

HUTT CITY COUNCILCITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

Tuesday 12 July 2016 commencing at 5.30pm

PRESENT:

Deputy Mayor D Bassett (Chair)	Cr B Branch
Cr M Willard (until 7pm)	Cr M Cousins
Cr A Finlayson	Cr T Lewis
Cr G McDonald	Cr C Milne
Mayor WR Wallace (until 7pm)	Cr M Shierlaw

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Mayor Wallace and Cr Willard.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Cr L Bridson (part meeting)
Mr T Stallinger, Chief Executive
Ms K Kelly, General Manager, Strategic Services
Mr B Sherlock, General Manager, City Infrastructure
Mr M Reid, General Manager, Community Services
Mr S Keatley, Community Facilities Manager
Ms S Simcox, Communications and Marketing Team Leader
Ms S Haniel, Committee Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED: **Minute No. CDC 16301**

"That the apologies for early departure received from Mayor WR Wallace and Cr M Willard be accepted and leave of absence be granted."

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

Cr Finlayson declared a conflict of interest in relation to item 8 General Managers' Report and took no part in discussion or voting on the matter.

PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS

RESOLVED: **Minute No. CDC 16302**

"That in terms of Standing Order 25.5, precedence be accorded to item 6 dealing with Belmont Memorial Hall."

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

4. RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL - 2 AUGUST 2016

Selection Panel for Light Box Programme (16/619)

The General Manager Community Services elaborated on the report.

In response to a question from a member, the General Manager Community Services, said that officers could consider variations to the designs of the lightboxes. He noted that some lightbox designs in New Zealand had more design attributes than Council's design.

Members considered that members of the selection panel should represent the diversity within the community. Members further considered that for each lightbox decision, the Mayor co-opt a local historian who could provide information appropriate to the upcoming decision.

RECOMMENDED:

Minute No. CDC 16303

"That the Committee recommends that Council:

- (i) *establishes a selection panel following the 2016 triennial elections, for the purpose of determining those persons who should be featured in Council's light box programme; and*
- (ii) *adopts the draft criteria and process for selection as attached as Appendix 1 to this report subject to the following amendment:*

'The Mayor appoints the Deputy Mayor, two councillors and two local historians, one of whom should be an appropriate local historian, to the Panel.'

5. ACTIVITY REVIEW - STORMWATER (16/795)

Report No. CDC2016/3/119 by Wellington Water

The Chief Advisor Asset Management, Wellington Water Ltd, and the Chief Advisor Stormwater, Wellington Water Ltd, elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Chief Advisor Stormwater said that he would report to the next meeting of the Western Community Committee regarding the capacity of stormwater pipes in the Western Hills. He further said that water flow on the roads was normal in adverse weather events and that he supported the principle of a wetland to provide stormwater capacity in such events.

Mayor Wallace and Cr Willard left the meeting at 7pm.

In response to questions from members, the Chief Advisor Asset Management, said that Wellington Water Ltd was in the process of modelling how the performance of pipes would be affected by a sea level rise. He further said that the quality of coastal waters and the river were monitored.

In response to a question from a member, the General Manager City Infrastructure said that replacement of asbestos cement pipes was proceeding on schedule in accordance with the budget for capital expenditure.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CDC 16304

"That the Committee:

- (i) notes the information contained in this report;*
- (ii) notes that this stormwater review also meets the intent of section 17A of the Local Government Act 2002; and*
- (iii) agrees that a full section 17A review should not be undertaken at present for the reasons outlined in paragraph 71 of this report."*

6. **BELMONT MEMORIAL HALL** (16/703)

Report No. CDC2016/3/145 by the Community Facilities Manager

Speaking under public comment, **Ms Robin Thomson, representing Belmont School**, said that the school roll was too large to accommodate all of the children. She added that the school's vision was to work with the community and to have a facility which could be a community hub.

In response to questions from members, Ms Thomson said that the school bused the children once a month to another school hall so that all Belmont School children could all get together. She added that the Belmont Memorial Hall could only accommodate one third of the children.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Rob Giller, representing the Ministry of Education**, said Belmont School and the Ministry of Education worked in partnership. He said that there were many opportunities for the community to partner with the school and a better outcome for the whole of the community would be possible if the proposal went ahead.

In response to a question from a member, Mr Giller said that the Returned Services Association had not been consulted about the proposal, however, the history of the hall was an important consideration for the proposed rebuild.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Graeme Ross**, said that the Belmont Ratepayers Improvement Association (BRIA) had administered the hall on behalf of Council until 10 years ago. He further said that BRIA had free use of the hall and Hardwick Smith Lounge. He added that the hall was built in 1956, not 1955 as stated in the report. He further said that he had been given short notice about the matter and had not had time to consult with BRIA.

In response to a question from a member, he said that he did not oppose the proposal, however, he would like to retain the hall because it was part of the City's heritage.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms Jill Berridge, Chair, Western Community Committee**, said that she supported the proposal to partner with the community for a new building to replace the hall. She added that a new hall could be honoured with a plaque to respect its history. She further said that she had been given short notice about the matter and had not had time to consult with the Western Community Committee.

In response to a question from a member, Ms Berridge said that Hardwick Smith Lounge and the Belmont Memorial Hall had two different roles and markets, with the hall having a focus on children.

The General Manager Community Services elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Community Facilities Manager said that the budget of \$195k would be enough to do some works on the hall but would be insufficient to fix the functionality of the hall. He further said that should the proposal go ahead, then the school would use the hall during the daytime as they currently do, and other groups

would be able to access it in the evenings. He added that seismic testing had been completed on the hall.

In response to questions from members, the General Manager Community Services said that an agreement to contribute \$195k towards a new building would not be a commitment for Council, but would put the proposal in a stronger position to apply for additional funds from other parties. He further said that they did not have a robust figure for the cost of a new hall, however the proposal would need other funders to contribute.

Members considered that officers should report back to the Committee on the proposal with further information about the indicative cost of the facility; an appraisal of funding from other sources; the long term impact on Hardwick Smith Lounge; consultation responses from the RSA and other community groups; consideration of any NZTA requirements; and the future needs of Belmont School.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CDC 16305

"That the Committee requests officers to undertake a full community consultation including the future needs of Belmont School, and the feasibility of funding for the new facility, prior to reporting back to Council for final consideration."

7. UPDATE TO HUTT CITY COUNCIL ON THE GRAFFITI ERADICATION PROGRAM (16/798)

Report No. CDC2016/3/120 by the Contracts Manager - Graffiti

Speaking under public comment, **Ms Alex Bengree** said that there was more graffiti now than there had been in previous years when the Graffiti Eradication Program started. She added that this was apparent in the Eastern Ward and along the rail corridor.

The General Manager City Infrastructure elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the General Manager Infrastructure said that the next report to the Committee could provide more detailed information on key performance indicators such as the number of tags reported; the number of tags painted out; police identifying tags; and whether businesses contributed to the cost of the paint. He acknowledged concerns about the standard of some of the paint matching.

Cr Cousins requested that the initiative by the Growing Places Charitable Trust at Ava Station be reported to the next meeting of the Western Community Committee.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CDC 16306

"That the Committee receives the report."

8. **GENERAL MANAGERS' REPORT** (16/725)

Report No. CDC2016/3/146 by the General Manager, Strategic Services

Cr Finlayson declared a conflict of interest in Community Services Group and Community Facilities Trust (CFT) Projects, and Urban Growth Strategy Implementation, and took no part in discussion or voting on the matters.

In response to questions from members, the General Manager Community Services said that grants from gaming trust income for the Walter Mildenhall Park Redevelopment were progressing as planned. He commented that Fraser Park Sportsville fundraising remained a challenge. He further said that officers would be reporting to the Finance and Audit Committee on the future asset replacement costs for these new developments such as Fraser Park Sportsville and Walter Mildenhall Park Redevelopment.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CDC 16307

"That the Committee notes the updates contained in the report."

9. **INFORMATION ITEM**

City Development Committee Work Programme (16/726)

Report No. CDC2016/3/121 by the Committee Advisor

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CDC 16308

"That the work programme be received."

10. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

Deputy Mayor D Bassett
CHAIR

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