

HUTT CITY COUNCIL

NORTHERN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held in the Taita College Marae, Eastern Hutt Road, Taita on
Wednesday 17 June 2015 commencing at 5.00pm

PRESENT:

Ms L Sutton	Ms D Awarau (Chair)
Mr F Allen (Deputy Chair)	Cr A Finlayson
Cr G McDonald	Mr G KcKenna

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor WR Wallace (part meeting)
Mr T Stallinger, Chief Executive
Mr B Hodgins, Divisional Manager, Parks and Gardens (part meeting)
Ms L Sliker, Manager, Taita Sport and Community Centre
Mrs H Clegg, Minute Taker

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 15301

"That Standing Order 38.1(c) be temporarily suspended to allow individual speaking time to be extended to five minutes."

3. PRESENTATIONS

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

Cr Ken Laban explained that the GWRC rates increase was due primarily to the purchase of the new Matangi trains. He provided a brief explanation of the status of the GWRC leadership given the recent resignation of Chair Fran Wilde.

b) Presentation by the New Zealand Police

Community Constable Bridget Rickard informed members that tagging in Stokes Valley was increasing and urged members of the public to report all incidences immediately. She advised that crime trends in the Taita area were generally low and that youth in the Taita Shopping Centre were generally behaving well.

In response to questions from members, Community Constable Rickard explained that the Naenae Police Station was closed to the public but Police officers still operated out of it. She advised that the emphasis from central control was for a community presence and as a result, she spent more time in her car or walking the suburban centres.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 15302

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Northern Community Committee held on Wednesday, 8 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) **Name of the new Taita Sports & Community Centre** (15/934)

Report No. NCC2015/3/177 by the Manager, Taita Sport and Community Centre

Speaking under public comment, **Ms G Jarvis, President of Netball Hutt Valley** spoke of the organisation's support for the whole Centre to be named Walter Nash Stadium. She noted it was a well-known name on the regional netball circuit. Netball Hutt Valley regarded the redevelopment as an opportunity to retain the name and did not support the Centre having a different name to the stadium.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms T Johnston-Welsh** stated the community's disappointment at the lack of consultation over this matter and asked for a more extensive consultation be undertaken prior to any naming decision being made. She noted she would prefer a Maori name for the entire complex.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms J Granville** spoke on behalf of Chris Hipkins MP. She informed members that naming the Centre the Walter Nash complex celebrated Walter Nash and his service to the Taita community.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms K Barden representing the Basketball Association** spoke in support of keeping the Walter Nash name and was concerned that the Basketball Association was not included in any consultation. She considered that there should be a way of incorporating the whole community in the naming process and asked that more public consultation occur before a name was chosen.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms L Mellish representing Wellington Tenth's Trust**, explained she was a descendant of the Te Atiawa tribe who were in support of the name 'Te Mako'. She provided a brief history about Te Mako. She advocated maintaining the 'Walter Nash' name for the sports centre, and having the entire complex named 'Te Mako'. She advised that this name was a gift by Iwi to the community.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Stuart Nash, MP Napier representing his family and Chris Hipkins MP** acknowledged that no history was more important than another and would like a compromise. He stressed that Sir Walter Nash would not want his name to be the centre of a dispute. He provided a brief history about Sir Walter Nash. He added that Sir Walter Nash was a community person, and that his family did not want the past to be forgotten or people's names to disappear.

A letter from Chris Hipkins MP was read out in support of naming the Centre the Walter Nash complex.

In response to questions from members, the Manager of Taita Sports and Community Centre confirmed that it was always intended for the sports stadium to retain the name 'Walter Nash'.

Members discussed the two suggested names for the complex – Te Mako and Walter Nash. They expressed concern about the lack of consultation with the community.

The Mayor informed members that a recommendation by the Wellington Tenth Trust (Trust) had more weighting than other suggestions, due to the Memorandum of Understanding between Council and the Trust. He advised that the complex would be a new focus for Taita and believed that both leaders would be disappointed that the naming of it had the potential to divide the community. He welcomed the possible dual naming of the complex in order to honour, recognise and celebrate the achievements of both men. He expressed concern that the Basketball Association had not been consulted with and apologised to them for this.

Members discussed the possible dual naming of the complex.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 15303

"That the Committee:

- (i) notes the consultation undertaken with the local community for a name for the new Taita Sports and Community Centre but expresses concern at the lack of public consultation;*
- (ii) notes that officers will work closely with the community to explore opportunities to acknowledge and celebrate existing and past local legends (sports, arts, political, other) in a formal and appropriate manner; and*
- (iii) recommends to Council that the Taita Sports Community Centre be given the name 'Walter Nash Te Mako'."*

b) **Dog Control Bylaw** (15/877)

Report No. NCC2015/3/172 by the Principal Policy Advisor

The Divisional Manager, Parks and Gardens elaborated on the report. He explained that as part of the pre-consultation for the 10 year review, all Community Boards and Community Committees had been given the opportunity to comment on the draft proposal. He advised that the eastern side of the Hutt River (from Stokes Valley to Avalon) was also a dog exercise area.

In response to questions from members, the Divisional Manager, Parks and Gardens advised that the current bylaw detailed areas excluded for dog exercising and the objective of the new bylaw was to clearly define dog exercising areas. He said that the reason for excluding dogs from Fraser Park was due to the Park becoming a sports hub. He confirmed that the bylaw still required dog faeces to be picked up and that all dogs must be under control and on a leash.

Members noted that the access leg into the Korau Grove Park had been blocked by a private landowner and that the right of way to get into Delaney Park from Stokes Valley Road was not shown on the map.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 15304

"That the Committee:

- (i) considers the proposed Schedule of dog prohibited and dog exercise areas as it relates to the Northern Ward attached as Appendices 1 and 2 to the report;*
- (ii) recommends that Council adopts the proposed Schedule of dog prohibited and dog exercise areas as it relates to the Northern Ward attached as Appendices 1 and 2 to the report, including the eastern side of the Hutt River areas from Stokes Valley to Avalon; and*
- (iii) notes that its recommendations will be presented to the Policy and Regulatory Committee for its consideration."*

7. **LEASE VARIATION - STOKES VALLEY BRANCH, HUTT VALLEY PLAYCENTRE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED ON HAWTHORN CRESCENT RESERVE** (15/826)

Report No. NCC2015/3/150 by the Administration Officer

The Divisional Manager, Parks and Gardens elaborated on the report. He advised that the land in question was currently not being used.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 15305

"That the Committee:

- (a) *notes that the Stokes Valley Branch of the Hutt Playcentre Association has requested to lease an additional area of land in Hawthorn Crescent Reserve of approximately 358m² on the northern side of its current boundary for the purposes of increasing its outside play area;*
- (b) *notes that the proposal was publicly notified in the Hutt News on 20 January 2015 and that there were no submissions; and*
- (c) *agrees to issue a Variation of Lease to the Stokes Valley Branch of the Hutt Playcentre Association for the extension to the lease area of approximately 385m² outlined in the aerial map attached as Appendix 1 to the report."*

8. **NORTHERN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE'S SUBMISSION TO HUTT CITY COUNCIL'S LONG TERM PLAN 2015-2025** (15/808)

Memorandum dated 19 May 2015 by the Senior Committee Advisor

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 15306

"That the Committee:

- (i) *notes that a submission in respect of Hutt City Council's Long Term Plan 2015-2025 which requires the Committee's retrospective endorsement; and*
- (ii) *endorses its submission attached as Appendix 1 to the memorandum."*

9. **COMMITTEE ADVISOR'S REPORT** (15/798)

Report No. NCC2015/3/135 by the Senior Committee Advisor

The Chair advised that she would follow up about the balance left in the Committee's miscellaneous and training budgets.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 15307

"That the Committee receives the report."

10. **CHAIR'S REPORT** (15/800)

Report No. NCC2015/3/136 by the Chair

The Chair elaborated on the report.

Members asked that their thanks be passed onto the Chief Executive, Divisional Manager Parks and Gardens and the Reserves Assets Manager.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 15308

"That the Committee receives the report."

11. MEMBERS' UPDATES

Ms Sutton reported that tagging seemed to be increasing in Stokes Valley. She requested that Council inform Community Boards and Committees about proposed works in their specific areas.

Cr Finlayson advised the footpaths to Horoeke Street had finally been upgraded and that the Stokes Valley Hub concept had been put back a year due to strengthening of the community hall being urgently required. The paving for Stokes Valley had been included in the 'carryover items' of Council's budget to commence next year.

Cr McDonald advised the new fitness circuit construction was underway in Taita along with planning for the new pump track in Stokes Valley. She informed members that \$50,000 had been included in the Council's budget to begin the Stokes Valley pump track, with investigations underway into assessing fundraising options through the community. She further stated investigations were proceeding to have personnel from the Menz Shed construct a community garden for Stokes Valley.

Mr McKenna stated the dirt coming out of the Stokes Valley pump track area was to go to Pomare to construct a mini pump track there.

12. INFORMATION ITEM

Report back from the Community Boards' Conference 2015 (15/912)

Report No. NCC2015/3/137 by Ms L Sutton

Ms Sutton elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 15309

"That the report be noted and received."

13. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**a) Keep Hutt City Beautiful (15/802)**

Ms Sutton advised this year's theme was 'Plant Hutt City Beautiful'. She noted that Epuni School was holding a 'Raising Plants' workshop in August and there was a school competition underway for the best bee friendly garden.

b) Pomare Community House (15/803)

Ms Awarau advised that the whole house was to be refurbished including re-piling. She stated she had received no new information on the proposed merger with the Taita Community Centre.

c) Stokes Valley Community House (15/804)

Cr McDonald advised that the Knitting Club provided new items for all new babies in the area and the elderly at Stokeswood. She further advised that the House's Annual General Meeting would be held on 20 June 2015.

d) Taita Community House (15/805)

Mr McKenna advised that he was absent from the last meeting due to illness.

e) Youth Participation Portfolio (15/806)

Mr McKenna advised that the Youth Guarantee Programme was no longer operating but that Taita College was still offering vocational guidance. He considered a coordinated approach by agencies would gain better results in finding work experience for youth.

f) **Environmental Portfolio** (15/807)

Mr Allen advised that trapping of possums was on-going and it appeared that there was no Council initiative on this matter. He further advised that he had had a meeting with the Divisional Manager, Parks and Gardens regarding flat land reserves.

Cr McDonald undertook to speak with the Reserves Assets Manager about the possum trapping matter.

14. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.23 pm.

Ms D Awarau
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 9th day of September 2015