

HUTT CITY COUNCILCOMMUNITY PLAN COMMITTEE

Report of a meeting held in the Anzac Room, Petone Working Men's Club,  
47 Udy Street, Petone on  
Tuesday 19 May 2015 commencing at 10.00am and reconvening on  
Wednesday 20 May 2015 commencing at 9.30am

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PRESENT:

Mayor WR Wallace (Chair)	
Deputy Mayor D Bassett	Cr C Barry
Cr B Branch	Cr L Bridson
Cr MJ Cousins (part meeting)	Cr A Finlayson
Cr T Lewis	Cr M Lulich
Cr G McDonald	Cr C Milne
Cr M Shierlaw (part meeting)	Cr M Willard

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Crs Cousins and Shierlaw for lateness on Tuesday 19 May 2015 and for absence from Cr Cousins on Wednesday 20 May 2015.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr T Stallinger, Chief Executive  
Ms K Kelly, General Manager, Strategic Services  
Mr B Sherlock, General Manager, City Infrastructure (part meeting)  
Ms J Raffills, General Manager, Governance and Regulatory (part meeting)  
Mr M Reid, General Manager, Community Services (part meeting)  
Mr P Blacker, Chief Financial Officer (part meeting)  
Mr B Monaghan, Divisional Manager City Promotions (part meeting)  
Mr G Craig, Divisional Manager, City Development (part meeting)  
Mr J Lamb, Visitor Market Development Manager, City Development (part meeting)  
Mr S Keatley, Community Facilities Manager (part meeting)  
Mr J Ballantyne, City Safety Manager (part meeting)  
Ms E McCleary, Senior Communications and Marketing Advisor (part meeting)  
Ms S Moore, Assistant Corporate Planner, Strategy and Planning  
Mrs J Randall, Administrative Support Officer, Strategy and Planning (part meeting)  
Mrs H Clegg, Minute Taker (part meeting)  
Mrs A Doornebosche, Committee Advisor (part meeting)

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**1. APOLOGIES**

**RESOLVED:**

**Minute No. CPC 15201**

*"That the apologies received from Cr MJ Cousins and Cr M Shierlaw for lateness on Tuesday 19 May 2015, and from Cr Cousins on Wednesday 20 May 2015, be accepted and leave of absence be granted."*

**2. HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS ON THE DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN (15/767)**

**Tuesday 19 May 2015**

**Ms Claire Allan, Seaview Working Group** presented submission DAP 15/475. She advised that the Port Road side of the river mouth had no protection. She said that while Greater Wellington Regional Council had bank protection work scheduled, the work was required now before infrastructure and utility services were lost due to further erosion.

In response to a question from a member, Ms Allan said she welcomed Mayor Wallace's suggestion that Councillors meet with the Working Group in Seaview in the near future.

**Mr David Ogden** presented submission DAP 15/588. He asked that cycleways be given a higher priority. He urged Council to be mindful of project cost overruns.

In response to questions from members, Mr Ogden stated he did not support the spend on the Council Administration Building. He said that community facilities should be prioritised for upgrading.

**Ms Kasia Waldergrave** presented submission DAP 15/652. She asked that exercise equipment for seniors be provided in playgrounds. She considered that the drainage throughout the City required improvement.

**Mr Jonny Wilson, Goodtime Music Academy** presented submission DAP 15/667.

In response to questions from members, Mr Wilson advised that the Goodtime Music Academy had not received Council funding in the past. He said that the age of children targeted for the mentoring programme was Years 5 to 8.

**Mr Delwyn Randall** presented submission DAP 15/564. He thanked Council for approving funds for the Whiorau upgrade. He asked that the Eastern Walkway/Cycleway project be given priority.

In response to a question from a member, Mr Randall advised that he was concerned about Council's debt levels.

**Cr Gwen McDonald, on behalf of Mr Allan Webb**, presented submission DAP 15/109.

**Mr John Donnelly, representing Donnelly Marketing**, presented submission DAP 15/574.

**Mr Troy Baisden** presented submission DAP 15/613. He stressed that cycle lanes should be regularly maintained and expanded. He considered that pedestrian walkways received priority over cycleways.

**Mr Pete Matcham, representing the Normandale Residents Society (the Society)**, presented submission DAP 15/546. He said the Society supported investment in the cycleways, but was concerned about the pinch points within the City. He believed roundabouts in the City and the Kennedy-Good Bridge were particularly dangerous for cyclists. He stated that the Society was not in favour of the Melling Bridge project.

In response to questions from members, Mr Matcham believed that there had been no overall survey undertaken of the cycle tracks in the Western Hills. He passed on the Society's thanks to Council officers for the quick clearance of debris on the City's roads following a recent adverse weather event.

**Mr Winston Roberts** presented submission DAP 15/174. He expressed concern with the safety and convenience of commuting out of the City.

**Mrs Ruth O'Grady**, representing Hutt Valley Community Art (HVCA) presented submission DAP 15/533. She said the request for \$35,000 would pay for administration assistance and to maintain HVCA's work in the community.

In response to a question from a member, Mrs O'Grady advised that HVCA had established relationships with other community groups to run holiday programmes for school children.

**Mr Chris Bailey, representing Wainuiomata Trail Project (WTP)**, presented submission DAP 15/299. He explained that 90% of people who used the Wainuiomata Park tracks came from the Wellington region and that the park was increasing in popularity.

The meeting adjourned at 12.20pm and reconvened at 1.00pm.

**Mr Teri Puketapu, representing Seven Lower Hutt Community Maraes**, presented submissions DAP 15/584, 15/669 and 15/164, with support from members of all the Marae within the City. He considered there were inequalities with Council funding toward Maori based funding. He believed that equal funding would provide an extra \$12,000 per Marae. He was supported by the other Marae leaders who stressed the importance of all Marae in the City network. He noted that most work was voluntary. He explained that there was currently \$50,000 set aside for the artesian well and there would need to be a further \$50,000 for the coming year. He said that Marae would contribute, especially for trenching, and had already contributed \$60,000.

Mayor Wallace advised that a tour of all Marae for councillors was on the programme for this year.

**Mr Wirangi Luke, representing Te Runanganui o Taranaki Whanui Ki e Upoko o te Ika a Maui Inc.** presented submission DAP 15/164. He asked that support for Te Ra o te Raukura be considered.

**Mr Robbie Schneider** presented submission SAP 15/280.

**Mr Mark Shanks** presented submission DAP 15/242. He stressed that jobs were a major stumbling block for people with disabilities. He asked that Council consider introducing a Disability Hirage Policy.

In response to a question from a member, Mr Shanks advised that he supported the hydro therapy pool at the Huia Pool.

**Ms Annette Ruck** presented submission DAP 15/542. She asked that the City's parks and reserves be retained and better maintained.

**Ms Leonie Dobbs and Ms Hellen Swales, representing Jackson Street Programme (JSP)**, presented submission DAP 15/528. Ms Dobbs stressed the importance of heritage and the protection of it. She said that the work undertaken by JSP benefitted the City as a whole.

In response to questions from members, Ms Swales said she wanted surveys undertaken with Petone residents to ascertain what they required in their area. She advised that Petone required better parking facilities and agreed that time limited parking could be one option.

In response to questions from members, Ms Dobbs said that the Heritage Policy document should be updated and that discussions with building owners about the cost of bringing buildings up to code needed to continue.

Mayor Wallace noted the importance of a co-ordinated approach in Jackson Street and asked officers to investigate how to progress this.

**Ms Anne Godfrey** presented submission DAP 15/587. She was pleased with the increased level of Council investment in cycling.

**Mr Mike Woods** presented submission DAP 15/557. He suggested that Council ask the Ministry of Health questions concerning the two types of fluoridated water illustrated in the submission.

The meeting adjourned at 3.10pm and resumed at 3.25pm.

**Mr Matt Reid and Tyler, representing the Community Arts and Culture Advisory,** submission DAP 15/666. Tyler spoke about his background with Youth Inspire. He thanked Council for supporting the Connex Programme. Mr Reid advised that the Ministry of Social Development and the Todd Foundation were now providing funding to the programme as a result of Council's involvement. He noted that other business partners included Taylor Prestons, Bruce Buchanans, Pak n Save and Valley Motors.

**Ms Pippa Sanderson, representing the Community Arts and Culture Advisory,** presented submission DAP 15/438.

**Ms Trish Morgan, representing Rangatahi Learning Centre,** presented submission DAP 15/551. She thanked Council for the funding received to date. She stated that it had benefitted students positively.

**Mr Bjorn Johns** presented submission DAP 15/339. He considered that work on the Eastern Bays Cycleway should commence immediately.

In response to a question from a member, Mr Johns considered that funds assigned to the Regional Bowls project could be spent on a project that would benefit more people in the community.

**Ms Diane Greedy and Ms Jill Sutcliffe, representing the Hutt Sister City Foundation,** presented submission DAP 15/338.

In response to a question from a member, Ms Greedy advised that all applicants required financial assistance to varying levels.

**Ms Lorraine Dick, representing the Moera Community House Inc (MCH),** presented submission DAP 15/490. She stated that the adjacent building was still vacant one year on, and it still represented the best place for MCH programmes to occur.

In response to questions from members, Ms Dick advised that the MCH was actively looking for other sources of funding. She said that the grass area was a work in progress. She explained that the adjacent building was a stand-alone building.

**Ms Jan Milne, representing Hutt Valley Tennis**, presented submission DAP15/596.

In response to questions from members, representatives from Hutt Valley Tennis advised that the estimated cost of Stage 1 of the project was \$50,000. They explained that this would cover the design drawings and feasibility options costs. They noted that Hutt Valley Tennis had not yet approached the Hutt Valley Community Facilities Trust (CFT) for funding. Ms Milne advised that the cost to the Tennis Club, as a result of the Squash Club leaving, was approximately \$40,000 per annum.

Deputy Mayor Bassett suggested that the Hutt Valley Tennis representatives approach Sportsville to enquire how they could assist in progressing the project forward.

Mayor Wallace requested representatives from Hutt Valley Tennis arrange a meeting with Community Facilities Trust representatives and Council's Sport and Recreation Manager, to allow officers to report to the Community Plan Committee meeting on 4 June 2015, regarding their submission.

**Mr David Miller** presented submission DAP15/123.

In response to questions from members, Mr Miller noted that the commercialisation of innovation was often difficult to pursue with little investor interest. He considered the Gracefield innovation quarter should be marketed more widely.

**Ms Jill McKenzie and Mr Peter Gush, Regional Public Health** presented submission DAP15/652.

In response to questions from members, Mr Gush noted that Regional Public Health would be interested in supporting initiatives such as a smoking ban within local authorities.

In response to questions from members, Ms McKenzie explained that the smoking ban initiative on the Wellington waterfront was developed to focus on working with the community and 'normalising' smoke-free practices rather than pursuing fining processes. She advised that a briefing between Council and Regional Public Health would provide an opportunity to focus on easy gains and aims such as Healthy Families and would provide an opportunity to align strategic focus areas.

Mayor Wallace requested officers to organise a briefing with Regional Public Health representatives to discuss a Smoke-free Environment by 2025 and Healthy Food Environments. Furthermore, Mayor Wallace invited Mr Litras, Ms Byrne and Mr Atkin representing the Fluoride Network for Dentists and Fluoride Free New Zealand to also attend the briefing.

**Mr Mike Fisher, Chair, representing the Petone Community Board** presented submission DAP15/590.

The meeting was adjourned at 6.08pm and resumed at 7.00pm.

**Mr Stan Litras, MsMary Byrne and Mr Mark Atkin, representing Fluoride Network for Dentists and Fluoride Free NZ** presented submission DAP15/189 & DAP15/152.

In response to questions from members, Mr Litras advised he was a practising dentist but was no longer a member of the Dental Association. He noted that he was not satisfied with the publication of material by the Dental Association regarding the fluoridation of water. He confirmed that he would like to attend the briefing with representatives of the Regional Health Board and Council.

**Mr Mark Atkin on behalf of Lynn Jordan, representing New Zealand Health Professional Opposing Fluoridation,** presented submission DAP15/154.

**Ms Sue Lafrentz, Chair, representing the Central Community Committee** presented submission DAP15/281 and DAP15/282.

In response to questions from members, Ms Lafrentz advised that she was not opposed to the development of the bowling facility at Walter Mildenhall Park, but did not support the amount of funding required to develop the facility. She considered Council could utilise the Mitchell Park area for the facility as bowling greens were already established in the area.

**Mr Graeme Hall, representing The Great Harbour Way – Te Aranui O Poneke Trust,** presented submission DAP15/251.

In response to questions from members, Mr Hall considered the development of a Harbour Way within the Petone to Eastbourne area would have relatively minor fill required and would be approximately 3 metres wide, so would not have a detrimental effect on natural ecosystems and the changing shoreline.

**Mr Allan Hewson, representing Petone Sportsville Incorporated** presented submission DAP15/561.

In response to questions from members, Mr Hewson advised that the organisation would be seeking support from Council once the feasibility study was completed at the end of the financial year. He said that the Community Facilities Trust would present the feasibility study to Council in due course.

**Ms Jill Berridge, Chair, representing Western Community Committee** presented submission DAP15/355. She referred to the recent adverse weather event and considered Council needed to focus on emergency management procedures. She suggested Council or Greater Wellington Regional Council could assist by providing a handout to residents as a reminder to be prepared in the Hutt News.

Cr Willard noted that there was a free symposium on disaster recovery to be held in Wellington in June 2015. Mayor Wallace requested that Cr Willard distribute information on the Symposium to Councillors and Ms Berridge.

Mayor Wallace requested that the General Manager, City Infrastructure advise if the Block Road pumping station was working sufficiently during the recent heavy rain event in the Hutt Valley.

**Mr Derek Richardson** presented submission DAP15/556.

**Ms Elaine Richardson** presented submission DAP15/361.

**Mr Graeme Hall** presented submission DAP15/573. He noted that Council's consultation processes were usually tick box processes without details of costings. He considered that if residents had visibility of these costs, responses to consultations may change and this would benefit the whole consultation process.

In response to questions from members, Mr Hall considered that Council should be demonstrating rates calculations against infrastructure development and that once rates payments were made by residents, those funds could not be spent within other businesses and facilities within the community. He noted the quality of infrastructure facilities and considered this should be relative to the life of these facilities, for example half should be new and half old so that repairs and maintenance were not required all at once.

**Mr Ron Beernink** presented submission DAP15/118.

In response to questions from members, Mr Beernink considered that shared pathway concepts were an excellent example of developing calming features within traffic areas.

Mayor Wallace noted the apology received from **Warren Thessman** (submission DAP15/609) and requested the portion of Mr Thessman's submission regarding Plan Change 34 be forwarded to the Environmental Policy Division of Council.

Cr Barry requested officers to advise what the funding requirements were for the Wainuiomata Bike Trail.

The meeting adjourned at 9.20 pm on Tuesday 19 May 2015 and reconvened at 9.30 am Wednesday 20 May 2015.

**Wednesday 20 May 2015**

**Mr Tom Halliburton, representing Hutt Cycle Network**, presented submission DAP 15/530. He stressed that shared cycle and pedestrian ways were not safe. He believed that Cambridge Terrace should not be a shared path.

**Mr Tim Skinner** presented submission DAP 15/60.

In response to questions, Mr Skinner stated that he was in favour of the Cross Valley Link, but questioned the Petone Grenada Link. He believed that Council should be more proactive with consultation.

**Mr James Scott, representing Hutt Community Radio and Audio Archives Trust**, presented submission DAP 15/402. He thanked Council for its support in the past.

**Mr Michael Rosser, representing the Wainuiomata Community Patrol and Mr Jimmy Ballantyne, Council's City Safety Manager** presented submission DAP 15/432. They urged Council to ensure walkways were safe, particularly at night. He explained the expanding role of community patrols, and that they were called into action by Civil Defence during times of stress. In terms of other council funding, \$65,000 is provided to the Hutt Safe City Trust, which gets distributed throughout the Trust. Mr Ballantyne advised the community patrols would be included in the Annual Report to Council, including requests for urgent funding and ensuring the patrols did not falter. He explained that they have a dedicated funding co-ordinator to help with raising money.

Members asked officers to draft a long term plan for the community patrols and report back to Council.

**Mr Mark Futter, Chief Executive of Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce and Industry ('the Chamber')** presented submission DAP 15/566. He noted that business confidence and investment was rising.

In response to questions from members, Mr Futter advised that the gym managers had met with the Chamber concerning the proposed gym at the redeveloped Huia Pool. He suggested that consultation with businesses and the public be revisited, to find the best way of communication.

**Mr William Geddes** presented submission DAP 15/651.

**Mr Stephen Winyard** presented submission DAP 15/197.

The meeting adjourned at 11.05am and resumed at 11.15am.

**Mr Ted Heslin, Chair, representing the Eastern Community Committee,** presented submission DAP 15/449. He advised that the Committee supported the cycleway proposals.

**Ms Karyn Burgess, representing EnviroSchools and Ms Nankaville and students from Boulcott School,** presented submission DAP 15/555. They thanked Council for its funding to date.

**Mr Steve Millar, representing the Hutt City Fitness Business Consortium,** presented submission DAP 15/243.

In response to questions from members, Mr Millar advised that if the proposed gym was leased, the capacity would still be the same, and the opposition from the Hutt City Fitness Business Consortium would remain. He said that it was not normal activity for gym members to use a pool and then a gym in the same fitness session.

Mayor Wallace advised that he had requested a full, detailed report from officers concerning the matter.

**Ms Raewyn Hailes** presented submission DAP 15/612.

In response to questions from members, Ms Hailes advised that she was aware of the 'No Exclusions' Policy of Council. She said that street audits checking for accessibility were a good idea and was aware of the advances in sight impaired aids about to be installed in Petone.

**Ms Awhina Vailima, Life City Church** presented submission DAP 15/582.

In response to a question from a member, Ms Vailima said it was planned for the community hub to be completed within five years.

**Mr Phil Griffins and Mr Richard Reid** presented submission DAP 15/531. They congratulated Council on the provision of sports and recreation spaces, the Long Term Facilities Plan, the North Eastern Pathways Project and leadership from Council in regard to Sportsvilles.

In response to a question from a member, Mr Griffins believed a long term regional strategy would provide a big picture approach for the City.

**Mr Kevin Fellows and Mr Mike Beardsell, representing the Waimarie Croquet Club,** presented submission DAP 15/537.

In response to a question from a member, Mr Beardsell said that the Club would not be seeking further funding from the Greater Wellington Regional Council.

**Ms Virginia Horrocks** presented submission DAP 15/212.

**Ms Virginia Horrocks and Mr Hayden Ray, representing the Eastbourne Community Board** presented submission DAP 15/266.

In response to questions from members, Ms Horrocks explained that the Eastbourne Community Board was not against the Regional Bowls Centre, but that the benefits needed to be fully assessed before that amount of money was spent.

Mayor Wallace requested officers to prepare a report regarding the WiFi in Eastbourne.

**Ms Kathy Goddard** presented submission 15/602. She stressed that sports and recreation were a major part of Wainuiomata and that a sportsville project would benefit all in the area.

In response to questions from members, Ms Goddard explained the first phase was development planning and the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding. She said the transition process was complex but the general feeling between the clubs was that it was time for change.

**Ms Dina Awarau and Cr Gwen McDonald, representing the Northern Community Committee**, presented submission 15/580. Cr McDonald explained the fitness circuit concept and the idea of a BMX pump track.

**Mr Vincent Tamihere** presented submission DAP 15/413.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2.25pm.

WR Wallace  
**MAYOR**

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record**  
**Dated this 28th day of July 2015**