

**Meeting of Nelson Tasman Positive Ageing Forum held at 1.00 pm
on Monday 29 April 2019 at Constance Barnicoat Room, Richmond Library**

Present: Charles Tyrrell (Anglican Church/Age Concern) (Chair)

Pauline Daly, Grey Power Nelson
Chris Allison, Health Action Trust
Caroline Budge, Age Concern
Gail Collingwood, NCW Nelson
David Kemp, Independent
Dana Wensley, TDC Councillor
Tim Newman, Nelson Mail
Jill Harris, MSD
Matt Lawrey, NCC Councillor

Linda O’Dea, Grey Power Nelson
Heather Lackner, Alzheimer’s Nelson
Neil Page, Independent
Scott Tambisari, NCC
Chris Allison, HAT
Hilary Genet, Public Health NMDHB
Kathy King, Anglican Senior Care
Bevan Grant, Independent

In attendance: Mike Tasman-Jones, Melanie Ellis (Tasman District Council)

1 Welcome/Introductions

Charles Tyrrell welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

2 Apologies

Moved: Charles/Mike

That apologies for absence from Brylee Wayman, Trish Armstrong and Nicola Bethlesen be received.

Carried

3 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: David Kemp/Linda O’Dea

That the minutes of the meeting of the Nelson Tasman Positive Ageing Forum, held on 26 November 2018 be received.

Carried

4 Matters Arising

Scott Tambisari responded to a question about the Nelson Strategy on Ageing Demographic and said that there had been two meetings so far and there is another one in a week or so, after that they will let PAF know when they are ready to go out to the community.

David Kemp gave commented that the Tasman Transport Trust is now a Charitable Society and the trustees are looking at booking systems and vetting drivers, as well as wading through the H&S requirements to provide a service in the future.

5 Chairpersons report

Charles Tyrrell, Chairperson

The Chair's report was tabled with commentary on the following:

Better Later Life document will supersede the Positive Aging Strategy and will be implemented in 2020. This document will be the topic of discussion in the July meeting.

It was agreed that a separate meeting to discuss this document prior to submissions closing on 3 June.

The meeting to discuss submissions will be held 1.15 pm – 2.45 pm on May 20th 2019 at the Constance Barnicoat Room in the Richmond Library. Please note the room is booked just before and just after this meeting. If you would like a **hard copy of the document posted please email Melanie Ellis your name and address to: melanie.ellis@tasman.govt.nz** .

The Chair made special thanks to Mike and the group for the Expo as it was such a wonderful day.

6. Tasman District Council Age Friendly Policy

Cr Dana Wensley, Tasman District Council

The Age Friendly Policy was adopted on 4th April. Where do we grow from here? Council needs to consider how we can continue ensuring interconnection (as people walking less since the introduction of cars), matching up transport and housing needs.

Cr Lawrey noted the graphic on the front of the document showing three different age groups on the front and different transport and landscapes. Nelson City Council are also very keen to hear people ideas.

Cr Wensley recommended everybody read the book: 'Happy City – Transforming Our Lives Through Urban Design', author Charles Montgomery. It can be borrowed from the Nelson Library.

Neil Page would like to suggest that we have footpaths that are fit for purpose as wheelies bins take up to much space – and the footpaths were not designed to have wheelie bins on them Many footpaths are intruded by vegetation. There was vegetation on the footpath and there is a lot of in 2km there was 50 addresses that were intruded on by vegetation.

Cr Wensley suggested Council be informed through normal channels so works can be audited to ensure the work is done.

7. Retirement Villages Association Economic Impact Report

John Collyns, Executive Director, Retirement Villages Association

Mr Collyns showed a powerpoint presentation.

Retirement Villages are about independent living, if care is needed then the CDH will help with that as required. It is aimed at people who are in their retirement.

There are 12 existing villages in Tasman area. There are 4 villages under development – the Olive Estate was missed off the presentation but it is another 200 units.

Market share driver is that Retirement Villages are designed to be age-friendly.

A Deferred Management Fee pays for the facilities and is reinvested back into the village and profits go to the operators. Regulatory Scheme protects residents under the Act.

8. MSD Update

Presented by Jill Harris

The Disability Allowance can cover many things, please see the notes for people to read plus the new Seniors Booklet. The winter energy payment kicks in on the 1st May automatically. It is possible to transfer the payment, if needed.

9. Age Concern Update

Presented by Charles in Caroline's Absence

They had a very successful conference. Age Concern now have the lease for the whole building and the other tenants are still there. The Board are looking to raise funds to do the building up, better toilets, etc. The Board would like to see more functions in the building to increase users in this region.

Cr Wensley thanked Charles for all that they are doing and agrees that there does need to be something better in Richmond and noted that the other aging group lost their Charity and Incorporated status, meaning the group didn't have any legal status and so was no longer able to exist as an entity.

David Kemp suggested that a quick easy change would be to update the outside colour scheme, to make a more welcoming area.

10. A4A Update

Cr Dana Wensley

Feedback from a cycle powered event recently, looking at the Paxsters and electric scooters on our footpaths and how this effects the community and aging population. The majority of councillors voted to allow the paxsters on the footpath. Some walkers are wary as there are blindspots, the lack of noise and general modal shift so they feel like they can't use footpaths anymore. Now there will be an advisory group for Tasman of how they will roll this out. Cr Wensley encourages everyone to comment, it's about footpath use and a barrier free environment so that people can do what they want to do in the community. Now they will decide where they will put their footpaths and there is a matrix available for comments. Email Cr Wensley and she will forward it to you for your comments.

In answer to a question, Cr Wensley noted that the footpaths need to be 3m wide.

In answer to a question, paxsters ride on the footpath and go up driveways to deliver parcels. They are meant to get out of the way of the pedestrians. The working group will look at how the paxsters will work on the footpaths.

11. Grey Power Update

Presented by Linda O'Dea

Linda O'Dea mentioned the Presidents report from the AGM and that they been very active the past year. They went back to the airport manager at Nelson Airport, and have confirmed that if you have a person needing a mobility park, you need to park at the premium parking area and then take your ticket to the airport staff who will change it to lower rate ticket.

12. General Business

Hilary Genet spoke about the home insulation rollout. Currently there is an 87% subsidy if you hold a community services card or gold card endorsed community services card and you can get a no-obligation quote for ceiling and underfloor insulation.

Charles wrapped up with a big thank you to Mike Tasman-Jones and presented him with a card.

Mike thanked everyone for a great forum and everyone's support over the years.

14. Next Meeting

1 July 2019

The meeting closed at 14:55pm.