

HUTT CITY COUNCIL

NORTHERN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held in the Koraunui Marae,
146 Stokes Valley Road, Stokes Valley on
Wednesday 11 February 2015 commencing at 5.00pm

PRESENT:

Ms L Sutton	Ms D Awarau (Chair)
Mr F Allen (from 5.05pm)	Cr A Finlayson
Cr G McDonald	Mr G KcKenna (from 5.15pm)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor WR Wallace (part meeting)
Mr M Reid, General Manager, Community Services
Ms L Sliker, Manager, Taita Sport and Community Centre
(part meeting)
Ms H Clegg, Minute Taker

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Speaking under public comment, **Mayor Wallace** thanked members for their commitment and work undertaken in 2014 and wished them success for the coming year. He noted the successful celebrations held for the 175th anniversary of the Petone Settlers celebrations and the recent event celebrating 20 years of a sister city relationship with Minoh City in Osaka, Japan. He advised that the Walter Nash Stadium redevelopment was on track. He asked members to make a submission to the Local Government Commission on the reorganisation proposal. He also asked members to talk to their community and encourage residents to make a submission.

Mr McKenna joined the meeting.

3. PRESENTATIONS

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

There was no representative from Greater Wellington Regional Council present at the meeting.

b) Presentation by the New Zealand Police

Sergeant Alan Cappleman, Community Policing Hutt Valley North reassured members that the community police would maintain a presence in the Stokes Valley and Taita areas despite the office being temporarily shut. He advised that reported crime statistics in the Stokes Valley area showed no significant change from previous reports. He noted that family violence statistics in the area were higher than the national average. He said that Stokes Valley had a high level for reporting incidents of family violence.

In response to a question from a member, Sergeant Cappleman confirmed that the CCTV cameras in the Stokes Valley area were monitored by the Lower Hutt Police Station.

Members asked that a sign explaining the staffing situation in the Stokes Valley and Taita areas be placed on the Police Station doors.

c) Presentation by the General Manager, Community Services

The General Manager, Community Services introduced Ms Leslie Sliker the Manager of Taita Sport and Community Centre. He provided an update about Council projects in the city, in particular the NorthEast area – Taita Sport and Community Centre, Stokes Valley Community Hub, Taita Computer Clubhouse and Fraser Park Sportsville. He highlighted a number of Council projects including Healthy Families and the NorthEast Kids initiative to give youth access to libraries and pools through a card system. He informed members of the three Phoenix soccer games being held at the Hutt Recreation Grounds and that children from the northern area would be well represented at the games.

In response to a question from a member, the General Manager, Community Services informed members that Council's management of the CCTV camera network was currently being reviewed and a report would be presented to the Committee at its next meeting on 8 April 2015.

4. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

5. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 15101

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Northern Community Committee held on Wednesday, 26 November 2014, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

6. **COMMUNITY BOARDS/COMMUNITY COMMITTEE DELEGATIONS** (15/142)

Report No. NCC2015/1/39 by the Divisional Manager, Secretariat Services

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 15102

"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. **SUBMISSION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION ON THE REORGANISATION OF LOCAL GOVERNANCE** (15/143)

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

Members discussed the importance of encouraging residents to make a submission to the Local Governance Commission and in “manning” the information kiosk at the Westfield Queensgate Shopping Mall. It was noted that a stall would be set up in Taita and outside the New World Supermarket in Stokes Valley. Ms Sutton agreed to coordinate the roster.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 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. **2015 COMMUNITY BOARDS' CONFERENCE** (15/144)

Memorandum dated 2 February 2015 by the Senior Committee Advisor

Ms Sutton and Mr McKenna expressed interest in attending the 2015 Community Boards Conference. Members supported Ms Sutton and Mr McKenna as they had not previously attended a conference.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 15104

"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 Ms Sutton and Mr McKenna expressed interest in attending the 2015 New Zealand Community Boards' Conference."*

9. **COMMITTEE ADVISOR'S REPORT** (15/45)

Report No. NCC2015/1/40 by the Senior Committee Advisor

The Chair advised that the "Daisy Chain" artwork was currently installed in Taita.

Ms Sutton said she would make contact with officers to organise placement in the Stokes Valley area.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 15105

"That the Committee:

- (i) *agrees to not make a submission for the Community Board Executive Committee Best Practice Awards;*
- (ii) *agrees to consult with officers to assess whether a suitable location for installing the "Daisy Chain" artwork in the Stokes Valley area could be identified; and*
- (iii) *approves the venues for its 2015 Committee meetings as:*

<i>Wednesday 8 April</i>	<i>Hutt Union & Health Services, Pomare</i>
<i>Wednesday 17 June</i>	<i>Taita College Marae</i>
<i>Wednesday 9 September</i>	<i>Koraunui Marae, Stokes Valley</i>
<i>Wednesday 11 November</i>	<i>Hutt Union & Health Services, Pomare."</i>

10. **CHAIR'S REPORT** (15/46)

Report No. NCC2015/1/41 by the Member

The Chair elaborated on the report. She stressed the importance of the amalgamation issue and asked members to be active about the matter.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 15106

"That the Committee notes the information contained in the report."

11. **MEMBERS' UPDATES**

Cr Finlayson advised that the steps in Castle Crescent in Stokes Valley required upgrading and that the upgrade work undertaken in Morrison Grove and Hawthorn Crescent had been left in a poor state. He noted that he would be meeting with Council's Reserves Asset Manager regarding the entrance upgrade to Horoeka Reserve.

Ms Sutton advised that she had been liaising with officers regarding cracked pavements in the Stokes Valley shopping centre area. She noted that new bollards would be installed in the shopping centre. She informed members that there was illegal dumping of rubbish bags in the Stokes Valley area.

Cr McDonald provided an update on the Baring Head redevelopment that was underway. She noted that Koraunui Marae was celebrating 30 years this year.

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

a) **Keep Hutt City Beautiful** (15/48)

Ms Sutton advised that the first meeting for 2015 had been held and initiatives discussed included bee-friendly gardens and recycling.

b) **Pomare Community House** (15/49)

The Chair advised that budgetary assistance was being offered to families to help with school related costs. She advised that the next meeting would discuss the future direction of the house and how best to service the new community.

c) **Stokes Valley Community House** (15/50)

Cr McDonald advised that the Blue Light Disco would proceed and planning for Children's Day was underway. She noted that the fountain was due to be installed at the house.

Mr Allen advised that he had been unable to attend the meetings. Members agreed that Mr Allen would attend the meetings when the other representatives were unable to attend.

d) **Taita Community House** (15/51)

The Chair advised that the house had a strategic planning meeting and were looking forward to the upcoming year.

e) **Youth Participation Portfolio** (15/52)

Cr McDonald advised that a youth event was planned at the Koraunui Marae.

Mr McKenna advised that the Hutt Valley Youth Guarantee Network Group - Vocational Mentoring Programme was underway at the local colleges. He noted that the roll at Taita College had increased.

f) **Environmental Portfolio** (15/53)

Mr Allen advised that the rat and possum populations were increasing in Stokes Valley and asked that Council officers be made aware of this.

13. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.45 pm.

Ms D Awarau
CHAIR

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 8th day of April 2015**