

HUTT CITY COUNCILEASTERN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Report of a meeting held in the Waiwhetu Uniting Church, 4 Trafalgar Street, Waiwhetu  
on

Tuesday 16 June 2015 commencing at 6.30pm

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**PRESENT:** Cr B Branch Cr L Bridson  
Mrs R Carpenter Mr M Ellis (Deputy Chair)  
Mr E Heslin (Chair) Ms B Willing

**APOLOGIES:** There were no apologies.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Deputy Mayor Bassett (part meeting)  
Mr T Stallinger, Chief Executive Officer  
Ms M Laban, Community Projects and Relationships Manager  
Mr B Hodgins, Divisional Manager Parks and Gardens (part meeting)  
Mr L Earl, Traffic Assets Manager (part meeting)  
Mr P Healy, General Manager Community Facilities Trust (part meeting)  
Mrs A Doornebosch, Committee Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

RESOLVED

**Minute No. ECC 15301**

*"That in accordance with Standing Order 25.5 precedence be accorded to item 11 a  
Fairfield/Waterloo/Waiwhetu/Moera - Valley Floor Review"*

This item is recorded in the order in which it is listed on the order paper.

### 3. PRESENTATIONS

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

Cr Lamason elaborated on the report and highlighted the key items including the Long Term Plan submissions, ongoing flood protection work and the progression of the Melling Bridge business case. She noted the River Ranger's Report had identified a large number of recent vehicle break ins, and tabled a report on Investigating Flood and Climate Change Perception in the Hutt Valley, from a recent study conducted by American students visiting GWRC.

In response to questions from members, Cr Lamason advised GRWC officers only request homeless people move on from areas surrounding Melling Bridge, when there has been a specific incident requiring this.

Cr Bridson thanked GWRC for adding clean heating to the insulation scheme, to be included in rates payments for residents.

#### b) Presentation by Representative from New Zealand Police

There was no presentation from the New Zealand Police.

c) **Presentation by Common Unity on a Community Cooking School Proposal**

Ms Julia Milne from The Common Unity Project Aotearoa provided a presentation. She highlighted that Common Unity had been working in collaboration with Epuni School over the last three years, establishing a vegetable garden and food forest to regularly feed the school's students. She noted that this was the third anniversary of the project and it was considered a good time to review their activities and consider expansion.

Ms Milne advised the current Koha Kitchen Programme was conducted in Epuni on Wednesdays, with families usually taking home two to three days of food. Common Unity would like to propose a move to Butler Street Reserve in Naenae to build a community kitchen to reach wider sectors of the community. She noted that the new facility would feed up to 500 children a day, with all food being locally sourced and largely organic. She advised the facility would be built from a base of two shipping containers, the building would be relocatable and self-sustaining.

In response to questions from members, Ms Milne advised that water would be collected off the roof and stored in water tanks. She further advised that Common Unity wanted to collaborate and consult with the community to ensure the project was supported.

The Divisional Manager, Parks and Gardens noted that officers would consider this proposal and plan to present a report to the next Committee meeting to be held on 8 September 2015, after consultation with the community.

4. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

5. **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

**Minute No. ECC 15302**

*"That the minutes of the meeting of the Eastern Community Committee held on Tuesday, 7 April 2015, be confirmed as a true and correct record."*

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

a) **Vogel Street Service Lane: Proposed P30 Parking Restrictions** (15/839)

Report No. ECC2015/3/164 (3) by the Traffic Engineer

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Nick Ursin** advised as a Naenae resident he had not been consulted on the parking installed into Vogel Street adjacent to the Super Save Supermarket. He noted he had written to Council twice advising that he considered this parking violated legislation and requested the Committee consult with members of the public and residents of Naenae regarding the further provisions they were considering for these carparks.

The Traffic Assets Manager advised Council had been asked to remove the yellow lines and install three car parks located in Vogel Street, to provide further parking for the Super Save Supermarket and prevent the public parking on berms and bollards near the store. He noted that these parks had no impact on service vehicles and trucks accessing the service lane. He advised he had received the second letter from Mr Ursin, who was querying how Council could remove the yellow lines in Vogel Street and install the carparks. He noted officers had the authority to remove yellow lines without Council approval, but not install new ones. He highlighted that the parks were not functioning as had been their intention – to provide short term parking for patrons of the Super Save Supermarket, hence the request from the Committee to install parking restrictions.

In response to questions from members, the Traffic Assets Manager advised that no other complaints had been received regarding these car parks.

**RESOLVED:**

**Minute No. ECC 15303**

*“That the Committee endorses the recommendations contained in the report.”*

b) **Dog Control Bylaw** (15/883)

Report No. ECC2015/3/167 (3) by the Principal Policy Advisor

The Divisional Manager Parks and Gardens noted this was a 10 year review of the Bylaw and was provided for the Committee's input prior to being submitted to the Policy and Regulatory Committee. Members noted that any changes to the Dog Control bylaw would go through a consultation process and results of submissions would come back to the Committee for consideration before Council made its final decision.

In response to questions from members, the Divisional Manager, Parks and Gardens advised that the formal consultation process would be published in local newspapers, at Hutt City libraries and on Council's website, and would take approximately four to six weeks.

**RESOLVED:**

**Minute No. ECC 15304**

*"That the Committee:*

- (i) considers the proposed Schedule of dog prohibited and dog exercise areas as it relates to the Eastern Ward attached as Appendices 1 and 2 to the report;*
- (ii) requests that Council endorses the proposed Schedule of dog prohibited and exercise areas attached as Appendices 1 and 2; and*
- (iii) notes that the Committee's recommendations will be presented to the Policy and Regulatory Committee for its consideration."*

7. **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FUND 2014-2015** (15/926)

Memorandum dated 8 June 2015 by the Community Advisor Funding and Community Contracts.

The Chair noted the application received from Mato Sako New Zealand Incorporated, for the hire of musical equipment for a community function. He highlighted the full funding amount of approximately \$10,000 for this function, and considered funding should only be provided subject to confirmation of the hosting of the event.

**RESOLVED:**

**Minute No. ECC 15305**

*"That the Committee:*

- (i) *notes that the Community Engagement Fund Round Two closed on 19 May 2015 and one application had been received from Mato Sako New Zealand Incorporated;*
- (ii) *notes that the application has been assessed by the Chair of the Committee;*
- (iii) *agrees that the application was considered according to the merits of the application criteria and priorities of the fund; and*
- (iv) *approves the application from Mato Sako New Zealand Incorporated for funding from the Community Engagement Fund for the sum of \$991.00 for equipment hire for a community function to celebrate the Matu Kho Tue Poi (Harvest Feast Festival or Feast of New Year) event to be held on 18 July 2015, subject to confirmation of the hosting of this event."*

8. **EASTERN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE'S SUBMISSION ON COUNCIL'S LONG TERM PLAN 2015-2025** (15/776)

Report No. ECC2015/3/123 (3) by the Eastern Community Committee

The Chair elaborated on the report.

**RESOLVED:**

**Minute No. ECC 15306**

*"That the Committee retrospectively approves the Committee's submission to Council's Long Term Plan 2015-2025 attached as Appendix 1 to the report."*

9. **COMMITTEE ADVISOR'S REPORT** (15/697)

Report No. ECC2015/3/25 (3) by the Committee Advisor

The Committee Advisor elaborated on the report.

**RESOLVED:**

**Minute No. ECC 15307**

*"That the Committee receives the report."*

10. **CHAIR'S REPORT - JUNE 2015** (15/699)

Report No. ECC2015/3/124 (3) by the Chair

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Vincent Tamihere** advised he would like to have a voice in the community, and become more involved. He noted that he found it difficult to locate information about the Committee and its meetings. He highlighted the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Naenae Swimming Pool in 2016. The Committee Advisor undertook to add Mr Tamihere to the mailing list for Committee meeting papers.

The Chair elaborated on the report. In response to questions from members, the Chair advised that Wellington Region Emergency Management Office (WREMO) representatives consulted with local businesses prior to the WREMO Response Plan Meeting held recently, but very few attended. He further noted that the Naenae Chemist building had been earthquake strengthened and a generator was to be installed. He advised he would try and establish any other potential buildings in the Naenae area that could be used as emergency hubs for the future.

The General Manager of the Hutt City Community Facilities Trust (CFT) highlighted that the Naenae Bowling Centre project at Walter Mildenhall Park was progressing well and provided copies of the final plans to members. He advised CFT expected to submit the project for tender in August or September 2015.

**RESOLVED:**

**Minute No. ECC 15308**

*"That the report be noted and received."*

## 11. INFORMATION ITEMS

### a) Fairfield/Waterloo/Waiwhetu/Moera - Valley Floor Review (15/890)

Memorandum dated 3 June 2015 by the Committee Advisor

Speaking under public comment, **Ms Margaret Aitken** highlighted the recent developments on Trafalgar Square including new seating, traffic islands for pedestrians and the servicing of the road.

The Divisional Manager, Parks and Gardens advised this Review included all the reserves within the Fairfield to Moera area, and noted this was an opportunity to look strategically at the future and how better to utilise reserve areas. He noted an advertisement would be published in the Hutt News on 30 June 2015, seeking input from the community on the future of reserves in the area.

In response to questions from members, the Divisional Manager Parks and Gardens advised officers were considering the development of a children's playground on Epuni Reserve or Copeland Street. He further noted comments from members regarding the Naenae area and suggested the Committee lodge a submission to the consultation process.

RESOLVED:

**Minute No. ECC 15309**

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

RESOLVED:

**Minute No. ECC 15310**

*"That the Committee makes a submission to the Fairfield/Waterloo/Waiwhetu/Moera – Valley Floor Review"*

### b) Transport (15/703)

Mr Ellis advised resealing work had been completed on Waiwhetu Road, leaving a large amount of loose seal building up at intersections, and noted this was also occurring opposite Naenae Police Station. The Chair advised he had been following this matter up with officers.

### c) Recreation (15/704)

Mr Ellis acknowledged the development of the BMX Track at Epuni School and noted this was being well used by the community.

d) **Environment** (15/705)

Members discussed the supply of emergency water tanks for the elderly who live in Council owned properties. Cr Bridson suggested submitting a proposal to the Warm Houses Subcommittee Working Group for them to investigate and consider submitting to the appropriate Council committee.

e) **Infrastructure and Services** (15/706)

The Chair noted the continued efficient service from officers and highlighted the replacement of sewer lines in Feist Street as an example.

f) **Youth** (15/707)

Mrs Carpenter advised she had requested artist Mr Alfred Memelink conduct a watercolour painting workshop for up to 12 children within a needy community, which Team Naenae was now considering. She advised Ms Jane Tyne from Gateway Kids who provided an after school programme at the Computer Clubhouse in Naenae, had received some complaints from parents regarding bad behaviour within the Clubhouse. Mrs Carpenter had forwarded this on to the Manager of the Clubhouse. She further highlighted that Naenae Intermediate had acknowledged issues regarding their students outside Naenae Library and have stationed teachers there after school.

g) **Older People** (15/708)

Cr Branch advised Grey Power recently held a free health clinic, which included representatives available to provide sight, hearing, diabetes and blood tests. She noted Grey Power was lobbying government for subsidies for dental care, hearing aids and glasses, and three free doctors appointments for older people. She highlighted that Grey Power had negotiated a discounted rate for members with Pulse Electricity, and that they now had over 500 members from the Hutt Valley.

In response to questions from members, Cr Branch noted that the Bank of New Zealand had Elder Abuse Officers who would be interested in attending the next Grey Power meeting.

h) **Keep Hutt City Beautiful** (15/709)

Ms Willing advised that the Plant Hutt City Beautiful Project would provide a workshop at Epuni School on 24 August 2015, focussing on the use of bees in gardens and raising seeds. She noted all schools in the area would be invited to send a student and teacher, and a competition for groups of children and classes to grow a bee friendly garden would be held, with photos and prizes.

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

a) **Naenae Menz Shed** (15/710)

Cr Branch advised work on the extension to the Menz Shed was going well with good support from officers.

In response to questions from members, Cr Branch advised the Menz Shed would prefer to use one location to its full extent, rather than splitting off to different locations.

b) **Team Naenae** (15/711)

Cr Bridson noted Breakfast Club numbers had dropped away so this would not run after the end of the term. She highlighted the Facebook community garden was going well, and the knitting group had provided two deliveries of knitting within the community and also two schools had been outfitted with knitted garments. She advised the Stone Carving Course had gone well, the Naenae Festival planning was underway and the Blue Water Disco had been cancelled due to lack of funding.

c) **Epuni Care and Protection Unit** (15/712)

To be reported at a later date.

d) **Community Patrols Governance** (15/713)

The Chair advised a further 10 volunteers had been recruited, and highlighted a Seminar being conducted by Community Patrols New Zealand on 20-21 June 2015 at Trentham Racecourse.

e) **Neighbourhood Policing Team** (15/714)

To be reported at a later date.

f) **Friends of Waiwhetu Stream** (15/715)

Mr Ellis noted plantings would begin again at the start of the season and highlighted the continued efforts from volunteers each month collecting rubbish.

13. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Mr E Heslin  
**CHAIR**

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record  
Dated this 8th day of September 2015**