

Please Note: These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next Community Committee to be held on 27th June 2016
HUTT CITY COUNCIL

CENTRAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held in the James Coe 1, Dowse Art Museum, 45 Laings Road,
 Lower Hutt on

Monday 18 April 2016 commencing at 6.00pm

PRESENT: Mrs S Lafrentz (Chair) Mrs J Thompson
 Deputy Mayor D Bassett Mr D Jones (Deputy Chair)

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Cr Milne and Ms Mulligan.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms H Oram, Divisional Manager Environmental Consents
 Mr L Earl, Traffic Assets Manager
 Ms S Haniel, Committee Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED: **Minute No. CCC 16201**

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. PRESENTATION

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

Cr Lamason elaborated on the report. She gave a presentation of the completion of the remedial work on the Korokoro Track.

In response to questions from members, Cr Lamason said that the GWRC rates increase of 7.9% was not a high increase given the projects that GWRC was committed to. She noted members' concerns that GWRC had consistently high rates increases compared to Council's and residents could not easily discern where the rates increases arose. She further noted members concerns that the GWRC rates

increases were difficult to pay for people who were already struggling financially.

4. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

5. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CCC 16202

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Central Community Committee held on Tuesday, 9 February 2016, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

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

a) **Proposed School Zones 40km/h Variable Speed Limits** (16/356)

Report No. CCC2016/2/56 by the Traffic Engineer

The Traffic Assets Manager elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CCC 16203

"That the recommendations contained in the report, that relate to Naenae College, be endorsed."

b) **High Street - Proposed P60 Parking Restrictions** (16/360)

Report No. CCC2016/2/57 by the Traffic Engineer

The Traffic Assets Manager elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CCC 16204

"That the Committee endorses the recommendation contained in the report."

c) **St Albans Grove - Proposed P15 Parking Restrictions** (16/364)

Report No. CCC2016/2/58 by the Traffic Engineer

The Traffic Assets Manager elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CCC 16205

"That the Committee endorses the recommendation contained in the report."

d) **Stevens Grove - Proposed P180 Electric Vehicle Parking Restriction** (16/365)

Report No. CCC2016/2/60 by the Traffic Engineer

The Traffic Assets Manager elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Traffic Assets Manager said that Council's Sustainability Policy supported the promotion of electric vehicles and the proposal for free 180 minute parking and car charging was consistent with the policy. He added that a three hour charge would provide a half charge for a Nissan Leaf car. He noted members' request for officers to consider less central parking sites for free electricity charging of vehicles.

In response to questions from members, the Divisional Manager Environmental Consents, said that Hutt City Council was a leader in its use and promotion of electric vehicles in New Zealand, and that the officers' recommendations supported Council's leadership.

Members expressed support for environmental sustainability and free electricity charging for electric vehicles, however, they highlighted that there would be an inequity for the parking charges in Stevens Grove. They considered that the P180 electric vehicle carpark users should pay the equivalent in parking charges as other users of Stevens Grove car parks.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CCC 16206

"That the Committee recommends that the Traffic Subcommittee:

- (i) *notes the officers' recommendation;*
- (ii) *notes that Stevens Grove is a central Hutt City carpark;*
- (iii) *notes that the Central Community Committee supports the Environmental Sustainability Strategy and encourages environmental sustainability;*
- (iv) *agrees that there be free electricity charging for electric vehicle users of the Stevens Grove proposed P180 car park; and*
- (v) *requests that the parking fees in Stevens Grove be equitable to all users of Stevens Grove car parks, and users of the electric vehicle P180 car park pay the equivalent in parking fees to other users."*

7. **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FUND 2015/2016** (16/432)

Memorandum dated 11 April 2016 by the Community Advisor Funding and Community Contracts

The Chair elaborated on the report.

Members noted that the Community Advisor Funding and Community Contracts was not in attendance to answer questions.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CCC 16207

"That the Committee:

- (i) *notes that the Community Engagement Fund Round Two closed on 15 March 2016;*
- (iv) *agrees that the applications were considered according to the merits of the application criteria and priorities of the fund;*
- (ii) *approves the application from the Hutt Multicultural Council for funding from the Community Engagement Fund for a total of \$1,000.00 towards venue, sound, lighting and promotion costs for the Multicultural Festival that is to be held on 2 July 2016 at the Epuni Community Hall, Lower Hutt; and*
- (iv) *approves the application from the Hutt Safe Valley Trust for funding from the Community Engagement Fund for a total of \$855.00 towards venue hire for X-Roads."*

8. **COMMITTEE ADVISOR'S REPORT** (16/165)

Report No. CCC2016/2/30 by the Committee Advisor

The Committee Advisor elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Committee Advisor said that she would inform members of training courses available.

Members agreed that their meeting start time be at 6pm. They noted that the Bus Stop at 369 High Street was exposed to the elements and reiterated their request for a shelter at the stop.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CCC 16208

"That the Committee receives the report."

9. **CHAIR'S REPORT** (16/297)

Report No. CCC2016/2/61 by the Chair

The Chair said that members had consulted on the Annual Plan at the Riverbank Market on the 2nd and 16th of April 2016.

Members agreed to provide an ANZAC Day wreath at the service in Riddiford Gardens on the 25th of April.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CCC 16209

"That the report be noted and received."

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

a) **Labyrinth Committee** (16/298)

Ms Thompson said that the Labyrinth Committee would celebrate World Labyrinth day on 7 May 2016. She said that planning for the Christmas event was underway.

b) **Keep Hutt City Beautiful and Graffiti Taskforce** (16/299)

Mr Jones said that schools were continuing with education about bees. He further said that the Taskforce were considering a project of gifting a tree for every newborn baby. He added that the small decorative plants along berms and traffic islands needed to be more colourful which would beautify the city.

11. **QUESTIONS**

The Chair asked whether the proposed design of the Fountain Carpark would result in a decreased number of car parks and whether there would be less land available for the Rotary Shape Shifter exhibitions.

The Deputy Mayor advised that the Civic Precinct Steering Group was working through the design options. He added that one of the options was to increase the amount of green space for the Rotary Shape Shifter exhibition. He further said that feedback from stakeholders about the fountain, had shown that there was not a lot of public support to retain it, however, there had been a strong view that the park should have a water feature.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

Mrs S Lafrentz
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 27th day of June 2016