

HUTT CITY COUNCIL**WESTERN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

Report of a meeting held in the Maungaraki Community Centre, 135 Dowse Drive,
Maungaraki on

Thursday 9 April 2015 commencing at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Ms M Bowmar Ms G Berridge (Chair)
Mrs K Wick Cr MJ Cousins
Cr M Shierlaw Mr P Matcham (Deputy Chair)

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms V Coull, Senior Environmental Health Officer (part meeting)
Mr R Govinda, Manager Environmental Inspections (part meeting)
Mr L Earl, Traffic Assets Manager (part meeting)
Ms S Haniel, Committee Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

3. PRESENTATIONS

a) Chorus Presentation - Deployment of Broadband

Ms J Seddon, Community Relations Advisor representing Chorus, advised that ultrafast fibre optic cabling was being rolled out in Hutt City over the next few years. She distributed maps of the planned build to members and further advised that they were also available on Chorus's website. She said that residents were notified of cabling going into their area three weeks prior to installation. She further said that the murals painted on the existing telephone cabinet boxes had been done with community input and had reduced graffiti on those boxes.

In response to questions from members, Ms Seddon said that when reinstating roads and footpaths, Chorus would make the area safe immediately, however the time frame for full reinstatement could take as long as a month.

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

Apologies were received from Cr Greig from GWRC.

The Chair elaborated on the report.

Members noted that passengers at Melling Station still had no shelter from the weather. They further noted that they had raised this matter at their meeting in November 2014, and reiterated their request that GWRC provide a temporary shelter for commuters until the new train buffer was constructed.

c) Presentation by NZ Police

There was no presentation by the Police.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Cr Cousins declared a conflict of interest in item 6 a) 76 Pharzyn Street – Proposed No Stopping At All Times Restrictions, and item 6 b) Bridge Street – Proposed P180 Parking And No Stopping At All Times Restrictions. She took no part in discussion or voting on the matters.

PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCC 15201

"That in terms of Standing Order 25.5, precedence be accorded to items 6 and 10 dealing with 76 Pharazyn Street – Proposed No Stopping At All Times Restriction, Bridge Street – Proposed P180 parking and No Stopping At All times Restrictions, and Noise Issues Around the Station Village Special Commercial Activity Area."

These items are recorded in the order in which they are listed on the order paper.

5. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCC 15202

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Western Community Committee held on Thursday, 12 February 2015, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

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

a) **76 Pharazyn Street - Proposed No Stopping At All Times Restriction** (15/497)

Report No. WCC2015/2/118 by the Traffic Engineer

Cr Cousins declared a conflict of interest in 76 Pharazyn Street - Proposed No Stopping At All Times Restrictions and took no part in discussion or voting on the matter.

The Traffic Assets Manager elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCC 15203

"That the Committee endorses the recommendation contained in the report."

Cr Shierlaw abstained from voting on the above matter.

b) **Bridge Street - Proposed P180 Parking And No Stopping At All Times Restrictions** (15/498)

Report No. WCC2015/2/119 by the Senior Traffic Engineer

Cr Cousins declared a conflict of interest in Bridge Street - Proposed P180 Parking And No Stopping At All Times Restrictions and took no part in discussion or voting on the matter.

The Traffic Assets Manager elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Traffic Assets Manager said that the residents who were directly affected had good driveway access for residential parking, and that businesses had not been consulted on the proposal. He further said that during consultation, officers had considered that out of about 200 all day parks available for businesses, only five had been affected by the proposed parking restrictions. Therefore there were many all day parks within walking distance of work and employees would not be significantly affected by the proposal.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCC 15204

"That the Committee endorses the recommendations contained in the report."

Cr Shierlaw abstained from voting on the above matter.

CHAIR'S REPORT (15/361)

7. Report No. WCC2015/2/99 by the Member

Speaking under public comment, **Mr A Ward**, representing the **Walkies Volunteer Group**, said that he was part of a volunteer group which met and walked dogs together, between six to 28 dogs, in the off-leash area along the Hutt River between Melling and Belmont School. He said there had been instances where dogs had taken off and the owners had not been in control. He added that this was a particular problem where State Highway 2 was close to the path. He further added that his group was very thankful for the litter bags and dog poo bins which Council had provided.

In response to questions from member, Mr Ward said that he supported the officers proposed planting scheme in the affected areas and believed that it would be effective if there were sufficient plants. He added that an eight foot solid fence would give more security and that a temporary fence would help provide a barrier while the plants grew.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms C Therkleson** said that she supported Mr Ward's comments. She said that she had personally experienced dogs wandering around on State Highway 2 and fortunately no accidents had arisen.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr J Price** said that he had helped to set up the Walkies Volunteer Group and supported Mr Ward's comments. He added that they enjoyed the off-lead area, however, there were rabbits in the area which dogs would chase and for this reason, a physical fence along the exposed areas would be his preferred option. He further said that car break-ins were a particular concern for the Walkies Volunteer Group which used social networking to form meets and asked if a CCTV could be provided at the Belmont School end of the river path.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms A Collard**, representing **Small Dog Socials** and the **Wellington Beagle Club** said that for Small Dog Socials, approximately 50 dog owners met once per month to walk their dogs. She said that this group did not use the dog walking area along the Hutt River because it was not fenced. However, she said the group would support a fully enclosed dog walking area which had appropriate fencing to keep small dogs in, especially if it was located in a safe area of the city. She added that such areas were great, especially if they had activities such as tunnels for the dogs, and noted that Levin had a successful dog park.

Members noted that the Lower Hutt Community Facebook page had received a lot of support for a fenced walking area for dogs.

The Chair elaborated on the report.

Members noted that there was no bike parking in Alectown and queried whether there was any in Kelson. They considered that both of the suburbs should have provision for cyclists to park and lock their bikes.

RESOLVED:**Minute No. WCC 15205**

"That the report be received."

8. **COMMITTEE ADVISOR'S REPORT** (15/360)

Report No. WCC2015/2/18 by the Committee Advisor

The Chair elaborated on the report.

Members noted that officers would monitor the current cleaning service of the public toilet on Montague Street, and that no additional service was planned. Ms Bowmar said that, on occasion, the toilet had been too dirty to use. Members considered that users should notify officers when this occurred. Members further noted that users of Victoria Park had been known to use the bushes to go to the toilet, and that funding for a public toilet would have to go through the annual plan process.

Members considered that signage for the Belmont School subway should go on the school side. They further considered that some items in the Western Community Committee Tour would need to go through the annual plan process for funding, such as a snakes and ladders playground and dog fencing between Belmont School and Melling.

Members requested that the Committee be informed of the proposed SH2/SH58 interchange timetable.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCC 15206

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

9. WESTERN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE SUBMISSIONS (15/506)

Memorandum dated 26 March 2015 by the Committee Advisor

The Chair elaborated on the memorandum. She thanked Ms Bowmar and Ms Wick for presenting the verbal submission with her to the Local Government Commission New Zealand.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCC 15207

"That the Committee:

- (i) notes that its submission in respect of the Local Government Commission New Zealand requires retrospective endorsement;*
- (ii) endorses its submission attached as Appendix 1 to the memorandum;*
- (iii) notes that its submission in respect of the Regional Land Transport Plan requires retrospective endorsement; and*
- (iv) endorses its submission attached as Appendix 2 to the memorandum."*

10. INFORMATION ITEM**Noise Issues Around the Station Village Special Commercial Activity Area**
(15/536)

Memorandum dated 27 March 2015 by the Senior Health Officer

The Senior Environmental Health Officer elaborated on the memorandum.

In response to questions from members, the Senior Environmental Health Officer advised that decibels were measured because this was the measure stipulated in Lower Hutt's District Plan. She further advised that bass levels and the genre of music were factors for residents around Station Village. She added that the Bellevue Hotel had an additional clause in Lower Hutt's District Plan regarding bass noise limits.

Cr Shierlaw expressed interest in similar technical data on the noise issues around the Bellevue Hotel.

Members noted that some residents enjoyed the music and would go outside to hear it more clearly when there were concert nights. They further noted that the noise pressure had been within the required limits and also that officers had contacted the Minister of the Environment about noise issues. Members thanked officers on the thoroughness of the report.

RESOLVED:**Minute No. WCC 15208**

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

11. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.37 pm.

Ms G Berridge
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 18th day of June 2015