

HUTT CITY COUNCILWAINUIOMATA COMMUNITY BOARD

Minutes of a meeting held in the Wainuiomata Chambers, Wainuiomata Library,
Queen Street, Wainuiomata on
Wednesday 13 April 2016 commencing at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Mr J Briggs (Chair) Ms H Robb
Mr T Stallworth Cr M Willard
Ms R Workman

APOLOGIES: Mr R Sinnott, Cr C Barry, Mr K Dickson

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr B Sherlock, General Manager, City Infrastructure
Mr L Earl, Traffic Assets Manager (part meeting)
Ms D Nicholas, Community Engagement and Planning
Manager (part meeting)
Ms A Reilly, Wainuiomata Community Hub Manager (part
meeting)
Mrs A Doornebosch, Committee Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED: **Minute No. WCB 16201**
"That the apologies from Mr Sinnott, Cr Barry and Mr Dickson be accepted and leave of absence be granted."

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

3. DEPUTATION FROM POLLARD STREET RESIDENTS

Representatives to speak on issues relating to the Residential Walkway located between Pollard Street and Antrim Crescent, Wainuiomata

Speaking under public comment **Ms Carol Thompson** noted that many people using the walkway between Pollard Street and Antrim Crescent were damaging property and vehicles. She advised her vehicle had been damaged twice and people had been coming onto her property. She considered they were not Pollard Street residents, and said she supported the Board making a motion to close the walkway.

In response to questions from members, Ms Thompson advised gates and wooden barriers were located at each end of the walkway, but motorbikes were gaining access through these barriers. She said she had lived in Pollard Street since 1988, and these issues had only been occurring over the last nine months to a year.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Dave Braniff** said he had been a Pollard Street resident for 44 years. He noted over this time he had experienced various amounts vandalism and considered the walkway was often used as an access or escape route for criminal activity. He said the original intent of the walkway was to allow easy access for school children attending Wise Street schools, which was now closed. He said he never used the walkway, considered it served no useful purpose and asked the Board and Council to consider closing it.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms Jackie Pain** noted the ongoing vandalism and vehicles that had been damaged in Pollard Street, which she considered was a result of users of the walkway. She advised she had started a petition from residents in the area. She considered most of the issues were occurring at the bottom end of the walkway near the park where lighting was poor, and the middle light in the walkway was faulty. She noted the ongoing graffiti and that the walkway would be safer if vehicles were not able to access it.

Speaking under public comment **Mr Darrin Galliers** advised his family had moved into Pollard Street 10 years ago and highlighted the good neighbourhood support in the area. He said over the last nine months motorbikes had been using the walkway and vehicles had been damaged from people jumping on them and yelling obscenities. He advised the house across the road had been vandalised, and his tools had been stolen. He asked if it was possible to close the walkway.

In response to a question from a member, Mr Galliers said he had notified the Police of the vandalism and theft instances.

Mr Bob Kwokson advised he was representing the Pollard Street residents in their deputation to the Board. He considered the residents should not be subjected to this ongoing behaviour and noted that 90% of Pollard Street residents had signed the petition. He said the residents had not been offered an alternative solution, and requested that the walkway be closed. He considered if there was little funding to remedy the situation he suggested building a petitioning wall or garden down the centre of the walkway. He noted that the main times of concern were between 11.00pm and 3.00am.

The General Manager, City Infrastructure thanked the residents for their input. He noted the priority to ensure residents safety and supported a Crime Protection Through Environmental Design Assessment being completed for the walkway.

In response to questions from members, the Traffic Assets Manager advised a proposal to close the walkway would be considered as a road closure, which would require permission from Council. He said this process would take at least five to six months and officers could consider this option after a safety assessment had been completed.

Ms Workman advised other Councils had closed walkways for the same reasons. She noted in these instances the walkways were transferred into private land, and residents leased the land from the Council concerned.

Mr Stallworth highlighted that a lot of residents from Antrim Crescent used the walkway on a regular basis.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCB 16202

"That the Board supports the development of a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Assessment for the Pollard Street and Antrim Crescent Walkway, Wainuiomata in collaboration with residents and stakeholders."

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCB 16203

"That the Board formally supports the residents of Pollard Street and the surrounding area in their efforts regarding the closure process of the Pollard Street Walkway, Wainuiomata with Council."

4. PRESENTATION

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

There was no presentation from the Greater Wellington Regional Council.

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCB 16204

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Wainuiomata Community Board held on Wednesday, 3 February 2016, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

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

a) **The Strand – Proposed Mobility and P15 Parking Restrictions** (16/354)

Report No. WCB2016/2/51 by the Traffic Engineer

The Traffic Assets Manager elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Traffic Assets Manager advised the walk-offs at the end of the parking area were for users of the disabled parks. He noted the grassed area of land outside the video shop was privately owned.

The Board noted Wainuiomata had an ageing population that would require ongoing access to disabled facilities, and requested that the mobility park on the north side of The Strand be retained.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCB 16205

“That:

- (i) part (ii) contained in the report be endorsed; and*
- (ii) the mobility park on the north side of The Strand attached as Appendix 1 to the report be retained.”*

b) **Proposed School Zones 40km/h Variable Speed Limits** (16/355)

Report No. WCB2016/2/52 by the Traffic Engineer

The Traffic Assets Manager elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Traffic Assets Manager advised he was not aware of any complaints from Wainuiomata Primary School regarding the traffic in Homedale Village. He noted that variable speed limits did not extend to childcare centres.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCB 16206

“That the recommendations contained in the report, that relate to Wainuiomata Primary School, be endorsed.”

8. **PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS**

RESOLVED

Minute No. WCB 16207

"That in accordance with Standing Order 25.5 precedence be accorded to item 11a Future Use of Wainuiomata Council Chambers."

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

9. **"WAINUIOMATA COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARDS" - A PROPOSAL FOR ANNUAL AWARDS** (16/409)

Report No. WCB2016/2/58 by the Chair

The Chair elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCB 16208

"That the Board:

- (i) receives the report;*
- (i) agrees to award up to three "Wainuiomata Community Spirit Awards" each year to individuals from Wainuiomata who have had noteworthy achievements in the current year, or have made a significant contribution to Wainuiomata over a period of years;*
- (ii) agrees that nominations will come from members of the community and the Board will make the final decision on those nominations; and*
- (iii) agrees to present the first Awards at its meeting to be held on 17 August 2016."*

10. **COMMITTEE ADVISOR'S REPORT** (16/262)

Report No. WCB2016/2/27 by the Committee Advisor

The Committee Advisor elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCB 16209

"That the Board:

- (i) notes the report; and*
- (ii) retrospectively approves the purchase of catering for the Board meeting held on 3 February 2016, at a cost of \$60.87."*

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

a) Future Use of Wainuiomata Council Chambers (16/351)

Report No. WCB2016/2/29 by the Community Engagement and Planning Manager, Libraries

The Community Engagement and Planning Manager, Libraries elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCB 16210

"That the Board:

- (i) *notes an increased demand for a broad range of community use of space within the Wainuiomata Community Hub; and*
- (ii) *notes that in light of this increased demand there is the need to develop a plan to accommodate that demand."*

b) Chair's Report - April 2016 (16/263)

Report No. WCB2016/2/53 by the Chair

Speaking under public comment **Mr Mike Grigg** asked the Board to provide a desk in Wainuiomata Mall, to encourage submissions from residents to Council's Annual Plan. He considered the Board and Hutt Safe City needed to be more proactive in the community to mitigate violence.

The Chair elaborated on the report. The Chair noted that the Board would formally lodge a submission to Council's Annual Plan, once engagement with the community had been completed.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. WCB 16211

"That the report be noted and received."

12. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

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

Mr J Briggs
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 22nd day of June 2016