

HUTT CITY COUNCIL**NORTHERN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a meeting held in the Walter Nash Centre, Taine Street, Taita on
Wednesday 10 February 2016 commencing at 5.00pm

PRESENT: Ms L Sutton Ms D Awarau
Mr F Allen Cr A Finlayson
Cr G McDonald Mr G KcKenna

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms L Sliker, Manager, Taita Sport and Community Centre
Mr M Mercer, Sport and Recreation Manager (part meeting)
Ms K Glanville, Senior Committee Advisor (part meeting)
Mrs H Clegg, Minute Taker

PUBLIC BUSINESS**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

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)**

There was no representation from Greater Wellington Regional Council.

b) **Presentation by the New Zealand Police**

There was no representation from the New Zealand Police.

Members asked the Senior Committee Advisor to make contact with a representative from New Zealand Police to ask them to attend the next Committee meeting on Wednesday 20 April 2016.

c) **Presentation by the General Manager, Community Services**

The General Manager, Community Services was an apology for the meeting.

4. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

5. **MINUTES**

The Committee agreed that the item 'Updates on Positive Needs for Our Youth' could be discussed under an existing item on the agenda.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 16101

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Northern Community Committee held on Wednesday, 11 November 2015, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

6. **COMMITTEE ADVISOR'S REPORT** (16/44)

Report No. NCC2016/1/32 by the Senior Committee Advisor

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Mike Mercer, Sport and Recreation Manager** provided an update regarding the Stokes Valley Community Hub's progress to date. He noted that Council was consulting with the community to confirm its priorities. He said communications with the community included: a public information evening; displays in the community; an online survey (with hard copies available); a letter box drop; articles in the Stokes Valley Times; and Council's Facebook page. He informed members that consultation with the three shortlisted contractors was being undertaken and feedback from the public consultation process would be presented to those contractors. He advised that a report regarding the Stokes Valley Hub would be considered by Council in June 2016.

In response to questions from members, the Sport and Recreation Manager confirmed that Council officers would review the 2001 and 2005 survey results (oral and written submissions) and provide these to the three shortlisted contractors. He outlined the process undertaken by officers to shortlist the three contractors.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Casey Diver** from the Stokes Valley Community House, asked members to consider making a submission to Council's Annual Plan for a permanent youth space in the proposed Stokes Valley Hub. He suggested that youth programmes could be co-ordinated through the Hub.

Members agreed that a co-ordinated approach to a youth programme was a good idea. Members noted that there were several under-utilised spaces in the Stokes Valley area which could be used for youth programmes. It was considered that the footprint of the proposed Hub was too small to have a dedicated youth programme space.

The Senior Committee Advisor elaborated on the report. She advised that the miscellaneous budget could not be used for Community House newsletters. She said that the miscellaneous budget could however be used for a Committee newsletter and flyers calling for Annual Plan submissions.

With regards to training opportunities, Mr Allen tabled a document about the 'Introduction to Groundwater: Principles and Practices Conference' to be held on 12-13 April 2016, Hamilton, provided by Sustainable Resources Industry Training Limited. He asked that the Committee cover the cost of the conference via the Committee's training budget. Members agreed to contribute \$2,500.00 of the Training Budget towards covering the cost of Mr Allen attending the conference.

In response to a question from a member, the Senior Committee Advisor advised that a Committee bus tour could be arranged for any time.

Members agreed to arrange a Committee bus tour following the Local Government Elections in October 2016.

RESOLVED:**Minute No. NCC 16102**

"That the Committee:

- (i) receives the report; and*
- (ii) agrees to contribute \$2,500.00 from the Training Budget to allow Mr Allen to attend the 'Introduction to Groundwater: Principles and Practices Conference' to be held on 12-13 April 2016, in Hamilton."*

7. CHAIR'S REPORT (16/45)

Report No. NCC2016/1/31 by the Chair

The Chair elaborated on the report.

Members agreed to inform the public about the Annual Plan submission process at the upcoming Tumeke Taita Day.

RESOLVED:**Minute No. NCC 16103**

"That the Committee receives the report."

8. MEMBERS' UPDATES

Cr Finlayson informed members that he had received phone calls from Dalton Grove residents regarding a leaking sewer and a Glen Road resident about work around the Tawhai School area lifting a property fence.

Cr McDonald advised that work on the BMX pump track had commenced and that the Baring Heads Project was progressing well.

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

Keep Hutt City Beautiful (16/47)

Ms Sutton outlined a proposal for all Boards and Community Committees to work on a special project to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Keep Hutt City Beautiful movement.

Members agreed to canvas ideas for the special project via email.

Ms Sutton suggested the installation of signage at the Hoereka Reserve Tracks.

a) **Pomare Community House** (16/48)

The Chair advised that due to Pomare Community House and Taita Community House merging only one item on the agenda was required in the future. She noted that the Pomare Community House was currently being refurbished.

In regards to the recent media coverage concerning the new Pomare subdivision, the Chair advised that a community meeting had been organised to discuss the issue.

b) **Stokes Valley Community House** (16/49)

Cr McDonald advised that the Community House was looking for sewing machines for its creative arts programme. She said that there were programmes in place for youth, including a homework programme. She noted that the Community House was involved in the Stokes Valley Hub Development.

c) **Taita Community House** (16/50)

Mr McKenna noted the merge between Pomare Community House and Taita Community House.

d) **Youth Participation Portfolio** (16/51)

Mr McKenna advised that Taita College's principal, Mr John Murdoch, had resigned. He noted that the College continued to work with at-risk youth. He provided an update about the successful Work Experience Programme run through Taita College for one day a week for two years that 10 youth were currently involved.

e) **Environmental Portfolio** (16/52)

Mr Allen noted that water conservation was important due to the current warm and dry weather conditions. He advised that there were ring barked trees by the Rakau Grove reservoir area and asked officers to investigate.

10. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.05 pm.

D Awarau
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 20th day of April 2016