

HUTT CITY COUNCILPETONE COMMUNITY BOARD

Minutes of a meeting held in the Petone Library, 7 Britannia Street, Petone on
Monday 24 June 2019 commencing at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Ms P Hanna (Chair) Mr M Branch
Mr B Dyer Mr M Fisher (Deputy Chair)
Mr P Foasese (from 6.58pm) Ms K Yung
Cr T Lewis Cr M Lulich

APOLOGIES: Mr Foasese for lateness.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Z Moodie, Traffic Engineer – Network Operations (part meeting)
Ms D Male, Acting Divisional Manager, Democratic Services

PUBLIC BUSINESS1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED: (Ms Hanna/Cr Lewis)

Minute No. PCB 19301

“That the apology for lateness received from Mr Foasese be accepted.”

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

Mr Foasese joined the meeting at 6.58pm.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Z McCormick** expressed surprise that there had been no discussion about the Petone Grandstand (the grandstand). He said that a Council report had stated there was no support for the grandstand, when it considered the Petone Recreation Ground. He believed that there was a lot of local support, including from sports clubs and Ignite Sports. He asked that the Board engage with the clubs and raise the issue with Council.

In response to a question from a member, Mr McCormick agreed to send through the plans he had reviewed to the Chair of the Board. He said he thought sports hubs should be created for multi-use.

3. PRESENTATIONS

a) **Presentation by Local Councillor from Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) (19/680)**

Cr Lewis left the meeting at 7.26pm.

Cr Prue Lamason from Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) advised that as Chair of the Hutt Valley Flood Management Subcommittee she was interested in the concerns related to flooding raised under public comment in relation to the Melling Interchange and the Melling bridge.

Cr Lewis rejoined the meeting at 7.28pm.

Cr Lamason explained that GWRC would continue with the flood works. She said that the flood management would be compromised if the bridge was not moved. She added that the RiverLink project was at consenting stage with geotechnical works to commence in the next week.

Cr Lamason elaborated on the planned services for double decker buses from Eastbourne to Wellington, via Jackson Street. She advised that two bus stops would be required to be relocated to avoid the verandas on Jackson Street. She added that temporary measures would be in place in time for the double decker services to commence. She further added that kerb extensions would be required in areas and these would require Hutt City Council approval prior to installation.

In response to questions from members, Cr Lamason advised that the bus services with double decker buses would be 81, 84 and 85 and the measures would focus bus stops adjacent to the verandas/canopies. She said that it was likely that double decker bus services would commence by the end of the month. She added that a trial double decker bus drive had been undertaken.

b) **Presentation by Jackson Street Programme (19/682)**

Ms Hellen Swales, Coordinator, Jackson Street Programme (JSP) advised the following:

- The Board was thanked for its Community Engagement Fund support, agreed at the previous meeting.
- In relation to the double decker buses travelling along Jackson Street, the camber in the road caused issues with verandas and trucks and buses.
- 1 July would be the end of providing single use handled plastic bags. JSP had promoted this on its website and worked with Council officers and the Ministry for the Environment (MfE). It was hoped MfE would use JSP as an example for other areas, as the education measures had been aimed at the consumer and not the business owners.
- Greater Wellington Regional Council had been working on climate change issues and Dr Ian Drew had been asked to speak to the building owners on

Jackson Street.

- The P2040 contract had been signed with four building owners, with work to commence when the weather improved. Scaffolding would be erected around the buildings for up to two weeks, with work scheduled for between 10am and 3pm.

In response to a question from a member, Ms Swales advised that an email would be sent out to the respondents in relation to the recent consultation on expanding the area subject to the targeted rate.

Meeting was adjourned at 7.59pm and resumed at 8.02pm.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED: (Ms Hanna/Mr Dyer)

Minute No. PCB 19302

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Petone Community Board held on Monday, 8 April 2019, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

BY SUBCOMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

a) Saulbrey Grove - Proposed No Stopping At All Times Parking Restrictions (19/761)

Report No. PCB2019/3/115 by the Traffic Engineer - Network Operations

Mr Foese rejoined the meeting at 8.03pm.

The Traffic Engineer - Network Operations elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED: (Ms Hanna/Mr Branch)

Minute No. PCB 19303

"That the Board endorses the recommendation contained within the report."

b) **Korokoro Road and Maungaraki Road - Proposed No Stopping At All Times Restrictions, Marking of Parking Spaces and P10 Pickup/dropoff Parking Spaces**
(19/762)

Report No. PCB2019/3/116 by the Road Safety Coordinator

The Traffic Engineer - Network Operations elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED: (Ms Hanna/Mr Dyer)

Minute No. PCB 19304

"That the Board endorses endorse the recommendations contained within the report."

7. **COMMITTEE ADVISOR'S REPORT** (19/684)

Report No. PCB2019/3/6 by the Acting Divisional Manager, Democratic Services

The Acting Divisional Manager, Democratic Services elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED: (Ms Hanna/Ms Yung)

Minute No. PCB 19305

"That the Board receives and notes the report."

RESOLVED: (Ms Hanna/Mr Fisher)

Minute No. PCB 19306

"That the Board:

- (i) *notes at its meeting held on 8 April 2019 it approved the name for the new private road at 11 Randwick Road, Moera, as Okautu Lane;*
- (ii) *notes the reasons for the revocation of the decision is because of a correction in the spelling from Okautu Lane to Okoutu Lane;*
- (iii) *agrees to revoke Minute No. PCB19208, attached as Appendix 1 to the report; and*
- (iv) *approves the name for the new private road at 11 Randwick Road, Moera, Lower Hutt, attached as Appendix 1 to report PCB2019/2/55, as Okoutu Lane."*

8. **NOTICE OF MOTION - MS P HANNA - DECLARING A CLIMATE EMERGENCY**
(19/770)

Report No. PCB2019/3/124 by the Acting Divisional Manager, Democratic Services

Speaking under public comment, **Mr P Glensor** explained that he was a Korokoro resident and had lived in Petone for 40 years. He advised that two months ago a public meeting had been convened related to Petone and climate change. He said that over 90 people had attended, with over 30 signing up to stay involved. He added that an action was to establish a focus group to review realistic scenarios for the future. He expressed support for the Notice of Motion.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr J Van Lier** thanked the Board for showing leadership in the issue and asked members to carry the motion unanimously. He stated

that every action not taken now to mitigate the effects of climate change incurred a debt to youth. He explained that CO₂ stayed within the atmosphere for thousands of years and in the past 100 years the levels of CO₂ had increased dramatically. He added that with these existing levels, the next two decades would be challenging, with increasing chaotic weather systems, air and sea level temperature rises and substantial flooding events becoming more likely. He urged that the motion be carried to declare a crisis and put pressure on Council to do the same.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr M Young** thanked the Chair for putting the motion on the agenda and expressed support for the motion. He advised that information from the Ministry for the Environment stated that there should be preparation for a one metre sea level rise in the next 10 years. He added that it was a significant issue for the Petone area and the Board should be a strong advocate to Council.

In response to questions from members, Mr Young advised that Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) had an adaptation plan, based on the Hawkes Bay model. He believed that the public needed to be brought along on the journey. He noted that there was no mention of engagement in the officer's report being reported to the Council meeting to be held on 27 June 2019. He added that there was scope to prevent further impact to the environment.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr N Wilkins** supported the motion. He said there was a need to reduce emissions and the risk of sea level rise. He believed that the urgent issue that needed to be addressed was keeping the Hutt River within its banks. He added that 10 years was too long to wait with the risk of a large flooding event. He wanted pressure to be put on central government and the New Zealand Transport Agency to at least replace the Melling bridge.

In response to a question from a member, Mr Wilkins advised that he would support rate rises to fund the necessary changes.

The Chair elaborated on the report. She added that focus groups should be set up in Petone to come up with suggestions from the community to enable feedback to Council.

Mr Dyer expressed support for the motion.

Ms Yung expressed support for the motion. She said it was important given the sea level rise information from Council and GWRC. She believed it was important to show leadership in the vote on the motion and it was important for future generations. She shared a message received from an eight year old girl in relation to the issue.

Cr Lulich expressed support for the motion. He believed that adults had a responsibility to do something. He added that it was not a statutory or legal requirement, but needed to be done as soon as possible to review the resources.

Mr Fisher advised that he initially had reservations with the word emergency as he found it to be a little alarmist. He added that he had listened to the points raised during public comment and the concerns of young people and accepted the weight of the argument. He expressed support for the motion.

Mr Branch raised questions in relation to the use of emergency in the wording and he did

not believe that Council was ignoring climate change. He expressed concern of retribution against the Board if the issue was not pushed forward. He requested that a lot of discussion take place prior to voting on the motion. He wished to know what it would mean for Council and how far it could be taken.

The Chair responded that more information was available in the Chairperson's report to be considered later in the meeting. She said she had undertaken research and elaborated on actions for the future to be considered for Council's next Long Term Plan. She added that it was important to put the motion now so all future decisions would be put through the lens of climate change and sustainability.

Cr Lewis expressed support for the motion.

The Chair advised that all three Community Boards had similar Notice of Motions on its agendas. She believed it was time to start a genuine discussion to start a ripple effect and give a priority for the incoming Board.

Ms Yung agreed that the matter required some urgency, as it was seen as an emergency for younger people and future generations.

Cr Lulich added that an emergency could push for modelling and resource planning.

Members requested that the Acting Divisional Manager, Democratic Services circulate the resolution to all Councillors and inform them that a representative from the Board would speak at the Council meeting to be held on 27 June 2019.

RESOLVED: (Ms Hanna/Ms Yung)

Minute No. PCB 19307

"That the Board:

- (i) declares a climate emergency for our Petone Community in recognition of the importance and urgent need to address climate change, for current and future generations; and*
- (ii) asks that Council declares a climate emergency for all of Lower Hutt; and commits to robustly incorporate climate change considerations into all Council work programmes and decisions; and leads by example in monitoring and reducing gas emissions."*

Mr Branch abstained from voting on the above matter.

9. **INFORMATION ITEM**

Report Back from the Community Boards' Conference 2019 (19/704)

Memorandum dated 10 June 2019 by the Acting Divisional Manager, Democratic Services

The Chair elaborated on the memorandum.

RESOLVED: (Ms Hanna/Cr Lewis)

Minute No. PCB 19308

"That the Board notes and receives the reports back from Ms Hanna and Cr Lewis attached as Appendix 1 and 2 to the memorandum."

10. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT** (19/685)

Report No. PCB2019/3/61 by the Chair, Petone Community Board

Speaking under public comment, **Mr M Edridge representing Wellington City Mission** elaborated on the new use of Britannia House, 38 Britannia Street (the House). He advised that the 19 bedroom property would be used to house 15-20 people from Petone and Lower Hutt who were currently living on the streets. He said that leaflets had been distributed to nearby residents and an open day would be held on Saturday 29 June 2019. He believed that it was important to keep the staff, volunteers and the community safe.

In response to questions from members, Mr Edridge advised that Urban Plus Ltd (UPL) was aware of the planned use of the House when the lease was offered. He added it was modelled on previous projects, such as a converted rest home facility in Titahi Bay. He confirmed that it would help local Lower Hutt people first. He added that more than half of the work of the Wellington City Mission was done in the Hutt Valley.

In response to questions from members, Mr Edridge advised of the safety measures to be put in place, such as no children would be at the House, rules of engagement would be agreed to by all residents, it would be alcohol, drugs and gang related free, with 24/7 staff, security and cameras in the common areas and around the House. He added that the House would require volunteers to help with meal times, breakfast and dinner would be offered.

In response to a question from a member, Mr Edridge advised that the project had the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development support for up to a six year tenancy and there would be quarterly reviews undertaken.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms A Godfrey** supported the new use for the House as she was confident in Wellington City Mission's track record. She said that it was positive for people to be getting a second chance and thought it would be great for the community.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr D Stevens** expressed concern for the use of the House, as he had nine and 12 year old sons, he wanted to ensure that security was fully taken into account. He added he was disappointed that the neighbours had not been consulted and was happy to speak to Mr Edridge.

Speaking under public comment, **Ms M McDonald** explained that she was first aware of the new use for the House when she saw vehicles parked outside. She said that residents comments had been emailed to Mr Edridge with a request to meet and discuss the concerns. She added that the concerns raised included consultation, risk assessments being undertaken and resource consents.

Cr Lewis responded that no resource consent was required for the project. She added that the House could have been bought by anyone to be let as individual rooms or be developed.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr C Bakker** explained that he had lived in the area for 38 years. He said that people had a tendency to ignore what they did not wish to see. He

added that the project would be reviewed on a ongoing basis and would offer hope to people and he supported the project. He further added that the House could have been purchased by a commercial developer to be demolished and the area redeveloped.

Speaking under public comment, **Reverend J Day** spoke in support of the project. He said the congregation of the Church was excited by the project being an answer to their prayers. He also encouraged everyone to get involved with the zero carbon initiatives.

In response to questions from members, the Traffic Engineer - Network Operations advised that the two bus stops referred to by the Greater Wellington Regional Council Councillor had raised the biggest issues with reported problems. He added that there would be a wider review of extended kerb options for other bus stops on Jackson Street.

Members requested a report back from Council's Roading Division on the costs of solutions to the camber of the road issue on Jackson Street.

The Chair elaborated on the report. She acknowledged the work of former Council officers Mr Simmons and also the work and service of former Chief Executive Mr Stallinger. She added a welcome to the new Chief Executive, Ms Miller.

Members discussed the importance of the role of the Board in relation to the new Moera fort playground. It was agreed that the Board and incoming Board should be involved in facilitating the engagement on the design of the new playground.

RESOLVED: (Ms Hanna/Mr Fisher)

Minute No. PCB 19309

"That the Board notes and receives the report."

11. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

The Chair closed the meeting with a whakatauki.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Ms P Hanna
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 19th day of August 2019