

HUTT CITY COUNCILCOMMUNITY PLAN COMMITTEE

Report of a meeting held in the Hutt City Council Chambers, Level 2, 30 Laings Road,
Lower Hutt on

**Tuesday 17 May 2016 commencing at 9.30am and reconvening
on Wednesday 18 May 2016 commencing at 9.30am**

PRESENT:

Mayor WR Wallace (Chair)	
Deputy Mayor D Bassett (part meeting)	Cr C Barry (part meeting)
Cr B Branch (part meeting)	Cr L Bridson
Cr M Cousins (part meeting)	Cr A Finlayson
Cr T Lewis	Cr M Lulich
Cr G McDonald	Cr C Milne
Cr M Shierlaw (part meeting)	Cr M Willard (part meeting)

APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Crs Cousins and Shierlaw for lateness on Tuesday 17 May 2016 and from Deputy Mayor Bassett and Crs Barry, Cousins and Willard for lateness on Wednesday 18 May 2016.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr T Stallinger, Chief Executive
 Ms K Kelly, General Manager, Strategic Services
 Mr B Sherlock, General Manager, City Infrastructure
 Mrs J Raffills, General Manager, Governance and Regulatory
 Mr M Reid, General Manager, Community Services
 Mr B Kibblewhite, Chief Financial Officer
 Mr P Benseman, Budgeting and Reporting Manager
 Mrs J Stevens, Corporate Planner
 Ms S Moore, Assistant Corporate Planner
 Mr B Hodgins, Divisional Manager, Parks and Gardens (part meeting)
 Mr G Craig, Divisional Manager, City Development (part meeting)
 Ms W Moore, Divisional Manager, Strategy and Planning (part meeting)
 Mr M Sherwood, Divisional Manager, Leisure Active (part meeting)
 Mr S Keatley, Community Facilities Manager (part meeting)
 Ms M Laban, Community Projects and Relationship Manager (part meeting)
 Mr M Mercer, Sport and Recreation Manager (part meeting)
 M A Yip, Manager Strategic Projects (part meeting)
 Ms C Christensen, CBD Development Manager (part meeting)
 Mr A Marsh, Parks Asset Manager (part meeting)
 Mr P Maaka, Urban Design Manager (part meeting)
 Ms S Simcox, Communications and Marketing Team Leader (part meeting)

Ms K Crandle, Reserves Planner (part meeting)
Ms A Wallace, Senior Communications and Marketing Advisor
(part meeting)
Ms J Beck, Divisional Manager Human Resources (part
meeting)
Mr S Cager, Senior Project Engineer (part meeting)
Mr H Shafiee, Economist/Senior Policy Advisor (part meeting)
Ms S Beath-Croft, Environmental Sustainability Advisor (part
meeting)
Ms K Stannard, Manager Secretariat Services (part meeting)
Ms K Glanville, Senior Committee Advisor (part meeting)
Ms A Doornebosch, Committee Advisor (part meeting)
Ms S Haniel, Committee Advisor (part meeting)

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CPC 16201

"That the apologies received from Crs Cousins and Shierlaw for lateness on Tuesday, 17 May 2016, and from Deputy Mayor Bassett and Crs Barry, Cousins and Willard for lateness on Wednesday, 18 May 2016, be accepted."

2. HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS ON THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2016/17 (16/589)

Report No. CPC2016/2/91 by the Senior Committee Advisor

Tuesday, 17 May 2016

Mr Dave McNaught and Mr Paul Rolfe, representing the Days Bay Steering Group, presented submission DAP16/812.

In response to a question from a member, Mr McNaught said that the Days Bay Wharf Steering Group requested funding for improvements for the upcoming summer season.

Mayor Wallace advised that officers would report back to the City Development Committee on the proposed Days Bay wharf improvements.

Ms Virginia Horrocks and Mr Murray Gibbons, representing the Eastbourne Community Board, presented submission DAP16/882. Ms Horrocks asked that Council set up a clear process and targets to report back against for climate change.

In response to a question from a member, Ms Horrocks said a shared cycling/walking path from Days Bay to Windy Point had not been included in the Eastern Shared Path design due to the funding criteria.

Mr Andrew Bos, representing Wellington Free Ambulance, presented submission DAP16/590.

In response to questions from members, Mr Bos said that Wellington Free Ambulance had made service improvements by engaging additional highly trained clinical staff in its call centre and in governance. He further said that he would provide a breakdown of corporate funding for members.

Mr Chris Weaver presented submission DAP16/823. He said that social issues in Stokes Valley should be considered in conjunction with the proposed Stokes Valley Hub.

Mayor Wallace said that the appropriate officer would discuss the issues directly with Mr Weaver after the meeting.

Ms Annette O'Sullivan presented submission DAP16/1017.

Deputy Mayor Bassett said that the Civic Precinct Steering Group was considering options for the redesign of the fountain area.

Mr John Horrocks presented submission DAP16/640. He said that climate change was an important issue for the Hutt Valley.

Mayor Wallace requested that officers report back on the Environmental Sustainability Strategy Implementation Plan with regard to climate change.

Cr Shierlaw joined the meeting at 10.25am.

Mr Heinrich Burkhart presented submission DAP16/491.

Mayor Wallace encouraged Mr Burkhart to communicate his concerns about policing issues in Wainuiomata directly with the Police.

Ms Jo Vivian, representing the Days Bay Action Group, presented submission DAP16/605.

In response to a question from a member, Ms Vivian said that she would like to see a

shared pathway similar to the design of the York Bay shared pathway.

Mayor Wallace left the meeting at 10.40am. Deputy Mayor Bassett assumed the chair.

Mr Richard Barnes presented submission DAP16/152. He supported Ms Vivian's submission. He said that he lived in Days Bay and had seen many accidents and near accidents along the narrow stretch of footpath outside his house.

Mayor Wallace rejoined the meeting at 10.45am and resumed the chair.

Mr Ted Heslin, representing the Eastern Community Committee, presented submission DAP16/614. He asked Council to consider heritage protection for Hillary Court, to improve cycleways for children to ride to school; improvement of parks, bollards for Treadwell Street Hall and funding for natural burials at Taita cemetery.

Mr Steve Willis, representing High Performance Programme, Athletics, New Zealand, presented submission DAP16/933. He asked Council to consider supporting a Regional Performance Centre for the Wellington region at Te Whiti Park.

The meeting adjourned at 11.00am and reconvened at 11.15am.

Cr Cousins joined the meeting at 11.15am.

Mr John Feast and Mr Denis Kirkaldie, representing Avalon Film and Television Studios, presented submission DAP16/609. Mr Feast considered Avalon Film Studios an ideal asset to reinvigorate the film industry in Wellington along with creating job opportunities.

In response to a question from a member, Mr Feast confirmed they were requesting a cash injection and that if they obtained additional funding, they would then seek business assistance from Council.

Mr Casey Diver, representing Stokes Valley Community House, presented submission DAP16/503. He said the development of the Community Hub at Stokes Valley would be beneficial for the community and supported a rates increase to fund its development. He considered Council should manage this facility to maintain transparency.

Mr Stuart Reid presented submission DAP16/832. He asked Council to place façade development in Petone on hold and that standards and bylaws be written for the upgrading of heritage architecture.

Mayor Wallace asked the General Manager, Community Services to contact Crs Lewis and Lulich, as the elected members for the Harbour Ward and portfolio leaders for heritage, to discuss Petone heritage architectural issues.

Mr Bronson Wharehinga, representing YOUth Inspire, Mayors Taskforce for Jobs, presented submission DAP16/828.

In response to questions from members, Mr Wharehinga said future work would include assessment of the impact YOUth Inspire was having on the community. He noted an increase in funding would be required to extend the Mayoral Taskforce to areas outside of Wainuiomata. He commented that a needs analysis for this had not yet been completed.

Mr Graeme Ross, representing Keep Hutt City Beautiful, presented submission DAP16/954. Mr Ross considered the Riddiford Fountain should be retained. He asked that if the fountain could not be retained, the area be developed into an amphitheatre or flower bed.

Mr Kevin Biggins presented submission DAP16/646. He said that the shared pathway between Eastbourne and Days Bay was dangerous for emergency personnel when attending accidents due to limited space. He said other competing risks included cycling, pedestrians, recycling bins and effects from weather and erosion.

Ms Alison Eldredge, representing Arohanui Strings-Sistema Hutt Valley, presented submission DAP16/1155.

In response to questions from members, Ms Eldredge said Arohanui Strings had received funding support from Council in the past. She noted that the group provided programmes to 40 children within two schools in Stokes Valley.

Mr Tim Newman, representing the Joint Chairs of Community Houses, presented submission DAP16/951. He said the requested increase in funding was not for events but to support cultural, health, and advocacy initiatives.

Mr Tim Newman, representing the Stokes Valley Community House, presented submission DAP16/1186.

The meeting adjourned at 12.45pm and reconvened at 1.30pm.

Ms Claire Allan, representing the Seaview Working Group (SWG), presented submission DAP16/871. She highlighted the issue of boy racers in the Seaview area. She advised that SWG had asked that Council investigate the introduction of a weighted vehicle ban bylaw in the area.

In response to a question from a member, Ms Allan confirmed that a weighted vehicle ban bylaw was supported by most businesses in Seaview.

In response to questions from members, Senior Sergeant Jan Craig advised that a weighted vehicle ban bylaw had been successful in Porirua. She said that signage promoted the introduction of the bylaw.

In response to questions from members, Senior Sergeant Bradley Allen advised that a big picture approach was required when considering introducing a bylaw as the problem could be displaced to another area.

Mr Joseph Wyse presented submission DAP16/774.

Ms Sandy Beath-croft, speaking on behalf of Karyn Burgess, EnviroSchools New Zealand, presented submission DAP16/1008.

Mr Mark Amery presented submission DAP16/1005. He spoke in support of Council's Arts and Culture Policy.

Mr Archie Kerr, representing the Menz Shed Naenae presented submission DAP16/824.

In response to questions from members, Mr Kerr advised that the Menz Shed Naenae required \$27,000 to complete the building extension. He said one aim of the Menz Shed was to pass on practical expertise to young people.

Mr Steve Malcolm presented submission DAP16/340. He asked for funding to undertake two projects.

Mayor Wallace asked that Mr Malcolm be provided with the name of officers in charge of the Sister Cities programme. He also asked the Community Advisor Funding and Community Contracts to contact Mr Malcolm regarding Creative Communities funding.

Mr Gerry Pallo presented submission DAP16/815. He raised concerns regarding the Grenada to Petone Link interchange interactions with present traffic flows.

Mayor Wallace advised that Council was working closely with New Zealand Transport Agency to work through issues.

Ms Sue Avison and Ms Arini Poutu, representing Nextstage Theatre Charitable Trust, presented submission DAP16/1021.

In response to questions from members, Ms Avison advised that Nextstage aimed to be financially stable in the future and would not require ongoing financial commitment from Council. She said it was important to build audience awareness in the Hutt Valley.

Ms Sandy Nimmo, representing Rimutaka Inline Hockey Club Inc, presented submission DAP16/953.

In response to a question from a member, Ms Nimmo advised that she had met with Council officers to discuss ideas about introducing inline hockey to a competitive environment.

Mr James Wilmhurst presented submission DAP16/1007.

In response to a question from a member, Mr Wilmhurst advised that inline skating was a growing sport in New Zealand.

Mr Graeme Lyon presented submission DAP16/804. He asked members to focus on sustainable projects in the City.

The meeting adjourned at 3.05pm and reconvened at 3.20pm.

Ms Jan Milne and Mr Shane Jackson, representing Hutt Valley Tennis Inc, presented submission DAP16/800.

In response to a question from a member, Mr Jackson said that Mitchell Park Tennis Club's proposal to shrink the size of the club building would allow the club to be financially viable and depreciation had been included in the budget.

In response to a question from a member, Ms Milne said she did not know what proportion of income would be lost when Mitchell Park Squash left the club. She added that the information would not be available until the final accounts were completed.

Deputy Mayor Bassett highlighted that the Trustees of Mitchell Park Tennis should be involved in the issue of obtaining the financial figures from Mitchell Park Squash.

Ms Gabriel Tupou and Ms Elle Able, representing Wainuiomata Resilience Network, presented submission DAP16/1010. They requested clear roles between providers of civil defence and also for an alternative route into Wainuiomata.

Mr Mike Fisher and Mr Mike Henderson, representing Petone Community Board, presented submission DAP16/1157. Mr Fisher said that the Petone area had areas of high deprivation and a small amount of funding would make a noticeable difference.

Mayor Wallace said that the location of a Sportville in Petone would be an important consideration.

Mr Ardis O'Connor presented submission DAP16/744. He asked members to consider supporting "Grow Your Own House" architecture.

Mayor Wallace requested officers to meet with Mr O'Connor to discuss sustainable design.

Ms Peggy Luke-Ngaheke, representing Waiwhetu Marae, presented submission DAP16/1013. She said that scattering of cremated ashes in the rivers, sea and hills was a concern for Maori. She further said that she supported the development of a community hub at Te Whiti Park.

Mr Wirangi Luke, representing Te Runanga and Te Aroha Hutt Valley Association, presented submission DAP16/995. He asked members to consider expediting the upgrade of Te Whiti Park so that it would be completed in one stage instead of two stages.

In response to a question from a member, Mr Luke said that he supported the construction of an athletic track and the park would be suitable because of its shelter and its curve.

Mayor Wallace said that a detailed report from officers would be required regarding the matter.

Mr Derek Richardson and Mr Rod Badcock, representing Hutt Cycle Network, presented submission DAP16/861. Mr Richardson and Mr Badcock requested that cycleways and key performance indicators be included in the Annual Plan.

Ms Ruth O'Grady, representing Hutt Valley Community Arts (now Creative Voice), presented submission DAP16/996. She requested additional funding of \$15,000 to continue its services for the next financial year.

In response to a question from a member, Ms O'Grady said that there were mutual benefits to Hutt Valley Community Arts using office space at the Hutt Art Society.

Ms Merran Bakker presented submission DAP16/755.

Mayor Wallace left the meeting at 4.50pm. Deputy Mayor Bassett assumed the chair.

In response to a question from a member, Ms Bakker said that she did not support a Sportsville in Petone because consultation had not been completed and a Sportsville building would decrease the amount of green space available.

Mr David Tripp presented submission DAP16/799.

In response to a question from a member, Mr Tripp said that the way in which Council engaged with engineers would affect cycleway development.

Mr Chris Hay presented submission DAP16/1065.

Mayor Wallace rejoined the meeting at 5.05pm and resumed the chair.

Rev. Karl Dickson presented submission DAP16/759.

Mr Daniel Lee, Mr Steve Mosley and Mr M Hayman presented submission DAP16/279.

Ms Gwen McDonald, speaking on behalf of Allan Webb, presented submission DAP16/630.

Mr Roger Bolam and John Welch presented submission DAP16/956.

Mayor Wallace asked officers to contact Greater Wellington Regional Council to see if it had undertaken any studies/work on the Point Howard beach seawall due to the unstable beach material.

Mr Mark Futter, Chief Executive of Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce, presented submission DAP16/750.

Mr Ron Beernink presented submission DAP16/634.

Mayor Wallace asked Crs Lewis and Lulich to talk directly with Mr Beernink regarding a living street trial in Petone.

The meeting adjourned at 5.30pm and reconvened at 6.30pm.

Cr Branch left the meeting at 6.30 pm.

Mr Allen Hewson, Mr Gerry Salmon and Mr Paul Coles, representing Petone Sportsville, presented submission DAP16/604.

Ms Elaine Richardson presented submission DAP16/793.

Mayor Wallace asked officers to look at safety improvements in Block Road especially around the train station.

Mr Thomas Maharaj, representing Maungaraki Community Association, presented submission DAP16/615.

Mayor Wallace asked Crs Cousins and Shierlaw to investigate the lack of lighting in the new playground in Maungaraki.

Ms Jill Berridge and Ms Karyn Wick, representing the Western Community Committee, presented submission DAP16/816.

Mr Carl Bakker and Mr Edward Cox, representing the Petone Urban Environmental Association, presented submission DAP16/801.

The meeting adjourned at 7.35pm and reconvened at 9.30 am on Wednesday, 18 May 2016.

Wednesday 18 May 2016

Mr Richard Sinnott, representing the Wainuiomata Community Board, presented submission DAP16/1011.

In response to a question from a member, Mr Sinnott advised that the majority of community feedback was about the Wainuiomata shopping district.

Ms Esther Venning and Mr Clive Cannons, representing the Wainuiomata Development Plan Steering Group, presented submission DAP16/1002.

Cr Barry joined the meeting at 9.44am.

In response to questions from members, Mr Cannons advised that the sign would be 3.5 metres high. He said the total cost was \$46,000 with the group funding \$10,000 and seeking the shortfall of \$36,000.

Cr Willard joined the meeting at 9.49am.

Ms Anita Mansell, representing the Hutt Multicultural Council, presented submission DAP16/530.

In response to questions from members, Ms Mansell advised that previously the Hutt Multicultural Council had paid for the Multicultural Festival. She said the event had increased in size and popularity and required additional funding assistance.

Deputy Mayor Bassett joined the meeting at 10.05am.

Cr Lulich said he would provide Ms Mansell with contact details for an organisation that could assist with the hireage of a sound system.

Ms Dolores Thomas presented submission DAP16/1053. She spoke in support of an

upgrade of the Little Theatre.

Ms Mary Rodgers presented submission DAP16/1116. She spoke in support an upgrade of the Little Theatre.

The Mayor advised that the matter was being investigated by officers.

Mr Peter Line presented submission DAP16/142. He expressed concern regarding Council's noise complaint process.

Mayor Wallace asked the appropriate officers to make contact with Mr Line to discuss his concerns.

Ms Dina Awarau and Mr Fred Allen, representing the Northern Community Committee, presented submission DAP16/1000. Ms Awarau advised that speed humps were required along Reynolds Street, Taita.

In response to a question from a member, Ms Awarau said that Reynolds Street residents had spoken with officers from Council's Road and Traffic division.

Ms Wendy Laird, representing the Stokes Valley Community House Inc, presented submission DAP16/878.

In response to questions from members, Ms Laird said she would like to see the Poppy Watts House moved off the site and a basketball court installed in the empty space. She considered if the house was left on the site unused it would become a target for vandalism.

Mr Chris Weaver presented submission DAP16/1109. He considered that the proposed Stokes Valley Hub did not provide enough space to assist with youth issues.

Members agreed that Council's Sport and Recreation Manager would make contact with Mr Weaver to discuss his concerns.

Ms Megan Williams and Mr Geoff Roberts, representing Ms Emily Deans, Community Law, presented submission DAP16/997. Ms Williams provided an overview of the 'Assisting refugees and volunteers in Hutt City' project run by Community Law.

The meeting adjourned at 11.00am and reconvened at 11.20am.

Ms Jan Plummer and Mr Graeme Heath, representing Queensgate Shopping Centre, presented submission DAP16/627. Ms Plummer noted Queensgate retailers were against the free parking proposal and considered they would be penalised by potentially being required to pay more rates with no benefit.

In response to questions from members, Mr Heath said the 1850 carparks established in Queensgate were a requirement of the Lower Hutt District Plan. He noted turnover of vehicles parked over the Christmas period and school holidays was managed to ensure fair parking for all customers. He considered similar monitoring should be introduced in other parking areas of the City during these times, if free parking was adopted.

Mayor Wallace highlighted that Council would not make a decision on the matter until a market review was undertaken and a meeting held with retailers and Councillors.

Ms Pam Hanna, representing Petone Historical Society, presented submission DAP16/641. She noted the Society's request for the railings at Petone Wharf to be restored to reflect their historical appearance and for safety reasons.

Ms Pam Hanna, representing Petone Planning Action Group, presented submission

DAP16/810. She said members were impressed with the Petone 2040 Vision and noted the importance of combining historical importance with future developments. She considered additional work was required on the Petone Sportsville initiative especially liaison with the community, key organisations and sporting bodies.

Ms Ruth Mansell presented submission DAP16/1140. She considered the Petone 2040 Vision needed to reflect the needs of the community as a whole, as well as sporting organisations.

Mayor Wallace asked officers to review the Ashburton Rates Postponement Scheme when considering Council's Rates Postponement Policy review.

Ms Tania Karatiana presented submission DAP16/527. She considered the development of the Stokes Valley Hub should include community sports. She noted the use of virtual hubs created cost savings for sport clubs such as building rental and maintenance, and provided online coverage of sporting events.

In response to a question from a member, Ms Karatiana said she would like a permanent office for the Stokes Valley Community Sports Hub and access to Council resources.

Mayor Wallace asked that officers contact Ms Karatiana regarding her submission on the Stokes Valley Hub to refine her requests and determine a budget.

Ms Hellen Swales, representing the Jackson Street Programme, presented submission DAP16/935. She noted high visitor numbers to Wellington and that Petone could be developed as a gateway to Wellington. She said many facilities within the Petone shopping centre lacked traditional character and consistency such as seating, planter boxes and street lights.

In response to a question from a member, Ms Swales said the Jackson Street Programme had no current formal involvement with developments in Petone, but the organisation would like to be involved.

Mayor Wallace asked officers to review the process for ongoing replacement and maintenance of street furniture and facilities in Petone.

Ms Velda Fox presented submission DAP16/1175.

In response to questions from members, Ms Fox said she would like the existing Wainuiomata Swimming Pool enhanced into an aquatic centre. She noted the lack of entertainment for young people in Wainuiomata.

Mayor Wallace said he would ask the Wainuiomata Development Plan Group to consider such a future development and what enhancements could be made to the current swimming pool in Wainuiomata.

Cr Branch suggested that officers propose the development of a playground within Wainuiomata Pool to the Wainuiomata Development Plan Group.

Ms Rosalie Flux presented submission DAP16/1051. She considered the new Bus Interchange provided minimal seating and shelter and limited information of delayed services to commuters. She noted the need for parking bays for buses and a link to the Melling railway services. She said she had forwarded a submission on these issues to Greater Wellington Regional Council.

The meeting adjourned at 12.40pm and reconvened at 1.15pm.

Cr Cousins joined the meeting at 1.15pm.

Ms Pippa Sanderson, representing the Community Arts and Culture Advisory Group presented submission DAP16/684.

In response to a question from a member, Ms Sanderson said that she would provide a report from the Community Arts and Culture Advisory Group on a breakdown of the costs for the 2016/2017 Winter Festival.

Ms Katy Miller presented submission DAP16/749. She stated that she supported the principle of a living wage for Council and its organisations.

Mayor Celia Wade-Brown, Mayor Wellington City Council, representing the Wellington Amenities Fund, presented submission DAP16/807.

In response to a question from members, Mayor Wade-Brown said that funding would be put towards both capital expenditure and operational expenditure. Capital expenses would include gallery hire, Bats Theatre renovation, and seating at Circa Theatre. She advised that Masterton District Council did not contribute to the Capital Amenities Fund.

Ms Trudy Englebretsen, representing Fraser Park Sportville, presented submission DAP16/1187.

In response to a question from a member, Ms Englebretson said that funding for Stage 2 would allow the project to obtain tender prices.

Ms Ann Bain, representing Blind Citizens NZ Wellington Branch, presented submission DAP16/17. She stated that allowing cyclists to ride on the footpaths would provide a hazard for vision impaired people.

In response to a question from a member, Ms Bain said that the City would benefit from having more festivals, such as a film festival.

Mayor Wallace asked officers to investigate the possibility of adding a pedestrian crossing on High Street near Mabey Road.

Mr Peter Burley and Cr Ken Laban, representing Wainuiomata Sportville presented submission DAP16/804.

In response to questions from members, Cr Laban said that he supported the concept of a sportville in Wainuiomata and there was wide support from local clubs in the area. He added that many Wainuiomata club facilities were built in the 1950s and 1960s, needed refreshing and struggled financially. He added that a trophy cabinet could be accommodated in a Wainuiomata Sportville.

Ms Deb Robinson, representing Āhuru Mowai O Te Awakairangi, Network for a Violence-Free Hutt Valley presented submission DAP16/998.

Mayor Wallace asked officers to arrange a meeting with Ms Robinson and Ms Dina Awarau to discuss the capacity for safe houses in Lower Hutt. He further asked officers to investigate Police Safety Orders and safe houses.

Ms Sylvia Stevenson presented submission DAP16/1125.

Mayor Wallace asked officers to investigate the road closure at the recent Taita Tumeke event, with regard to how Ms Stevenson's driveway access could be improved when the event was held next year.

MP Trevor Mallard, representing the Labour Party for Hutt South, presented submission DAP16/877. He stated that Council had exceeded its expenditure for the

construction of the Events Centre and inadequate records had been kept regarding its decisions.

In response to questions from members, Mr Mallard said that the Civic Precinct Steering Working Group had not reported to Council in a timely manner with regard to additional expenditure on the Events Centre. He further said that he did not support free car parking in the Central Business District because pensioners would prefer lower rates.

The Chief Executive highlighted that a KPMG audit of the Events Centre project would be reported to the next Finance and Audit Committee, the audit had not raised any serious concerns and officers had implemented recommendations contained in the report.

Mr John Bank, representing Banks Shoes and Paper Plus, presented submission DAP16/357 and DAP16/830. He expressed support for free carparking in the Central Business District which had made a positive difference to both businesses.

In response to a question from a member, Mr Bank said that retail staff did not use the "one hour free carparking" in the Central Business District.

Ms Betty Robins presented submission DAP16/1208. She asked members to consider a '50s style celebration to mark the completion of the Events Centre and for it to be an annual event.

Mr Mike Grigg presented submission DAP16/348. He requested that "diversity" and the word "empathy" be incorporated into the Annual Plan.

Mr Angus Gibb presented submission DAP16/1158. He said that the Sladden Park boat ramp was not used by small boat owners because the slope and surface were inadequate.

Mayor Wallace asked officers to investigate the viability of improving the slope on the boat ramp at Sladden Park.

The meeting adjourned at 4.05pm and reconvened at 4.20 pm.

Mr Lalogafa Maea'ole Keil presented submission DAP16/957. He expressed support for the Living Wage, and asked members to consider introducing a living wage for employees of Council.

Mayor Wallace asked the Chief Executive to report on the living wage issue, before any Council decision was made.

Ms Robin Maud, representing the Rotary Shapeshifter Steering Committee, presented submission DAP16/394. She considered the Shapeshifter Exhibition a significant event for the City, and looked forward to the development of the Events Centre. She suggested the City needed more space for exhibitions.

Deputy Mayor Bassett noted the Civic Precinct Steering Group was aware of issues and said members would provide updates to Ms Maud.

Mr Grant Wareham, representing Muffin Break Queensgate presented submission DAP16/1047. He opposed one hour free parking in the CBD and funding of it from the Annual Plan. He noted retailers in Queensgate Mall already paid high rent and would have to pay extra rates for this initiative, with no benefit. He said he was not against the idea of free parking, but highlighted that businesses in the mall were constricted by the drop in sales across the sector as well as other retailers.

Mr John Terris, representing the Christ Church (Taita) Heritage Museum Trust, presented submission DAP16/1045. He said the Trust wished to develop a visitor centre and museum on the site where Christ Church was located in Taita. He noted this would

enhance the site and could be included within the Hutt Heritage Trail.

Mayor Wallace asked for a report from Mr David Watt of Heritage New Zealand, to support Mr Terris' submission.

Ms Sue Lafrentz, representing the Central Community Committee, presented submission DAP16/567.

Members requested a selection process be initiated for the light box initiative, to encompass all sectors of the community. They asked officers to prepare a report for the City Development Committee.

Mr Kevin Lambert presented submission DAP 16/875. He noted he was the caretaker at Friends Who Care in Wainuiomata and asked for the removal of some trees on the property, which he considered were dangerous. Members noted this facility was the primary mental health care facility in Wainuiomata.

Mayor Wallace asked officers to examine the trees on the site.

Mr Steve Shadwell, representing Petone 2040, presented submission DAP16/1196. He noted Petone 2040 commissioned Architects McIndoe Urban to prepare a preliminary study for a Petone Spacial Plan. He said Petone 2040 was now seeking funding for Stage 2 to enable planning growth in line with Council's Urban Growth Strategy and community aspirations.

Mr Ian Pike, representing E Tu Kairangi Hutt Public Art Trust, presented submission DAP16/765. He noted all funds received were returned to the City as the Trust had no administrative overheads.

Cr Milne left the meeting at 5.05pm

Mr Michael Gray presented submission DAP 16/989. He said he was a previous retailer from High Street and now owned a business in Queensgate. He noted High Street was a vibrant shopping area prior to the establishment of Queensgate, and it could be developed to be more inviting. He cited Petone and Rotorua as successful examples.

Ms Amanda Waijers presented submission DAP 16/1012. She said the Draft Arts and Culture Policy proposed a Public Art Advisory Group, which she considered essential.

Mayor Wallace asked Cr Willard to meet with Ms Waijers to discuss public art opportunities.

Ms Muriel Tunoho, representing Hutt Valley Living Wage, presented submission DAP16/1019. She said the Hutt Valley Living Wage Network was calling on Council to introduce the living wage, and noted this would link in with Council's Vision.

Ms Caroline de Castro, representing Freshdesk presented submission DAP16/880. She noted she was an accredited Living Wage employer. She said this promoted her business and assisted employees. She urged Council to support the initiative.

Mr John Ryall representing E Tu presented submission DAP16/813.

In response to a question from a member, Mr Ryall said they were asking Council to support the principle of the living wage.

Ms Sally Nicholl, representing the Hutt Union and Community Health Service, presented submission DAP16/760. She noted the service provided healthcare to the poorest families in the Hutt Valley. She said the service could not fix the underlying issues from low wages such as paying for prescriptions, transport and poor housing.

Ms Julie Englebretsen presented submission DAP16/1135. She noted there was no youth centre available in Lower Hutt.

Mayor Wallace asked officers to contact Ms Englebretsen to discuss youth initiatives around the City, and the restrengthened youth network.

Mr Terry Stallworth presented submission DAP 16/638. He advised the basketball courts at Wise Park in Wainuiomata had no lights. He said this venue hosted a number of community events, and users had to use vehicle headlights during winter.

Mr Timon Bakker presented submission DAP16/857. He highlighted there was an opportunity to improve cycling facilities and trails. He noted limited facilities to park bicycles in the CBD.

Mayor Wallace highlighted a Working Group would be established in the near future to manage and oversee the development of cycling projects in the city.

Mr Andrew Bicknell presented submission DAP16/1219. He noted he was a member of the Bluegrass Society, who regularly used the Community Rooms in Petone. He said there had been recent access and storage issues which had taken some time to remedy.

Mayor Wallace asked officers to ensure all refurbishment work and painting had been completed at the Petone Community House, key access issues had been resolved and chairs were available for users.

Mr Lindsey Ferguson, representing Heart of the Hutt, presented submission DAP16/959. He said that Heart of the Hutt supported Option B - 'Old Made Good' for redevelopment of the Fountain carpark. He noted this would retain the current footprint and would be cheaper. He also said that Heart of the Hutt supported the conversion of Riddiford Fountain into a flower bed or a facility for exhibitions.

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

WR Wallace
MAYOR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 2nd day of August 2016