

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 6 September 2016 commencing at 5.30pm

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor D Bassett (Chair) Cr M Willard
Cr B Branch Cr M Cousins
Cr A Finlayson Cr T Lewis
Mayor WR Wallace Cr C Milne
Cr M Shierlaw

APOLOGIES: An apology was received from Cr McDonald.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr T Stallinger, Chief Executive
Ms K Kelly, General Manager, Strategic Services
Mr M Reid, General Manager, Community Services
Mr G Craig, Divisional Manager City Development
Mr A Yip, Manager Strategic Projects
Ms S Simcox, Communications and Marketing Team Leader
Ms S Haniel, Committee Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS1. APOLOGIESRESOLVED:

Minute No. CDC 16301

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. PRESENTATIONS

a) Wellington Region Emergency Management Office - 12 month presentation

The Chair said that the presentation needed to be deferred to allow the new Council to be updated on the matter.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CDC 16402

"That the item of business being discussed lie on the table and be referred to the next meeting of the City Development Committee in the new triennium."

b) Presentation from Petone 2040 Group

The Chair said that the presentation needed to be deferred to allow the new Council to be updated on the matter.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CDC 16403

"That the item of business being discussed lie on the table and be referred to the next meeting of the City Development Committee in the new triennium."

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

5. RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL - 20 September 2016

Riddiford Garden upgrade, Phase 3 (16/872)

The Reserves Planner elaborated on the report.

In response to a question from a member, the Reserves Planner said that should the Committee wish to investigate a further plan option from Heart of the Hutt, other stakeholders would need to be consulted on the design change. She further said that risks associated with delaying the project would be that the tender could not go out in October 2016 and the work would not be able to start in January 2017. She added that a change of plan would be a change in scope for the architects and increase consultants' fees. She further said that her preliminary assessment of the Heart of the Hutt design was that it did not appear to provide an improved solution to truck servicing and parking requirements.

Members noted that the design process had taken two years and consultation had resulted in a consensus with stakeholders at the most recent meeting.

In response to further questions from members, the Reserves Planner said that a

new fence between Riddiford Gardens and the Hutt Bowling Club would not be progressed as part of Phase 3, however it could be considered in the future. She further said that the Civic Fountain would be removed and a new water feature installed, in Phase 3 if Council adopted the recommended design. She highlighted that this change had been well supported at the stakeholders meeting in July.

The Chair elaborated that he and the Reserves Planner had met with Keep Hutt City Beautiful representatives who had agreed with the proposal to remove the Civic Fountain in Phase 3. Furthermore, reference to the urn from the Civic Fountain could be considered for the Sunken Plaza in the future.

Cr Cousins highlighted that a requirement for the new water feature should be to excite the imagination and provide enjoyment for people of all ages.

The Chair highlighted the importance of Riddiford Gardens as a much loved city park. He thanked the Committee, the Horticultural Society, Heart of the Hutt, other stakeholders, and the consultants for their work on the project. He acknowledged that a very special area was being created and a robust process had been followed.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CDC 16404

"That the Committee recommends that Council:

- (i) notes that the proposed Phase 3 design for the upgrade of Riddiford Garden, attached as Appendix 2 to the report, has been presented to Riddiford Garden stakeholders and there was general support for the design principles and the plans;*
- (ii) notes that the Civic Precinct Steering Group supports the proposed Phase 3 design, attached as Appendix 2 to the report; and*
- (iii) directs officers to proceed with detail design and procurement according to the Isthmus landscape design."*

6. SEAVIEW WORKING GROUP 12 MONTHLY UPDATE TO 30 JUNE 2016 (16/1006)

Report No. CDC2016/4/211 by the Divisional Manager City Development

The Chair said that the presentation needed to be deferred to allow the new Council to be updated on the matter.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CDC 16405

"That the item of business being discussed lie on the table and be referred to the next meeting of the City Development Committee in the new triennium."

7. **JACKSON STREET PROGRAMME REPORT 12 MONTHLY UPDATE TO 30 JUNE 2016** (16/1007)

Report No. CDC2016/4/212 by the Divisional Manager City Development

The Chair said that the presentation needed to be deferred to allow the new Council to be updated on the matter.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CDC 16406

"That the item of business being discussed lie on the table and be referred to the next meeting of the City Development Committee in the new triennium."

8. **HUTT VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SIX MONTHLY REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2016** (16/1008)

Report No. CDC2016/4/213 by the Divisional Manager City Development

The Chief Executive of the Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber), Mr M Futter, elaborated on the report. He highlighted that the Chamber continued to grow and the city was vibrant and buoyant. He said that the Chamber was working with Ambassadors from Mexico, Brazil and Argentina on establishing business relationships.

The President of the Chamber of Commerce, Ms H Downs, said that the Chamber was the largest in the region and attracting the attention of other organisations.

Board Member of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr M Skelly, said that the Chamber attracted regional attention because it managed regional events such as the expo, awards, and the hall of fame.

In response to questions from members, Mr Futter said that the Chamber supported the Wellington Airport extension, however had reservations about how it would be funded. He added that central government should contribute substantially to the project. He further said that the Chamber was collaborating with tertiary institutions and employers to update skill sets of graduates.

In response to a question from a member, Ms Downs said that staffing was one of the most pressing issues for businesses, especially in regard to having employees with a positive work attitude.

Members thanked the Chamber for its work, progress and successes. They further acknowledged their support of "Technology Valley" and for bringing businesses together.

The Chair thanked Ms Downs on behalf of the Committee, and acknowledged her contribution in the successes of the Chamber during her tenure as President of the Chamber.

Ms Downs thanked Council for its support of the Chamber and for the effective working relationship it had with officers.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CDC 16407

"That the Committee receives the report."

9. WAINUIOMATA DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE (16/1068)

Report No. CDC2016/4/218 by the Visitor Market Development and International Relations Manager

The Chair said that the presentation needed to be deferred to allow the new Council to be updated on the matter.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CDC 16408

"That the item of business being discussed lie on the table and be referred to the next meeting of the City Development Committee in the new triennium."

10. ACTIVITY REVIEW - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (16/1009)

Report No. CDC2016/4/214 by the Divisional Manager City Development

The Divisional Manager City Development elaborated on the report.

Cr Branch left the meeting at 6.38pm.

In response to a question from a member, the Divisional Manager City Development, said that future reports could record the number of building consents for residential dwellings, which would provide current building data.

Cr Branch rejoined the meeting at 6.47pm.

Cr Shierlaw said that he was not aware that Council provided input into the Wellington Regional Economic Development Agency's (WREDA's) Statement of Intent.

In response to a question from a member, the General Manager Strategic Services, said that WREDA was funded by Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC), however it reported to the Wellington Regional Strategy Committee.

Members requested that WREDA provide a report to Council's Finance and Audit Committee in the new triennium, and invited GWRC's Lower Hutt Councillors to also attend the meeting.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CDC 16409

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) *notes the information contained in the report;*
- (ii) *notes this 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 29 of this report. "*

11. GENERAL MANAGERS' REPORT (16/1010)

Report No. CDC2016/4/215 by the General Manager, Strategic Services

The General Manager, Strategic Services elaborated on the report.

In response to a question from a member, the General Manager Strategic Services said that the central business district remissions covered the period since the last report to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CDC 16410

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

12. INFORMATION ITEMCity Development Committee Work Programme (16/1019)

Report No. CDC2016/4/165 by the Committee Advisor

RESOLVED:

Minute No. CDC 16411

"That the work programme be received."

13. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.00 pm.

Deputy Mayor D Bassett
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 20th day of September 2016