

HUTT CITY COUNCILNORTHERN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held in the Hutt Union & Community Health Service,  
51 Farmer Crescent, Pomare on

**Wednesday 29 June 2016 commencing at 5.30pm**

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**PRESENT:**

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

**APOLOGIES:**

Cr G McDonald

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr T Stallinger, Chief Executive  
Mr M Reid, General Manager, Community Services  
Mr L Earl, Traffic Assets Manager (part meeting)  
Mr M Mercer, Sport and Recreation Manager (part meeting)  
Ms H Clegg, Minute Taker

**PUBLIC BUSINESS****1. APOLOGIES****RESOLVED:**

**Minute No. NCC 16301**

*"That the apology from Cr McDonald be accepted and leave of absence be granted."*

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**3. PRESENTATIONS****a) Presentation by Local Councillor from Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC)**

There was no representation from Greater Wellington Regional Council.

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

There was no representation from the New Zealand Police.

Members agreed that a representative would be invited to future meetings if there were specific issues affecting the area.

c) **Presentation by the General Manager, Community Services**

The General Manager, Community Services advised that Council had agreed to fund an additional \$4.5m to complete the Stokes Valley Hub project. He added that Council had approved a 2.7% rates increase and this was the lowest rates increase in the Wellington region. He said the merger between the Taita and Pomare Community Houses was progressing well.

The Sport and Recreation Manager advised that a significant amount of public consultation had been undertaken to date regarding the Stokes Valley Hub. He added this would continue throughout the construction phase of the project with regular community engagement activities and events planned. He said that construction was expected to take approximately 12 months, with the opening of the Hub in August 2017. He explained that a collection of historic and cultural articles would be displayed once the building was completed. He acknowledged there was community concern about the location of the Stokes Valley Library during construction. He informed members that details were being finalised for a temporary location and would be operational by the end of September 2016.

The Sport and Recreation Manager further advised that the Toy Library, Plunket and the Stokes Valley Community House would be housed within the Hub. He said discussions were currently underway to finalise what would happen with the soon to be vacated buildings. He noted that the bus stop on Stokes Valley Road would not be affected during construction but the Bowers Street bus stop would need to be temporarily relocated.

The General Manager, Community Services further advised that the Marae and local iwi were consulted with on a regular basis and were organising a stone laying and blessing as construction progressed.

#### 4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Cr Finlayson declared a conflict of interest in relation to the major item not on the agenda 'Title Reserve Revocation Proposal – Holborn, Stokes Valley' and took no part in discussion or voting on this matter.

#### 5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

**Minute No. NCC 16302**

*"That the minutes of the meeting of the Northern Community Committee held on Wednesday, 20 April 2016, be confirmed as a true and correct record."*

#### 6. REPORTS REFERRED FOR COMMITTEE INPUT BEFORE BEING CONSIDERED BY SUBCOMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

**Speedy Street - Proposed Mobility Park Restriction** (16/694)

Report No. NCC2016/3/140 by the Traffic Engineer

The Traffic Assets Manager elaborated on the report. He advised that anyone with a mobility sticker would be able to use the mobility park.

RESOLVED:

**Minute No. NCC 16303**

*"That the recommendation contained in the report be endorsed."*

#### MAJOR ITEM NOT ON THE AGENDA

RESOLVED:

**Minute No. NCC 16304**

*"That, in terms of Standing Order 25.10, the Committee:*

- (i) *notes that the 'Title Reserve Revocation Proposal – Holborn, Stokes Valley' consultation was not included in the consultation list in the Committee Advisor's report for the reason that it was omitted in error; and*
- (ii) *agrees that the item be considered at this meeting for the reason that the consultation period closes prior to the next Committee meeting."*

**TITLE RESERVE REVOCATION PROPOSAL - HOLBORN, STOKES VALLEY**

Mr Allen stated that while it was important to have subdivisions on the hills the ecosystems needed protection. He explained this area had Puketea and Beech forests in the gullies. He noted these habitats had been identified in ecological reports and that it was important to retain green linkage areas within all subdivisions.

**RESOLVED:**

**Minute No. NCC 16305**

*"That the Committee:*

- (i) agrees that Mr Allen produce a submission on behalf of the Committee highlighting the ecological aspects of the land that need to be taken account of in the subdivision development; and*
- (ii) agrees that Mr Allen's submission be circulated to members for consideration prior to being submitted."*

**7. COMMITTEE ADVISOR'S REPORT (16/709)**

Report No. NCC2016/3/111 by the Senior Committee Advisor

Members noted that social media training would be provided as part of the induction process following the 2016 Local Government elections. There was concern about the consultation process regarding the location of the Stokes Valley pump track.

**RESOLVED:**

**Minute No. NCC 16306**

*"That the Committee:*

- (i) receives the report;*
- (ii) requests officers to report back on the level of consultation undertaken for the proposed Stokes Valley pump track, including the parties consulted; and*
- (iii) requests officers report back regarding the status of the Kensington Marching Hall lease situation."*

8. **NORTHERN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE'S SUBMISSION TO HUTT CITY COUNCIL'S ANNUAL PLAN 2016-2017** (16/718)

Memorandum dated 10 June 2016 by the Senior Committee Advisor

**RESOLVED:**

**Minute No. NCC 16307**

*"That the Committee:*

- (i) *notes that a submission in respect of Hutt City Council's Annual Plan 2016-2017 which requires the Committee's retrospective endorsement; and*
- (ii) *endorses its submission attached as Appendix 1 to the memorandum."*

9. **CHAIR'S REPORT** (16/710)

Report No. NCC2016/3/112 by the Chair

The Chair elaborated on the report.

**RESOLVED:**

**Minute No. NCC 16308**

*"That the Committee receives the report."*

10. **MEMBERS' UPDATES**

Cr Finlayson said that the Walter Nash Stadium project brought Council spend in the Northern Ward to \$20m. He considered the Walter Nash Stadium front entrance required tidying up. He noted that the merger between the Pomare and Taita Community Houses was progressing well. He encouraged members to continue discussions regarding the Park and Ride carpark proposed extensions. He highlighted that he would not be seeking re-election for the upcoming elections.

**11. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS****a) Keep Hutt City Beautiful (16/711)**

Ms Sutton advised that she was currently liaising with Rotary to provide a tree seedling for every child born in the Northern Ward to commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Keep Hutt City Beautiful.

**b) Pomare Community House/Taita Community House (16/712)**

The Chair advised a new co-ordinator had been appointed to the Community House and she was starting to make connections with the community and community groups.

**c) Stokes Valley Community House (16/713)**

Cr Finlayson and Mr Allen advised that the Knitting Club continued to work well and had been nominated for a community award.

**d) Youth Participation Portfolio (16/714)**

Mr McKenna expressed concern about the number of youth staying late at the Walter Nash Stadium. He advised the Youth Guarantee Programme was now progressing, with ten 15 year olds applying for positions to commence in 2017. He said Taita College was working proactively with students to allow them to complete NCEA Level 1 while also working.

In regards to the recent criminal activity experienced in Stokes Valley, Mr McKenna reported this had reduced with an increased Police and Hutt Safe City presence. He said there were concerns that the activity would increase again once these support networks reduced.

**e) Environmental Portfolio (16/715)**

Mr Allen advised that planting was being undertaken by community groups and the Forest and Bird Protection Society. He noted that there was an increase in the rat population.

**12. QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.40 pm.

Ms D Awarau  
**CHAIR**

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record  
Dated this 24th day of August 2016**