

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next Community Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday 16 June 2015

HUTT CITY COUNCIL

EASTERN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Report of a meeting held in the Epuni School, 313 Waiwhetu Road, Lower Hutt on
Tuesday 7 April 2015 commencing at 6.30pm

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

APOLOGIES: Cr Branch

NON ATTENDANCE: Mrs R Carpenter

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms M Laban, Community Projects and Relationship Manager
Mr B Hodgins, Divisional Manager, Parks and Gardens (part meeting)
Mr J Middleton, Contracts Manager Civil, Road and Traffic (part meeting)
Mrs A Doornebosch, Committee Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED: **Minute No. ECC 15201**

"That the apology from Cr Branch be accepted and leave of absence be granted."

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

RESOLVED: **Minute No. ECC 15202**

"That in accordance with Standing Order 25.5 precedence be accorded to item 8 a – Naenae Valley Floor Review."

This item is recorded in the order in which it is listed on the order paper.

3. PRESENTATIONS

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

Cr Lamason noted from the last Committee meeting that Kiwi Rail was allocating high priority to the bollard suggestion for the Silverstream Bridge to mitigate trucks hitting the bridge in future. She highlighted that community consultation for the Hutt City Centre Upgrade Project would commence in late June 2015. She said the Melling Gateway Business Plan due in April 2015 would request the New Zealand Transport Authority bring forward the upgrade of the Melling Bridge. She further highlighted that the GWRC Long Term Plan and Annual Plan submission processes were due to close on 20 April 2015 and encouraged submissions from the community.

In response to questions from members, Cr Lamason advised the bus stop signs from the deleted bus stops in Judd Crescent would be removed in the near future. She further noted most alterations to bus services were not planned to occur until 2016/17. She advised that the bus service to Hutt Hospital now travelled via Queensgate, and the public could use one ticket for the entire journey. She elaborated that the Hutt River Trail was designed to provide for leisure cycling, not commuter cycling. Members noted that if barriers along the Trail were removed, this would create a track for trail bikes, causing safety issues.

b) **Presentation by Representative from New Zealand Police**

Constable Malcolm Pilkington noted that the Police had been working with Naenae Library officers regarding youth gathering outside the library. He advised that the Police now patrol the area every day after school, and had moved the young people away to the larger area in Hilary Court. He further noted they had seen some improvement in behaviour and had been working with Council officers to improve lighting in the area.

In response to questions from members, Constable Pilkington advised that the Police had asked Naenae Library officers to encourage the teenagers to use the library facilities, and suggested the installation of a free WiFi sign. He noted the young people had requested free WiFi and a meeting place, and that most were students from Naenae College.

The Community Projects and Relationship Manager advised young people in the community wanted a safe place to gather with friends, and noted a suggestion to erect a roof for them to gather near the Salvation Army shop in Hilary Court.

Constable Pilkington advised that officers had initiated meetings to discuss issues around the Naenae Recycling Centre. As a result new signage was now being designed with clear advice regarding the consequences for illegal dumping.

The Contracts Manager Civil advised that a CCTV camera would be installed once officers had liaised with the Naenae Hotel building owner. He further noted the contracted cleaner was now providing a daily service.

Mr Peter Simm, Area Manager of Waste Management Limited noted that site visits were now being conducted three times a day instead of two and Waste Management Limited representatives were continuing to liaise with Council officers. In response to questions from members, Mr Simm advised he could arrange for the bins to be rearranged so the yellow bins which were not as noisy, would be nearer the accommodation, and Waste Management Limited would try and line the bottom of the glass recycle bins to minimise noise. He further noted they anticipated holding an open day for the public, likely to be held on a weekend.

In response to questions from members, Mr Simm advised he would discuss rubbish being left at the clothing recycling bins nearby with the contractors and try and improve the site.

In response to questions from members, the Contracts Manager Civil advised he would follow up with officers regarding an update on residents dumping household waste in public rubbish bins.

4. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

5. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECC 15203

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Eastern Community Committee held on Tuesday, 10 February 2015, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

6. **COMMITTEE ADVISOR'S REPORT** (15/274)

Report No. ECC2015/2/15 (2) by the Committee Advisor

The Committee Advisor elaborated on the report.

Members noted the Daisy Chain had now been installed, although not in the best available position at the Waterloo Plunket Rooms. The Committee Advisor undertook to follow this up with officers and report back.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECC 15204

"That the Committee:

- (i) retrospectively approves the Committee's submission to the Local Government Commission regarding the Wellington Amalgamation Proposal attached as Appendix 1 to the report; and*
- (ii) provides retrospective approval for the purchase of flowers for the Chair, Mr Heslin, at a cost of \$65."*

7. **CHAIR'S REPORT - APRIL 2015** (15/258)

Report No. ECC2015/2/71 (2) by the Chair

Speaking under public comment **Ms Heather Robb** agreed with the safety concerns in the Chair's Report regarding bus stops in the Eastern Ward. She highlighted she often saw one bus pulled in at a bus stop with a second bus behind with the back half extending out onto the road. She further advised that bus stops at Waterloo Station were often used by motorists as set down areas, blocking access for buses. Members noted there was a set down area across the road from Waterloo Station. The Chair advised he had highlighted the issues to officers and Greater Wellington Regional Council and would continue to pursue the matter.

The Chair elaborated on the report. He noted his request to Council regarding emergency water tanks for Council owned buildings. He further advised that he would follow up with local businesses to see if they supported the initiation of 30 minute time restricted parks outside the Super Saver Store in Naenae. Members asked that the Committee Advisor include this as an item on the agenda for the next Committee meeting on 16 June 2015.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECC 15205

"That the report be noted and received."

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

a) Naenae - Valley Floor Review (15/538)

Memorandum dated 30 March 2015 by the Divisional Manager, Parks and Gardens

The Divisional Manager, Parks and Gardens advised this Review was part of the Valley Floor Review to create and enhance a network of reserves throughout the Hutt Valley. He noted a major influence of this Review included what the city's future requirements would be out to 30 years and advised that Naenae had a good layout of reserves which were evenly spaced around the suburb. He elaborated that any decisions regarding the releasing of reserve land for sale would need to be considered while looking at the long term view. He advised that it was the officers intention to report the submissions to Council in June 2015.

In response to questions, the Divisional Manager Parks and Gardens advised the remainder of the reserves in the Eastern Ward were not included in the review as it was decided to conduct the review on an area by area basis. He further elaborated that a separate review for the rest of the Eastern Ward would be reported to the Policy and Regulatory Committee meeting to be held on 28 April 2015. He highlighted the ongoing trend for free recreation rather than organised sportsgrounds and noted that suggested changes in the Review such as new walkways had not yet been budgeted for.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECC 15206

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

b) Transport (15/259)

Members agreed to make a submission to Council's Long Term Plan currently being consulted on. Mr Ellis requested members send him their suggested priorities and he would develop a submission and circulate to members.

Cr Bridson asked the Committee Advisor to check whether members could attend the Community Facilities Trust briefing regarding the Regional Bowls Centre. She further noted that the District Plan Transport Chapter was currently being reviewed, as a result of a recent decision made by the Policy and Regulatory Committee.

c) **Recreation** (15/260)

To be reported at a later date.

d) **Environment** (15/261)

To be reported at a later date.

e) **Infrastructure and Services** (15/262)

The Chair advised he continued to receive excellent support from officers and the Naenae Recycling Centre was a good example.

f) **Youth** (15/263)

To be reported at a later date.

g) **Older People** (15/265)

The Chair noted that he met with representatives from Wesleyhaven Hospital once a month and that central government organisations involved were very supportive. He advised that there was a lot of support for the elderly in the community but many of these residents did not know where to access support. He considered officers needed to develop more ways to communicate these services to the community.

h) **Keep Hutt City Beautiful** (15/266)

Ms Willing advised the Plant Hutt City Beautiful week would be held at the end of term three with the intent to attract more bees in home gardens. Planning meetings were currently being held and planting would take place until late winter/early spring. Ms Willing noted officers recently participated in the Graffiti Free Week promotion, and they were still looking for volunteers to 'adopt a spot'.

She noted the 2015 Awards criteria had been published and applications could be found on the Keep New Zealand Beautiful website: http://knzb.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c5efb7ca2f3a08dd06603b66c&t_id=2c33c0fe20&e=33641d46e6. Applications close on 23 July 2015.

9. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

a) Naenae Menz Shed (15/268)

To be reported at a later date.

b) Team Naenae (15/269)

Cr Bridson advised that the Breakfast Club had slowed during the month and they had also lost two volunteers. She noted the community garden was going well and they were now donating produce to the Naenae foodbank each week. Members noted the foodbank operated out of Naenae Hall every Thursday morning. Cr Bridson advised that the Blue Water Disco would be held on 16 May 2015, the Walk it Out event would be held on 15 April 2015, and a school holiday programme would be held during the second week of the school holidays. Cr Bridson noted Team Naenae were actively promoting a vegetable co-operative operating from St Andrews Church selling fruit and vegetables for \$10 per bag.

c) Epuni Care and Protection Unit (15/270)

Mr Ellis advised the scheduled meeting with the Epuni Residence did not go ahead and that the next one was scheduled for May 2015.

d) Community Patrols Governance (15/271)

As noted in the Chair's Report above.

e) Neighbourhood Policing Team (15/272)

To be reported at a later date.

f) Friends of Waiwhetu Stream (15/273)

Mr Ellis advised the first meeting for the month would be held the following week, and would be reported at a later date.

10. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

Mr E Heslin
CHAIR

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 16th day of June 2015**