

HUTT CITY COUNCIL**NORTHERN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a meeting held in the Hutt Union & Community Health Service,
51 Farmer Crescent, Pomare on

Wednesday 8 April 2015 commencing at 5.00pm

PRESENT:

Ms L Sutton

Mr F Allen (Deputy Chair)

Cr G McDonald

Ms D Awarau (Chair)

Cr A Finlayson

Mr G KcKenna

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms M Laban, Community Projects and Relationship Manager

Mr J Ballantyne, City Safety Manager (part meeting)

Ms K Glanville, Senior Committee Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. PRESENTATIONS**a) Presentation by Local Councillor from Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC)**

Cr Ken Laban noted that the amalgamation debate had been an ongoing matter.

Cr Finlayson thanked Cr Laban for his work in progressing the additional car parking spaces at the Pomare Station.

b) **Presentation by the New Zealand Police**

Community Constable Stu Blake advised that there was currently an issue with a group of youths in Stokes Valley. He noted that the group of about 15 were predominantly aged between 10-12 years of age and were drinking, planning organised fights and begging in Scott Court. He confirmed that Police were directing the youth through Child, Youth and Family services.

In response to a question from a member, Community Constable Blake confirmed that this was a cyclical issue that occurred in the Stokes Valley area.

In response to questions from members, the City Safety Manager advised that there were four Safe City Ambassadors in the city. He noted two were permanently stationed in the CBD and the other two travelled around the city as required. He confirmed that the Safe City Ambassadors would increase their presence in Stokes Valley due to the identified youth issue. He further advised that there was limited resources to cover the city-wide area.

The Community Projects and Relationship Manager advised that she would discuss the youth issue in Stokes Valley with other officers.

c) **Presentation about Hutt City Council's Community Safety Camera Network**

The City Safety Manager, Community Services advised that an upgrade of the camera and connectivity network had commenced. He noted that the upgraded internet connectivity network would improve the quality of pictures and reduce data degradation. He said other upgrades included an increased number of monitors and larger work space in the police station, increased storage capability, and the replacement of the technical hardware. He further advised that the next stage was to upgrade the main camera hubs i.e. Naenae, Taita, Wainuiomata and Stokes Valley. He noted that the Stokes Valley camera upgrade would commence once the concept design for the community hub had been finalised. He further noted the need to increase the pool of operators who monitored the cameras. He commented that new signs would be installed in the CCTV areas once each hub area was upgraded.

In response to a question from a member, the City Safety Manager advised that footage was stored for three months.

d) **Presentation by the General Manager, Community Services**

The Community Projects and Relationship Manager provided an update about Council projects in the city, in particular the NorthEast area: Stokes Valley hub consultation noting that the three main overarching themes were youth, safety and Scott Court and the Taita Sport and Community. She highlighted a number of Council projects including the Pathways project and a partnership with a number of schools to assist youth to access digital literacy and access to resources. She asked that members remind the community to submit names for the Walter Nash Stadium.

In response to questions from members, the Community Projects and Relationship Manager said she would follow up on why members were not being invited to community events and openings.

4. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

5. **MINUTES**

Members noted that under item 11 Members' Update the reference to 'Horokiwa Reserve' should read 'Horoeka Reserve'.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 15201

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Northern Community Committee held on Wednesday, 11 February 2015, be confirmed as a true and correct record, subject to the amendment under item 11 Members' Update to read 'Horoeka Reserve.'"

6. **COMMITTEE ADVISOR'S REPORT** (15/513)

Report No. NCC2015/2/89 by the Senior Committee Advisor

The Senior Committee Advisor elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 15202

"That the Committee endorses Ms Sutton's upcoming attendance at the New Zealand Community Boards Conference 2015, at a cost to be determined."

7. **CHAIR'S REPORT** (15/514)

Report No. NCC2015/2/90 by the Chair

The Chair elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 15203

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

8. **MEMBERS' UPDATES**

Cr Finlayson provided an update on the following: the concept for the Stokes Valley Hub; work on the entrance of the Horoeka Street Reserve, the Wagon Road 'Fitness Station'; the Pomare Station car park; the Shaftesbury Grove Development; and the Taita Sports and Community Hub.

Cr McDonald advised that 75 people attended the Baring Head 4WD event. She noted that she had attended the Horoeka Reserve opening, Children's Day and the Blue Light Disco organised by the Stokes Valley Community House and the Tumeke Taita Summer Festival. She said she was working with the Glen Road Home to gain wheelchair access outside the home. She further advised that the Koraunui Marae' celebration of 30 years was next year in 2016.

Ms Sutton provided an update on the Wagon Road fitness station. She advised that Council's Reserves Assets Manager had sent through plans and costings for the fitness station. She noted that a possible partnership and funding would be investigated.

9. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

a) **Avalon/Taita - Valley Floor Review** (15/525)

Memorandum dated 27 March 2015 by the Senior Committee Advisor

Members noted the apology from the Divisional Manager, Parks and Gardens and asked that he make contact with members to discuss the report.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 15204

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

10. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**a) Keep Hutt City Beautiful (15/516)**

Ms Sutton advised that a meeting was to be held next week to discuss how to plant the city beautiful.

Mr McKenna advised that the Keep Hutt City Beautiful meetings clashed with other meetings he attended. He asked that he be removed as a representative for the organisation.

RESOLVED:**Minute No. NCC 15205**

"That the Committee agrees that Mr G McKenna be removed as a representative to the Keep Hutt City Beautiful."

b) Pomare Community House (15/517)

The Chair advised that the house had a strategic planning meeting and was considering relocating elsewhere in the community.

c) Stokes Valley Community House (15/518)

Cr McDonald advised that Children's Day and an indoor bowling event was planned for youth in the area. She noted that the fountain outside the building was progressing.

d) Taita Community House (15/519)

The Chair advised that a merger between the Pomare and Taita Community Houses was being discussed due to the resignation of the Taita Community House Coordinator.

e) Youth Participation Portfolio (15/520)

Mr McKenna advised that the Hutt Valley Youth Guarantee Programme had not progressed and that the Youth Vocational Pathway would commence in Term 2 after being placed on hold.

f) **Environmental Portfolio** (15/521)

Mr Allen advised that there was no new information to report.

11. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.55 pm.

Ms D Awarau
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 17th day of June 2015