

**Please note: These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next Community Board meeting to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2016**  
**HUTT CITY COUNCIL**

**EASTBOURNE COMMUNITY BOARD**

Minutes of a meeting held in the East Harbour Women's Clubrooms, 145 Muritai Road,  
 Eastbourne on  
**Tuesday 21 June 2016 commencing at 7.15pm**

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**PRESENT:** Mr R Ashe (Deputy Chair) Mr M Gibbons  
 Ms V Horrocks (Chair) Ms G Khalil  
 Cr T Lewis Cr M Lulich

**APOLOGIES:** There were no apologies.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr B Kibblewhite, Chief Financial Officer  
 Mr G Stuart, Divisional Manager, Regulatory Services (part meeting)  
 Ms S Haniel, Committee Advisor

**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 Lamason elaborated on the report.

b) **Presentation by NZ Police**

There was no presentation.

c) **Presentations by Residents' Associations and other Community Groups**

There were no presentations.

4. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

5. **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

**Minute No. ECB 16301**

*"That the minutes of the meeting of the Eastbourne Community Board held on Tuesday, 12 April 2016, be confirmed as a true and correct record."*

6. **DOG TRIAL AREAS FEEDBACK** (16/602)

Memorandum dated 18 May 2016 by the Divisional Manager, Regulatory Services

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Graham Thomson** said that he considered Days Bay to be the nicest swimming beach in Hutt City and had been surprised when a large area of the beach had been designated a dog exercise area all year round. He further said that the area would not be safe for dogs to be off leash because of its proximity to the road, the high amount of traffic and the narrowness of the beach area.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms Marion Gibson** said that a lot of people used the northern end of the beach during the summer season and unleashed dogs would not be safe for beach users. She added that the officer's memorandum had not included all the opposed feedback that had been sent to Council.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Stuart Gibson** said that he had taken his grandchildren for a swim at the northern end of the beach, a dog had soiled on the beach, he had felt intimidated by it and used his walking stick to keep it from coming near. He further said that there was a dog exercise area nearby at Rona Bay beach where dogs could be off leash. He requested that Days Bay beach be a place where beach users would not be in fear of dogs, or be exposed to a health risk from dogs toileting on the beach.

The Divisional Manager, Regulatory Services elaborated on the memorandum. He said that the trial would end on 8 February 2017 and the Policy and Regulatory Committee

would make a further recommendation to Council after the trial ended. He noted that not all residents' feedback had been included in the memorandum and would investigate the issue.

**RESOLVED:**

**Minute No. ECB 16302**

*"That the Board receives the memorandum."*

**7. CHAIR'S REPORT (16/630)**

Report No. ECB2016/3/100 by the Chair

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Willie Bearman, representing the Hunters and Foragers Club**, requested Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) to consult with local hunters for the provision of a sustainable deer population in the Eastbourne bush. He did not support the methods of GWRC deer cullers which caused suffering to deer and left carcasses to rot. He further said that the proposed 1080 drop would drop pellets 200m away from his property and would kill his cat from secondary poisoning of rats. He added that dogs would also be affected because the poison remained in possum carcasses for nine to 12 months.

In response to a question from Mr Bearman, **Ms Prue Lamason, representing Greater Wellington Regional Council**, said that she would provide Mr Bearman with the East Harbour Regional Park plan for the next five to 10 years.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Phil Morris, representing the Hunters and Foragers Club**, said that club members were conservationists and they supported a sustainable deer population and predator control to protect birds. He further said that he did not support the 1080 drop because technology existed to deal with predators in other ways. He added that possum numbers were not high enough to warrant the risks, especially 1080 entering springs and streams used by cabin owners in the Orongorongos.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr John Martin, representing the Hunters and Foragers Club**, did not support the 1080 drop because tuberculosis had not been seen in cows for years and dropping 1080 only 200 metres from homes was too close to be safe.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Shamus Mills, representing the Hunters and Foragers Club**, said that he did not support the 1080 drop because possum numbers in the Eastbourne hills were not high. He added that traps and bait stations were already placed throughout the hills and carte blanche poisoning was not required especially when there would be risks with dropping bait 200 metres from homes.

In response to a question from a member, **Ms Prue Lamason, representing Greater Wellington Regional Council**, said that she would provide details of the planned 1080 drop to the Board.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Philip Wollerman** said that 30% of wave height would be lost if Centreport deepened the shipping channel through the harbour entrance. He further said that Eastbourne would lose its surf breaks and the waves would not be

surfable which would be a big loss to the area.

In response to questions from members, Mr Wollerman said that Centreport's proposal carried risks of damaging the aquifer and unsettling DDT in the sediment. He further said that huge cruise ships and container ships would be coming to New Zealand which would bring economic benefits. He added that building artificial breaks would not be a satisfactory solution because surfers relied on every wave to be unique and there was nowhere to put an artificial reef.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Stuart Gibson** said that Eastbourne had one of the best series of surf breaks along Wellington's south coast. He added that artificial reefs had been tried and were unworkable.

In response to questions from members, **Ms Prue Lamason, representing Greater Wellington Regional Council**, said that the modelling for the reduction in wave height was not in dispute. She added that if Wellington was unable to take larger ships, then the city would be bypassed.

Mr Ashe said that Centreport was consulting with the community to offset the loss of the surf breaks. He added that Centreport's proposal would cause a serious recreational loss to the area and there was no certainty that bigger ships would arrive.

Members agreed that Mr Ashe represent the Board on Centreport's Eastbourne Liaison Group.

The Chair said they had met with officers and that the proposal to extend the shared path from Days Bay to Eastbourne had been added to the shared walk/cycleway project. She further said that a brief for the design of the shared walk/cycleway would be going out for tender in the next month.

Members noted that the shared walk/cycleway would be a wide path. Members asked that Council provide of copy of the proposed design brief to members before it went out to tender.

Mr Ashe said that Plan Change 36 had stripped native bush protections. He queried how Council would fulfill its obligations to protect the environment under the Resource Management Act and the Coastal Policy Statement.

**RESOLVED:**

**Minute No. ECB 16303**

*"That the Board appoints Mr Ashe as representative on Centreport's Eastbourne Liaison Group."*

8. **EASTBOURNE COMMUNITY BOARD SUBMISSION ON HUTT CITY COUNCIL'S ANNUAL PLAN 2016/17** (16/587)

Report No. ECB2016/3/101 by the Committee Advisor

**RESOLVED:**

**Minute No. ECB 16304**

*"That the Board retrospectively endorses its submission on Hutt City Council's Annual Plan 2016/17."*

9. **COMMITTEE ADVISOR'S REPORT** (16/637)

Report No. ECB2016/3/41 by the Committee Advisor

The Chair elaborated on the report.

**RESOLVED:**

**Minute No. ECB 16305**

*"That the Board :*

- (i) *notes that Ms Horrocks attended "Political Series Breakfast with Honorary Paula Bennett" which requires the Board's retrospective endorsement; and*
- (ii) *endorses Ms Horrocks attendance at "Political Series Breakfast with Honorary Paula Bennett" at a cost of \$30.00 from the 2015/16 Training Budget."*

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

a) **Vibrant Village** (16/631)

Mr Gibbons advised that the projects were making good progress. He added that there would be a display erected in the garden outside the Eastbourne Library and the Historical Society was in support of the project.

b) **Eastbourne and Bays Community Trust** (16/632)

Mr Gibbons advised that the Trust had agreed to sponsor the Heritage Trail and the Harbour Views Trail.

c) **Eastern Bays Marine Drive Steering Group** (16/633)

Mr Ashe said that the matter had been discussed in the Chair's report and there was nothing further to add.

d) **Eastbourne Youth Workers Trust** (16/634)

Ms Khalil advised that the Trust was running well.

e) **Muritai School Hall Management Committee** (16/635)

Ms Khalil advised that the Muritai School Hall Management Committee was running well.

f) **Okiwi Trust** (16/636)

Ms Khalil advised that the Trust had published a promotional pamphlet available for new volunteers.

g) **Days Bay Wharf Steering Group** (16/650)

Ms Horrocks advised that the wharf design was progressing.

## 11. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Ms V Horrocks  
CHAIR

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record**  
**Dated this 16th day of August 2016**