

HUTT CITY COUNCILWESTERN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Report of a meeting held in the All Saints Church, 6 Norfolk Street, Belmont,
Lower Hutt on

Thursday 18 June 2015 commencing at 7.15pm

PRESENT: Ms M Bowmar Ms G Berridge (Chair)
Cr M Shierlaw Mr P Matcham (Deputy Chair)

APOLOGIES: Cr MJ Cousins and Ms K Wick.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr T Stallinger, Chief Executive (part meeting)
Mr R Muir, Divisional Manager, Road and Traffic (part meeting)
Mr G Stuart, Divisional Manager, Regulatory Services (part meeting)
Ms K Crandle, Reserves Planner (part meeting)
Ms S Haniel, Committee Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS1. APOLOGIESRESOLVED:

Minute No. WCC 15301

"That the apologies received from Cr MJ Cousins and Ms Wick be accepted and leave of absence be granted."

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

3. PRESENTATIONSa) Presentation by New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA)

Speaking under public comment, **Mr C Evans, representing the Belmont Ratepayers Improvement Association**, said that access for traffic in and out of Belmont Domain depended upon breaks in traffic from the lights at Haywards intersection.

In response to questions from members, Mr Evans said that Belmont Domain residents would prefer to be able to merge onto State Highway 2 as opposed to merging onto Kennedy Good Bridge. However, he would consult further with

residents regarding this.

Mr R Oliver, Senior Project Manager, Highways and Network Operations, New Zealand Transport Agency, presented plans for the State Highway 58/State Highway 2 grade separated interchange. He said that construction would start in July 2015.

In response to questions from members, Mr Oliver said that the Manor Park subway would be replaced by a pedestrian overbridge. He further said that NZTA would be consulting with cyclists regarding slip roads for bike riders around the interchange. He added that NZTA would need to gather more information about traffic flows before a slip road could be designed for access in and out of Belmont Domain.

b) **Presentation by NZ Police**

Constable Dave Tweedale said that he would work on having a regular Police representative attend the Western Community Committee meetings. He added that as society changed, Policing had also changed, the use of local Police buildings had been under review and that staff were utilised in the areas of most need. He said 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 further said that a locked car would not be a deterrent for criminals and targeted cars generally had items of interest left on display.

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

Apologies were received from Cr Greig.

Members expressed extreme disappointment regarding the lack of shelter for passengers at Melling Station where the station verandah had not been extended to meet the considerably amended train stop. They noted that GWRC had provided substantial funding for a new Upper Hutt train station and also \$550,000 for Palmerston North passengers on the Capital Connection.

4. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

Mr Matcham declared a conflict of interest in item 8, Western Community Engagement Fund round Two 2014-2015. He took no part in voting on the matter.

Ms Bowmar declared a conflict of interest in item 8, Western Community Engagement Fund round Two 2014-2015. She took no part in discussion or voting on the matter.

5. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCC 15302

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Western Community Committee held on Thursday, 9 April 2015, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCC 15303

"That in terms of Standing Order 25.5, precedence be accorded to item 6, Reports Referred for Committee Input Before Being Considered By Standing Committee Of Council, item 7, Proposed New Street Name – Lime Grove, and item 12, Review of Valley Floor Reserves – Alicetown & Petone.

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

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

a) **Mudie Street, Alicetown: Proposed No Stopping At All Times Restrictions (15/843)**

Report No. WCC2015/3/173 by the Traffic Engineer

The Divisional Manager, Road and Traffic, elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCC 15304

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

b) **Drummond Crescent, Kelson: Proposed No Stopping At All Times Restrictions**
(15/844)

Report No. WCC2015/3/174 by the Traffic Engineer

The Divisional Manager, Road and Traffic, elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCC 15305

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

c) **Dog Control Bylaw** (15/871)

Report No. WCC2015/3/175 by the Principal Policy Advisor

The Divisional Manager, Regulatory Services elaborated on the report.

Members noted that the proposed area in Otonga Heights would be a new off-leash dog exercise area and officers had considered it could be suitable because there was not a sports ground on the site. Members considered that the park between Redvers Drive and Renoir Avenue in Belmont could be explored as an off-leash dog area.

In response to questions from members, the Divisional Manager, Regulatory Services, said that officers would research how many dogs lived in the vicinity of the proposed Otonga Heights site. He added that if the proposal were to be accepted, then dog-poo bins would be installed. He advised that research had shown that where dogs were exercised off-leash, children would stop going to the area, therefore officers had proposed that dogs be on-leash at Belmont Domain Park through to Kennedy Good Bridge. He said 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.

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

RESOLVED:**Minute No. WCC 15306***"That the Committee:*

- (i) considers the proposed Schedule of dog prohibited and dog exercise areas as it relates to the Western Ward attached as Appendices 1 and 2 to the report; and*
- (ii) recommends that Council approves the proposed Schedule subject to:*
 - (a) noting that the proposed area in Otonga Heights is a new dog exercise area which should be specified in the consultation;*
 - (b) the affected residents in Acacia Avenue and north having a letter box drop concerning the proposal; and*
 - (c) the park between Redvers Drive and Renoir Avenue being explored as an off-leash dog area; and*
- (iii) notes that its recommendations will be presented to the Policy and Regulatory Committee for its consideration."*

7. PROPOSED NEW PRIVATE STREET NAME - LIME GROVE (15/827)

Report No. WCC2015/3/176 by the Senior Traffic Engineer

The Divisional Manager, Road and Traffic, elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED:**Minute No. WCC 15307***"That the Committee approves the name of the new private road off Otonga Heights as Lime Grove, as attached as Appendix 1 to the report."*

8. **WESTERN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FUND ROUND TWO 2014-2015** (15/928)

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

Mr Matcham declared a conflict of interest in application by The Friends of Belmont Regional Park Incorporated and took no part in voting on the matter.

Ms Bowmar declared a conflict of interest in the application by Kelson Community Centre and took no part in discussion or voting on the matter.

The Chair elaborated on the memorandum.

In response to questions from members, Mr Matcham said that the funding for The Friends of Belmont Regional Park would be for specialist consultancy services.

Members noted that funds would need to be fully allocated by the end of June 2015. They agreed to support the applications subject to the Committee working with officers to ensure that the criteria for funding were met.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCC 15308

"That the Committee:

- (i) *notes that the funds must be fully allocated in the 2014/2015 financial year;*
- (ii) *approves the application from The Friends of Belmont Regional Park Incorporated for funding from the Community Engagement Fund for a total of \$2,500 subject to members working with officers to ensure the criteria are met and the quotes support the application; and*
- (iii) *approves the application from Kelson Community Centre for funding from the Community Engagement Fund for a total of \$1,001 subject to members working with officers to ensure the criteria are met and the quotes support the application."*

9. **COMMITTEE ADVISOR'S REPORT** (15/764)

Report No. WCC2015/3/27 by the Committee Advisor

The Chair elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCC 15309

"That the Committee receives the report."

10. WESTERN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE SUBMISSIONS (15/757)

Memorandum dated 11 May 2015 by the Committee Advisor

The Chair elaborated on the memorandum.

RESOLVED:**Minute No. WCC 15310**

"That the Committee:

- (i) notes that its submission in respect of Council's Long Term Plan requires retrospective endorsement;*
- (ii) endorses its submission attached as Appendix 1 to the memorandum;*
- (iii) notes that its submission in respect of Greater Wellington Regional Council's Shape Your Region consultation document for its 10 year plan requires retrospective endorsement; and*
- (iv) endorses its submission attached as Appendix 2 to the memorandum."*

11. CHAIR'S REPORT (15/750)

Report No. WCC2015/3/139 by the Chair

The Chair elaborated on the report.

Members thanked officers for clearing a slip on Miromiro Road within 24 hours after the floods.

RESOLVED:**Minute No. WCC 15311**

"That the report be noted and received."

12. INFORMATION ITEM**Review of Valley Floor Reserves - Alicetown & Petone (15/876)**

Memorandum dated 3 June 2015 by the Senior Committee Advisor

The Reserves Planner, Parks and Gardens, elaborated on the memorandum.

Members noted that Alicetown residents had access to the extensive green space along the river, which was additional to reserve land.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCC 15312

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

13. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**Normandale Residents' Association (15/856)**

Verbal update by Mr Matcham.

Members thanked the Normandale Residents' Association for funding information signs for residents to use.

14. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Ms G Berridge
CHAIR

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 10th day of September 2015**