## HUTT CITY COUNCIL

## <u>POARI HAPORI O WAINUIOMATA</u> WAINUIOMATA COMMUNITY BOARD

Minutes of a meeting held in the Wainuiomata Library, Queen Street, Wainuiomata on Wednesday 14 February 2024 commencing at 6:30 pm

PRESENT:	L Bingley (Chair) T Harker	D Chrisp G Sue
APOLOGIES:	TA Puketapu, L Clark, Cr	Brown
IN ATTENDANCE:	A Rowe, Project Manager ·	neering Manager (part meeting) - Transport (part meeting) gement Advisor (part meeting)

#### PUBLIC BUSINESS

#### 1. OPENING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA TIMATANGA

Whakataka te hau ki te uru Whakataka te hau ki te tonga Kia mākinakina ki uta Kia mātaratara ki tai E hī ake ana te atakura He tio, he huka, he hau hū Tīhei mauri ora. Cease the winds from the west Cease the winds from the south Let the breeze blow over the land Let the breeze blow over the ocean Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air. A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day.

### 2. <u>APOLOGIES</u>

#### <u>RESOLVED</u>: (L Bingley/D Chrisp)

"That the apologies received from T Puketapu, L Clark and Cr Brown be accepted and leave of absence be granted."

#### 3. <u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u>

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.

#### Minute No. WCB 24101

Speaking under public comment, **Sheryl King** presented a submission on behalf of Wainuiomata Masonic Village residents. She asked for action be taken against motorbikes and four wheel drive vehicles that were illegally using Council paths and parks near the Masonic Village. She advised they caused excessive noise, damage and disturbance, which could sometimes continue for up to five hours. She explained that the Police were not always able to attend to the issue. The submission is attached as pages 8-18 to the minutes.

The Transport Engineering Manager confirmed that officers would work with Police to come up with a solution.

Speaking under public comment, **Margaret Kinsey**, a representative of the **Wainuiomata Pioneer Church Preservation Society**, thanked members for providing the funding through the Community Engagement Fund for tools required for maintaining the church garden. She tabled a list of tools purchased, attached as pages 19-20 to the minutes.

In response to a question from a member, Margaret Kinsey said members could now ask for help without the expectation that volunteers would need to bring tools.

Speaking under public comment, **Bernard Wright** advised that a parked NCS bus regularly encroached the traffic lane on Main Road between Stanley Street and the Fitzherbert Road roundabout, narrowing it so cars were forced into oncoming vehicles. He added that the bus was sometimes parked with its wheels on the curb, blocking the footpath. He requested off-street parking in Wainuiomata for buses. He tabled information attached as page 21 to the minutes.

Speaking under public comment, Bernard Wright said vehicles regularly parked in mobility carparks in the town centre after 5pm. He asked parking wardens to patrol the area after hours. He tabled information and photos of the vehicles parked in mobility car parks, attached as pages 22-23 to the minutes.

In response, Mayor Barry suggested sending a complaint so that Council's Parking Services knew of the problem. He said enforcement officers could visit the Wainuiomata town centre after hours to enforce the parking regulations.

Speaking under public comment, **Pauline Innes** asked for a response to questions on water saving measures and the amount of money spent by Council on sending personalised water saving letters to rural ratepayers. She highlighted that rural ratepayers were not connected to the town water supply. She agreed to email her questions to the Chair for a response from officers.

Speaking under public comment, **Tom Patuwai**, a kaumātua from Wainuiomata Marae, asked that a cemetery be considered for Wainuiomata. He noted the Taitā cemetery was full. He advised Māori from the East Coast did not want cremation.

In response to a question from a member, Tom Patuwai suggested that land on Coast Road or Moores Valley Road could be used for a cemetery.

# 4. <u>MAYOR'S ADDRESS</u>

Mayor Barry delivered a verbal address as follows:

- 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 Council was facing. He highlighted the following issues to be included in the consultation document:
  - a) a significant uplift in water investment was required to renew around 30km of pipes
  - b) the introduction of water meters would identify leaks and avoid water shortages in future years.
  - c) Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant needed ongoing improvements as a priority to further reduce offensive odours.
- A portion of the \$10M in LTP funds allocated in Council's Sportsground Investment Strategy would likely be used for Wainuiomata sports grounds. There was also an opportunity for Reserves Contributions to be used in Wainuiomata. The Board would be given the opportunity to put forward its views on how the funds should be invested.
- Love Wainuiomata and other organisers of the Wainuiomata Pool Party in February 2024 created a fun community event for Wainuiomata residents.
- Council's departing Community Engagement Advisor, Anaru Ryall, was acknowledged for helping make Wainuiomata a place residents loved and enjoyed.

In response to the questions raised in public comment, Mayor Barry advised the following:

- a) he would enquire why individual water saving letters had been sent to rural ratepayers.
- b) A cemetery in Wainuiomata would require a conversation through the Long Term Plan and finding a location could be a challenge.
- c) Council would investigate the problem of motorbikes and other vehicles using the parks and paths near the Masonic Village. Officers would discuss the matter with Police, and Council officers would monitor the area.

In response to questions from members, Mayor Barry advised no significant work on developing a Wainuiomata cemetery had occurred in previous years. He highlighted that Council would need to take a regional perspective on the issue. He explained reserves contributions were allocated across the city. However, he added there was an opportunity for Wainuiomata parks and reserves to receive reserves funding since it was a high growth area.

## 5. **PRESENTATIONS**

### a) Ospri NZ (aerial work)

Tracey Beauchamp and Zoe Matthews, representatives of Ospri New Zealand, advised that Ospri's aerial TB possum control operation would occur in the Northern Remutaka Forest in May-June 2024. They explained that the operation would be 90% ground control and 10% aerial control. They said Ospri worked with landowners, Wellington Water Limited and the Department of Conservation (DOC). They highlighted that the Ministry of Health and DOC had set the boundaries and consent conditions, including exclusions around water sources, whether or not tracks needed to be closed and precautions for dog safety. They advised that low wind followed by two fine nights would be required for the operation. A map of the area of forest affected by the possum control operation can be viewed here: Northern Remutaka Forest aerial possum control operation May-June 2024

In response to questions from members, Zoe Matthews agreed to provide the Board with data from the 2016 aerial operation in the Southern Remutaka Forest. She explained the 2024 operation would take place in winter when there was less food for possums and more uptake of bait. She explained there also tended to be less wind, fewer people and carcasses broke down more slowly from May.

## b) Local Councillor from Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC)

Cr Quentin Duthie delivered an electronic presentation that can be viewed here: <u>GWRC presentation</u>.

Cr Duthie stressed the importance of making submissions on its Long Term Plan (LTP). He said GWRC had prioritised climate resilience in terms of flood protection, ungulate control, and planning for a new water storage lake in its draft LTP. He advised that many projects, such as the electrification of buses, would be delayed due to funding restrictions. He further advised transport costs were recommended to rise by 10% and rates by 20%.

In response to a question from a member, Cr Duthie said a communications plan for the LTP was being prepared. He asked members to encourage residents to have their say.

#### c) <u>Wainuiomata Hill slip repair</u>

Council's Transport Engineering Manager advised an engineering assessment had recommended the use of steel for the Wainuiomata Hill slip repair. He expected work on the slip to begin in May and continue into June 2024. He said the work

would take place on weekdays from 10am-5pm.

In response to a question from a member, the Transport Engineering Manager explained the work was planned for May-June because the project had received funding for this financial year to June 2024. He agreed to report back on:

- whether the south-bound lane would be open in the mornings throughout the repair work so that two lanes could continue to be used; and
- whether the slip repair work hours took into account the actual measurements of peak traffic travelling over Wainuiomata Hill.

### d) <u>Coast Road slip</u>

Council's Transport Engineering Manager advised that the repair work for the slip on Coast Road slip was expected to begin before the end of June 2024. He agreed to report back to the Board meeting on 17 April 2024 once consultants had assessed the project.

In response to a question from a member, the Transport Engineering Manager agreed to report back on the Board's submission on Coast Road erosion protection.

#### e) Maru | Streets for People update

The Project Manager, Transport, and the Community Engagement Advisor delivered an electronic presentation that can be viewed here: <u>Maru | Streets for People</u>

In response to questions from members, the Project Manager, Transport, and the Community Engagement Advisor advised there were posters displayed in the *Maru* | *Streets for People* area, encouraging the public to provide feedback. They confirmed that there would be an online option for providing feedback. However, officers were targeting responses from those in the *Maru* | *Streets for People* area. They agreed to seek legal advice on the safety of the chicanes and the possibility of the design feature camouflaging children about to cross the road. They said officers would seek feedback from both children and adults during the opening event on 1 March 2024.

#### 6. <u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS</u>

There were no conflict of interest declarations.

#### 7. <u>MINUTES</u>

<u>RESOLVED</u>: (L Bingley/G Sue)

Minute No. WCB 24102

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Wainuiomata Community Board held on Wednesday, 1

November 2023, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

# 8. <u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u>

Report No. WCB2024/1/14 by the Chair, Wainuiomata Community Board

<u>RESOLVED</u>: (L Bingley/T Harker)

Minute No. WCB 24103

"That the report be received and noted."

# 9. DEMOCRACY ADVISOR'S REPORT

Report No. WCB2024/1/15 by the Democracy Advisor

RESOLVED: (L Bingley/T Harker)

Minute No. WCB 24104

"That the Board:

- (1) receives and notes the report;
- (2) approves up to \$200 from the Board's miscellaneous budget for a wreath for the Wainuiomata ANZAC Day event on 25 April 2024; and
- (3) approves up to \$500 from the Board's miscellaneous budget to contribute to catering for the Wainuiomata ANZAC Day event on 25 April 2024."

# 10. INFORMATION ITEM

## Young Elected Members' Hui December 2023 - report back

Report No. WCB2024/1/16 by the Democracy Advisor

## <u>RESOLVED</u>: (L Bingley/D Chrisp)

Minute No. WCB 24105

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

## 11. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

## 12. CLOSING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Unuhia! Unuhia i te uru-tapu-nui Kia wātea, kia māmā Te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua i te ara takatū Koia rā e Rongo whakairihia ake ki runga Kia wātea, kia wātea! Ae rā, kua wātea! Hau, pai mārire. Release us from the supreme sacredness of our tasks To be clear and free in heart, body and soul in our continuing journey Oh Rongo, raise these words up high so that we be cleansed and be free, Yes indeed, we are free! Good and peaceful

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

L Bingley CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record Dated this 17th day of April 2024 PETITION: To Hutt City Council & Wainuiomata Community Board in support of the petition by residents of Wainuiomata Masonic Village about the negative impact of motorbikes etc in this neighbourhood.

We request HCC meet with Village residents take action to address the health & safety impact of the repeated use of neighbouring Council assets neighbouring the Wainuiomata Masonic Village by motorbikes and other vehicular users.

#### Background material for the Residents' petition:

We the undersigned residents of Wainuiomata Masonic Village request a meeting with Hutt City Council regarding the continual health and safety problem of motorbikes (including quadbikes, dirt-bikes, and other noisy motor vehicles) that repeatedly use the Hutt City Council assets (parks and paths) surrounding the Village on our East, North and South sides.

We also call on the support of the Wainuiomata Community Board to assist in discovering what measures can be undertaken to improve the wellbeing and safety of residents in regards to this matter.

These motorbikes disrupt the peace all hours of the day and night, which has a negative impact on sleep and rest for residents, and impacts negatively on residents' health. There is also a considerable safety issue as residents often use these surrounding paths and parks, and the riding of these motorbikes etc. often presents serious safety issues where pedestrians could be struck at speed.

We believe Hutt City Council has a duty of care with Council assets which are repeatedly used in unsafe or illegal ways, such as with these motorbikes. There are also often cars being able to access Council paths on our north boundary from The Strand due to no barriers, or barriers being left open. We believe Council assets paths should be safe for users, and they should not present a health and safety risk to neighbours (residents in the Village), or park and path users.

We would like to discuss what HCC will do to address these issues including the lack of signage and lack of measures to reduce incidents. As rate payers of this community we would like to have Council meet with us to address our concerns.

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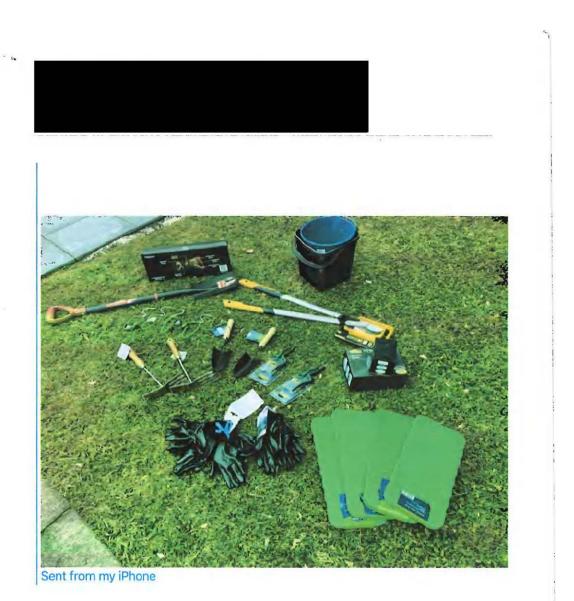
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#### Wellington - Wainuiomata Bus Service Needed

At present there is a NCS bus parking on Main Road between Stanley Street and the roundabout at Fitzherbert Road.

It parks on the southbound side with its wheels on the concrete footpath and keeps within the white parking demarcation line. This is inconsiderate to footpath users with prams or wheel-chairs.

It also sometimes parks with the left wheels in the gutter. The body is now ½ metre over the white parking line. This now causes south bound traffic to move into the traffic leaving the village and they have to face oncoming traffic and take evasive action.

An alternative is sometimes it parks on the northbound side of the road with the offside wheels on the grass berm. The right hand wheels are contained within the white demarcation line.

Should the alternative wheels in the gutter be adopted then again the narrowing of the traffic lane for other users being forced to avoid oncoming vehicles.

If the proposal for this bus service is successful, what is going to be done to provide off street parking for the busses?

February 14 2024

