

HUTT CITY COUNCILWAINUIOMATA COMMUNITY BOARD

Minutes of a meeting held in the Wainuiomata Chambers, Wainuiomata Library,
Queen Street, Wainuiomata on
Wednesday 1 April 2015 commencing at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Cr C Barry Ms H Robb
Mr R Sinnott Mr T Stallworth (Chair)
Cr M Willard Ms R Workman

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Mr J Briggs and Mr K Dickson

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr L Earl, Traffic Assets Manager (part meeting)
Mrs A Doornebosch, Committee Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS**1. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR**

RESOLVED: Minute No. WCB 15201

"That in terms of Standing Order 3.2, Mr Terry Stallworth be elected Chair of the Wainuiomata Community Board for this meeting only in the absence of the Chair, Mr Dickson and the Deputy Chair, Mr Briggs."

2. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED: Minute No. WCB 15202

"That the apologies received from Mr K Dickson and Mr J Briggs be accepted and leave of absence be granted."

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

RESOLVED: Minute No. WCB 15203

"That Standing Order 38.2 be suspended to allow Mr Bill Voisey to speak on an item not on the

Agenda."

Speaking under public comment **Mr Bill Voisey, representing the Coast Road Residents Association** expressed concern with problems in the Wainuiomata River. He advised that in 1999/2000 permission was granted to allow logging in the Rimutaka Forest Park. In 2004/2005 there was a rainfall event which destroyed much of the Forest Park, and as a result the Catchpool Stream had now changed direction and some parts were now much wider and shallow. He considered that trout could not now easily access egg grounds for breeding. He noted that parts of the river banks were now four metres high, many collapsed with heavy rain and a large amount of tree debris from the 2004 rainfall fell into the river. He advised he had contacted Greater Wellington Regional Council, Cr Fran Wilde and the Hon Roger McClay and had also lodged a submission to the Office of the Ombudsman, with no success. He requested the Board inspect the river and take up the matter to ensure future trout stock numbers were sustained.

In response to questions from members, Mr Voisey advised three or four other Coast Road Residents Association members had also written to the Ombudsman. He further noted that the Residents Association had been advised that they were required to obtain resource consent to initiate the changes. He noted that the best way to remedy the problem would be to request the Department of Conservation clear the tree debris from the hillsides and form a new river channel.

4. PRESENTATIONS

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

There was no representation from the Greater Wellington Regional Council.

b) Presentation by Representative from New Zealand Police

There was no representation from the Police.

c) **Presentation from the Rangitahi Learning Centre, Wainuiomata**

Ms Trish Morgan introduced students from the Rangitahi Learning Centre. She advised Mr Ranga Tuhi was leading its current community art project. This project consisted of a group of five students developing a mural on a fence outside the Whaioranga O Te Iwi Health Centre in a section of panels.

Mr Tuhi noted that the students were developing concept designs after researching the history of Wainuiomata. He further advised that the proposed location was frequently tagged with graffiti.

Each of the students presented their designs which focussed on sustainability and environmental issues, historical aspects from Wainuiomata including old mill and farming machinery, and geographical and community influences.

Ms Morgan noted that the theme for the mural was "Our Place to Be" and there would be a plaque included which would provide explanations for the designs. She requested support from the Board for this work and confirmation that the design was appropriate.

In response to questions from members, Ms Morgan advised the opening date was planned for the second week in May 2015.

Members thanked the students for their presentation and noted they fully supported the project. They highlighted its importance in connecting, caring and supporting the community. Members looked forward to viewing the completed mural.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCB 15204

"That the Board:

- (i) *supports the Rangitahi Learning Centre and the completion of the mural behind the Whaioranga O Te Iwi Medical Centre; and*
- (ii) *asks that the Chair keep in contact and provide support to the students of the Rangitahi Learning Centre while completing the mural."*

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCB 15205

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Wainuiomata Community Board held on Wednesday, 4 February 2015, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

7. **REPORTS REFERRED FOR COMMITTEE INPUT BEFORE BEING CONSIDERED BY STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL**

a) **Willis Grove - Proposed Broken Yellow No Stopping At All Times Restrictions**
(15/464)

Report No. WCB2015/2/74 (2) by the Traffic Engineer

The Traffic Assets Manager elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Traffic Assets Manager advised he would ask that Council's Road Maintenance Division enquire if the older yellow lines on the straight portion of Willis Grove, Wainuiomata could be repainted to ensure the community was aware these were still valid.

He further advised the query from a resident that the yellow lines would prevent an ambulance parking on residents driveways had been a misunderstanding and was now resolved.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCB 15206

"That the recommendations contained in the report be endorsed."

b) **Queen Street - Proposed Mobility Parking Restrictions** (15/465)

Report No. WCB2015/2/75 (2) by the Traffic Engineer

The Traffic Assets Manager elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Traffic Assets Manager advised the new mobility park was extra long to provide a safe exit facility for wheelchairs. He further advised they had been requested to relocate the park and if there was support to retain the original park across the road as well, this could be arranged. He further noted that time limit restrictions for mobility parks could be determined on a case by case basis.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCB 15207

"That the Board requests that Council:

- (i) retains the angled Mobility Parking Restriction space in Queen Street, Wainuiomata in addition to the new parallel park; and*
- (ii) approves 11 metres of parallel P120 Mobility Parking Restriction space in Queen Street, Wainuiomata attached as Appendix 1 to the report."*

8. **REVISED WAINUIOMATA COMMUNITY RESPONSE PLAN** (15/501)

Memorandum dated 26 March 2015 by the Wellington Region Emergency Management Office

The Chair elaborated on the report. He noted this was a revision of the original Community Response Plan established three years ago. He highlighted that the main focus of the review was to ensure stakeholder details were accurate and current, and noted a central Civil Defence Centre for Wainuiomata had now been established.

The Chair signed the Revised Response Plan on behalf of the Board and advised he would arrange signatures from the Wainuiomata Fire Service and the Local Controller.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCB 15208

"That the Board adopts the Revised Wainuiomata Community Response Plan, March 2015 Version 2.0 (First Review) attached as Appendix 1 to the memorandum."

9. **COMMITTEE ADVISOR'S REPORT** (15/234)

Report No. WCB2015/2/13 (2) by the Committee Advisor

The Committee Advisor elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCB 15209

"That the Board:

- (i) retrospectively approves the Board's submission to the Local Government Commission regarding the Wellington Amalgamation Proposal; and*
- (ii) endorses Mr Karl Dickson's upcoming attendance at the New Zealand Community Boards Conference 2015, at a cost to be determined."*

10. **CHAIR'S REPORT** (15/235)

Report No. WCB2015/2/65 (2) by the Chair

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Mike Grigg** advised he supported the Board's submission to the Local Government Commission regarding the Wellington Amalgamation proposal. Mr Grigg elaborated that he would like to see law changes and a review of the Greater Wellington Regional Council. He tabled three historical documents attached as pages seven to nine relating to local government reform, the Local Government Reform Working Party and remit proposals which were submitted to the Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting in 2014. He noted two of these remits were accepted and asked for the Board's support to these remits. He further requested these documents be presented to the Local Government New Zealand Conference in July 2015.

The Board agreed to provide consultation opportunities for the community for the Long Term Plan, on 11 and 18 April 2015 in the Wainuiomata Library.

Members noted the reference in the Chair's Report to Development Wainuiomata should read the Wainuiomata Development Plan Group.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCB 15210

"That the report be received."

Attachments

- A Local Government NZ AGM 2014 Remit Proposals (pg7)
- B Press Statement Mark Blumsky 21 September 2006 (pg8)
- C Local Government Reform Working Party letter Hon Louise Upston 5 February 2015 (pg9)

11. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.23 pm.

Mr T Stallworth
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 10th day of June 2015

Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting

Remit Proposals – Reorganisation of Local Authorities

Background

Many communities are at imminent risk of having their preferred local governance arrangements removed against the wishes of a majority. This is contrary to the position publically expressed by the prime minister and senior ministers of government.

The Local Government Commission (LGC) has a preferred model that it is rolling out around the country without being required to subject its proposals to a robust cost-benefit analysis.

The LGC is not subject to normal standards of transparency and accountability by being subject to the Official Information Act.

Remits

1. That Local Government New Zealand promptly forms and then maintains a comprehensive policy position in relation to legislation and process governing the reorganisation of local authorities.
2. That the policy position taken be based on the following principles:
 - a. The current legislation and its application are fundamentally flawed and need to change so that:
 - i. No reorganisation can occur against the wishes of a majority of potential voters within the boundaries of any substantially affected council;
 - ii. Independent expert evidence is required to demonstrate that any amalgamation proposal by the LGC has benefits that substantially exceed the costs;
 - iii. The LGC be subject to the Official Information Act.
 - b. All current and potential amalgamation proposals be postponed until:
 - i. The above legislation amendment occurs;
 - ii. The lessons learned from Auckland are comprehensively assessed, including a full analysis of the costs of transition, and reflected in future structural decisions.
3. That advocating for the above policy position be the most urgent priority for Local Government New Zealand.

Mark Blumsky, National MP

21 September 2006

Blumsky looking to give Wellingtonians a say on local government reform

Wellington National MP Mark Blumsky is looking to lodge a private member's bill which would allow Wellingtonians to decide the future structure of their local government.

"The bill would set up a taskforce which would develop a plan to reform local government in the Wellington region. That plan would then be put to a referendum during the 2007 local body elections. I've taken the blueprint for local consultation established by my colleague John Key's bill for Auckland and applied it to Wellington," says Mr Blumsky.

"Wellington faces many similar problems including transport, infrastructure and rising rates. The Government is not addressing these issues, and local government is struggling too. Ratepayer anger is rising and it is only right that Wellingtonians have the final say on the future of their region. This bill will let them do that," he says.

"I have been consistently calling for the consideration of local body amalgamation and restructuring since 1998. There is growing recognition among politicians, businesses and ratepayers that this debate has to be had soon. It is best to do it through an open and accountable taskforce and referendum process. The secret mayoral meetings in Auckland have provoked a backlash which threatens to obscure the issues," says Mr Blumsky.

"When lodged, I hope my Wellington Local Government Reform Bill is drawn quickly from the ballot. Ideally, it would be passed so the taskforce would have enough time to do a proper job on the recommendations and have them in place in time for the next local body elections. I would be keen for them to examine the concept of a single council operating above a network of neighbourhood committees. That seems to be an exciting initiative which is working well overseas," he says.

"Whatever the result, this should be a Wellington decision. Wellington must lead the way with big city reform," says Mr Blumsky.

Ends

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Dear Michael Grigg

Thank you for your recent email to Hon Paula Bennett about local government reorganisation. I am replying as this issue relates to my responsibilities as Associate Minister of Local Government.

I note your concerns that the Local Government Reform Working Party considered potential options for governance in the Wellington region which were not provided for by the Local Government Act 2002 at the time. Councils and other groups are entitled to plan for any potential legislative amendments that may affect them, as long as changes are not implemented until they are allowed by law. I understand that the aim of the working party, which comprised a number of councils in the Wellington region, was to consider options for governance in the region with the view of submitting a proposal for reorganisation to the Local Government Commission (the Commission).

I appreciate that you have strong feelings about local government reorganisation in the Wellington area. As you are aware, on 4 December 2014 the Commission announced a draft proposal for a Greater Wellington Council and public submissions are now being sought. I encourage you to make your views known to the Commission through this process which is open until 2 March 2015. You can find a submission form on the Commission's website at www.lgc.govt.nz.

Finally, I note your comments about the timing for requesting public submissions on the Commission's draft proposal. The Commission is an independent statutory body and it is not appropriate for Ministers to intervene in its decisions. It is responsible for making its own decisions, including those about when submissions on reorganisation proposals will be sought. I note you have raised your concerns about the timing with the Commission, which is the appropriate course of action for raising your concerns.

Thank you again for writing. I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely

Hon Louise Upston
Associate Minister of Local Government