

HUTT CITY COUNCIL**EASTBOURNE COMMUNITY BOARD**

Minutes of a meeting held in the East Harbour Women's Club, 145 Muritai Road,
Eastbourne on

Tuesday 9 June 2015 commencing at 7.15pm

PRESENT:

Mr R Ashe	Mr M Gibbons
Ms V Horrocks (Chair)	Ms G Khalil (Deputy Chair)
Cr T Lewis	Cr M Lulich
Mr H Ray	

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr T Stallinger, Chief Executive
Mr P Blacker, Chief Financial Officer
Mr W King, Senior Traffic Engineer (part meeting)
Mr G Sewell, Principal Policy Advisor (part meeting)
Mr L Dalton, Regional Manager, Animal Services (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) Presentation by Local Councillor from Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC)

Speaking under public comment, **Mr H Walcott, representing the Bays Mountain Bikers**, put forward a proposal for the Mountain Ridge track to become a mountain biking track or a multi-use track. He added that he would appreciate the Board's view on his proposal.

Members expressed general support for the proposal and multi-use tracks, however noted that this was at a preliminary stage.

Cr Lamason elaborated on the report. She said that she was interested in the Bays Mountain Bikers proposal for the Mountain Ridge track and would contact Mr Walcott directly.

In response to questions from members, Cr Lamason said that the stopbank in Seaview would be due for advanced protection work in 2027-2032, however until that time, the integrity of the existing stopbank would be maintained.

b) Presentation by NZ Police

Sergeant Bradley Allen advised that Police had been working with Council's Safe Hutt Valley project and as a result crime was going down. He added that the car crime squad was decreasing the number of car thefts.

In response to questions from members, Sergeant Allen said that the Police service to Eastbourne and reporting of crime would not alter as a result of the sale of the Police Station in Muritai Road. He added that Police services were amended as appropriate in response to complaints and encouraged people to let Police know when they had a complaint with the service. He said that Constable Dave Tweedale would be available to meet residents at the Eastbourne Library on two days of the week and that he could be contacted outside these times by phoning the Hutt Police Station. He said that Police were considering putting up a poster which had the dates and times the Community Constable would be at the library. He further said that Police were not proposing to increase the hours spent at the library, however they were considering a change in hours to include evenings.

Members noted that in the event of a 111 emergency call, Police would aim to be at the event in four minutes, however, in such an instance, the fire service could arrive at the Eastbourne Bays more quickly.

c) **Presentations by Residents' Associations and other Community Groups**

Mr D Randall, representing the Lowry Bay Residents Association, thanked the Board, Hutt City Council and officers for removing commercial signs along the road berms and Point Howard.

4. **CHAIR'S REPORT** (15/745)

Report No. ECB2015/3/117 (3) by the Chair

The Chair elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Chief Executive said that funding had not been allocated for a free Wi-Fi service in the Eastbourne shopping precinct and Council would be able to reassess the request if there was found to be sufficient demand for the service.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECB 15301

"That the report be received."

5. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

6. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECB 15302

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Eastbourne Community Board held on Tuesday, 31 March 2015, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

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

a) **No.187/191/193 Muritai Road - Proposed Bus Stop** (15/873)

Report No. ECB2015/3/163 (3) by the Traffic Engineer

Speaking under public comment, **Ms P Meo** said that she had used the bus stop since 1949 until it was taken away earlier this year. She added that she had never

driven a car and the Rimu Street stop was too far for her to walk. She said that the stop at 193 Muritai Road had been well utilised, especially by children who commuted to school in Wellington.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms E Bonus** said that she had used the bus stop since 1997 as she did not drive and was totally dependant on the buses. She said that walking from the Rimu Street stop added an extra seven minutes to her walk home which was significant at the end of a long day.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr O Spearpoint** said that he had used the stop for many years and he considered it an important social service. He added that it would be unfair and unjust to users to have it removed.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms P Madgwick** said that she had used the bus stop since 1980. She added that she also drove a car, but preferred to commute into Wellington by bus. However, she was now considering not using the bus because she had to walk further from the Rimu Street stop, in the weather, often with a lot to carry home from work. She considered that it was not democratic that one person could complain and then all the passengers had to cease using the bus stop.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms L Clithero** said that she and her daughter lived in Muritai Road and the bus stop used to be outside her house. She was opposed to its reinstatement because the site was only four metres from her bedroom window and the noise, air brakes, exhaust fumes, and passenger conversations kept them awake. She said that she would agree to the bus stop being a few metres away from her house.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms O Patterson** said that she owned the house Ms Clithero rented, and that it used to be a Doctor's practice. Therefore the use of the property had changed from commercial use to residential use. She added that buses used to be hourly, however they were much more frequent now.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms P McKinlay** said that she opposed option 1, outlined in the officer's report, because the stop would straddle across her driveway and prevent access to her house. She said that as a result she had found the bus stop reinstatement process very stressful, and that she had not been consulted properly on the proposal.

In response to Ms McKinlay's questions, the Chair said that option 1, in the officer's report, would not be progressed by the Board. Ms C Elliot, Asset Advisor, Bus and Ferry Operations, Greater Wellington Regional Council, apologised for the error in Appendix 1 to the report, which showed the bus stop spanning Ms McKinlay's driveway. She explained that the error had not been in the original plans. The Senior Traffic Engineer apologised to Ms McKinlay for the error in drafting.

The Senior Traffic Engineer elaborated on the report. He said that option 3, in the officer's report, had been a late addition to the report and the safety aspects had not been satisfactorily resolved. He added that the major concern would be the space between the pavement and the stop where there were two trees and two car parks. He added that the car parks may need to be removed to allow passengers

safe entry and exit from the bus.

In response to questions from members, Mr G Atkinson, On Road Service Delivery Manager, New Zealand Bus, said that the buses had a single door therefore they would stop for that door on the carriageway. He noted that the stop was busiest from the afternoons onwards. He further said that he knew of a similar situation in Auckland where the solution had been to build the kerb out to the bus stop.

In response to questions from members, Ms C Elliot, Asset Advisor, Bus and Ferry Operations, Greater Wellington Regional Council, said that option 3 would not be an ideal stop. However, the original stop had been very well used and officers had considered many options to find a solution which would satisfy the demand from users.

In response to a questions from members, the Chair said that the T-intersection by option 3 would not present a safety concern more than any other stop with a T-intersection, of which there were a number in Eastbourne.

Members noted that there would be advantages and disadvantages to all of the options and that for option 3, the bus would stop closer to the centre line than the other options. They further noted that the property owner adjoining the option 3 stop had approved the proposal and that on balance, option 3 could provide users with a reinstated bus stop.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECB 15303

“That the Board:

- (i) recommends that Council considers safety measures for passengers to board and alight from the bus, for Option 3 as attached to Appendix 2 to the report; and*
- (ii) recommends that Council approves a Bus Stop outside No.195 Muritai Road, Eastbourne, Option 3, as attached as Appendix 2 to the report.”*

b) **Dog Control Bylaw** (15/841)

Report No. ECB2015/3/156 (3) by the Principal Policy Advisor

Speaking under public comment, **Ms S Willis** said that dog owners walked their dogs off-leash north of Days Bay wharf early in the mornings and would pick up plastic bottles and rubbish on their walks. She added that dog owners in Days Bay cleaned up after their dogs.

In response to questions from members, Ms Willis said that Days Bay residents did not want to have to drive to an off-leash dog walking area. She added that they did not want to breach the bylaw in Days Bay by walking their dogs off-leash in a leashed area.

The Principal Policy Advisor elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Principal Policy Advisor said that any changes to the Dog Control bylaw would go through a consultation process and results of submissions would come back to the Board for consideration before Council made its final decision.

Members noted that dogs were prohibited on Days Bay beach between 9am and 8pm during daylight saving time each year, and for the remainder of the year they had to be leashed at all times. Members further noted that the area at the Eastbourne Shops was a dog prohibited area and that café owners had requested that dogs be allowed on a leash, which would mean removing the prohibition area.

In response to questions from members, the Regional Manager, Animal Services, said that the beach north of Days Bay wharf could undergo a trial period of 12 months as an off-leash dog area before 9am and after 8pm. He advised that this proposal would protect the bathing aspect in summer and when reviewed in a years time, officers would consider safety issues such as dogs running onto the road, objections from bathers and any abuse of the area. He further advised that there should be no change to the dog bylaws south of the wharf, due to the proximity of the cafes and restaurants. With regard to the dog prohibited area at the Eastbourne Shops, he said that Animal Services did not generally receive complaints from the Eastbourne area, and the shopping area in Rimu and Oroua Streets could undergo a 12 month trial with the dog prohibition lifted.

Members agreed that they would consult with the community on the proposal before making a final recommendation to Council.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECB 15304

“That the Board:

- (i) *considers the proposed Schedule of dog prohibited and dog exercise areas as it relates to the Eastbourne Community Board Harbour Ward attached as Appendices 1 and 2 to the report;*

- (ii) *consults on changes to the proposed schedule as listed below:*
 - (a) *the Days Bay beach north of the wharf be available for unleashed dogs before 9am and after 8pm during daylight saving hours and winter, subject to a trial period of 12 months; and*
 - (b) *the removal of the current dog prohibition from Rimu and Oroua Streets, as attached as map 44 in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report, subject to a trial period of 12 months; and*
- (iii) *recommends that Council consults on the proposed schedule."*

8. **COMMITTEE ADVISOR'S REPORT** (15/646)

Report No. ECB2015/3/24 (3) by the Committee Advisor

The Committee Advisor elaborated on the report.

Mr Ashe said that the numbers of little blue penguins were increasing in the area and therefore needed new sites to roost. He added that Council had been working on completing a nesting site before the upcoming breeding season.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECB 15305

" That the Board:

- (i) *retrospectively approves additional expenditure of \$130.35 for hosting the Mosaic Launch in April 2015, from the Miscellaneous Administration budget, attached as Appendix 1 to the report; and*
- (ii) *retrospectively recommends that officers approve the proposed balcony encroachment over road reserve at 725 Marine Drive."*

9. **EASTBOURNE COMMUNITY BOARD'S SUBMISSION TO HUTT CITY COUNCIL'S LONG TERM PLAN** (15/775)

Memorandum dated 18 May 2015 by the Committee Advisor

The Chair elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECB 15306

"That the Board:

- (i) *notes that its submission in respect of Council's Annual Plan requires retrospective endorsement; and*
- (ii) *endorses its submission attached as Appendices 1 and 2 to the memorandum."*

10. **REPORT BACK FROM THE NEW ZEALAND COMMUNITY BOARDS' CONFERENCE 2015** (15/874)

Report No. ECB2015/3/121 (3) by Mr Ray

Mr Ray elaborated on the report.

11. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

a) **Vibrant Village** (15/739)

Mr Gibbons said that the Vibrant Village project was considering putting together some proposals for visitor walking tracks such as a seaside walk, a village trail and a look-out trail with a seat.

b) **Eastbourne and Bays Community Trust** (15/740)

Mr Gibbons said that the Eastbourne and Bays Community Trust had given out \$12,000 in grants in the last financial year and was in good financial health.

c) **Okiwi Trust** (15/741)

There was no update to report.

d) **Eastern Bays Marine Drive Steering Group** (15/742)

Mr Ashe said that Council had approved funding for the shared cycle/walkway and the Eastern Bays Marine Drive Steering Group was waiting for a decision from government regarding funding.

e) **Eastbourne Youth Workers Trust** (15/743)

There was no update to report.

f) **Muritai School Hall Management Committee** (15/744)

There was no update to report.

12. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.24 pm.

Ms V Horrocks
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 1st day of September 2015