mike Stevens (Blind Citizens New Zealand – Nelson Branch) ; Kate Malcolm (NELSUS)

Apologies

David Cliff, Ron Burt, Ruby Aberhart, Simon Horrocks, Rachael Large

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Confirmation of minutes from the meeting of 10 November 2017

MOVED – John Harwood
SECONDED – Robin Hall
CARRIED

3. Correspondence

An update on the upcoming Active Transport Workshop with Rodney Tolley which will be held at the Headingly Centre on Monday 12 March 2018.

4. Chairs Report (Cr Wensley)

Cr Wensley presented her report to the forum

- ‘Good Access=Good Business’ checklist - The forum has received great input from members. Cr Wensley emphasised her commitment to advancing the document once the Rodney Tolley Workshop is complete so herself and staff have capacity to devote time to the final stages.

- NZ Post Paxsters – A resolution was passed by the Council on the 15 February 2018 to postpone the rollout until further results have been made available from the Hamilton City Study.

Cr Wensley will interview Jane Murray from the Nelson Marlborough DHB for a Q&A section in the Mudcake and Roses publication.

A meeting will be held next week with Cr Wensley and Miraka Norgate, Health Promoter Smokefree, Public Health, about creating smokefree public spaces

5. Transport Asset Management Plan (AMP) Overview (Drew Bryant)

Drew presented an overview of the key points of the Transport AMP.

The AMP informs the Long Term Plan (LTP). Consultation for the LTP runs from the 1 March - 5 April 2018.

What is covered?

- Road network, cycle trails, public transport, footpaths, streetlights, furniture, active safety programs, road signage. It covers a wide range of activities.
- One of the biggest activates of Council by spend.

Key issues

- Population Growth – high in townships. Extra load on road networks, more cars, pedestrians and cyclists. Additional traffic issues – need to meet expectations of congestion and getting from point A to point B
- Elderly Population Growth – aging population, specifically in Tasman. In 30 years' time the over 65 will be the majority of the population. This brings expectations around transport choice and recreational facilities.
- Growth in commercial activity – There is no railway in Nelson, and with the increased activity at Nelson Port there will be more trucks on road. The government have endorsed the use of high productive vehicles (larger trucks) which will increase pressure on road networks
- Natural hazards – more frequent natural hazard events with greater intensity. People depend on road networks to restore all other utilities.

Key issues for A4A

- Richmond Network Operating Framework (NOF) network (NCC/NZTA/Tasman District Council). Looking as a whole/integrated system.
- Prioritising active transport - Walking and cycling facilities
- Making intersections pedestrian friendly - (for example changes to the Wensley/Oxford roundabout)
- Pedestrian safety - budget co-funded by NZTA – low cost /low risk

Response to issues

- Improvement to regional pathways – this will tie into the Great Taste Cycle Trail.

- Footpaths – New and improvements to existing
- Town Centre upgrades – Richmond upgrade in progress. Will be followed by Motueka, Brightwater, Collingwood and Mapua. Intention to improve walking and cycling around town centres and improve congestion.
- Road improvements to include shared paths (Lower Queen Street, McShane Road, SH60)
- Bus – proposing new loop services – first part of project would identify any additional bus stops needed around Richmond. NCC/TDC fare changes – electronic ticketing – aim to reduce number of zones and decrease process. Increase in the Total Mobility budget.
- Work with NZTA on a number of projects - NOF, SH60 upgrade, Three Brothers corner, High Street Motueka

Q&A Session

- Road Safety – Concerns that Takaka Hill and Riwaka-Kaiteriteri Road should be 80km/h.
 - A national speed limit review is in progress by NZTA. The Council will work with them on this.
- Pedestrian flashing light at crossings – the phasing is often not long enough for people to cross confidently.
 - Any changes to increase time will have an effect of traffic flow.
 - Need to educate people that you can still continue to cross when the pedestrian light is flashing.
- Roundabouts – what is planned?
 - Still at concept stage but may be a signaled roundabout.
 - Proposing underpass for Champion/Salisbury intersection
- Shared pathways – concerns around pedestrian safety.
 - Wensley/Salisbury Roads – early idea is for a dedicated cycle and pedestrian path.
 - McShane Road – shared path but with wide grass berms on either side.
- Reducing speed limits.
 - Have not considered yet, but not discounted.

Cr Wensley encouraged members submit on the LTP.

6. Car parking strategy

There is a need to establish a set of 'tools' to address car parking issues in order to set a direction, along with consultation with residents.

There are multiple demands for different groups so a holistic approach, in conjunction with Active and Public Transport needs to be taken.

The aim is to look 30 years ahead, and with transportation changing the Council needs to have a good range of options that are low cost and low regret.

There are three stages to the strategy:

1. Small things can do now (first 5 years) such as better enforcement and signage
2. 5-10yr – Adding more efficiency to existing than creating new areas. Looking at user pays for prime locations.
3. 3 – 10+ year – May look at new car parking or buildings. This is also be user pays – public and private

Kate Malcolm from NELSUS stated that the Council should not be providing more free car parking in Richmond as there is a need to dis-incentivize car use.

Jane Murray discussed how the elderly have a special type of parking in Japan and Ireland. Drew Bryant stated he would look into what is being done over there.

The Richmond Loop would connect to the NBus service.

Submissions to the strategy closed on Friday 23 March.

7. Nomination of Chair

John Harwood nominated Cr Dana Wensley

SECONDED – Kim Howell
CARRIED

8. General Business

- Progress on Sandwich board bylaw:
 - To be taken out of TRMP
 - Option to council. Looking at a Wellington model in which they are allowed in limited circumstances
- Electric vehicles – Safety issues of no sound.
 - There is National Tour of electric vehicles driving the length of New Zealand. Megan will send details so members can attend and voice concerns
- Venue for A4A Meetings
 - Agreed to keep the chambers as there is a hearing loop.
 - Megan to raise issue of the heavy doors and toilet door in the foyer to the Council property department

Meeting Closed 11.45am