

HUTT CITY COUNCILEASTERN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Report of a meeting held in the Naenae Library, 27 Hillary Court, Naenae on
Tuesday 10 February 2015 commencing at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cr B Branch Cr L Bridson
Mrs R Carpenter Mr M Ellis
Mr E Heslin (Chair) Ms B Willing

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor WR Wallace (part meeting)
Ms S Mann, Divisional Manager, Libraries
Mrs A Doornebosch, Committee Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Wallace thanked the Committee for their work over 2014. He advised 2015 had already been significant for Hutt City including the Petone Settlers 175th Anniversary and hosting the delegation from Minoh, Japan. He further noted the involvement of both Epuni and Tui Glen Schools with schools in Minoh and encouraged the Committee to invite schools within the Ward to attend Committee meetings and provide reports on local issues.

He noted a number of projects currently being undertaken by Council within the central city including the New Civic Centre, the Council Administration Building and Horticultural Hall. A central city hotel was also being proposed, to be run in conjunction with the Civic Centre. Within the Eastern Ward, he highlighted the development of the Walter Nash Stadium, and the proposals for Walter Mildenhall Park. He further emphasised the success of the Naenae Computer Clubhouse and advised that plans were being made to establish a similar facility in Taita.

He noted the Board's role in the submission process to the Local Government Commission, and encouraged as many people as possible within the community to make a submission. He further noted the recent Hutt News article advising of the closure of Kiwibank in Naenae. He advised that officers had written to New Zealand Post to confirm their intentions, to enable Council to determine future options for the payment of services such as rates and dog registration within the Naenae area.

3. PRESENTATION

Presentation by Local Councillor from Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC)

Cr Lamason elaborated on the report. She advised that willow layering involved pushing the branches down to allow them to take root again back into river banks. She further advised the current water supply levels were operating at full capacity to meet demand, and if the dry weather continued this may change. She requested residents to observe watering restrictions as detailed on Council's website: <http://www.huttcity.govt.nz/en/Services/Water-services/Supplying-your-water/>.

In response to questions from members, Cr Lamason noted river erosion issues which exist on the river trail near Manor Park. She considered if this portion of the trail was taken far away from the river it may lose some appeal, but flooding issues would dictate how this was developed. She further advised savings on the removal of bus services such as that in Judd Crescent in Naenae, were being used to increase services in other areas. She confirmed she would follow up if it was possible to erect a barrier on the Silverstream rail bridge, so that if a truck were to hit it again in the future, the bridge itself would not be damaged.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECC 15101

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Eastern Community Committee held on Tuesday, 25 November 2014, be confirmed as a true and correct record subject to an amendment on page 6 under Environment, which should read "...and Common Unity who are in partnership with Epuni School, won the Wellington Airport Regional Supreme Award for Community Engagement'."

6. **COMMUNITY BOARDS/COMMUNITY COMMITTEE DELEGATIONS** (15/110)

Report No. ECC2015/1/30 by the Divisional Manager, Secretariat Services

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECC 15102

"That the Community 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. **SUBMISSION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION ON THE REORGANISATION OF LOCAL GOVERNANCE** (15/146)

Memorandum dated 2 February 2015 by the Divisional Manager, Secretariat Services

Members agreed that the Committee would lodge a submission to the Local Government Commission. The final submission would be developed and approved by the Chair and Deputy Chair.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECC 15103

"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."*

8. **COMMITTEE ADVISOR'S REPORT** (14/1819)

Report No. ECC2015/1/5 by the Committee Advisor

Mr Ellis suggested installing the Daisy Chain Blanket outside the Plunket Rooms in Waterloo. Members agreed that this location would be ideal and would provide a central viewing point for commuters from Waterloo Station.

Mr Ellis suggested the date of 28 March 2015, with 28 November 2015 as a second option, and undertook to liaise with the representative from the E Tu Te Awakairangi Sculpture Trust. He advised he would also discuss with Waterloo School the possibility of arranging an opening ceremony. The Committee Advisor noted she would advise officers of the outcome.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECC 15104

"That the Committee:

- (i) will consider making a submission for the Community Board Executive Committee Best Practice Awards; and*
- (ii) agrees to consult with the E Tu Te Awakairangi Sculpture Trust and officers to assess whether Waterloo Station was a suitable location for installing the "Daisy Chain" artwork in the Eastern Ward area."*

9. **2015 COMMUNITY BOARDS' CONFERENCE** (15/103)

Memorandum dated 28 January 2015 by the Senior Committee Advisor

The Chair, Ms Willing and Mrs Carpenter expressed an interest in attending the 2015 Community Board's Conference, noting that both Ms Willing and Mrs Carpenter would need to confirm their availability.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECC 15105

"That the Committee:

- (i) notes the Community Boards' Conference will be held in 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, Ms B Willing and Mrs R Carpenter expressed interest in attending the 2015 Community Boards' Conference."*

10. **CHAIR'S REPORT - FEBRUARY 2015** (14/1820)

Report No. ECC2015/1/36 by the Chair

Cr Bridson advised that Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) provided a rates loan service for insulation, and suggested there may be a possibility of adding emergency water tanks to this service as part of their annual programme. She suggested to the Chair that he lodge a submission to GWRC or Council.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECC 15106

"That the report be noted and received."

11. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

a) **Transport** (14/1821)

Mr Ellis noted that Go By Bike Day would be held on Wednesday 18 February 2015 from 7-9am with a free breakfast and giveaways at the Dowse Art Museum. He further advised that there was a planned but not yet funded cycle path to be established along Waiwhetu Stream, which could be utilised for scooter riders.

Cr Bridson advised there were also plans being developed for a cycle ring route around Waterloo and Knights Roads.

In response to questions from members, the Committee Advisor undertook to request GWRC provide a presentation to the next Committee meeting regarding bus services in the Eastern Ward.

b) **Recreation** (14/1822)

Update included under item 11 a).

c) **Environment** (14/1823)

To be reported at a later date.

d) **Infrastructure and Services** (14/1824)

The Chair advised he continued to receive support from officers in relation to infrastructure issues identified within the Ward.

e) **Youth** (14/1825)

Mrs Carpenter noted there were a lot of teenagers gathering outside Naenae Library and Pool, which younger children were finding intimidating. The Committee discussed facilities available within Naenae designed for teenagers such as the Computer Clubhouse, Connex and sports facilities. The Divisional Manager, Libraries undertook to investigate this matter and report back at the next Committee meeting.

f) **Older People** (14/1826)

Cr Branch advised she had attended a Grey Power Meeting where Rt Hon Winston Peters presented a proposal for three free doctors visits per year for people over 75. She noted that the proposal would need to be considered by Parliament. She further advised that she would set up a register of skilled older persons within the area.

g) **Keep Hutt City Beautiful** (14/1828)

Ms Willing advised that Plant Hutt City Beautiful would be conducted at the end of Term 3. She further noted a poster design competition on litter was to be run with schools and that March had been designated as Paint New Zealand Beautiful Month. A Petone beach clean-up would be held on 8 March 2015 as part of Sea Week and Parks and Council's Gardens Division would be involved in Park Week over 7-15 March 2015.

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

a) **Naenae Menz Shed** (14/1827)

Cr Branch noted that a Menz Shed was proposed as part of the retirement village situated at Whites Line East.

b) **Team Naenae** (15/132)

Cr Bridson advised the Naenae Festival was very successful. She noted that the Breakfast Club had started again for the year, providing breakfast for school aged children between 7.30-8.30am, at Naenae Community Hall; Walk it Out Walking Group meet every second Tuesday each month at 9.30am; The Gardening Group still had support and the Seniors Group would begin again on 26 February 2015' and a clothing swap would be held on 14 March 2015 at Treadwell Street Hall.

c) **Epuni Care and Protection Unit** (15/133)

Update included under item 8.

d) **Community Patrols Governance** (15/134)

The Chair advised the Community Patrol was still going well and six new members had been recruited. Cr Branch suggested that the neighbourhood barbeques planned by Hutt Safe City Group Charitable Trust would be a good opportunity to seek interest for new members.

e) **Neighbourhood Policing Team** (15/135)

Cr Bridson advised the Neighbourhood Policing Team were to meet the following evening. The Chair noted a representative would attend the next Committee meeting.

f) **Friends of Waiwhetu Stream** (15/136)

Mr Ellis advised the first meeting of the year had been held and a rubbish collection along the stream conducted. A first planting for the year was now being planned. Mr Ellis noted a recent study found a lot more varieties of fish present in the stream environment.

13. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Mr E Heslin
CHAIR

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