

HUTT CITY COUNCIL

WESTERN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Report of a meeting held in the Kelson Community Centre, 5A Timaru Grove, Kelson on
Thursday 12 February 2015 commencing at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

Ms M Bowmar	Ms G Berridge (Chair)
Mrs K Wick (from 7.02pm)	Cr MJ Cousins
Mr P Matcham (Deputy Chair)	Cr M Shierlaw

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr R Muir, Divisional Manager, Road and Traffic
Ms S Haniel, Committee Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Chris Bishop, List Member, National Party**, thanked the Committee for the work they did for the community. He said that he had opened an office in Bloomfield Terrace, Lower Hutt and for members to refer any people for assistance where appropriate.

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

a) **Chorus Presentation - Deployment of Broadband**

There was no representation from Chorus.

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

Cr Greig elaborated on the report. She said that two bus routes would be stopped owing to low patronage.

She noted that members considered large buses on the Western Hills posed a safety issue when they stopped on narrow winding hill roads; that mini buses would be safer and they would provide public transport access up roads such as Redvers Drive, which was currently unserved by any public transport. She further noted that members would like to see the size of buses included in the tender process for Western Hills suburbs.

In response to questions from members, she said that she would ascertain whether the Melling Station train buffer funding would be subject to a delay, waiting for the start of the KiwiRail financial year in July, or whether funding could be accessed sooner from GWRC. She further said that some glass bus shelters had been deliberately broken by members of the public.

c) **Presentation by NZ Police Hutt Valley North**

Constable Andy Baker said that there had been several burglaries and thefts in the Western Hills and Alicetown areas. He further 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, such as the dog walking area behind Belmont School and Percy's Reserve.

In response to questions from members he said that when necessary, Police accompanied Noise Control officers who, under certain circumstances, had powers to seize equipment.

4. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

5. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCC 15101

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Western Community Committee held on Thursday, 27 November 2014, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

6. **COMMUNITY BOARDS/COMMUNITY COMMITTEE DELEGATIONS** (15/148)

Report No. WCC2015/1/43 by the Divisional Manager, Secretariat Services

Speaking under public comment **Mr Chris Bishop, List Member, National Party**, said that the change in community committee/board delegations could be reported by Council to the Rules Reduction Taskforce in Parliament because this alteration to procedure increased bureaucracy rather than reduced it.

Members noted that Council's increased bureaucracy regarding traffic matters and parking had come about as a result of a High Court hearing and had not been initiated by Council.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCC 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;*
- (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; and*
- (iv) requests that officers make a submission to the Rules Reduction Taskforce regarding the change in Community Committee/Board delegations."*

7. **SUBMISSION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION ON THE REORGANISATION OF LOCAL GOVERNANCE** (15/149)

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

The Chair elaborated on the report.

Cr Shierlaw considered that the Local Government Commission (LGC) should start the process again because it had used information to base its Single Unitary Council proposal on which had subsequently been found to be flawed, such as its allegation that Hutt City's infrastructure was in poor condition.

Cr Cousins considered that the LGC had chosen the riskiest and most expensive of all the options and that its revision of the costs had created even further concern about its proposal.

Mr Matcham considered that the LGC had underestimated the cost of moving to a single unitary council by 100%.

The Chair noted that in Australia there were significant cost over-runs with similar super-city proposals.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCC 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) endorses its future submission which will reflect the wishes of the majority of Hutt City residents particularly those of the Western Ward."*

8. **COMMITTEE ADVISOR'S REPORT** (14/1794)

Report No. WCC2015/1/6 by the Committee Advisor

Members considered that the Western Ward had separate and distinct communities and that they would work with the Sculpture Trust and officers for installation of the Daisy Chain artwork in three of its suburbs, Kelson – by the school sign, Maungaraki – opposite the shops, and Alicetown – Victoria Park.

In response to questions from members, the Divisional Manager Road and Traffic said that kerb-side cycle lanes in Nelson had some significant safety issues, the camber of the road and cars which blocked the cycleway when egressing driveways. These issues had resulted in cyclists riding outside the parked cars with a decreased share of the road. He said that the cycleways were to give cyclists an increased share of the road and that it could be possible to construct a protected cycleway outside the parked cars.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCC 15104

“That the Committee:

- (i) supports improvements to the Mulberry Street Reserve carpark;*
- (ii) determines not to make a submission for the Community Board Executive Committee Best Practice Awards;*
- (iii) works with the Sculpture Trust and officers for installation of the Daisy Chain artwork in three of its suburbs, Kelson – by the school sign, Maungaraki – opposite the shops, and Alicetown – Victoria Park;*
- (iv) retrospectively endorses the Committee’s newsletter delivery for \$526.00 by the Hutt News in December 2014; and*
- (v) approves the venues for its 2015 Committee meetings as:*

<i>Thursday 12 February</i>	<i>Kelson Community Centre</i>
<i>Thursday 9 April</i>	<i>Maungaraki Community Centre</i>
<i>Thursday 18 June</i>	<i>Manor Park Golf Club</i>
<i>Thursday 10 September</i>	<i>Hardwick Smith Lounge;</i>
<i>Thursday 12 November</i>	<i>Hutt City Church.”</i>

9. **2015 COMMUNITY BOARDS' CONFERENCE** (15/101)

Memorandum dated 28 January 2015 by the Senior Committee Advisor

Ms Wick and Ms Bowmar expressed interest in attending the 2015 Community Boards' Conference.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCC 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;*
- (iii) agrees that Ms Wick and Ms Bowmar expressed interest in attending the 2015 New Zealand Community Boards' Conference; and*
- (iv) requests that preference be given to those Wards and Boards who did not send representatives to the last Community Boards' Conference in 2013."*

10. **CHAIR'S REPORT** (14/1795)

Report No. WCC2015/1/44 by the Member

The Chair elaborated on the report.

11. **TRAINING REPORT** (15/152)

Report No. WCC2015/1/45 by the Chair

The Chair elaborated on the report.

12. **DEPUTY CHAIR'S REPORT** (14/1796)

Report No. WCC2015/1/46 by the Deputy Chair

The Deputy Chair elaborated on the report. Members noted that officers were liaising with the New Zealand Transport Agency regarding the design of safe cycle access for the proposed SH58/SH2 interchange.

13. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.12 pm.

Ms G Berridge
CHAIR

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 9th day of April 2015**