

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next meeting of the Committee to be held on the 9th of November 2015

HUTT CITY COUNCIL

CENTRAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held in the Lopdell Lounge, St Marks Church, 58 Woburn Road,
Lower Hutt on

Monday 7 September 2015 commencing at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Mrs S Lafrentz (Chair) Deputy Mayor D Bassett
Mr D Jones (Deputy Chair) Cr C Milne (until 7.55pm)
Mrs J Thompson

APOLOGIES: An apology was received from Ms Mulligan and an apology for early departure was received from Cr Milne.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms W Moore, Divisional Manager, Strategy and Planning (part meeting)
Mr L Earl, Traffic Assets Manager (part meeting)
Ms J Simmons, Road Safety Coordinator (part meeting)
Ms J Araithi, Community Facilitator (part meeting)
Ms S Haniel, Committee Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED: **Minute No. CCC 15401**

"That the apologies received from Ms Mulligan and Cr Milne for early departure be accepted and leave of absence be granted."

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

3. PRESENTATIONS

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

Cr Lamason elaborated on the report.

b) **Presentation by NZ Police**

An apology was received from Sergeant Bradley Allen.

c) **Presentation about the Central Business District Flood Protection Upgrades**

Mr Graeme Campbell, Flood Protection, Manager, Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) provided a brief presentation on the following: a history of flooding in the Hutt; the project to upgrade the stop banks between the Ewen and Melling Bridges; the impact of flooding on communities; the Melling Bridge intersection; and the analysis of cost effective options. He advised that the consultation period closed on Monday 14 September 2015.

In response to questions from members, Mr Campbell said that the costs would be between \$140M to \$160M and would be apportioned out between the New Zealand Transport Agency, Hutt City Council and GWRC. He added that the work could take 10 to 15 years to complete. He further said that GWRC did remove gravel from the river to deepen the river bed, however, deepening the river would not provide significant protection in a flood.

d) **Presentation on Avalon Park Update**

The Reserves Planner, Parks and Gardens presented an update on the playground developments at Avalon Park.

In response to questions from members, the Reserves Planner Parks and Gardens said that the park would be in construction over the Christmas period and therefore would not have play equipment available for children. She added that the park was due for completion in June 2016.

e) **Presentation on Disability and Aging**

The Divisional Manager, Strategy and Planning gave an update on Council activities for people with disabilities regarding accessibility to pools, training for Council officers, hiring people with disabilities and how Council was inclusive when implementing strategies.

The Road Safety Coordinator gave a presentation on the Physical Accessibility Policy and workstreams at Council. She elaborated on the Walk and Cycle the Hutt programme which included upgrading of footpaths, walkoffs, tactile pavers and wayfinding signs.

f) **Presentation from Mr Mark Shanks on Disability Policy**

Cr Milne left the meeting at 7.55pm.

Mr Shanks said that he had asked to make a presentation to the Committee to highlight that Hutt City Council did not have a Disability Policy/Strategy and he would like a policy developed similar to that in Tauranga which would outline a vision, principles, goals and implementation plan. He explained that one in five New Zealanders were estimated to be living with a long term impairment and that they were unable to reach their potential because of the barriers they faced. He added that there was a need to raise awareness and eliminate prejudice and abuse and that disabled people could make valuable contributions to society. He further said that he would like to work with officers to develop this policy because he worked for the Disabled Resources Trust.

In response to questions from members, Mr Shanks said that he would be available to make a presentation to Council on a potential Disability Policy.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CCC 15402

"That the Committee requests that Council hold a briefing for members on disabled and aging issues with a view to developing a policy."

4. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

5. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CCC 15403

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Central Community Committee held on Monday, 15 June 2015, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

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

a) **Hautana Street - Proposed P240 Parking Restrictions** (15/1223)

Report No. CCC2015/4/214 by the Traffic Engineer

The Traffic Assets Manager elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CCC 15404

"That the recommendation contained in the report be endorsed."

b) **27- 47 Dudley Street - Proposed P15 Parking Restrictions** (15/1274)

Report No. CCC2015/4/215 by the Traffic Engineer

The Traffic Assets Manager elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CCC 15405

"That the recommendations contained in the report be endorsed."

c) **71 Dudley Street - Proposed Loading Zone** (15/1275)

Report No. CCC2015/4/216 by the Traffic Engineer

The Traffic Assets Manager elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CCC 15406

"That the recommendations contained in the report be endorsed."

7. **COMMITTEE ADVISOR'S REPORT** (15/1168)

Report No. CCC2015/4/38 by the Committee Advisor

The Committee Advisor elaborated on the report.

Members considered that where dog parks were proposed near residences, problems which could diminish owners enjoyment of their property could arise, such as barking, fighting and smell.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CCC 15407

"That the Committee:

- (i) receives the report; and*
- (ii) requests officers to consider areas for dog parks which are away from residential areas."*

Deputy Mayor Bassett abstained from voting on the above matter.

8. **CHAIR'S REPORT** (15/1163)

Report No. CCC2015/4/165 by the Chair

The Chair elaborated on the report.

Deputy Mayor Bassett congratulated the Committee for its recent public meeting to progress a Community Response Plan for the Central Ward.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CCC 15408

"That the report be noted and received."

9. **SUBMISSION TO COUNCIL'S REVIEW OF VALLEY FLOOR RESERVES** (15/1106)

Report No. CCC2015/4/166 by the Committee Advisor

The Chair elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CCC 15409

"That the Committee:

- (i) *notes that its submission in respect of Council's Review of Valley Floor Reserves requires retrospective endorsement; and*
- (ii) *endorses its submission attached as Appendix 1 to the report."*

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

a) **Labyrinth Committee** (15/1164)

Ms Thompson said that there would be three labyrinth events for the remainder of the year including carols around the labyrinth on 5 December 2015.

b) **Keep Hutt City Beautiful and Graffiti Taskforce** (15/1165)

Mr Jones said that Bee Education Day had been held at Epuni School in August 2015 and had drawn participants from 10 schools in Hutt City. He further said that Council would be holding a hazardous goods collection day on 11 October 2015.

11. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Mrs S Lafrentz
CHAIR

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