

HUTT CITY COUNCILCITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Report of an extraordinary meeting held in the Wainuiomata Council Chambers,
Wainuiomata Library, Queen Street, Wainuiomata on
Monday 24 August 2015 commencing at 5.30pm

PRESENT: Acting Mayor D Bassett (Chair) Cr M Willard
 Cr B Branch Cr M Cousins
 Cr A Finlayson Cr T Lewis
 Cr G McDonald Cr M Shierlaw

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Mayor WR Wallace and
 Cr C Milne.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr C Barry
 Cr M Lulich
 Mr T Stallinger, Chief Executive
 Mr M Reid, General Manager, Community Services
 Ms K Stannard, Divisional Manager, Secretariat Services
 Ms A Andrews, Kaitakawaenga Kaupapa Maori
 Ms S Simcox, Communications and Marketing Team Leader
 Mr S Keatley, Community Facilities Manager
 Ms M Laban, Community Projects and Relationship Manager
 Ms L Sliker, Manager Taita Sport and Community Centre
 Ms S Haniel, Committee Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS1. **APOLOGIES****RESOLVED:****Minute No. CDC 15401**

"That the apologies received from Mayor Wallace and Cr Milne 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. RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

Naming of Taita Sport and Community Centre (15/1174)

Report No. CDC2015/4/211 by the General Manager Community Services

Speaking under public comment, **Ms J Cudby** said that she had been a Company Director of Walter Nash Stadium and the Basketball Association for over 40 years. She supported the name "Walter Nash" for the new centre because users could be confused if two names were on the building, ie, "Te Mako" and "Walter Nash Stadium".

Speaking under public comment, **Ms L Sutton** said that she supported the name "Walter Nash" for the centre and if "Te Mako" were to be the name then she believed that "Walter Nash Stadium" would be devalued. She added that during a consultation meeting at the beginning of the process, most people in attendance had never heard of "Te Mako" as a pa name of the area.

Speaking under public comment, **Mrs S Rei** said that she supported the name "Te Mako" because the name would bring mana to the whare and acknowledge the history of the Taita and Pomare people. She added that the name had been gifted from Maori in Taita for Council to use for the sports centre and would be an opportunity for the two histories of Te Mako and Walter Nash to sit side by side. She said there was no divide in the community regarding the name.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr P Stevenson representing the Taita Community Trust**, said that he supported the name "Walter Nash" because the stadium was very well known in association with Hutt Valley Netball.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr M Love representing the Wellington Tenth's Trust**, said that officers had sought an appropriate name from the Wellington Tenth's Trust for the sports centre. The preferred name of the Trust was "Te Mako" because it was the name of an old pa site in the Taita area. He added that approximately 5000 Iwi had supported the name "Te Mako" and emphasised that the name was not divisive in the community. He added that the Trust would be unlikely to find a building with sufficient Mana for the name "Te Mako" should it not be approved for the sports centre.

In response to questions from members, Mr Love said that "Te Mako" was not a name exclusive to Lower Hutt and it was used elsewhere in New Zealand. He added that Iwi would be unlikely to gift the name "Te Mako" for the Taita Bowling Centre because it would have insufficient size for the significance of the name. He further said that the old pa site was a large area and the exact boundaries were not known.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms D Awarau and Ms T Tamaka** said that they supported the name "Te Mako" because, although the name had not been widely known by the community, the naming process had engendered a lot of discussion

of Maori history in the area. Ms Awarau added that children had shown an interest in "Te Mako" and this had already made a positive difference in local childrens' attitude toward the centre.

In response to a question from members, Ms Awarau and Ms Tamaka said that a lot of Maori history had not been written down and naming of the centre "Te Mako" would have a positive effect on Maori history in the community.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr S Hirini** said that he taught Te Reo at Taita College and supported the name "Te Mako" for the centre because 42% of students were of Maori ethnicity and the name would give them a sense of pride when they used the building. He further supported the name of "Walter Nash Stadium" to remain and that histories of both Maori and Pākehā be taught.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms V Hirini** said that she supported "Te Mako" for the centre and "Walter Nash" for the stadium because 85% of residents in Taita were of Maori or Pacific ethnicity and the name would have the endorsement of the community.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms J Jarvis, representing Netball Hutt Valley**, supported the name "Walter Nash" because it was synonymous with the Taita netball courts and Netball Hutt Valley had over 4,000 members who supported this as the name for the centre. She added that Netball Hutt Valley had contributed \$100,000 towards the centre.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms J Englebreton** said that she supported further consultation on the naming on the centre. She further said that she supported the name "Walter Nash" for the centre because she had met Walter Nash and valued the contribution he had made to Taita.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms J Granville** said that she supported the name "Walter Nash" because she would not like to lose the identity of Walter Nash on the building or have it diminished.

In response to a question from a member, Ms Granville said that at the beginning of the consultation with the community not much was known about the history of Te Mako. She believed at the Taita Library consultation meeting that the vote had been half split between "Walter Nash" and "Te Mako".

Speaking under public comment, **Mr K Moeahu**, said that he was the Chair of the Waiwhetu Marae and a Trustee of the Rūnanga. He added that the naming issue had not been tabled at the Rūnanga meeting therefore he had not had an opportunity to discuss the issue with them. He said that he supported "Te Mako" because naming was an example of Maori struggle for existence. He urged members to honour their polices and their obligations to the Treaty of Waitangi. He added that the Walter Nash Stadium had its own embodiment and its place, and that the name "Te Mako" would show true partnership between Maori and Pākehā.

In response to a question from a member, Mr Moeahau said that there were no

splits within Maoridom regarding the naming of the centre.

The General Manager Community Services elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the General Manager Community Services said that Taita community leaders, such as school principals in Taita, had been consulted on the name, and noted that such leaders may not necessarily live in Taita. He further said that the name "Te Mako" would be a marketable name and, if approved as a name, it would be branded to ensure the success of the building.

The Chair said the Committee resolutions from its meeting on 7 July 2015, to undertake an independent poll for the name of the new Taita Sport and Community Centre, could create a divisive contest for the name. Therefore the Committee should recommend a preferred name to Council.

Cr Finlayson said that he had been involved with with Walter Nash Stadium for the past 15 years and that he supported the name "Walter Nash".

Cr Lewis noted that at the outset of the project development there had been an implicit understanding the name "Walter Nash" would remain. However, she supported the name of "Te Mako" for the centre because it would contribute to the Taita community. She further said that both names could be respected within the centre.

Cr Branch said that some members of the Maori community in Lower Hutt supported the name "Walter Nash" over "Te Mako". She further said that if the centre was named "Te Mako" then the name of the Walter Nash Stadium would diminish. She added that the naming had been divisive in the community. She said that she supported the use of Maori names for the rooms within the centre. She added that "Te Mako" could be used for another significant building in Taita if local Iwi would agree to use the name for a second time.

Cr McDonald said that she supported the name "Te Mako" because it would honour the Treaty of Waitangi and be of benefit to mokopuna in the area. She added that "Walter Nash" and Pākehā would always be present in the community.

The Chair said that "Te Mako" was a lovely name, however, he had come to the view that "Walter Nash Centre" would be the right name for the centre. He said that the centre was one entity and would be painted one colour, and two names, "Te Mako" on the south side of building with "Walter Nash Stadium" on the north side of the building would create confusion for users. He added that basketball and netball players across the region currently use the name "Walter Nash." He further said that Walter Nash established much of the state housing in Taita, Pomare and Naenae and he was the only New Zealand Prime Minister who had lived and been elected from Hutt City.

RESOLVED:**Minute No. CDC 15402**

"That the Committee revokes parts (i) and (ii) of the motion passed at the City Development Committee meeting held on 7 July 2015 (Minute No. 15302) relating to the naming of the Taita Sport and Community Centre."

RECOMMENDED: (By Division)**Minute No. CDC 15403**

"That the Committee recommends that Council approves the name 'Walter Nash Centre' for the Taita Sport and Community Centre, which includes the Walter Nash Stadium."

The motion was declared CARRIED by division with voting as follows:

For

Acting Mayor Bassett

Cr Cousins

Cr Finlayson

Cr Shierlaw

Cr Willard

Cr Branch

Total: 6Against

Cr McDonald

Cr Lewis

Total: 2**5. QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.07 pm.

Acting Mayor D Bassett
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 20th day of October 2015