

**These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next Committee meeting to be held
on 14th April 2016
HUTT CITY COUNCIL**

EASTERN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Report of a meeting held in the Waiwhetu Uniting Church,
4 Trafalgar Street, Waiwhetu on
Tuesday 9 February 2016 commencing at 6.30pm

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Deputy Mayor Bassett (part meeting)
- Mr M Reid, General Manager, Community Services (part meeting)
- Mr P Healy, General Manager, Community Facilities Trust (part meeting)
- Mr L Earl, Traffic Assets Manager (part meeting)
- Mrs A Doornebosch, Committee Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

RESOLVED

Minute No. ECC 16101

"That in accordance with Standing Order 25.5 precedence be accorded to item 3b Presentation on Current Council Projects and item 6b Grenville Street – Proposed No Stopping At All Times."

This item is recorded in the order in which it is listed on the order paper.

3. PRESENTATIONS

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

Cr Lamason elaborated on the report. She advised GWRC was continuing liaison to affected residents of the Flood Protection Plan. She noted that Transdev Australasia in association with Hyundai Rotem had been selected by GWRC as its preferred future operator for Wellington's metro rail service.

In response to questions from members, Cr Lamason advised that the new rail contract was now a service related contract. She advised that holiday buses over the Christmas period reverted to Sunday and public holiday timetables.

b) **Presentation on Current Council Projects**

Deputy Mayor Bassett and the General Manager Community Facilities Trust provided highlights of current Council projects.

Deputy Mayor Bassett noted the raised spirit in the community since the opening of the Walter Nash Stadium. He advised the Council Administration building was expected to be completed on time and within budget, and officers would move into these facilities in mid-March 2016. He said the Avalon Park project was due for completion at the end of 2017. He noted the Huia Pool development had been circulated for tender, was due for completion in 2017, and would include therapeutic and learn to swim facilities. He said the Hutt Recreational Ground had been drained and new facilities installed. He advised the Atrium and the Town Hall Projects next to the Council Administration building would commence once the Administration building was complete, and the hotel development was planned for completion in March 2017. He advised that the Central Community Committee would write to members shortly asking them to consider candidates for the light box initiative in the Eastern Ward.

The General Manager, Community Facilities Trust said the Walter Mildenhall Park development had commenced. He noted the covered outdoor green would provide 24 hour 12 month play and this project was expected to be completed in October 2016. He highlighted that there would be some disturbance to neighbouring areas from 15 February 2016 while piles were being driven into the ground. He advised usage at Fraser Park had been over 95% since installation, and the major focus was fundraising \$3M for Stage 2.

Deputy Mayor Bassett advised the Naenae Bowling Club would be the anchor organisation utilising Walter Mildenhall Park. He highlighted Council's objective to grow the city's population and that medical services would be required in the future for a growing and aging population. He said it was hoped the land at Mitchell Park where the club currently resided would be designated for medical services.

In response to a question from a member, the General Manager Community Facilities Trust said he would arrange a gesture of goodwill to Treadwell Street residents affected by the pile driving noise that would occur over February.

In response to a question from a member, Deputy Mayor Bassett advised he would enquire if the mural boards located at the front of the Council Administration building could be installed elsewhere in the community.

The meeting adjourned at 7.45pm and reconvened at 7.50pm.

4. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

5. MINUTES**RESOLVED:****Minute No. ECC 16102**

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Eastern Community Committee held on Tuesday, 10 November 2015, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

6. REPORTS REFERRED FOR COMMITTEE INPUT BEFORE BEING CONSIDERED BY STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL**a) Naenae Road/Rata Street Intersection - Proposed Roundabout (16/102)**

Report No. ECC2016/1/3 by the Senior Traffic Engineer

The Traffic Assets Manager elaborated on the report. He advised the intent of this proposal was to reduce the number of accidents occurring at this intersection, and reduce the speed of motorists. He noted there had been an additional response from a resident living directly adjacent to the roundabout, opposing the proposal. This resident had concerns regarding heavy traffic in front of their house in the mornings and later in the afternoons, but was happy to consider other residents views. They also noted they were concerned that some parking would be removed and some road users may park over their driveway.

In response to questions from members, the Traffic Assets Manager advised officers had liaised with Rata Street School, and the school would be providing updates to students and parents regarding the changes to this intersection. He advised the 40km zone around the school was a separate project which would occur in the near future. He noted that regulations did not allow Council to paint road signs on the road for school zones.

Members noted that some parking would be reduced for parents at Rata Street School, and motorists slowing down for the intersection would cause congestion. The Traffic Assets Manager highlighted the installation of this roundabout focussed on safety and reducing speeds of motorists.

RESOLVED:**Minute No. ECC 16103**

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

b) **Grenville Street - Proposed No Stopping at All Times** (16/103)

Report No. ECC2016/1/4 by the Traffic Engineer

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Jim McMenamin** advised he was speaking in support of the no stopping proposal for Grenville Street. He said he was a resident of Grenville Street and highlighted it was a curved narrow street. He noted that Cambridge Terrace was a busy road, a number of neighbours' vehicles had been damaged and it was hazardous for residents coming out of driveways. He advised the number of people parking in the area kept increasing.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms Prue Lamason** noted she contacted Council as a resident when the subdivision on Grenville Street was being established, as she considered it was hazardous with increased traffic flows. She said as a resident of the city she was in support of the recommendation contained in the officer's report and highlighted the current dangers for motorists that did not know the road.

The Traffic Assets Manager elaborated on the report. He highlighted the lack of visibility on Grenville Street as it was curved, and the close location of Cambridge Terrace. He advised the installation of yellow lines on both sides of Grenville Street would mitigate the lack of visibility on the bend, and allow room for motorists to manoeuvre through the road.

In response to questions from members, the Traffic Assets Manager considered it would be safer to install yellow lines on both sides of the road to improve visibility. He advised the installation of these yellow lines would result in the removal of approximately 10 to 12 car parks.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECC 16104

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

7. **COMMITTEE ADVISOR'S REPORT** (15/1784)

Report No. ECC2016/1/18 by the Committee Advisor

Cr Bridson noted the unspent funds in the Committee's miscellaneous and training budget, and requested if it would be possible to submit a request to the Finance and Audit Committee, to use these funds for Eastern Ward community initiatives. The Committee Advisor undertook to follow up and advise back to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECC 16105

"That the Committee notes the report."

8. **CHAIR'S REPORT - FEBRUARY 2016** (15/1785)

Report No. ECC2016/1/29 by the Chair

The Chair noted that the Treadwell Street hall had been undergoing renovations.

The General Manager, Community Services highlighted the positive feedback from the community, as a result of the Chair in his new Community Barrowman role.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. ECC 16106

"That the report be noted and received."

9. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

a) **Transport** (15/1786)

Mr Ellis noted another section of Waiwhetu Road had been resealed and not swept sufficiently for safety in the area.

b) **Recreation** (15/1787)

Mr Ellis said enthusiastic residents were already walking the Te Whiti mountain biking track, and were looking forward to its completion.

c) **Environment** (15/1788)

Cr Bridson advised a new environmental advisory group had been established by officers. She noted this group met every other month, a website had been created, and there was high level of interest in this initiative.

d) **Infrastructure and Services** (15/1789)

The Chair noted officers ongoing support.

e) **Youth** (15/1790)

Mrs Carpenter advised there had been no Police presence at Hillary Court the week prior to the Committee meeting, and youth were again congregating in the area and harassing residents. The Chair said he would contact the Naenae Policing Team and follow up. The General Manager Community Services undertook to contact the City Safety Manager to assist.

f) **Older People** (15/1791)

Cr Branch said Grey Power's first meeting for 2016 would include two business advocacy speakers, focussing on Accident Compensation Commission policies for the elderly. She noted Grey Power had been lobbying government for higher subsidies for dentistry, vision and hearing services. She highlighted that Senior Citizens in Naenae held lunchtime meetings and entertainment and hosted house on Thursday evenings.

g) **Keep Hutt City Beautiful** (15/1792)

Ms Willing advised Community Boards and Community Committees had been asked to participate in the 25th Anniversary of Keep Hutt City Beautiful. Members agreed to consider an installation of art boards painted by local youth artists, as well as possible contributions of art boards from outside the Council Administration building, at Naenae Park. Cr Branch said she would ask the Menz Shed if they could build some boards. Members agreed to report back at their next meeting to be held on 14 April 2016.

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

a) **Naenae Menz Shed** (15/1793)

To be reported at a later date.

b) **Team Naenae** (15/1794)

Cr Bridson noted the Naenae Festival held in November 2015 was successful. She highlighted Team Naenae had recruited a new Coordinator – Ms Christine Wakefield.

c) **Epuni Care and Protection Unit** (15/1795)

To be reported at a later date.

d) **Community Patrols Governance** (15/1796)

The Chair advised the patrol were always hoping to encourage more volunteers, and would welcome any new members.

e) **Friends of Waiwhetu Stream** (15/1797)

Mr Ellis said a rubbish collection had been conducted along the stream in January, and noted the reduced amount of rubbish present. He advised activities for 2016 were now being planned.

f) **Neighbourhood Policing Team** (16/20)

To be reported at a later date.

11. **QUESTIONS**

Mrs Carpenter asked if the heritage listing query for the Clock Tower building located in Hillary Court had been confirmed. She highlighted that she would follow up with the Historic Places Trust.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Mr E Heslin
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 14th day of April 2016