

Please note these minutes are subject to confirmation at the next Committee meeting to be held on 10th day of November 2015

HUTT CITY COUNCIL

EASTERN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Report of a meeting held in the Naenae Library, 27 Hillary Court, Naenae on
Tuesday 8 September 2015 commencing at 6.30pm

PRESENT:

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| Cr B Branch | Cr L Bridson |
| Mrs R Carpenter | Mr M Ellis (Deputy Chair) |
| Ms B Willing | |

APOLOGIES:

An apology was received from Mr E Heslin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr M Reid, General Manager, Community Services
Mr B Hodgins, Divisional Manager Parks and Gardens (part meeting)
Ms C Murray, Community Projects Coordinator
Ms J Arait, Community Facilitator
Mrs A Doornebosch, Committee Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. **APOLOGIES**

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECC 15401

"That the apology received from Mr E Heslin 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 Representative from New Zealand Police**

There was no representation from the New Zealand Police due to a major emergency incident.

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

There was no representation from the Greater Wellington Regional Council.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECC 15402

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Eastern Community Committee held on Tuesday, 16 June 2015, be confirmed as a true and correct record, subject to an amendment on page 8 under Item 11b Transport, 'resetting' should read 'resealing'."

6. **COMMON UNITY PROJECT AOTEAROA PROPOSAL FOR BUTLER STREET RESERVE** (15/1229)

Report No. ECC2015/4/218 (4) by the Divisional Manager, Parks and Gardens

Speaking under public comment, **Ms Julia Milne** representing the Common Unity Project Aotearoa, 'Common Unity' reiterated the reason for the proposed project which was to support the underlying needs of the community. She noted that Common Unity had received good support from local organisations.

In response to questions from members, Ms Milne advised Common Unity was waiting on approval in principle, to proceed before contacting members of local churches. She said that most local churches had been invited to the Hui held on 29 July 2015. She advised that the Butler Street proposal was to supplement the facility at Epuni School.

The Divisional Manager, Parks and Gardens elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Divisional Manager, Parks and Gardens advised that once the project had been approved in principle, notification to the issuing of the lease would be published in the Hutt News, and the proposal would be submitted to the next Committee meeting to be held on 10 November 2015. He noted that Common Unity had consulted with residents who live adjacent to the reserve, and that this would also be a procedural matter for officers to complete.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECC 15403

"That the Committee:

- (i) *thanks Common Unity Project Aotearoa for its proposal; and*
- (ii) *agrees in principle to the proposal subject to;*
 - (a) *consideration of any objections to the issuing of a lease following the requisite public notification;*
 - (b) *consideration of the need to maintain street to street access; and*
 - (c) *consideration of the detailed layout of the gardens and structures within the reserve, taking into account safety, access and landscape impacts."*

7. **COMMITTEE ADVISOR'S REPORT** (15/1042)

Report No. ECC2015/4/37 (4) by the Committee Advisor

The Committee Advisor elaborated on the report.

Members discussed the possibility of establishing a group email address or Facebook page, to publicise ongoing community consultations. The email group would include community members from the Eastern Ward and Committee members. The Committee Advisor undertook to confirm if this was possible and would report back at the next meeting.

Cr Bridson highlighted the training budget and encouraged members to make use of training opportunities.

Members discussed representation to local organisations and portfolios.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECC 15404

“That the Committee:

- (i) *notes the Community Engagement Guidelines for Community Committees and Community Boards, attached as Appendix 1 to the report;*
- (ii) *retrospectively approves the Committee’s submission to the Fairfield/Waterloo/Waiwhetu/Moera – Valley Floor Review, attached as Appendix 2 to the report; and*
- (iii) *appoints representatives to local organisations as listed below; and*

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| <i>Keep Hutt City Beautiful</i> | <i>Ms Bunnie Willing and Mrs Rachael Carpenter</i> |
| <i>Team Naenae</i> | <i>Cr Lisa Bridson</i> |
| <i>Epuni Care and Protection Unit</i> | <i>Ms Bunnie Willing</i> |
| <i>Community Patrols Governance</i> | <i>Mr Edward Heslin</i> |
| <i>Naenae Menz Shed</i> | <i>Cr Barbara Branch</i> |
| <i>Neighbourhood Policing Team</i> | <i>Cr Lisa Bridson</i> |
| <i>Friends of Waiwhetu Stream</i> | <i>Mr Michael Ellis</i> |

- (iv) *agrees that members hold the following portfolios:*

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| <i>Older People</i> | <i>Cr Barbara Branch</i> |
| <i>Transport</i> | <i>Mr Michael Ellis</i> |
| <i>Recreation</i> | <i>Mr Michael Ellis</i> |
| <i>Environment</i> | <i>Cr Lisa Bridson</i> |
| <i>Infrastructure and Services</i> | <i>Mr Edward Heslin</i> |
| <i>Youth</i> | <i>Mrs Rachael Carpenter and Ms Bunnie Willing</i> |

8. **CHAIR'S REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2015** (15/1043)

Report No. ECC2015/4/169 (4) by the Chair

The General Manager, Community Services and members highlighted and acknowledged the ongoing service and time Mr Heslin provided to the local community.

In response to questions from members, the General Manager, Community Services noted that other communities employed a barrowman, and considered this would be a worthwhile and positive initiative for the Naenae community. He further advised this position would need to be funded by Council, and considered this was a worthwhile proposal for officers to consider, especially given the challenges with rubbish in and around the Central Business District area.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECC 15405

"That the report be noted and received."

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECC 15406

"That the Committee asks Council to explore the creation of a position of a Barrowman to provide ongoing support to the Naenae community, focussing on rubbish removal and graffiti."

9. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

a) **Transport** (15/1044)

To be updated at a later date.

b) **Recreation** (15/1045)

The General Manager, Community Services provided an update on the Regional Bowls Centre in Naenae. He noted that the last three months had focussed on the design and fundraising, and the project would be advertised shortly for tender. He advised a report would be submitted to Council's City Development Committee at a meeting to be held on 19 October 2015 at Council Chambers in Wainuiomata Library, commencing at 5.30pm. This meeting would consider the release of Council funding to contribute toward the project.

In response to a question from a member, the General Manager Community Services advised there would be an on-site Manager position established for this facility - funded through the tenant.

c) **Environment** (15/1046)

Cr Bridson noted Proposed Plan Change 36 - Changes to Notable Trees and Vegetation Removal Provisions and asked if members wished to lodge a submission. She advised that an arborist had assessed trees against a specified criteria, and that owners also needed to nominate trees to be included on the Notable Trees Register. Members agreed not to lodge a submission to Plan Change 36.

Cr Bridson advised an Enviroschools Hui was recently held at Naenae, in which local schools and representatives from GNS Science participated.

d) **Infrastructure and Services** (15/1047)

To be reported at a later date.

e) **Youth** (15/1049)

Mrs Carpenter noted that local retailers and building owners had acknowledged the recent assistance of teachers from Naenae Intermediate School, providing a presence outside Naenae Library to assist with youth congregating in the area. The Committee Advisor undertook to draft a letter of thanks to Naenae Intermediate School.

f) **Older People** (15/1050)

Cr Branch noted that Grey Power now had over 500 members. Recent presentations at meetings had included insurance, library services, reverse mortgages and fraudulent activities towards elder persons.

g) **Keep Hutt City Beautiful** (15/1052)

Ms Willing advised that Plant Hutt City Beautiful provided a workshop at Epuni School on 24 August 2015, which included an apiarist providing demonstrations, and children's activities including a competition to grow bee friendly gardens.

Members noted Ms Willing would request that large capacity bins be installed outside Naenae swimming pool. Ms Willing highlighted that litter bins on Petone foreshore were too small, and wheelie bins were falling over in winds. The Committee Advisor undertook to follow this up with officers. Ms Willing advised that the Wainuiomata Hub would hold its official opening on 1 November 2015, and noted Mrs Carpenter would provide a report on an Eco Film Festival to be held over October/November, at its next meeting.

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

a) **Naenae Menz Shed** (15/1053)

Cr Branch noted that the Menz Shed was continuing to prosper. Members had recently constructed a mobility slide for a child with disabilities, a trunk for a local knitters group and currently had an exhibit on display at Pataka Museum. She advised the Menz Shed was selling wood offcuts as firewood for \$3 a bag.

b) **Team Naenae** (15/1054)

Cr Bridson noted the Treadwell Street bottle-store's liquor licence was due for renewal, and submissions could be made up until 29 September 2015. She advised that the Medical Officer of Health had offered to provide assistance to anyone who wished to lodge submissions or objections.

Cr Bridson highlighted complaints regarding carparks outside the Super Saver Supermarket in Naenae. She advised this included people parking on the yellow lines opposite the carparks, and also people reversing out of the carparks with limited visibility. Cr Bridson noted she would follow this up with officers.

Members requested the Committee Advisor advise if the Old Post Office Clock Tower in Naenae was a heritage building.

c) **Epuni Care and Protection Unit** (15/1055)

To be reported at a later date.

d) **Community Patrols Governance** (15/1056)

To be reported at a later date.

e) **Neighbourhood Policing Team** (15/1057)

Cr Bridson advised the Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) followed the Crime Prevention through Urban Design Review Strategy which included recently implemented changes such as those to remedy youth congregating outside Naenae Library. She noted NPT had been in contact with local retailers to establish a retailers neighbourhood support group.

f) **Friends of Waiwhetu Stream** (15/1058)

Mr Ellis noted the main issue of concern at present was water quality and advised this would need to be followed up with Wellington Water Limited to conduct testing to identify the source. He advised plantings were almost completed for this year and a plant planning programme was in place through to 2017.

11. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.56 pm.

Mr M Ellis
DEPUTY CHAIR

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