

HUTT CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of The Hutt City Council held in the James Coe 1, Dowse Art Museum, 45 Laings Road, Lower Hutt on
Wednesday 28 January 2015 commencing at 8.20pm

PRESENT:

Mayor WR Wallace (Chair)	
Deputy Mayor D Bassett	Cr L Bridson (left at 8.50pm)
Cr MJ Cousins	Cr A Finlayson
Cr T Lewis	Cr M Lulich
Cr G McDonald	Cr M Shierlaw
Cr M Willard	

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Crs Barry, Branch and Milne and early departure received from Cr Bridson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr T Stallinger, Chief Executive
 Ms J Foo, General Manager, Governance and Regulatory
 Mr D Kellow, Divisional Manager Environmental Policy (part meeting)
 Ms C Tessendorf, Senior Environmental Policy Analyst (part meeting)
 Mr R Govinda, Manager Environmental Inspections (part meeting)
 Mr B Cato, Solicitor
 Ms K Glanville, Senior Committee Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED:

Minute No. C 15101

"That the apologies received from Crs Barry, Branch and Milne, and the apology for early departure received from Cr Bridson be accepted and leave of absence be granted."

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

4. COMMITTEE REPORT WITH RECOMMENDED ITEM

Policy and Regulatory Committee – 28 January 2015 - The Committee's recommendations will be tabled at the meeting.

Recommended Item

Item4i) Private Plan Change Request from Summerset Villages Limited – Rezoning of Land from General Recreation to General Residential With Provision for Retirement Village Use

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Ian McLaughlin, speaking on behalf of the Boulcott Preservation Society**, expressed the residents' disappointment with the Committee's recommendations. He advised that residents were not concerned about a delay in the process but rather about the right outcome in rejecting the private plan change request. He considered that if the private plan change request had been rejected, Summerset Villages Limited (Summerset) would have had to come back to residents to discuss the proposal further.

In response to a questions from members, Mr McLaughlin advised that Boulcott was not the right area for Summerset's proposal. He considered that stress on the Boulcott residents was not a valid reason to accept the private plan change request.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Dennis Page** expressed disappointment with the Committee's recommendations. He endorsed Mr McLaughlin's comments that a delay in the process was not a concern to residents.

Cr Shierlaw noted that Boulcott residents wanted Council's support by rejecting the private plan change request. He advised that he would be voting against the recommendations.

Cr Willard considered that accepting the private plan change was the clearest way forward.

Deputy Mayor Bassett noted the special character and low density in the Boulcott area. He considered this proposal did not support the characteristics of the Boulcott area. He advised he would be voting against the recommendations.

Mayor Wallace noted that this was a big issue and that by accepting the private plan change residents would now have the opportunity to raise their concerns. He noted he had issues with the private plan change application and had asked Dr Palmer to review the legal advice received and give his professional opinion on the matter. He said it was clear from Mr Palmer's opinion that Council could not legally reject the private plan change request. He was confident that any issues would be addressed through the resource management process.

RESOLVED: (BY DIVISION)**Minute No. C 15102***“That Council:*

- (i) notes that Summerset Villages Limited has lodged a private plan change request with Council as attached as appendices 1-16 (separately circulated);*
- (ii) notes that Summerset Villages Limited has undertaken additional consultation as requested by the Policy and Regulatory Committee on 4 November 2014;*
- (iii) notes the process for private plan changes under the Resource Management Act 1991;*
- (iv) considers the four options available under the Resource Management Act 1991 on how to deal with the private plan change request as outlined in the report; and*
- (v) accepts for consideration the proposed private plan change received from Summerset Villages Limited; and*
- (vi) notes that this will enable the process to start which will provide for interested members of the public to submit comment on the proposed plan change.*

The motion was declared CARRIED on division with the voting being as follows:

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Mayor Wallace	Deputy Mayor Bassett
Cr Cousins	Cr Finlayson
Cr Bridson	Cr McDonald
Cr Lewis	Cr Shierlaw
Cr Lulich	
Cr Willard	
Total: 6	Total: 4

Cr Bridson left the meeting at 8.50pm.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

a) Environmental Health - Proposed Increase To Fees And Charges For 2015/16 Financial Year (15/3)

Report No. HCC2015/1/10 by the Manager Environmental Inspections

The Manager Environmental Inspections elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Manager Environmental Inspections advised that currently the Environmental Inspections area recovered about 80% of costs. He further advised that how much additional revenue would be generated by the increase had not been calculated. He confirmed that the additional revenue would be spent in the food and alcohol areas.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. C 15103

"That the Council:

- (i) accepts the proposed 8% fee increase for Environmental Inspections Annual Certificate of Registration for the 2015/16 financial year;*
- (ii) approves the public consultation process to proceed without delay; and*
- (iii) appoints a subcommittee to hear submissions on the proposed fee increase and make a recommendation to Council."*

b) **Proposed Traffic Subcommittee** (14/1776)

Memorandum dated 16 January 2015 by the Divisional Manager, Secretariat Services

Members agreed to appoint Cr Milne as a member of the Traffic Subcommittee and Deputy Mayor Bassett as an alternative.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. C 15104

"That Council:

- (i) approves the establishment of a Traffic Subcommittee for the 2013-2016 triennium;*
- (ii) approves the proposed terms of reference for the Traffic Subcommittee for the 2013-2016 triennium;*
- (iii) authorises officers to make the necessary amendments to the delegations for the community boards and community committees as a result of part (ii) above; and*
- (iv) adopts the following membership: Cr MJ Cousins (Chair), Cr Bridson (Deputy Chair) and one Ward Councillor from each Ward Crs Finlayson, Lewis, Willard and Milne with Crs Shierlaw, Branch, McDonald, Lulich, Barry and Deputy Mayor Bassett as alternates."*

c) **Appointment of a Selection Panel** (15/55)

Report No. HCC2015/1/11 by the General Manager, Governance and Regulatory

RESOLVED:

Minute No. C 15105

“That Council:

- (i) approves the establishment of a Selection Panel comprising the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chief Executive to identify, assess, recommend and select potential candidates for the position of directors on the board of Council’s Council Controlled Organisations that might arise in the remaining term of this triennium in accordance with the Terms of Reference as attached as Appendix 1 to the report;*
- (ii) notes that the term for the Selection Panel will be until the end of the triennium (2013-2016); and*
- (iii) notes that the Selection Panel will have the power to co-op additional people onto the panel where relevant and in accordance with the Council’s Policy for the Appointment and Remuneration of Directors. “*

4. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

WR Wallace
MAYOR

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 24th day of March 2015**