

HUTT CITY COUNCIL

WAINUIOMATA COMMUNITY BOARD

Minutes of a meeting held in the Wainuiomata Community Library, Queen Street,
Wainuiomata on

Wednesday 5 April 2017 commencing at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

Ms J Alexander	Cr C Barry
Cr J Briggs (from 7.25pm)	Mr R Sinnott (Chair)
Mr T Stallworth	Ms S Tuala-Le'afa
Mr G Tupou (Deputy Chair)	Ms M Willard

APOLOGIES: An apology for lateness was received from Cr Briggs.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr B Gall, Settings Coordinator, Healthy Families (part meeting)
Ms M Laban, Community Projects and Relationship Manager
Ms A Reilly, Wainuiomata Community Hub Manager
Mrs A Doornebosch, Committee Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED: (Mr Sinnott/ Cr Barry)

Minute No. WCB 17201

"That the apology for lateness received from Cr Briggs be accepted."

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. PRESENTATIONS

a) Presentation on Possible Designated Smoke Free Areas in Wainuiomata Town Centre

The Settings Coordinator provided a presentation on Council's Smoke-free Outdoor Public Places Policy. He highlighted one of the objectives of the Policy was to de-normalise smoking for children and young people in the community by reducing its visibility in public places. He noted Council was considering designating smoke-free areas in town centres, and that Wainuiomata and Stokes Valley would be the first communities to explore this initiative. He advised smoking would be discouraged in these areas through signage, promotion and marketing. He said community engagement would now take place and a report with options would be submitted to the Board meeting to be held on 28 June 2017.

In response to questions from members, Mr Gall advised Healthy Families chose Wainuiomata and Stokes Valley first, as they had the highest smoking rates so could benefit most from the initiative. He said Council would be considering smoke-free initiatives in all central business district areas within Hutt City over time.

Cr Briggs joined the meeting at 7.25pm

b) **Presentation from Students of Wainuiomata High School**

Ms Ruby Gardner, Deputy Head Girl from Wainuiomata High School noted they had come to share their goals for Wainuiomata High School for the year. She said the goals were based on the phrase - 'First we change ourselves then change the community'. She highlighted the work being done to encourage supportive relationships between staff and students, and senior and junior students within the school. She noted initiatives to encourage academic, sporting and artistic/cultural achievements. She said students had met with the Board of Trustees to create ways to upgrade the aesthetics of the school. She advised they wanted to change current community views of the school, and ensure students were supporting the community so as to improve Wainuiomata as a whole. She highlighted two long term goals for the school: - retaining students in the Wainuiomata community; and having close school community relationships.

Ms Shiloh Babbington, Head Girl from Wainuiomata High School noted recent initiatives held by the school to encourage cross school participation. She highlighted the progress made for younger students, especially year 9 and 10 boys. She said these students were now proud to achieve excellences and wanted to embrace these outcomes. She noted the improved student/teacher relationships, and that this had provided her with the confidence to represent the school as Head Girl. She highlighted the school wanted to embrace the wider community and connect the chain of schooling available in Wainuiomata, by becoming immersed in wider community initiatives.

In response to questions from members, Ms Gardner and Ms Babbington advised they spoke regularly with the Principal and Deans and could request a process to link students to assist at community events, and establish good communication links between the school and the community. They said they would be interested in forming a partnership with the Board going forward, and would be happy to become involved in Council initiatives.

c) **Presentation on Wainuiomata Community of Learning**

Mr Parau Tupangaia of Ariki Consulting provided a presentation on the development of an analytics product to change educational processes and raise the achievement level of students. He said a key issue from the analysis was that student achievement in Wainuiomata had been declining. As a result parents were losing confidence, and sending their children to schools in other areas of the Hutt Valley. He noted central government completed research in January 2016 which identified four key risk factors in student achievement. The risk factors were child abuse or neglect, children who had been supported by benefits for more than three quarters of their life, either parent had been in prison, and the mother held no formal qualifications. They had identified 330 children with two or more of these risk factors living in Wainuiomata. He noted central government was taking a financial approach to how they invested in social services, and this data could provide a tool to target and calculate any such investments. He said they would likely establish a Social Investment Board in Wainuiomata and asked members to consider stakeholders who could be included on the board. He said the board would then submit a case to central government to fund this investment in the Wainuiomata community.

d) **Presentation by Sport Wainuiomata Incorporated**

Ms Terina Cowan and Ms Charlie Holland provided a presentation on Sport Wainuiomata Incorporated.

Ms Cowan highlighted initiatives that Sport Wainuiomata had planned, from Community Engagement funds they had received from Council. She noted planned events, in addition to the Triability Triathlon included a Hero Fun Run, and a Community Volunteer Award Night. She said Sport Wainuiomata had been created by volunteers, and was a valued part of the community.

Ms Holland noted the Triability Triathlon was about being inclusive and setting an example within the community. She advised the triathlon was now in its fourth year, and was a vehicle for participants to use as a stepping stone to better themselves. She noted the strong competitive spirit and that it promoted safe, accessible and inclusive participation.

e) **Presentation by Love Wainuiomata**

Ms Esther Venning from Love Wainuiomata provided a presentation. She introduced Mr Michael Noratanga who had submitted a suggested plan for a fitness trail to be installed on the Queen Street Reserve. She noted the intent of this development would be to include the community in a similar way to the Queen Street Makeover, using volunteer labour to develop it. Ms Venning noted if members provided their support to this suggestion, then a Working Group would be created to develop it further.

In response to questions from members, Mr Noratanga advised the concept of the trail would be to build it on the edge of the Queen Street Reserve so as not to encroach on other activities held on the reserve. He noted that any children using the equipment would need to be supervised.

In response to questions from members, Ms Venning considered Hugh Sinclair Park would not be a preferred area to use for the trail as it was not often used by the community. She said she had received a lot of feedback from the community that the Queen Street Reserve space was not being used to its full capability, and this initiative was one option that could be considered.

The Chair said the Wainuiomata Community Board could support the planning process, noting that appropriate community consultation and safety requirements would need to be met.

4. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

5. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: (Mr Sinnott/ Mr Stallworth)

Minute No. WCB 17202

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Wainuiomata Community Board held on Thursday, 9 February 2017, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

6. 2017 COMMUNITY BOARDS' CONFERENCE (17/566)

Memorandum dated 29 March 2017 by the Senior Committee Advisor

The Chair elaborated on the memorandum.

In response to a question from a member, the Committee Advisor said she would enquire with officers if there would be a meeting held so attendees could provide a joint report back on the Community Boards' Conference.

Cr Barry suggested that Ms Alexander and Ms Tuala-Le'afa both attend, given they were new members. Members noted both would gain a lot from attending the conference, and highlighted it was only held biannually. They further noted the Board's training budget of \$3,000 would cover most expenses for two representatives to attend.

RESOLVED: (Mr Sinnott/Mr Stallworth)

Minute No. WCB 17203

"That the Board:

- (i) *notes the Community Boards' Conference will be held in Methven from 11-13 May 2017 attached as Appendix 1 to the report;*
- (ii) *notes the Training Policy for Community Boards and Community Committees' adopted by Council at its meeting held on 14 March 2017, attached as Appendix 2 to the report; and*
- (iii) *notes the estimated cost of attending the conference per representative is approximately \$1,500.00."*

RESOLVED: (Mr Sinnott/Mr Stallworth)

Minute No. WCB 17204

"That the Board:

- (i) *notes that the number of members being funded through the training budget to attend the 2017 Community Boards Conference is limited to one per Board; and*
- (ii) *asks for support for two members of the Board to attend the 2017 Community Boards Conference – Ms Sisi Tuala-Le-afa and Ms Jodie Alexander."*

7. **COMMITTEE ADVISOR'S REPORT** (17/492)

Report No. WCB2017/2/65 by the Committee Advisor

The Committee Advisor elaborated on the report.

Ms Willard volunteered to represent the Board on the Keep Lower Hutt Beautiful Committee.

RESOLVED: (Mr Sinnott/ Ms Alexander)

Minute No. WCB 17205

"That the Board:

- (i) nominates Ms Willard as a representative to the Keep Lower Hutt Beautiful Committee;*
- (ii) notes \$78.20 for catering for the Board Meeting of 9 February 2017, and \$80.00 for flowers; and*
- (iii) notes the report."*

8. **CHAIR'S REPORT - APRIL 2017** (17/493)

Report No. WCB2017/2/66 by the Chair

The Chair elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED: (Mr Sinnott/Cr Barry)

Minute No. WCB 17206

"That the report be noted and received."

9. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9:50 pm.

Mr R Sinnott
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 28th day of June 2017