

HUTT CITY COUNCILPOARI HAPORI O PITO-ONE
PETONE COMMUNITY BOARD

Minutes of a meeting held in the Petone Library, 7 Britannia Street, Petone on
Monday 12 February 2024 commencing at 6:30 pm

PRESENT: M Fisher (Chair) K Yung (Deputy Chair)
S Freeman M Henderson
S Kuresa M Roberts
Deputy Mayor T Lewis

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Barry (part meeting)
Cr C Parkin
A Blackshaw, Director Neighbourhoods and Communities
A Shahin, Traffic Engineer - contractor (part meeting)
R Murugadhas, Traffic Engineer (part meeting)
J Varghese, Traffic Engineer (part meeting)
J Randall, Democracy Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS**1. 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

2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments are recorded under the item to which they relate.

Under Standing Order 16.1, the Chair allowed public comment from residents on items not appearing on the agenda.

Speaking under public comment, **Sylvia Allan and Alex Voutratzis, representatives of the Save Petone Wharf Group** (the group), proposed a remediation option to save the wharf from demolition. They advised the engineers who worked on the wharf in 2021 had found only a percentage of the piles were in poor condition. They proposed wrapping and grouting the piles to strengthen them. They believed that 45% of the piles in poor condition could be strengthened using this method at a cost of approximately \$5M and the wharf could then be re-opened. They proposed the remainder of the piles could be strengthened as part of a 10 year plan at \$300Kper year. They noted that there was a \$3M allocation for the wharf in the 2021 - 2031 Long Term Plan that had not been used. They asked for a letter of support from the Board before 20 February 2024.

In response to questions from members, S Allan and A Voutratzis advised the group was publicising its proposal by circulating a petition, setting up a Facebook page, holding drop-in sessions, and being at the Petone Rotary fair. They clarified that the remediation proposal was for the entire wharf. They believed that the wharf was a regional destination and had supporters from across the wider Wellington area.

Speaking under public comment, **Glenda Barratt, Practice Manager for Thumbs Up Trust (the Trust)** thanked the Board for the funds approved at the Board's 30 October 2023 meeting. She said the support was greatly appreciated.

4. MAYOR'S ADDRESS

Mayor Barry provided the following update:

Council would make final decisions on its draft Long Term Plan (LTP) at its meeting on 20 February 2024. The LTP reflected the significant challenges and cost pressures that Council was facing. He provided the following background information to items chosen for inclusion in the consultation document:

- a significant uplift in water investment would be required to renew around 30km of pipes.
- the introduction of water meters would identify leaks and avoid water shortages for future years.
- the proposal to demolish Petone Wharf was due to cost.
- the Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant required ongoing improvements to further reduce the odour.

In response to questions from members, Mayor Barry said the extent of pipe replacement required for Petone was yet to be determined as condition assessments were ongoing. He explained that the cost of water meters would be met by users, so additional revenue would not be required. He noted that a number of councils had already successfully introduced water meters which had helped them avoid water restrictions during the summer. He advised work on the improvements to the Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant would begin soon and would be covered under the existing budget, and that work would continue in the new financial year. He confirmed that Wellington Water Limited had been asked to develop a communication plan to keep residents and businesses updated.

5. PRESENTATIONS

a) Presentation by Local Councillor from Greater Wellington Regional Council

Cr Duthie provided an electronic presentation that can be viewed here: [GWRC presentation](#)

In response to questions from members, Cr Duthie explained the importance of maintenance and upgrades for the rail network to ensure continued services. He advised that the regional transport review included a proposal for a bus service that would run from Wainuiomata to Petone and Wellington. He confirmed that integrated ticketing was scheduled to be introduced in 2025 and would incorporate different modes of travel. He said the introduction of more electric buses would be done in stages due to their charging needs. He advised that plans were underway to purchase a bus depot that would replace the current Miramar bus depot. He added that GWRC was planning to have electric vehicle charging stations in all bus depots.

b) Presentation by the Jackson Street Programme

The Coordinator of the Jackson Street Programme (JSP), Hellen Swales, provided the following update:

- the JSP met with Council's Business and Economy team to report issues.
- Council had declined a JSP request to extend its footprint across a wider area.
- the JSP was keeping updated on stormwater and wastewater upgrades in Petone so it could keep businesses updated.
- funding for refurbishing three bus stops on Jackson Street had now been re-prioritised and the bus stops would remain unchanged.
- the Christmas parade was cancelled for safety reasons. Parade marshals were needed at the intersections and there were not enough available.
- 1,970 letters to Santa received a response, there had been 4,500 visits to Santa's grotto, 103 people participated in the treasure hunt and many took part in the virtual treasure hunt.
- the JSP received 1,679 gifts for Women's Refuge.
- the JSP made a submission on Council's District Plan.
- businesses were being encouraged to participate in WOW and Visa Wellington on a Plate. Rising costs meant they were not encouraged to participate in a ticketed event in Visa Wellington on a Plate.
- in the two week period the JSP was open in January it received 150 people through its doors. 50% were international visitors. 9,7 visitors had already been recorded for February.

- seven plaques on the Walk of Champions had been stolen and recovered. Council had offered to reinstall them on the footpath.
- JSP had offered its support for a Petone Art Trail initiative.

In response to questions from members, Hellen Swales said retail profits over Christmas had been down on previous years. She noted there had also been an increase in theft. She explained that some empty shops on Jackson Street were awaiting earthquake strengthening, but overall, the vacancy rates were low.

c) **Presentation by the Lower Hutt Memorial Returned Services Association**

Mike Collett, President of the Lower Hutt Memorial Returned Services Association (RSA) said preparations were underway for a cadet charter parade in November 2024 involving cadets from around the region. He explained cadets would march to the Lower Hutt Mayoral offices with bands playing and flags flying. He said the cenotaph in the Bracken Street sportsgrounds had been cleaned by the Remembrance Army, but they had been unable to reach the top section. He had asked for assistance from Council to finish the job but had not received a response. He requested the Board to follow this up. He proposed that the cenotaph be re-dedicated on 13 April 2024 with Mayor Barry and the President of the RSA laying a wreath.

The Chair agreed to follow up Mike Collett's requests.

6. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflict of interest declarations

7. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: (M Fisher/Deputy Mayor Lewis)

Minute No. PCB 24101

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Petone Community Board held on Monday, 30 October 2023, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

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

a) **Ad-hoc Bus Stop Improvements**

Report No. PCB2024/1/4 by the Workflow Coordinator - Transport

RESOLVED: (M Fisher/M Roberts)

Minute No. PCB 24102

"That the Board endorses the recommendations contained in the report."

b) **Route 110 Bus Stop Improvements**

Report No. PCB2024/1/5 by the Traffic Engineer - Transport

The Traffic Engineer elaborated on the report.

In response to a question from a member, the Traffic Engineer explained the bus stop was being moved to prevent buses from hitting the adjacent building's verandah. He noted the proximity of the verandah could still provide shelter for passengers waiting at the bus stop.

RESOLVED: (M Fisher/K Yung)

Minute No. PCB 24103

"That the Board endorses the recommendations contained in the report."

The meeting adjourned at 8.16pm and resumed at 8.18pm.

9. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair tabled a report attached as pages 8-9 to the minutes.

RESOLVED: (M Fisher/M Henderson)

Minute No. PCB 24104

"That the Board receives and notes the report."

10. **DEMOCRACY ADVISOR'S REPORT**

Report No. PCB2024/1/12 by the Democracy Advisor

The Chair proposed removing recommendation (3) from the officer's recommendation. He explained a sound system would no longer be affordable since Council could not assist with the costs associated with its hire. He advised alternative arrangements were being considered.

Deputy Mayor Lewis requested information on the number of residents joining Neighbourhood Watch groups in the Petone Ward.

RESOLVED: (M Fisher/ K Yung)

Minute No. PCB 24105

"That the Board:

(1) receives and notes the report; and

(2) approves up to \$200 from the Board's miscellaneous budget for a wreath for the Petone ANZAC Day event on 25 April 2024."

11. INFORMATION ITEM**Young Elected Members' Hui December 2023 - report back**

Report No. PCB2024/1/13 by the Democracy Advisor

The Deputy Chair thanked members for the opportunity to attend the young Elected Members Hui.

RESOLVED: (M Fisher/M Roberts)

Minute No. PCB 24106

"That the Board notes and receives the report back on the Young Elected Members Hui from the Deputy Chair."

12. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.26 pm.

M Fisher
CHAIR

**CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 15th day of April 2024**

Petone Community Board Meeting: 12 February 2024

Chair's Report

Mike Fisher

Tena koutou katoa and greetings to everyone in our community board area of Petone, Korokoro, Seaview, Moera, Waiwhetu South, Woburn South, and Gracefield.

Although we are now into February as this is the first meeting of the year -a very Happy New Year to all! There will be many important issues facing our community in the coming months, some hard choices and decisions to make and we will be working hard to represent and advocate our community's views and opinions.

So if there are burning issues and you want to make your thoughts known please contact us, chat raise your questions and let us know what you want to see happening in the Petone community Board area this year.

Here is an update of some of the issues and happenings that have been (or will be) on the Boards radar;

1.Pito-one Projects (Petone Wharf/Library and Grandstand) and the Draft Long Term Plan:

Final decisions for the key issues of the future of Petone Wharf, Petone Library and the Petone Recreation Ground Grandstand will be made at a Council meeting on 20 February, following which officers will finalise the wording of the draft Long Term Plan which will go out for public consultation.

While demolition of the wharf is highlighted as a favoured option, there is likely to be other options proposed in the draft LTP. For some time, members of the Petone Steering group have opposed demolition and explored options for restoration of the wharf, and this work is being now being carried on by a local group.

As a member of the steering group, I fully support retention of the wharf and exploration of alternative and less costly options to repair it.

The future of the library and the use of the surrounding area likewise has been discussed for many years, and it seems we are again going full circle and looking into options for potential redevelopment of this facility.

It is really important that if you have strong views about these community assets, that you let your views be known, either to the Board, in feedback at Council meetings or in submissions to the LTP.

2.Paid parking in Petone.

An option which has been proposed for inclusion in the Long Term Plan is to extend paid parking to Petone. This would be a significant change for the area and no doubt would attract strong views

At time of writing it is not clear if this will relate just to Jackson St or include some of the council parking areas or other streets. Again, what are your opinions?

3. Media.

I have spoken on The Panel on Radio NZ discussing the proposed name change for Petone/Pito - one, been interviewed by Sky News Australia re Wellington Water issues and for a Post article on insurance and sea level/climate change which were good opportunities to talk about these topics and received favourable feedback which is always encouraging!

I also spoke at a meeting of Petone Rotary giving an update on what the Board has been involved with.

4. Congratulations.

Congratulations to former Petone Community Board Chair Pam Hanna, who received the MNZM in the New Years Honours list for her community and early childhood work!

5. Jackson Street.

A review and proposals for upgrades to three bus stops, plus proposed upcoming work along the street on pipes which have been discussed at previous Board meetings have all now been delayed due to cancelled funding or pending further investigation work.

Just this week we have seen the appalling vandalism of six Walk of Champion plaques being stolen from the street in the middle of the night. Fortunately, they were quickly recovered thanks to the great work of Petone Police and returned to JSP.

6. Former Weltec car park – Udy St

Following the sale of the former car park, it has been purchased and as people will have seen has been fenced off and is being used for vehicle storage.

After questioning the Planning team we are advised that as car parking was an existing use when Weltec owned the land, it is permissible for the new owners to do likewise.

As always, we encourage discussion with and feedback to board members at any time. Feel free to contact any individual PCB members or myself with issues, concerns, or ideas to raise or discuss.

“Whaia te iti kahurangi ki te tuohu koe me he maunga teitei”

“Seek the treasure you value most dearly, if you bow your head let it be to a lofty mountain”.

Mike Fisher
Chair
PCB