

HUTT CITY COUNCILPOARI HAPORI O PITO-ONE | PETONE COMMUNITY BOARD

Minutes of a meeting held in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 30 Laings Road
Lower Hutt on
Monday 14 February 2022 commencing at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Ms P Hanna (Chair) Mr M Fisher (Deputy Chair)
Mr M Henderson Mr M Roberts
Mr A Voutratzis Ms K Yung
Deputy Mayor T Lewis

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

IN ATTENDANCE:
(via audio-visual) Mayor C Barry (part meeting)
Ms A Blackshaw, Director Neighbourhoods and Communities
Mr B Hu, Traffic Engineering Manager
Mr J Kingsbury, Head of Transport
Mr R Soni, Traffic Engineer
Ms J Randall, Democracy Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS1. **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

2. **HE MIHI**

Aio ki te Aorangi	Peace to the universe
Aroha ki te Aorangi	Love to the universe
Koa ki te Aorangi	Joy to the universe
Pono ki te Aorangi	Truth to the universe

Nā Rangimarie Rose Pere

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Under Standing Order 15.1, Mr Wayne Mackenzie raised a matter under public comment which fell within the terms of reference of the Petone Community Board.

Speaking under public comment, **Mr Wayne Mackenzie** advised the speed reducing humps and cushions installed by Council in Cornish Street, Petone had not been effective. He said the anti-social driving behaviour continued even though there was reducing humps and cushions.

The Head of Transport advised Council had been working with Waka Kotahi to introduce bollards or gates at night. He noted consultation on the measures would be necessary. He highlighted that the introduction of bollards or gates would be done in partnership with the New Zealand Police.

Mayor Barry assured Mr Mackenzie that Council would be investigating all possible options to reduce anti-social driving in Cornish Street, Petone and in the Seaview area.

4. MAYORAL ADDRESS

Mayor Barry provided a verbal address attached as page 7-8 to the minutes.

5. PRESENTATIONS

a) Presentation by Local Councillor from Greater Wellington Regional Council

There was no Local Councillor from Greater Wellington Regional Council in attendance at the meeting.

b) Presentation by the Jackson Street Programme

Ms Hellen Swales, Co-ordinator of the Jackson Street Programme (JSP), provided the following update on JSP activities:

- Virtual Christmas events went ahead as planned and had been well received. JSP intended building on this platform for future events.
- JSP was encouraging residents to support local businesses and create a circular economy.
- JSP was encouraging businesses to use on-line platforms so they could provide virtual shopping options.
- Work with the Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce was continuing to support local businesses with staff and financial resources.

In response to questions from members, Ms Swales confirmed some Jackson Street businesses were struggling and may close. She added JSP was hoping to hold an open-air event in May 2022 to encourage shoppers into Jackson Street.

6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no conflicts of interest.

7. MINUTES

RESOLVED: (Mr Fisher/Ms Yung)

Minute No. PCB 22101

“That the minutes of the meeting of the Petone Community Board held on Monday, 1 November 2021, be confirmed as a true and correct record.”

8. REPORTS REFERRED FOR BOARD INPUT BEFORE BEING CONSIDERED BY SUBCOMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

a) Traffic Resolution - Proposed Changes to Route 150 (Kelson - Lower Hutt - Maungaraki - Petone) Bus Stop Configuration (22/151)

Report No. PCB2022/1/17 by the Transport Asset and Planning Lead

The Traffic Engineer elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Traffic Engineer agreed to ensure all bus stops listed in the officer’s report were within the Board’s area. He confirmed all factors regarding accessibility and safety had been taken into account when considering the proposed changes.

RESOLVED: (Ms Hanna/Mr Voutratzis)

Minute No. PCB 22102

“That the Board recommends that the Traffic Subcommittee:

- (1) *notes and receives the report;*
- (2) *endorses the proposed changes to bus stops on Route 150 within the Board’s catchment area attached as below:*
 - a. *Hutt Road, Petone (Stop 9050)*
 - i. *Bus Stop - At All Times (16 metres) as shown in Appendix 1 attached to the report;*
 - ii. *No Stopping - At All Times (9 metres) ‘exit taper’ as shown in Appendix 1 attached to the report;*
 - b. *Hutt Road, Petone (Stop 8046)*
 - i. *Bus Stop - At All Times (15 metres) as shown in Appendix 2 attached to the report;*
 - ii. *No Stopping - At All Times (20 metre) ‘entry taper’ as shown in Appendix 2 attached to the report;*
 - iii. *No Stopping - At All Times (14 metre) ‘exit taper’ as shown in Appendix 2 attached to the report;*
 - c. *Hutt Road, Petone (Stop 8047)*
 - i. *Bus Stop - At All Times (15 metres) as shown in Appendix 3 attached to the report;*

- ii. *No Stopping - At All Times (17 metre) 'exit taper' as shown in Appendix 3 attached to the report;*
- (3) *supports the rescinding of any previous resolutions pertaining to traffic controls made pursuant to any bylaw to the extent that they conflict with the traffic controls described in the above resolutions; and*
- (4) *notes that these changes will only take effect once approval is gained from Council, and the appropriate signage and/or road-markings have been installed."*

For the reasons that the proposed bus stop layout changes will ensure that the bus box is of sufficient length to accommodate buses; no stopping restrictions will prevent other vehicles from blocking full access to the bus stop; and passengers will be able to board and alight safely and easily.

b) Traffic Resolutions - Confirmation of Restrictions Installed under Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004 (22/94)

Report No. PCB2022/1/3 by the Transport Asset and Planning Lead

RESOLVED: (Ms Hanna/Deputy Mayor Lewis)

Minute No. PCB 22103

"That the Board:

- (1) *receives the report;*
- (2) *notes that the following parking restrictions have been installed within the Petone Community Board catchment area as follows:*
 - (a) *the installation of a No Stopping – At All Times restriction (8 metres) across the vehicle access (driveway) serving the property located at 134 Hutt Road, Petone, as shown on the plan attached as Appendix 1 to the report;*
 - (b) *the installation of a No Stopping – At All Times restriction (9 metres) across the vehicle accesses (driveways) serving property numbers 16 and 18 Tirangi Road, Moera, as shown on the plan attached as Appendix 2 to the report;*
 - (c) *the installation of a No Stopping – At All Times restriction (37 metres) on the inside of a bend outside property numbers 163 to 165 Riverside Drive, Waiwhetu, as shown on the plan attached as Appendix 3 to the report;*
 - (d) *the installation of No Stopping – At All Times restrictions (11 metres and 9 metres) across the vehicle accesses (driveways) serving property numbers 7 to 9 and 13 Richmond Street, Petone, as shown on the plan attached as Appendix 4 to the report;*
 - (e) *the installation of a No Stopping – At All Times restriction (5 metres) across the vehicle access (driveway) serving property number 13 King Street, Petone, as shown on the plan attached as Appendix 5 to the report;*
 - (f) *the installation of multiple No Stopping – At All Times restrictions (90 metres) across the vehicle accesses (driveways) serving NZOSL Hutt City Terminal at 55 Port Road, Seaview, as shown on the plan attached as Appendix 6 to the report; and*
 - (g) *the installation of a No Stopping – At All Times restriction (5 metres) across the vehicle access (driveway) servicing property number 39 Pirie Crescent, Moera, as shown on the plan attached as Appendix 7 to the report;*

- (3) notes that Council will rescind any previous resolutions pertaining to traffic controls made pursuant to any bylaw to the extent that they conflict with the traffic controls described in this resolution; at its meeting in February 2022; and
- (4) notes that these restrictions have already been installed and are currently being enforced through the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004."

For the reason that the parking restrictions appear in the Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004, and these resolutions formally reinforce the restriction(s) as recommended in Part 13 – Parking Control – Traffic Control Devices Manual.

9. DEMOCRACY ADVISOR'S REPORT (21/2264)

Report No. PCB2022/1/14 by the Democracy Advisor

The Chair elaborated on several aspects of the report. She tabled an update from Council's Head of Parks and Reserves on the efficacy of Big Belly Bins that were installed along the Petone foreshore in October 2020 (attached as pages 8-9 to the minutes).

In response to questions from members, the Director Neighbourhoods and Communities agreed to provide members with an update on housing intensification planning after the Council meeting on 23 March 2022.

RESOLVED: (Ms Hanna/Mr Fisher)

Minute No. PCB 22104

"That the Board receives and notes the report."

10. CHAIR'S REPORT (22/231)

Report No. PCB2022/1/19 by the Chair, Petone Community Board

The Chair elaborated on the report.

In response to a question from a member, the Director Neighbourhoods and Communities advised that Heritage New Zealand had requested a conservation report for Petone Wharf. She noted this would also inform the resource consent process. She added the resource consent application was expected to be lodged in March or April 2022 with the application publicly notified in May or June 2022. She agreed the Head of Parks and Reserves would attend the Board's meeting on 11 April 2022 to provide an update on progress.

Deputy Mayor Lewis thanked the Chair for her continued input to the Board's work while she was on leave.

RESOLVED: (Ms Hanna/Deputy Mayor Lewis)

Minute No. PCB 22105

"That the report be noted and received."

11. INFORMATION ITEM

Update: COVID-19, Petone Library remedial work and Moera Library proposed extension. (22/215)

The Director Neighbourhoods and Communities advised the concept plans for the Moera library completed approximately 18 months ago would be refreshed to ensure they were still fit for purpose. She advised that since there was significant community engagement on the plans at that time, there would be a limited check-in as part of the refresh in February or March 2022. She highlighted that Council's engagement team would spend time at the Moera library and with key stakeholders. She requested that members assist by identifying any key stakeholders that should be involved in the process.

The Director Neighbourhoods and Communities advised a series of consultation workshops on plans for the refurbishment of the Petone library would be held in March/April 2022. She agreed to circulate draft plans to members before consultation took place.

In response to questions from members, the Director Neighbourhoods and Communities agreed to ensure the timeline for installing an EV charging station at the Moera library would not disrupt the Moera library upgrade. She said the placement of the entrance was chosen for safety, weather and prevailing winds. She confirmed the Petone library refurbishment would also include a conversation about the surrounding area.

12. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.17 pm.

P Hanna
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 11th day of April 2022

Mayoral Address

Kia ora tatou,

Firstly, welcome back, I hope you have all had a refreshing summer break and are feeling energised as we get back into work for 2022! This year we will be heavily focusing on delivering our Long Term Plan. As you know, over the next ten years Council will invest \$1.5 billion in projects that aim to build strong foundations for the future of our city. In particular, we are addressing issues within our Three Waters network and transport infrastructure, both of which continue to affect the communities you represent. If we want to build a city where everyone can thrive, we need to get the basics right – and that starts with ensuring our water is safe to drink, our systems handling storm events, and our infrastructure having the capacity to support the growth we’re experiencing. And it also means building and improving a transport system that makes it easier for everyone to get around our city. Whether it be on public transport, on bikes, walking, or in private vehicles, we are determined to address the causes of congestion so all modes can move around Lower Hutt efficiently.

Petone

2022 has a range of other exciting investments being made in Petone to support the community. Work begins this year on strengthening and upgrading the iconic Petone Wharf, with \$7 million set aside for this key project. We are also spending \$206,000 to further develop the Petone 2040 vision, so that a pathway can be set out to capitalise on the potential this community holds. And \$1.5 million will be spent to continue upgrading Petone Library, so that our communities can continue to use the range of valuable resources it has to offer.

COVID-19

2022 is shaping up to be another busy year, and it’s fair to say COVID-19 is going to continue to play a part.

I urge you all to encourage members of your community to get boosted, or vaccinated if they haven’t started that journey yet, and continue to scan into places they visit.

With omicron being the dominant variant in New Zealand now, cases are sure to rise. We need to do everything we can to prevent the spread, but in the event that it does, we need to be equipped to track and deal with outbreaks.

And encourage your communities to be prepared for self-isolation. Every family, big or small, needs to have a plan for how they can be supported in the case that a member has to self-isolate.

Conclusion

While 2022 will include a number of challenges, I’m confident that this year will also be full of amazing opportunities.

The work we’re doing together in Lower Hutt – getting the basics right to build the foundations needed for our future – will bring our communities closer together, and I’m excited to see what we will collectively achieve this year.

Kia ora Pam

Here is an update about the Big Belly bins. This information is sourced from the Parks and Reserves team and Grant at Downer NZ Ltd.

By replacing 21 traditional bins requiring frequent emptying with 6 Big Belly Bins the annual cost of rubbish bin collection at Petone Foreshore has reduced approximately \$21,000 incl gst. In addition to the lower operational the cost, the Big Belly Bins hold more rubbish and loose litter has reduced on the Foreshore. The Parks and Reserves Team's view is that Big Belly Bins are a better option than traditional bins on the Petone Foreshore at this time. Our view may change as prices alter.

From a long term perspective, when we take into account the cost of supply, install and emptying over the useful life of the Petone Foreshore bins, swapping to Big Belly bins represents a saving of approximately \$74,000 incl gst.

Six Big Belly rubbish bins were installed as a trial on the Petone Foreshore in Oct 2020. The six Big Belly Bins replaced a suite of 21 bins (15 traditional bins removed from the Foreshore). The bins are rented from a commercial supplier. These solar powered bins compact litter automatically and can hold significantly higher quantities of rubbish than traditional bins. They also communicate data about remaining capacity via a website and mobile app. The bin supplier is responsible for replacing the bins at the end of their useful life.

Council's operational maintenance contractor for reserves, Downer NZ Ltd and their sub-contractor Intergrupp, are required to monitor these bins using the app and empty them I time to prevent them becoming over-full. The timing and frequency of bin emptying varies in response to use.

The total cost of supply, install and emptying 21 traditional bins is approximately \$440,000 for 15 years or \$29,333 per year.

The total cost of hiring and emptying 6 Big Belly bins is approximately \$365,250 for 15 years or \$24,350 per year.

These figures include gst.

For this exercise, I have assumed that the useful life of rubbish bins on the Foreshore is approximately 15 years. I have not included the cost of removing the 21 traditional bins.

Because the bins contain a compactor, the volume of rubbish is reduced and a much greater amount of compacted rubbish can be contained in the bin before emptying is required. This this extends the time taken to fill the bin and reduces the frequency of collection.

Emptying traditional bins on the Petone Foreshore and meeting the requirements of the contract specification has been very challenging for the contractor on fine days. Even with some bins being emptied 3 times daily, it was difficult for the contractor to meet contract specifications. Since the six Big Belly bins were installed, servicing once per day meeting is sufficient even during summer. Non-compliance with the contract (as it relates to litter bin emptying) is greatly reduced.

Statement from contractor:

“next to no complaints since being introduced, we have noticed a decrease in the amount of loose litter along foreshore also, the closed lids don’t have the issue of wind blow and seagulls taken rubbish out of the bins.”

So far the Parks and Reserves Business Unit and the contractor have been impressed with the Big Belly bin trial on the Petone Foreshore. Advantages of the new bins include:

- more rubbish being contained in each bin
- reduced contract cost for Council because Big Belly Bins require less frequent emptying
- reduced carbon footprint emission because less frequent emptying means less travel
- less bins to repair and less bins on display
- lower presence of rubbish trucks on the promenade
- better presentation of the Foreshore - less bins overflowing, less loose litter migrating from bins
- less volume being sent to the landfill although actual quantity of rubbish probably similar
- improved compliance with the contract (as it relates to litter bin emptying)
- anecdotally, fewer complaints about rubbish on the promenade and around the bins
- the Big Belly bins appear to cope with the environmental conditions of Petone Foreshore, and have required minimal maintenance to date.

Please call me if you have any questions about the Big Belly Bins.

Ngā mihi

Kelly Crandle
Head of Parks and Reserves