

HUTT CITY COUNCILPOARI HAPORI O PITO-ONE
PETONE COMMUNITY BOARD

Minutes of a meeting held in the Korokoro School hall, 79 Korokoro Road, Korokoro, on
Monday 15 April 2024 commencing at 6:30 pm

PRESENT: M Fisher (Chair) K Yung (Deputy Chair)
S Freeman M Henderson
S Kuresa (from 6.49pm) M Roberts
Deputy Mayor T Lewis

APOLOGIES: S Kuresa for lateness.

IN ATTENDANCE: J Ransom, Head of Neighbourhood Hubs and Library Services
B Hodgins, Strategic Advisor
P Hewitt, Transport Manager
N Garcia, Project Manager - Transport
E Scherer, Transport Engineering Manager
R Murugadhas, Traffic Engineer
J Varghese, Traffic Engineer
R Lemalu, Project Delivery Manager
J Randall, Democracy Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS1. 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

Naydene Hake, a mentee of the Mayoral Taskforce, was welcomed to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

An apology was received from S Kuresa for lateness.

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

Sylvia Allan, a representative of the Save Petone Wharf group (the group), advised that the group was asking for \$6M to be allocated through the Long Term Plan process to remediate the Petone Wharf (the wharf) and prevent it from being demolished. She said

the group had already collected over 5,000 signatures through a petition. She also said an estimate for the work required to remediate the wharf would be available by the end of April 2024. She expressed disappointment that submitters could only indicate their preference by filling in the text box. She asked that the Board support retaining the wharf as part of its submission.

In response to a question from a member, Sylvia Allan advised that a 'Save Petone Wharf Community Beach Walk' would take place on Sunday 28 April 2024, from the Settlers Museum to the Petone Wharf.

Andre Oliver, a representative of the Pest Free Puke Ariki Group (the group), said that volunteers were needed to service new traplines in Belmont Regional Park. He confirmed that Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) had agreed to progress with trapping using traps and bait stations. He highlighted that contractors would service the bait stations. He encouraged interested volunteers to contact the group through GWRC Councillor Quentin Duthie or the group's Facebook page.

Tamsin Falconer, a representative of the Korokoro Environmental Group, expressed concerns about the deteriorating and narrow footpaths on the lower Korokoro Road and asked if there were any plans to improve them.

In response to a question from a member, Tamsin Falconer suggested that if funding was limited, Council could focus on improving some of the corners that posed the greatest danger to pedestrians while adopting a more relaxed approach for other parts of the road.

Council's Director, Economy and Development agreed that officers would review the Korokoro Road footpath upgrade in future work programmes.

Council's Project Manager – Transport advised that officers planned to improve the footpaths on Akatea Road and remediate the slip on London Road. She said a public meeting would be organised soon to discuss traffic management plans during the construction, scheduled from May to June 2024.

Members requested an update on footpath renewals for Korokoro. They also asked for early advice on a public meeting about improvements to the footpath on Akatea Road and the remediation of the slip on London Road.

S Kuresa joined the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made regarding the items on the Order Paper.

PRECEDENCE OF BUSINESS

In accordance with Standing Order 10.4, the Chair accorded precedence to item 7 on the agenda, 'Changes to parking time restrictions adjacent to 35 Bouverie Street, Petone.'

This item is recorded in the order in which it is listed in the Order Paper.

4. PRESENTATIONS

a) Presentation: Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant

Linda Fairbrother and Blair Johnson, representatives of Wellington Water Limited (WWL), were in attendance for the item.

Linda Fairbrother and Blair Johnson shared an electronic presentation that can be viewed here: [Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant presentation](#).

Blair Johnson acknowledged the odour from the plant. He explained that many plant components were aging and would need to be replaced. He highlighted that work was underway to renew the components causing the odour.

In response to questions from members, Linda Fairbrother and Blair Johnson advised the following:

- the plant was built in 1960, with additions until the early 2000s. It was expected to maintain capacity in its current form until 2040 – 2050.
- the three areas of the plant identified in the presentation were most likely to cause odour. The odour was expected to decrease once the planned improvements were in place.
- reinstating tours at the plant might help the community better understand the issues and processes.
- anyone could sign up for the plant's monthly newsletter via email, and printed copies would be available at Hutt City Council libraries.
- WWL was currently discussing options for the outfall pipe with Mana Whenua.
- signage was in place to warn nearby fishers of possible water contamination.
- the plant worked with contractor Veolia to ensure compliance with resource consent conditions during work.

Members volunteered to deliver the plant's printed newsletter to local communities.

b) **Presentation: Seismic assessment of Cuba Street overbridge**

Council's Project Manager – Transport shared an electronic presentation, which can be viewed here: [Cuba Street Overbridge presentation](#). She advised that the seismic assessment of the Cuba Street Overbridge project (the project) was currently being investigated. She said the project would be evaluated against the National Policy Statement for Natural Hazards once available. She highlighted that the level of disruption in Stages 2 and 3 of the project would depend on the results of the Stage 1 investigation.

In response to questions from members, Council's Project Manager – Transport assured members that her team would keep in touch with the Cross Valley Connection project team and Metlink during the work. She confirmed that the work would likely only disrupt Wakefield Street traffic. She said the bridge was the last of a series of bridges that still needed seismic strengthening.

c) **Presentation by the Jackson Street Programme**

Hellen Swales provided a verbal update of Jackson Street Programme (JSP) activities as follows:

- JSP participated in the consultation regarding bus stops in Petone. JSP would appreciate receiving feedback on the work and any decisions made.
- businesses were informed about the current location of defibrillators through an update.
- there had been a recent increase in shoplifting incidents on Jackson Street. JSP worked closely with local businesses and provided crucial information to the police, ultimately leading to an arrest.
- Council's Transport team collaborated with JSP to implement speed changes on Jackson Street. However, JSP expressed disappointment with the new speed variations and the lack of signage alerting motorists to the speed changes.
- JSP organised community meetings on the draft Long Term Plan (LTP) for business owners and residents in Petone. The meetings were well attended, and hot topics included parking, Petone Wharf, and development contributions. JSP would present a petition as part of its submission to Council's proposed LTP.
- Petone Community House had received a letter from Council regarding re-purposing some Council-owned assets due to affordability. It was suggested that the Board obtain a copy of the letter.
- Council's Senior Advisor, Business and Economy visited two sustainable businesses in Petone. These businesses had applied for funding through the regional Wellington NZ Low Carbon Wellington Hospitality Sustainability Programme and Council's Low Carbon Acceleration Fund. Both businesses had contributed toward Council's goal of net-zero emissions by 2030.

In response to a question from a member, Hellen Swales said that Council's plans for repurposing community assets were unclear.

d) **Presentation: Te Ara Tupua | Shared Path**

The Waka Kotahi representative was unable to attend the meeting.

5. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**

There were no conflicts of interest.

6. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: (M Fisher/K Yung)

Minute No. PCB 24201

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Petone Community Board held on Monday, 12 February 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

7. **REPORT REFERRED FOR BOARD INPUT BEFORE BEING CONSIDERED BY SUBCOMMITTEE OF COUNCIL**

Changes to parking time restrictions adjacent to 35 Bouverie Street, Petone

Report No. PCB2024/2/76 by the Traffic Engineer – Contractor

The Traffic Engineer – Contractor elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, Council's Transport Engineering Manager and Traffic Engineer explained that the car parking changes would help balance long-term parking with short-term parking in the area and support businesses. They noted that many car parks were currently used by staff for all-day parking. They confirmed that the changes would apply only during business hours. They further confirmed that a letter had been sent out to the residents in the area seeking their feedback. However, no objections had been received from the residents.

RESOLVED: (M Fisher/M Roberts)

Minute No. PCB 24202

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

8. SUBMISSION TO HUTT CITY COUNCIL'S DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN

Memorandum dated 12 February 2024 by the Democracy Advisor

The Chair elaborated on the memorandum.

RESOLVED: (M Fisher/M Roberts)

Minute No. PCB 24203

"That the Board:

- (1) notes that its submission in respect of the City of Lower Hutt draft District Plan requires the Board's retrospective endorsement; and*
- (2) endorses its submission attached as Appendix 1 to the memorandum."*

9. CHAIR'S REPORT

Report No. PCB2024/2/38 by the Chair, Petone Community Board

The Chair elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED: (M Fisher/ K Yung)

Minute No. PCB 24204

"That the report be received and noted."

10. DEMOCRACY ADVISOR'S REPORT

Report No. PCB2024/2/39 by the Democracy Advisor

RESOLVED: (M Fisher/ M Henderson)

Minute No. PCB 24205

"That the Board:

- (1) receives and notes the report;*
- (2) approves an additional \$100 from the Board's miscellaneous budget to cover the additional cost of a second wreath for the Petone ANZAC Day events on 25 April 2024; and*
- (3) approves a maximum of \$ 2,000 from the Board's miscellaneous budget for a sound system for the Memorial Park ANZAC Day event on 25 April 2024."*

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

a) Moerā Library update

Council's Head of Neighbourhood Hubs and Library Services provided a verbal update on constructing a new library for Moerā. She confirmed that Niche Construction had signed the library contract.

In response to questions from members, the Head of Neighbourhood Hubs and Library Services provided some clarifications regarding Moerā Library's (the

library) upcoming building project. She explained that the library building would be constructed off-site to minimise the time the library would be closed. She advised that during this period, a temporary space in the community hall would be open for library services. She estimated that the library would reopen between September and November 2024. She confirmed that three ceremonies had been planned in consultation with Mana Whenua to close the old building and open the new building. She agreed to liaise with local community groups, including the Moerā Community House, to coordinate the ceremonies. She assured members that the adjacent park and public toilets would be refreshed for the project. She also assured members that there would be no change to the number of available car parks.

b) **Greater Wellington Regional Council - Councillor update**

Report No. PCB2024/2/40 by the Democracy Advisor

RESOLVED: (Fisher/Deputy Mayor Lewis)

Minute No. PCB 24206

"That the report be received and noted."

12. **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.57 pm.

M Fisher
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 17th day of June 2024