

**These minutes are subject to confirmation by the Chair at the next meeting to be held
7 April 2015.**

HUTT CITY COUNCIL

CENTRAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held in the James Coe 2, Dowse Art Museum, 45 Laings Road,
Lower Hutt on

Monday 9 February 2015 commencing at 6.30pm

PRESENT:

Mrs S Lafrentz (Chair)	Ms D Mulligan (from 6.46pm)
Deputy Mayor D Bassett	Mr D Jones (Deputy Chair)
Cr C Milne	Mrs J Thompson

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cr M Cousins (part meeting)
Ms K Stannard, Divisional Manager, Secretariat Services (part meeting)
Mr L Earl, Traffic Assets Manager
Ms S Haniel, Committee Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

Deputy Mayor Bassett advised that Mayor Wallace could not attend the meeting and had put in his apologies.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. PRESENTATIONS

a) Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC)

Cr Greig elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members Cr Greig said that no decision had been made yet regarding the Melling Bridge upgrade. She noted that members considered that the Water Report contained within the GWRC report should be provided by the Wellington Water Committee which had greater oversight of this issue than GWRC.

Ms Mulligan joined the meeting at 6.46pm

b) **Presentation by NZ Police**

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CCC 15101

"That, in terms of Standing Order 25.11, the Committee:

- (i) agrees that a minor matter relating to a Presentation by NZ Police which was not included on the agenda be discussed at this meeting; and*
- (ii) notes that no resolution, decision or recommendation may be made in respect of that item except to refer the item to a subsequent meeting of the local authority for further discussion."*

Constable Andy Baker said that thefts from cars were a problem where people left items of interest within sight, particularly at public pools and in areas where people park to go for a walk. He further said that City Safety were looking into establishing neighbourhood watch groups in Central Hutt. He noted that members were concerned about security around the Hutt Recreation Ground area during the upcoming Phoenix soccer games.

4. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

5. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CCC 15102

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Central Community Committee held on Monday, 24 November 2014, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

6. **COMMUNITY BOARDS/COMMUNITY COMMITTEE DELEGATIONS** (15/118)

Report No. CCC2015/1/33 by the Divisional Manager, Secretariat Services

The Traffic Assets Manager elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CCC 15103

"That the Committee:

- (i) *notes that Council at its meeting held on 28 January 2015 agreed to the establishment of a Traffic Subcommittee to consider and hear traffic matters including parking;*
- (ii) *notes that due to the establishment of the above subcommittee, Council has asked officers to amend the delegations to community boards and community committees to reflect part (i) above; and*
- (iii) *notes the amended delegations to community boards and community committees attached as Appendix 1 to the memorandum which take effect from 28 January 2015."*

7. **REPORTS REFERRED FOR COMMITTEE INPUT BEFORE BEING CONSIDERED BY STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL**

i) **Dyer Street & Roberts Street - Proposed Mini Roundabout & No Stopping At All Times Restrictions** (15/81)

Report No. CCC2015/1/28 by the Traffic Engineer

The Traffic Assets Manager elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members the Traffic Assets Manager said that parents at Dyer Street School had identified the area as a safety concern during drop-off and pick-up times and that these concerns had initiated the Mini Roundabout and the No Stopping At All Times Restrictions.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CCC 15104

"That the Committee recommends that Council approves the Mini Roundabout and Yellow No Stopping At All Times restrictions in Dyer Street and Roberts street, attached as Appendix 1 to the report."

ii) **Raroa Road- Proposed Shoppers (Green HC2) Zone, Pay and Display, Two Hour Maximum Parking** (15/82)

Report No. CCC2015/1/29 by the Traffic Engineer

The Traffic Assets Manager elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members the Traffic Assets Manager said that officers had consulted with the business owners on Raroa Road. He advised that there had been divergent responses which had resulted in officers proposing that only part of one side of the street have parking restrictions, and that the majority of the road be left without restrictions.

Ms Mulligan expressed concern with the proposal and highlighted that she did not support restrictions along any part of the street.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CCC 15105

"That the Committee recommends that Council approves a Shopper (HC2) Zone, Pay and Display, Two Hour Maximum Parking in Raroa Road, attached as Appendix 1 to the report."

8. **SUBMISSION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION ON THE REORGANISATION OF LOCAL GOVERNANCE** (15/108)

Memorandum dated 28 January 2015 by the Divisional Manager, Secretariat Services

Deputy Mayor Bassett elaborated on the report. He said that the Local Government Commission (LGC) had chosen the single unitary council option which was the fifth most expensive option and the least efficient of all the proposed options. He said the inefficiencies were exemplified by the cost of the Auckland Super City information technology upgrade which would now cost \$100 million and up to as much as \$170 million to complete.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CCC 15106

"That the Committee:

- (i) notes that the Local Government Commission has released a proposal for the reorganisation of local governance of the Wellington and Wairarapa regions and is taking submissions on the draft proposal;*
- (ii) notes that Council commissioned an updated survey in 2014 which showed that 80 percent of Lower Hutt residents preferred that boundaries remain unchanged attached as Appendix 1 to the memorandum;*
- (iii) notes that Council, at its meeting held on 16 December 2014, on the mandate given by its community agrees to strongly reaffirm its opposition and its intention to advocate decisively against the Local Government Commission's draft proposal;*
- (iv) notes that Council is in the process of making a submission to the draft proposal covering the main objections to the draft proposal which are :*
 - (a) does not preserve local democracy; and*
 - (b) any enhancement it offers in terms of service efficiency or productivity for our communities can be achieved at lower cost and in less risky ways; and*
- (v) agrees to lodge a submission which opposes a single council and eight local boards to replace the eight local councils and one regional council in line with Council's resolution (Minute No. C 14601(2)) and the wishes of its community."*

9. **COMMITTEE ADVISOR'S REPORT** (14/1787)

Report No. CCC2015/1/4 by the Committee Advisor

Speaking under public comment, **Cr Cousins** said that members could provide photos or pictures to officers which visualised residents' concerns about the Urban Growth Strategy, and that this could assist the decision making process in a practical way. She further said that members could consider undertaking a Resource Management Act training course which would be a useful course for understanding the Urban Growth Strategy. She requested that the Committee Advisor forward details of this course to members.

In response to questions from members Cr Cousins said that the Urban Growth Strategy still had a long way to go through the consultation process and that officers could still accommodate information which came from the Committee.

The Committee Advisor elaborated on the report.

Members agreed that catering for Committee meetings include a sugar-free alternative. They further agreed that the Chair would organise a date for a Committee dinner.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CCC 15107

"That the Committee:

- (i) *agrees not to make a submission for the Community Board Executive Committee Best Practice Awards, attached as Appendix 1 to the report;*
- (ii) *retrospectively endorses the Committee's brochure design for \$300.00 in December 2014 for its Local Community Plan 2014-2017, attached as Appendix 2 to the report; and*
- (iii) *approves the venues for its 2015 Committee meetings as:*

<i>Mon 9 February/ Tues 7 April</i>	<i>James Coe 2, The Dowse Art Museum</i>
<i>Mon 15 June</i>	<i>Studio 9, Hutt Art Society, 9 Myrtle Street</i>
<i>Mon 7 September</i>	<i>St Marks Church, 58 Woburn Road</i>
<i>Mon 9 November</i>	<i>Irish Society, 12 Raroa Road; and</i>
- (iv) *approves catering for its 2015 meetings and to be reviewed in the future."*

10. **2015 COMMUNITY BOARDS' CONFERENCE** (15/100)

Memorandum dated 28 January 2015 by the Senior Committee Advisor

The Chair and Ms Mulligan expressed interest in attending the 2015 Community Boards' Conference.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CCC 15108

"That the Committee:

- (i) notes the Community Boards' Conference will be held in the Waitangi, Bay of Islands from 14-16 May 2015;*
- (ii) notes the estimated cost of attending the conference per representative is approximately \$1,800.00; and*
- (iii) agrees that the Chair and Ms Mulligan expressed interest in attending the 2015 New Zealand Community Boards' Conference."*

11. **CHAIR'S REPORT** (14/1788)

Report No. CCC2015/1/34 by the Chair

The Chair elaborated on the report.

12. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

a) **Labyrinth Committee** (15/122)

Ms Thompson said that the Christmas carol event had been well attended and planning was already underway for next year. She said that there had been a recent change of Chair and that a Labyrinth Hui was planned for 28 February 2015.

b) **Keep Hutt City Beautiful and Graffiti Taskforce** (15/123)

Mr Jones said that a subcommittee would be established for attracting bees in the city, and another subcommittee would be established for planting in schools. He further said that two taggers had been successfully prosecuted and that there would be a Petone Beach clean-up day on 8 March 2015.

13. QUESTIONS

In response to questions from members, Deputy Mayor Bassett said that the Committee would be involved in Council discussions concerning the Riddiford Garden redevelopment. He added that the opening of the ANZAC lawn would be on Sunday 19 April 2015.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Ms S Lafrentz
CHAIR

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 7th day of April 2015**