

HUTT CITY COUNCILNORTHERN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held in the Walter Nash Centre, Taine Street, Taita on
Wednesday 24 August 2016 commencing at 5.30pm

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

APOLOGIES: An apology was received from Cr G McDonald

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms M Laban, Community Projects and Relationship Manager
Mr M Mercer, Sport and Recreation Manager
Mr L Earl, Traffic Assets Manager (part meeting)
Mrs H Clegg, Minute Taker

PUBLIC BUSINESS1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED: **Minute No. NCC 16401**

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

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

Cr Ken Laban acknowledged Cr Finlayson's retirement and his active and positive role in the community.

In response to questions from members, Cr Laban noted comments that there was a lack of parking around park and ride carpark areas, especially the Waterloo Interchange and Pomare train station. He explained that discussions were underway between the GWRC and Council regarding both of these stations.

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

There was no representation from the New Zealand Police.

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

The Sport and Recreation Manager provided an update on the Stokes Valley Hub. He said that several public meetings had been held with positive responses from the community. He highlighted the other communication paths for the project: Council's website; a regular article in the Stokes Valley Times; displays at Koraunui Marae, Stokes Valley Library and Pool and New World supermarket; and discussions with Council's Community Projects Coordinator who was based in Stokes Valley. He explained there was a 'Decorating the Hoardings' project involving Stokes Valley schools and Koraunui Marae.

He further advised the temporary Stokes Valley Library was currently being fitted out in the Masonic Lodge building on Stokes Valley Road and that a farewell to the old building would take place on 24 September 2016.

4. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

Cr Finlayson declared a conflict of interest in relation to items 6a) Eastern Hutt Road (Pomare Station) – Proposed No Stopping At All Times Restrictions, 6b) Wagon Road – Proposed No Stopping At All Times Restrictions, and 6c) Eastern Hutt Road (Eldon Grove) – Proposed No Stopping At All Times Restrictions and took no part in discussion or voting on the matters.

5. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 16402

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Northern Community Committee held on Wednesday, 29 June 2016, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

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

a) **Eastern Hutt Road (Pomare Station) - Proposed No Stopping At All Times Restrictions** (16/968)

Report No. NCC2016/4/185 by the Traffic Engineer

Cr Finlayson declared a conflict of interest and took no part in discussion or voting on the matter.

In response to questions from members, the Traffic Asset Manager explained that speed limits were governed by the New Zealand Transport Agency and that the 79km/h was a separate matter. He said this was a safety issue as vehicles were being forced to cross the single yellow no passing centreline in a 70km/h zone.

Members expressed concern that the speed limit was 70km/h where the pedestrian crossing was located.

In response to a further question from a member, the Traffic Asset Manager advised that Greater Wellington Regional Council and Council were in discussions about expanding the existing lower terrace of carparking in this area.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 16403

"That the Committee endorses the recommendation contained in the report."

b) **Wagon Road - Proposed No Stopping At All Times Restrictions** (16/969)

Report No. NCC2016/4/186 by the Traffic Engineer

Cr Finlayson declared a conflict of interest and took no part in discussion or voting on the matter.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 16404

"That the Committee endorses the recommendation contained in the report."

c) **Eastern Hutt Road (Eldon Grove) - Proposed No Stopping At All Times Restrictions** (16/972)

Report No. NCC2016/4/187 by the Traffic Engineer

Cr Finlayson declared a conflict of interest and took no part in discussion or voting on the matter.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 16405

"That the Committee endorses the recommendation contained in the report."

7. **CALLING FOR SUBMISSIONS: PROPOSED CONTROL OF ALCOHOL IN PUBLIC PLACES BYLAW 2016** (16/962)

Memorandum dated 8 August 2016 by the Principal Policy Advisor

The Chair requested input from all members. She noted that the Committee would need to make a submission before Friday, 14 October 2016 being the date after the day the election result was declared by public notice.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 16406

"That the Committee agrees to make a submission on the proposed Control of Alcohol in Public Places Bylaw 2016 ."

8. NORTHERN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE'S SUBMISSION REGARDING
HOLBORN RESERVE REVOCATION (16/988)

Memorandum dated 10 August 2016 by the Senior Committee Advisor

Mr Allen elaborated on the report. He considered that the Committee's submission had not been accurately summarised in the Council officer's report. He expressed concern that the request for land not to be developed and retain its reserve status was not itemised in the report and that limits needed to be placed on foliage damage.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 16407

"That the Committee:

- (i) notes that a submission in respect of Holborn Reserve Revocation requires the Committee's retrospective endorsement;*
- (ii) endorses its submission attached as Appendix 1 to the memorandum; and*
- (iii) approves Mr F Allen to appear on the Committee's behalf to speak to the submission."*

9. **COMMITTEE ADVISOR'S REPORT** (16/987)

Report No. NCC2016/4/157 by the Senior Committee Advisor

Speaking under public comment, **Ms Kim Barden** expressed concern about the level of public consultation undertaken in relation to the Stokes Valley Pump Track. She considered that the youth of Stokes Valley would prefer a full-sized basketball court. She noted that Stokes Valley would lose an attractive green space with the introduction of the pump track. She requested that full consultation be undertaken with Stokes Valley residents to ascertain what they wanted the space to be used for.

Members agreed to meet with officers to discuss the Stokes Valley Pump Track and the consultation process undertaken. Members also asked officers for an update regarding the leasing of Kensington Marching Hall.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 16408

"That the Committee:

- (i) asks officers to involve the Committee in any decision regarding the future use of the Kensington Marching Hall;*
- (ii) asks the Chair to follow up with officers regarding the Stokes Valley Pump Track consultation process and requests that full consultation with the Stokes Valley community be undertaken; and*
- (iii) approves the purchase of a retirement gift for Cr Finlayson from the miscellaneous administration budget."*

10. **CHAIR'S REPORT** (16/989)

Report No. NCC2016/4/158 by the Chair

The Chair thanked members for their time and effort over the past three years. She acknowledged Cr Finlayson's long service to Council and the community.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. NCC 16409

"That the Committee receives the report."

11. MEMBERS' UPDATES

Cr Finlayson advised he had enjoyed working on behalf of the Northern Ward community and thanked members for their work over the past three years. He said he had a successful working relationship officers and enjoyed his 24 years on Council.

12. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

a) Keep Hutt City Beautiful (16/991)

Ms Sutton advised that the 'Daisy Chain' was coming to Stokes Valley for one month. Members agreed that a tree in Speldhurst Park would be an ideal location. She informed members that the 'Present a Tree' initiative to every Stokes Valley new born baby was underway with Mr Allen providing Kowhai tree seedlings. She said it would be good for members to become involved with the 'clean up' drive to help celebrate the 25th anniversary of Keep Hutt City Beautiful through schools and the Rotary Club.

b) Pomare / Taita Community Trust (16/992)

Mr McKenna noted the successful meeting with Greater Wellington Regional Council's Fish and Games Warden about Hutt River beautification measures. He said, as part of this, Taita College had started a tree planting initiative in the Taita Gorge area for Year 8 students.

The Chair advised the new co-ordinator was settling in well and had undertaken numerous community visits.

c) Stokes Valley Community House (16/993)

Mr Allen advised the Community House had a new Chair, Ms Barbara Hay.

d) Youth Participation Portfolio (16/994)

Mr McKenna advised there was no new information to report.

e) Environmental Portfolio (16/995)

Mr Allen advised he was currently working to identify the location of the old radiation bunker.

13. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.45 pm.

Ms D Awarau
CHAIR