

**These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next Committee meeting to be held
on 9th February 2015
HUTT CITY COUNCIL**

EASTERN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Report of a meeting held in the Epuni School, 313 Waiwhetu Road, Lower Hutt on
Tuesday 10 November 2015 commencing at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Ms B Branch Mrs R Carpenter
Mr M Ellis Mr E Heslin (Chair)

APOLOGIES: Cr L Bridson, Ms B Willing

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr B Hodgins, Divisional Manager Parks and Gardens (part meeting)
Ms M Laban, Community Projects and Relationship Manager
Mr L Earl, Traffic Assets Manager (part meeting)
Mrs A Doornebosch, Committee Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED: Minute No. ECC 15501

"That the apologies received from Cr Bridson and Ms Willing be accepted and leave of absence be granted."

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

RESOLVED: Minute No. WCB 15502

"That Standing Order 38.2 be temporarily suspended to allow Mr Steve Moseley to speak on an item not on the Agenda."

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Steve Moseley representing the Naenae Soccer Club** advised he wanted to develop the Club as a community hub base. He further advised he would like to obtain funding for a proposal to change the layout of the pitches and the installation of an astro pitch for soccer, cricket and indoor bowls. He noted this community sports programme would be managed by the community with a manager and young volunteers.

The Divisional Manager Parks and Gardens advised he would arrange a meeting with Mr Moseley and officers to discuss the proposal.

3. PRESENTATIONS

a) Presentation by Representative from New Zealand Police

Constable Luke Taunton noted the focus for the Naenae Policing Team at present was the Hillary Court area. He advised Police had taken over some ownership of the area and had established a business support group. He highlighted some changes would be made in early 2016 to enhance the overall atmosphere within the Court.

He advised that a member of the Police was assisting members of the community in obtaining their drivers' licences, with funding assistance from ACC. He highlighted there was a shortage of people available to provide practical driver training. He noted the Police were continuing their door knocking to encourage members of the community to join neighbourhood support groups.

In response to a question from a member, Constable Taunton advised that Council officers were following up the recent cases of graffiti in Hillary Court.

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

Cr Lamason elaborated on the report. She highlighted the Hutt Valley flood management update and noted that there had been overwhelming support for option A, which would involve moving stop-banks further west into Pharazyn and Marsden Streets. This was recently recommended by the GWRC Flood Management Subcommittee and would be submitted to their Council shortly. She advised that officers had discussed this proposal with a number of affected households and a team was on call and available to speak with affected residents at any time.

In response to a question from a member, Cr Lamason advised if affected residents wanted to move out early, the subject property would be rented.

4.. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECC 15503

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Eastern Community Committee held on Tuesday, 8 September 2015, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

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

a) **Cambridge Tce - Proposed No Stopping At All Times** (15/1566)

Report No. ECC2015/5/264 (5) by the Traffic Engineer

The Traffic Assets Manager elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECC 15504

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

b) **Hollands Crescent - Proposed No Stopping At All Times** (15/1568)

Report No. ECC2015/5/265 (5) by the Traffic Engineer

The Traffic Assets Manager elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Traffic Assets Manager advised that widening Hollands Crescent had not been considered because of the likely cost. He advised that officers had not consulted with the people who parked in the area as this was not standard practice, but that consultation had taken place with local business owners. He noted that the Committee could recommend to retain the parks if they considered this to be the best option.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECC 15505

"That the Committee asks that the Traffic Subcommittee recommends that further public consultation be undertaken for the Proposed No Stopping at All Times Report in Hollands Crescent, Naenae and the matter be deferred until that consultation is completed."

7. **LEASE OF BUTLER STREET RESERVE TO COMMON UNITY PROJECT AOTEAROA TRUST** (15/1561)

Report No. ECC2015/5/266 (5) by the Divisional Manager, Parks and Gardens

Speaking under public comment, **Ms Candice Benseman** advised she was a former volunteer from the Common Unity Aotearoa Trust. She expressed concern with the management of Common Unity Aotearoa. She enquired if officers were confident from the information Council had received, that the implementation in Naenae was going to be successful.

The Divisional Manager Parks and Gardens elaborated on the report. He noted he believed Common Unity Aotearoa had the ability to make a success of the proposal and that officers would be working closely with the trustees.

In response to questions from members, the Divisional Manager Parks and Gardens advised that Common Unity Aotearoa had advised the development would be a graduated process and that any possible impacts would be managed.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECC 15506

"That the Committee:

- (i) *notes that three submissions were received following formal public notification of the proposal to lease the Butler Street Reserve to Common Unity Project Aotearoa (CUPA) for the establishment of an urban farm and purpose-built community kitchen;*
- (ii) *notes that submitters were generally supportive of the proposal, with two submitters requesting that consideration be given to adequately managing possible negative impacts;*
- (iii) *notes that impacts of the proposal are required to be addressed through the resource consent process required for aspects of the proposed development;*
- (iv) *notes that officers have met with CUPA to discuss details of the proposal, particularly with reference to public access and safety and will continue to work with CUPA to assist with the proposal's implementation; and*
- (v) *approves the issuing of a lease to Common Unity Project Aotearoa for the Butler Street Reserve for a term of seven years with a further seven year right of renewal."*

8. **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FUND 2015-2016** (15/1613)

Memorandum dated 2 November 2015 by the Community Advisor Funding and Community Contracts

The Community Projects and Relationship Manager elaborated on the report. She highlighted that the request from Common Unity Aotearoa was for funding for activities that would promote the developments in Butler Street Reserve.

The Chair expressed support for the application from Team Naenae, and highlighted he would like more community groups apply for funding. He noted that some of the items requested in the Common Unity Aotearoa application such as sporting equipment, barbeques and a noticeboard were available to borrow within the Naenae community.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECC 15507

"That the Committee:

- (i) *notes that the Committee's Community Engagement Fund closed on 20 October 2015 and two applications were received;*
- (ii) *agrees that the applications were considered according to the merits of the application criteria and priorities of the fund; and*
- (iii) *agrees to contributing \$1,020.00 towards subsidising 34 entries to the Weetbix Tryathlon by \$30.00 each, for two schools in the Eastern Ward area, namely Naenae Primary School and Naenae Intermediate, Lower Hutt."*

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECC 15508

"That the Committee approves the application from Team Naenae for funding from the Community Engagement Fund for the sum of \$1,168.00 for funding of advertising and a community patrol for the Naenae Community Festival to be held on 28 November 2015."

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECC 15509

"That the Committee:

- (i) *approves the application from the Common Unity Project Aotearoa for funding from the Community Engagement Fund for the sum of \$500.00 to purchase food consumables and a corflute sign for hosting a series of free public events to engage the Naenae community during summer; and*
- (ii) *asks Common Unity Project Aotearoa to report back to the Committee on what local community partners they have engaged with for the development at the Butler Street Reserve."*

9. **2016 MEETING SCHEDULE** (15/1549)

Memorandum dated 20 October 2015 by the Senior Committee Advisor

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECC 15510

"That the Committee:

(i) notes the meeting dates for 2016 as follows:

- a. 9 February 2016*
- b. 19 April 2016*
- c. 28 June 2016; and*
- d. 23 August 2016;*

(ii) determines the start time for its meetings to be 6.30pm;

(iii) determines the venue for its meetings to be the Waiwhetu Uniting Church and Naenae Library, subject to their availability; and

(iv) delegates authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Board Chair to alter the date, time or venue of a meeting, or cancel a meeting, should circumstances require this."

10. **COMMITTEE ADVISOR'S REPORT** (15/1441)

Report No. ECC2015/5/47 (5) by the Committee Advisor

The Committee Advisor elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECC 15511

"That the Committee:

(i) notes the report; and

(ii) approves catering costs of \$110.98 for its meeting to be held on 10 November 2015."

11. **CHAIR'S REPORT - NOVEMBER 2015** (15/1442)

Report No. ECC2015/5/197 (5) by the Chair

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Dan Lee** noted the neglected condition of Naenae Park. He advised several cricket games were cancelled last year due to drainage problems and much of the turf was undulating. He requested, if it was possible, to move the aspect of the cricket nets so they were not facing into the sun in the afternoon.

In response to a question from a member, Mr Lee advised that mainly soccer and cricket sporting codes used the facilities at Naenae Park.

The Divisional Manager, Parks and Gardens advised if Naenae Cricket Club had concerns they could relay this to officers. He noted that some funding had been set aside for drainage and notification of such issues would assist in formulating priorities. He further noted that if Naenae Cricket Club wanted to pursue a major development, this would need to be submitted to Council for consideration within the Annual Plan.

Members noted that a childproof fence and gate was required at the Seddon Street entrance to Naenae Park.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECC 15512

"That the report be noted and received."

12. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

a) **Transport** (15/1443)

Mr Ellis expressed concern regarding the intersection of Naenae and Waiwhetu Roads, with several major accidents. The Chair advised he would be touring the area with officers in the near future, and that he would highlight this issue to them.

b) **Recreation** (15/1444)

Mr Ellis advised good progress was being made on the development of the bicycle trail between Te Whiti Park and Wainuiomata.

c) **Environment** (15/1445)

To be reported at a later date.

d) **Infrastructure and Services** (15/1446)

The Chair noted the ongoing support he received from officers.

e) **Youth** (15/1447)

Mrs Carpenter advised that Team Naenae had no youth activities planned for the rest of the year, but would team up with other community houses for Children's Day in 2016, a possible disco and further driver licence courses.

f) **Older People** (15/1448)

Cr Branch advised that staff, residents and volunteers of Wesleyhaven Village delivered packets of sunflower seeds to Hutt City residents recently, to help raise the profile of Wesleyhaven. She noted the Wesleyhaven Team retained their title of 'Best Dressed' Team at the annual Petone Festival Polar Plunge. She advised Grey Power recently hosted a workshop for the Ministry of Health, which highlighted a reduced level of health services in some areas for older people. She further advised that the Hutt Valley Senior Citizens Committee had a new President, and Cr Branch would be assisting as Secretary.

g) **Keep Hutt City Beautiful** (15/1449)

Mrs Carpenter said that the Clean Up Week hosted by Keep Hutt City Beautiful had low participation from schools due to other commitments at that time, so this would be moved to term 4. She noted that judging for the Plant Hutt City Beautiful would take place on 11 November 2015 and that the sponsored prize was a trip to Zealandia. She advised that an independent audit of Enviro-schools revealed that 97% of participating schools were providing their own food. She noted that Paint New Zealand Beautiful Month would be held in March 2016.

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

a) **Naenae Menz Shed** (15/1450)

Cr Branch advised members were currently raising funds for a building extension, and that membership had risen to over 90. She noted that the Menz Shed were still looking to develop a school holiday programme but needed a volunteer with the necessary knowledge and skills to manage such a programme.

b) **Team Naenae** (15/1451)

The Chair advised the new Team Coordinator for Team Naenae was Ms Alice Tuapawa.

c) **Epuni Care and Protection Unit** (15/1452)

To be reported at a later date.

d) **Community Patrols Governance** (15/1453)

The Chair advised the Community Patrol was going well and that Waiwhetu Auto Services had moved into Naenae, and were providing free service checks for the Patrol's vehicle.

e) **Neighbourhood Policing Team** (15/1454)

To be reported at a later date.

f) **Friends of Waiwhetu Stream** (15/1455)

Mr Ellis advised the planting programme was near its end for the year and the Annual General Meeting would be held on 30 November 2015 at the Hutt Park Sportsville Peloris Trust complex.

In response to questions from members, Mr Ellis noted the results of recent surveys showed the water quality in the stream was better than it had been in the past. He highlighted that there were two weirs on the stream which prevented fish access further up-stream. Members requested a timeline and report on the work being completed on St Ronan's Weir within Waiwhetu Stream. The Committee Advisor undertook to follow this up with officers at Greater Wellington Regional Council.

14. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.29 pm.

Mr E Heslin
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 9th day of February 2016