

HUTT CITY COUNCIL
CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Report of a meeting held in the James Coe 1, Dowse Art Museum, 45 Laings Road,
 Lower Hutt on

Tuesday 7 July 2015 commencing at 5.30pm

PRESENT:

Deputy Mayor D Bassett (Chair)	
Cr M Willard (Deputy Chair)	Cr M Cousins
Cr A Finlayson (until 8.04pm)	Cr T Lewis
Cr G McDonald	Cr C Milne
Cr M Shierlaw	Mayor WR Wallace

APOLOGIES: An apology was received from Cr B Branch.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cr C Barry
 Mr T Stallinger, Chief Executive
 Ms K Kelly, General Manager, Strategic Services
 Mr M Reid, General Manager, Community Services (part meeting)
 Mr P Maaka, Urban Design Manager (part meeting)
 Ms S Mann, Divisional Manager Libraries (part meeting)
 Ms E Davids, Risk and Assurance Manager
 Ms M Laban, Community Projects and Relationship Manager (part meeting)
 Ms A Andrews, Kaitakawaenga Kaupapa Maori (part meeting)
 Ms E McCleary, Senior Communications and Marketing Advisor (part meeting)
 Ms L Slieker, Manager Taita Sport and Community Centre (part meeting)
 Ms D Nicholas, Community Engagement and Planning Manager, War Memorial Library (part meeting)
 Ms S Haniel, Committee Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CDC 15301

"That the apology received from Cr Branch be accepted and leave of absence be granted."

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL - 28 JULY 2015

a **Name of the New Taita Sport and Community Centre (15/999)**

Report No. CDC2015/3/188 (3) by the Manager, Taita Sport and Community Centre

Speaking under public comment, **Mr C Cudby, representing the former Walter Nash Stadium Trust**, said that he had supported the Walter Nash Stadium since the 1970s when it was built. He further said that, although the stadium was a wonderful facility and in a very good state, it needed to be larger and the Trust had lobbied for the new center. He supported the name of Walter Nash for the new centre.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr D McLay, representing the Taita Community Trust**, said that he supported the name "Te Mako" because Taita was a multicultural area where Pakeha were in the minority. He further said that he did not agree with having a combination of names, that tangata whenua was here first and that "Walter Nash" would be inappropriate for the Taita community.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr M Love, representing the Wellington Tenth Trust**, said that he supported the name "Te Mako" for the sports centre which would preserve the name of the old pa. He added that the name "Te Mako", although a Maori word for shark, in this instance, had nothing to do with sharks. He emphasised the connection between Te Mako and the Nuku Tewhatewha, which was now housed at The Dowse. He added that he did not support a mixed name such as "Walter Nash Te Mako" for the new centre which could cause confusion both in cultural terms and in using the facility.

In response to questions from members, Mr Love said that mixed names such as Matiu/Somes Island were used by the Geographic Board and that the centre should have a rhythm to its name. He further said that he was representing the Wellington Tenth Trust and the decedents of Te Atiawa Chief, Witako Ngataka Love and not the Rūnanga or marae. He added that he would agree with two names for the two buildings, ie a name for the new building and a name for the existing Walter Nash Stadium.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr K Moeahu, representing the Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trustees**, expressed support for the name "Te Mako" because it would restore mana to the area.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms D Awarau, representing the Pomare Community House and Hutt Union & Community Health in Pomare**, said that she had lived in Taita for 30 years and supported the name “Te Mako” for the new centre. She further said that there were only three Maori street names in Taita which was too few, given the length of occupation there.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms T Johnstone-Welsh** said that she supported the name “Te Mako” because the name represented the past, present, and future. She further said that the centre was more than just a stadium, that it would cater for mothers groups and community groups.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms S Rei**, said that she supported the name “Te Mako” because this would be a strong opportunity for Maori to have a name with a story behind it.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms M Tunoho and Ms S Nicholl, representing Hutt Union & Community Health**, said that they supported the name “Te Mako” because 78% of learners in the community were of Pacific ethnicity, therefore, landmarks and signposts would be considered important for cultural identity and pride.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms L Sutton, representing the Northern Community Committee**, said that the Committee had recommended that Council name the new centre the “Walter Nash Te Mako”, and that the Committee had heard from a range of community groups before making the recommendation to Council. She added that the name put forward had honoured the long serving Member of Parliament and local iwi. She said that “Te Mako” as a stand alone name would be meaningless to some and others would think of a shark.

In response to questions from members, Ms Sutton said that both names, “Te Mako” and “Walter Nash”, were needed, however, if she had to choose, then her choice would be “Walter Nash”. She added that the netball courts were a regional facility and the name was known to people from out of town. She further said that if only the stadium was called “Walter Nash”, then his name would be devalued because people would use the name of the centre rather than the name of the stadium. She said that the consultation at the Taita Library had been unsatisfactory and noted that consultation prior to the Northern Community Committee meeting had not included the Basketball Association.

Speaking under public comment, **Rev C Noanoa**, supported a Maori name for the sports centre, however, he acknowledged how Maori had integrated Pakeha into the area. He added that Walter Nash had lived in St Albans Grove and that the lower part of the Hutt should commemorate him.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr S Jensen, representing Next Gen Church**, said that he supported the name “Te Mako” for the sports centre. He added that the name of “Walter Nash” had been fairly represented in the community and the name “Te Mako” would be looked after through

generations.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms J Englebreton** said that she supported the name "Walter Nash" because he was a great man who did good things for Taita. She added that "Te Mako" would not be a powerful or significant enough name, and did not agree with the use of one name for the stadium and another for the centre.

Cr Lewis left the meeting at 7.18pm

The General Manager, Community Services, and the Manager Taita Sport and Community Centre elaborated on the report.

Cr Shierlaw expressed concern with the process justifying the officers' recommendations.

Cr Lewis rejoined the meeting at 7.23pm.

The Chair said that the point was noted. He ruled that the officers continue elaborating on the report.

Cr Shierlaw left the table at 7.25pm.

In response to questions from members, the General Manager, Community Services, said that if the officers' recommendations were approved then Walter Nash Stadium would be promoted as a key part of the centre and have more exposure than it has now. He further said that iwi would not approve of a double name, either "Walter Nash Te Mako" or "Te Mako Walter Nash".

Cr Shierlaw rejoined the table at 7.40pm.

Deputy Mayor Bassett said that the principle behind the development was to make it into one centre. He added that Sir Walter Nash had made a great contribution to Hutt City. He acknowledged that Taita and Pomare residents would prefer a name that they could relate to. He highlighted that the centre would have city wide and regional use.

Cr Finlayson said that \$8M would be spent on the centre, therefore, the community should be given a chance to have a say.

Cr Willard said that identity was important and both points of view would need to be present.

Cr Lewis said that the history of the land was important and that generally, the education system taught "Pakeha" over "Maori", therefore, the poll results would favour "Walter Nash".

Cr Barry supported Cr Lewis's comments and considered that the naming should come from the Taita and Pomare areas.

Cr Shierlaw said that members already had sufficient information to make a

decision and there would not be enough time to conduct a poll before the centre was opened. He added that the City did not do enough to honour Sir Walter Nash. He further added that the name of the Walter Nash Stadium would be lost if the centre was given a different name.

Mayor Wallace acknowledged that the Rūnanga would not support the name "Te Mako". He said that a poll could be undertaken before the opening of the centre. He noted that the development would contain a sports centre, fitness suite and community centre.

Deputy Mayor Bassett said that the fit-out for the centre would be completed by October 2015.

Cr Cousins said if the name for the centre was "Te Mako", then the name of the stadium would eventually become "Te Mako". She added that the centre would be a regional facility and the name needed a regional connotation such as the name "Walter Nash".

Cr Milne said that a driving force behind the centre was that the Northern Ward had not received funding for Council developments such as this. He added that the name needed a sense of community pride which reinforced and supported the community.

Cr Finlayson left the meeting at 8.04pm

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CDC 15302

"That the Committee:

- (i) *requests officers to undertake an independent poll of Hutt City to ascertain residents' views regarding the name of the new Taita Sport and Community Centre;*
- (ii) *requests the poll sample size be designed to show results from each ward; and*
- (iii) *asks officers to organise an on-site visit of the facility for Committee members."*

PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CDC 15303

"That in terms of Standing Order 25.5, precedence be accorded to item 5 dealing with the Youth Spaces in the central business district, and item 6 dealing with Activity 14 Review – Urban Design."

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

b Hutt City Council Economic Development Plan 2015-2020 (15/979)

Report No. CDC2015/3/191 (3) by the General Manager, Strategic Services

The General Manager, Strategic Services elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the General Manager, Strategic Services said that the most important items could be placed at the front of the document for focus. She added that the Economic Development Plan would be reported back to the Committee each year on how it was progressing against its targets which could also include associated risks.

RESOLVED:**Minute No. CDC 15304***"That the Committee:*

- (i) *notes that an Economic Development Plan has been prepared and has been consulted on with officers and the Economic Development Advisory Group; and*
- (ii) *notes that this plan replaces the 2009-2014 Economic Development Strategy."*

RECOMMENDED:**Minute No. CDC 15305**

"That the Committee recommends that Council approves the Economic Development Plan attached as Appendix 1 to the report."

5. YOUTH SPACES IN THE CBD (15/851)

Report No. CDC2015/3/190 (3) by the Community Engagement and Planning Manager, Libraries

Speaking under public comment, **Ms H Molloy and Ms A Tonks, representing Community Action Youth and Drugs (CAYAD)**, said that Council should have a Youth Strategy which aligned with Youth Strategy Aotearoa, and that it should incorporate youth participation. They added that Council should support the appointment of a Youth Specialist.

In response to questions from members, Ms Molloy said that bi-monthly steering group meetings were not enough. She added that three hours per week funding would not be enough for a Youth Council to work effectively. She further said that there needed to be more consultation with youth about youth spaces in the City.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr M Acharya and Ms A Bengree, representing Youth Infusion**, said that they believed a youth space would strengthen youth services and provide a place of safety for youth who had nowhere to go now that Secret Level had closed.

In response to questions from members, Ms Bengree said that a strong youth space would be in a central location, have accessible design and strong youth workers. She added that it would be used for events and to develop young people. She further added that about half the youth would not attend a faith based youth organisation due to religious beliefs.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr J Evett, representing Voice**, said that Voice had consulted with 144 youth over the weekend regarding whether Council should support a youth space in Lower Hutt and the survey results were different to the officers' report.

He added that reforming youth services in Hutt City should have meaningful consultation with youth and that officers had not achieved this. He expressed concern with cuts in Council's Long Term Plan particularly for the youth in Wainuiomata and Naenae. He asked members to consider why youth were leaving the City.

In response to questions from members, Mr Evett said that he would need to re-examine Council's Long Term Plan with regard to youth funding cuts. He further said that there were a lack of facilities for youth in Wainuiomata and that officers should undertake more consultation with youth before making a decision on the provision of a youth space.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms L Knowles, representing IHC New Zealand**, queried how much consultation there had been for youth with disabilities and that they were under-represented with regard to mainstream youth. She further said that she supported the appointment of a Youth Specialist.

In response to questions from members, Ms Knowles said that the current youth framework for youth with disabilities did not encompass best practice for youth spaces.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr M Roberts** said he had worked for 20 years in youth advocacy roles. He further said that the youth space model contained in the officers' report would be a more expensive model than the model for Secret Level. He added that Safe City Ambassadors could fulfil a role in working with young people.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms K Leggett and members of the Youth Committee, representing Vibe**, said that they were awaiting the results of a survey of 2000 youth, not currently in the education system, which would help inform the services required in the area. Ms Leggett further said that there had been an increase in the numbers of youth hanging-out at Vibe since Secret Level closed and that she supported a youth space in the Hutt Valley.

In response to questions from members, Ms Leggett said that youth should be involved in discussions regarding a venue for a youth space. She further said that the appointment of an appropriately skilled youth worker should wait pending the results of the youth survey.

In response to questions from members, members of the Youth Committee said that the best way to engage with youth would be to drop the suits and fancy talk and ask young people what their days were like. They further said that there were not enough youth support services in Wainuiomata.

Cr Lewis read out a statement from **Mr P Foese**, who said that more information on costs and benefits for a youth space were required before a decision could be made. He further said that he supported the appointment of a Youth Specialist and that young people had not had an opportunity to have their say.

The meeting adjourned at 8.05pm and reconvened at 8.17pm.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CDC 15306

"In terms of Standing Order 39.1, Youth Infusion representative Mr M Acharya was invited to participate in discussion on this item."

The General Manager, Community Services, elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the General Manager, Community Services, said that Regional Public Health was leading the youth survey of 2000 young people and the funding of \$58,000 could be allocated after Council had reviewed the results. He further said that the Community Engagement and Planning Officer, Libraries, attended the Hutt Youth Workers Steering Network meetings. He added that in addition to the \$58,000 Council had allocated \$100,000 for youth.

Cr Cousins said that the District Health Board and the church were funding services for youth, and members needed to ascertain whether additional Council funding would reach a wider pool of young people. She suggested that the Youth Partnership Fund \$58,000 not be approved until after the results of Vibe's youth survey were known and that members have a briefing on the matter.

Mayor Wallace supported Cr Cousin's suggestions. He noted that Voice had indicated that they would like to speak to members and added that he was pleased so many young people had attended the meeting.

Cr Shierlaw requested that officers report on whether the survey identified a central business district Youth Space as a priority for youth.

Cr Barry considered that a working group should be established to report back to the Committee. The working group to include Councillors, officers and young people in the sector. He added that it should also include a Terms of Reference. He noted that the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs was underway.

Cr Milne said that Hutt City had a huge amount of facilities available and things to do. He added that youth from suburbs such as Korokoro, Eastbourne and Stokes Valley may not be able to travel easily to a central business district youth space.

Cr Willard said that Hutt City had many opportunities for recreation. She highlighted that Council had an Urban Growth Strategy, therefore, youth would be an important sector for Council to listen to if it wanted to retain young people in the City.

Mr Acharya expressed concern that Council would undertake further reports but it might not necessarily result in anything being accomplished.

Deputy Mayor Bassett said members had heard a genuine desire from the public that more services be provided for youth. He considered that Council needed to be confident that funding would be spent for the right purposes. He noted that there were a limited amount of funds and the proposed youth survey should answer the question, "what is the most important, a youth worker or a youth space?"

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CDC 15307

"That the Committee:

- (i) notes the information provided in the report;*
- (ii) supports continuing to work with local youth service providers to strengthen the youth*

sector in Hutt City;

- (iii) approves the use of the Youth Partnership Fund of \$58k (approved in the Annual Plan 2015/16), for the purpose of strengthening the youth sector once the outcome of the youth survey results are known;*
- (iv) asks officers for a briefing after the results of the youth survey are known;*
- (v) requests officers to report on whether the youth survey identified a central business district youth space as a priority for youth;*
- (vi) notes the Youth Partnership Fund will be managed by the Community Advisor Funding under the leadership of the Community Projects and Relationship Manager; and*
- (vii) notes that officers will report back to Council each year on how the funds are applied and outcomes."*

6. ACTIVITY 14 REVIEW - URBAN DESIGN (15/1010)

Report No. CDC2015/3/189 (3) by the Urban Design Manager

The Urban Design Manager elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Urban Design Manager said that protection of older buildings had not been prioritised for funding. He highlighted that earthquake strengthening in heritage areas could be eligible for funding, depending upon their heritage listings.

Members noted that building consent approvals would be restricted to the District Plan. However, they also noted that the Urban Design Manager would be involved in liaising with officers where there would be Council funded design.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CDC 15308

"That the Committee:

- (i) notes the update information within this report; and*
- (ii) notes the current and future risks identified in the report."*

7. **TECHNOLOGY VALLEY SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY ACTIVITY** (15/577)

Report No. CDC2015/2/126 (2) by the Divisional Manager City Development

The Divisional Manager City Development elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CDC 15309

"That the Committee:

- (i) *receives the report; and*
- (ii) *notes the science and technology activities underway and planned as contained in the report."*

8. **GENERAL MANAGERS' REPORT** (15/753)

Report No. CDC2015/3/193 (3) by the General Manager, Strategic Services

The General Manager, Strategic Services elaborated on the report. She said that an update on the cycleways would be included in future reports.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CDC 15310

"That the Committee notes the updates contained in the report."

9. **TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES - 16 JUNE 2015**
(15/1034)

Report No. CDC2015/3/149 (3) by the Committee Advisor

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CDC 15311

"That the minutes of the Temporary Road Closures Subcommittee meeting held on 16 June 2015 be adopted."

10. **INFORMATION ITEM**

City Development Committee Work Programme (15/752)

Report No. CDC2015/3/148 (3) by the Committee Advisor

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CDC 15312

"That the work programme be received."

11. QUESTIONS

Cr Shierlaw asked whether officers had held discussions with the Trust, who was wishing to build an ice rink in Wellington, about leasing reserve land in Hutt City.

The General Manager, Strategic Services advised that there had been initial discussions with the Trust, and Council was currently awaiting a response. She added that a temporary ice rink was booked to go into the Dowse Square for a month from late September.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Deputy Mayor D Bassett
CHAIR

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