

**These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next Committee meeting to be held
on 29th June 2016
HUTT CITY COUNCIL**

NORTHERN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held in the Koraunui Marae, 146 Stokes Valley Road, Stokes Valley
on **Wednesday 20 April 2016 commencing at 5.00pm**

PRESENT:

Ms L Sutton	Ms D Awarau (Chair)
Mr F Allen	Cr A Finlayson
Cr G McDonald	Mr G KcKenna

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr C Cottrill, Reserves Asset Manager
Mr M Mercer, Sport and Recreation Manager (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)

Cr Greig elaborated on the report. She advised that she had visited the Pomare Train Station 'Park and Ride' carpark and that she was working with Cr Finlayson and GWRC officers regarding the number and siting of carparks in the area. She provided a brief update on the Korokoro Valley.

Cr Lamason presented on the restoration of the Korokoro Valley following the flooding damage in 2015. She explained that consents were required as parts of the track had been completely rebuilt. She advised that there was an on-going management plan for the Korokoro Valley area.

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

There was no representation from the New Zealand Police.

c) **Presentation by the Reserves Assets Manager - Stokes Valley Marching Hall**

The Reserves Assets Manager explained that officers had been assessing the Stokes Valley Marching Hall for the last two years. He said the current leasee had been advised that if they surrendered the lease then Council would take over the ownership and maintenance of the hall. He advised that the surrendering process was currently underway.

In response to questions from members, the Reserves Assets Manager advised that the hall was in a fully functional state. He said the hall may not be well positioned for youth activities but that there would be other community groups that the location would suit. He noted that Council undertook weekly inspections of key playgrounds, and fortnightly inspections of other playgrounds. He further advised that there had been no reports of vandalism to Northern area playgrounds recently, and that the Horoeka Reserve upgrade had been well received.

4. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

5. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 16201

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Northern Community Committee held on Wednesday, 10 February 2016, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

6. **COMMITTEE ADVISOR'S REPORT** (16/376)

Report No. NCC2016/2/66 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 (the Hub). He advised that the initial community consultation had been completed and there had been a high response rate. He said that next step was to encourage submissions to the Hutt City Council Annual Plan process. He confirmed that a report regarding the funding for the Hub would be considered by Council in June 2016. He added that further public consultation would be undertaken following the June Council meeting.

Members discussed potential training courses that would benefit them.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 16202

"That the Committee:

- (i) changes the start time for its meetings to 5.30pm;*
- (ii) notes that the TCC Trust has requested that the \$1,000.00 previously approved by the Committee for the Tumeke Taita Festival for the purchase of fruit now be used for rides;*
- (iii) approves the request from TCC Trust for \$1,000.00 for the Tumeke Taita Festival for the purchase of rides;*
- (iv) notes that the Committee's request to contribute \$2,500.00 from the Committee's training budget to allow Mr Allen to attend the 'Introduction to Groundwater: Principles and Practices Conference' was declined due to the amount exceeding the maximum amount Council will pay towards training outlined in the 'Training Policy for Community Boards and Community Committees; and*
- (v) requests the Senior Committee Advisor to investigate options for social and multi-media training for members."*

7. **CHAIR'S REPORT** (16/377)

Report No. NCC2016/2/67 by the Chair

The Chair elaborated on the report. She advised that the Pomare Community House refurbishment was complete and would be fully operational in one weeks time.

Members noted it was important to encourage the community to support the Stokes Valley Community Hub.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 16203

"That the report be noted and received."

8. **MEMBERS' UPDATE** (16/413)

Report No. NCC2016/2/68 by the Senior Committee Advisor

Cr Finlayson reiterated that he had met with Cr Greig from Greater Wellington Regional Council to discuss the lack of parking at Pomare Train Station Park and Ride. He advised he was pleased with the Stokes Valley Community Hub progress.

Cr McDonald advised she had attended a meeting regarding the increased violence within Stokes Valley. She said this was an ongoing issue.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 16204

"That the report be noted and received."

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

a) **Keep Hutt City Beautiful (KHCB)** (16/381)

Ms Sutton advised that work to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the KHCB movement was progressing. She asked members to present ideas of sustainable projects rather than one-off events. She further asked members to discuss ideas with the community. She said that the deadline was 8 October 2016.

b) **Pomare Community House/Taita Community House** (16/382)

Mr McKenna advised that the Pomare Taita Trust was chaired by Mr David McLay. He noted that both parties were prepared to work together and that the merge was a work in progress.

c) **Stokes Valley Community House** (16/384)

Cr McDonald advised that the school holiday activities programme had high patronage to date. She noted that the Knitting Club was supplying many new-borns with warm clothes.

d) **Youth Participation Portfolio** (16/385)

Cr McDonald advised that Mr Casey Diver from the Stokes Valley Community House was setting up a youth community committee.

Mr McKenna advised that Ms Karen Morgan had been appointed as the new principal at Taita College.

e) **Environmental Portfolio** (16/386)

Mr Allen advised that the Horoeka Reserve upgrade had been well received within the community. He said he had recently attended the Environmental Protection Authority Advisory Hui.

10. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.45 pm.

Ms D Awarau
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 29th day of June 2016