

HUTT CITY COUNCILPOARI HAPORI O WAINUIOMATA
WAINUIOMATA COMMUNITY BOARD

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

PRESENT: T A Puketapu (Chair) L Bingley (Deputy Chair)
D Chrisp L Clark
T Harker
Cr K Brown

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies.

IN ATTENDANCE: P Hewitt, Head of Transport
B Stanfield, Roading Engineer (part meeting)
A Rowe, Project Manager – Transport (part meeting)
A Joy, Roading Engineer (part meeting)
E Scherer, Transport Engineering Manager
C Truman, Project Manager – Transport (part meeting)
J Randall, Democracy Advisor

PUBLIC BUSINESS**1. OPENING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA TIMATANGA**

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

2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Speaking under public comment, **Sandy Nimmo, a volunteer for the Hutt City Inline Hockey Club (the Club)**, advised that the Club would be launching a free learn to skate programme in Term Four through Wainuiomata Intermediate and Wainuiomata High Schools. She said the programme would be held at the outdoor skating rink in Wainuiomata.

In response to a question from a member, Sandy Nimmo said the Club was in contact with schools, Love Wainuiomata, the Board Chair and Chris Bishop's office to publicise the programme further.

Speaking under public comment, **Heinrich Burkhart** advised that a large tree had fallen and blocked the track along the river from Richard Prouse Park to the Poole Crescent Reserve. He also said that mud pools had formed on the track after rain and suggested that a layer of gravel was needed. On another matter, he suggested that having a regularly updated brochure listing local tradespeople and organisations would be helpful.

Lesla Bingley agreed to send Heinrich Burkhart a link to a local directory of companies maintained by Love Wainuiomata.

Cr Duthie agreed to connect Heinrich Burkhart to the park ranger to discuss track maintenance.

Speaking under public comment, **Sarah Poole** expressed concern that a crematorium was being constructed near her home. She said that it was built without proper building consent or consultation with local residents. She believed that the crematorium would significantly contribute to pollution, which could lead to health problems for both humans and the environment. She highlighted that the crematorium was built close to residential and water collection areas.

In response to a question from a member, Sarah Poole confirmed that other residents living near the crematorium believed the location was inappropriate.

Members stated that the Board would discuss the crematorium with Council officers and Greater Wellington Regional Council and consider the need for a public meeting. They agreed to connect Sarah Poole to the Ministry of Health.

Speaking under public comment, **Steve Galyer** expressed frustration with a flood zone designation for two properties he owned. He highlighted that this designation had increased his insurance costs despite no history of street flooding. He said he was unaware of any consultation on the designation proposal, as he lived in a rural area and did not receive the Hutt News. He believed the maps showing flooding overlays were unavailable on Council's website. He said he found his recent rates increases to be excessive and requested a reassessment.

In response to questions from members, Steve Galyer confirmed that he would appreciate a link to the flood mapping on Council's website. He suggested that the best way to reach rural ratepayers was through letters or notices in the Wainuiomata News.

The Chair agreed to discuss other issues with Steve Galyer.

Speaking under public comment, **Pauline Innes** made the following comments:

- the Independent Panel Representation Review recommended that Wainuiomata should have fewer Councillors than Central Hutt, even though Wainuiomata had more residents. She considered that Wainuiomata deserved equal representation. She said the Board should be retained to ensure continued liaison with its community.
- the Wainuiomata Hill Road slip had caused congestion, and the road had been over-engineered.
- the previous weekend, water had run down Moores Valley Road, near where the urban and rural area met, which had the potential to cause black ice. She reported it on Saturday, but it was not fixed until Tuesday. The area from the layby to the bridge had still not been cleared. She believed a concrete channel was needed to prevent water from accumulating on the road in future.

Members asked the Democracy Advisor to provide data on the number of voters in the Wainuiomata Electorate for the 2022 election.

Speaking under public comment, **Linda Olsen** made the following comments:

- she supported the new crematorium currently being built because it was needed for Wainuiomata.
- she asked for lights along the driveway to the Wainuiomata Marae (the marae) for visibility and safety.
- she requested confirmation that Council intended to reaffirm a Māori Ward for Lower Hutt.
- she did not want additional vape shops in Wainuiomata.
- she asked for Fitzherbert Road to be widened to allow parking on each side, or a carpark to accommodate the number of cars.

In response to questions from members, Linda Olsen said she had discussed the need for lights on the marae driveway with two Councillors, who were now following up the request.

4. PRESENTATIONS

a) Presentation: Coast Road slip repair

Council's Roding Engineer shared an electronic presentation that can be viewed here: [Coast Road River Erosion Mitigation Works – August 2024 update.](#)

In response to questions from members, the Roding Engineer advised that the work at 636 Coast Road was expected to cost \$450K, and the work at 204 Coast Road was expected to cost \$80K. He said that the work was planned to be completed by early 2025. He confirmed that the work was reactive by necessity due to the natural hydrology of the river. He highlighted that Council would continue to protect the road, but private property owners would need insurance. He noted

the project had received support from most affected properties.

b) Presentation: Delegation of Authority to indicate 'no stopping' areas

Council's Transport Engineering Manager shared an electronic presentation that can be viewed here: [Delegated Authority for Council Officers](#)

In response to questions from members, the Transport Engineering Manager explained that delegated authority would only be used when safety was a priority. He said affected residents would usually be advised within three to four weeks on whether safety changes would occur under delegated authority. He agreed to keep community boards updated on the delegation changes.

c) Presentation: Wainuiomata Hill Road slip repair

Council's Project Manager – Transport shared an electronic presentation that can be viewed here: [Wainuiomata Hill Landslide Remediation](#).

In response to questions from members, the Project Manager – Transport advised that engineers had discovered a tension crack in the hill. As a result, they expanded the area which needed repair, to prevent future slips. She stated that work would continue on Saturdays to ensure the repairs were completed on schedule. She highlighted that officers would update Council's Facebook page and website to notify the public about the Saturday work schedule.

d) Local Councillor from Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC)

Cr Quentin Duthie provided a verbal presentation as follows:

Public Transport

- over the past year, public transport was consistently reliable with patronage, greater than 99% reliability and a full complement of drivers. There were almost five million boardings on Hutt Valley buses and almost five million on the Hutt Valley Line trains. This was an increase of 16% and 5%, respectively in the previous 12 months.
- the proposed Waterloo Station upgrade had funding assigned, and the design work was underway. The proposal would create a new station and allow for a commercial space.
- the Regional Public Transport Plan (the Plan) consultation was open for submissions from 23 September to 18 October 2024.

Environment and bulk water supply

- GWRC's Te Awa Kairangi Subcommittee would discuss flood risk in October 2024. It would provide residents with an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the risk and contribute to how GWRC manages it.
- a planting day would be held at Oruapouanui on Saturday, 17 August 2024, at 9am at the Baring Head entrance.

- the Lighthouse Keepers Cottage at Baring Head was now bookable on Airbnb.
- pollution could be reported via the Environmental Hotline at 0800 496 734.

Planning and Representation

- the GWRC Long Term Plan was approved.
- GWRC's Te Tiriti Komiti was scheduled to meet the week of the Board meeting to reaffirm or rescind its Māori Ward decision.
- GWRC was transitioning to live-streaming its meetings, with the video recordings available on YouTube.

In response to questions from members, Cr Duthie advised the following:

- any update on Wainuiomata bus routes and timetables would need to wait until the Plan was approved. Several bus improvements were proposed for Wainuiomata. He agreed to keep the Board and the Wainuiomata News updated.
- flood risk considerations for new developments fell under Hutt City Council's District Plan regulations. GWRC and Wellington City Council provided flood hazard mapping that supported Hutt City Council's District Plan.

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

The Chair declared a conflict of interest in Item 7c Proposed Parking Configuration - Wainuiomata High School and took no part in discussion or voting on the item.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED: (TA Puketapu/D Chrisp)

Minute No. WCB 24401

"That the minutes of the meeting of the Wainuiomata Community Board held on Wednesday, 19 June 2024, be confirmed as a true and correct record."

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

a) Maru Streets for People

Report No. WCB2024/4/194 by the Project Manager

The Project Manager – Transport elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Project Manager – Transport gave the following advice:

- it would cost approximately \$130K to remove the street installation.
- officers were investigating alternative means of securing the hit sticks so they could not be removed. No estimate was available for the cost of maintaining and replacing hit sticks over the next two years. The hit sticks were helpful for

slowing vehicles and making crossing roads safer. If safety issues emerged Council would take action. The hit sticks could be removed if they were creating a maintenance issue.

- the planters were a helpful safety guide, but without the hit stick reflectors, advice on their safe use would be needed.
- there could be an opportunity to regularly review the project with the Board throughout the two-year temporary phase of the project
- the Board would receive information about the maintenance costs of the installation.
- officers had collected feedback from the public throughout the process using similar questions, to evaluate the project before and after installation
- the project received funding from Waka Kotahi and 'Streets for People.'

Members asked that the report be deferred to the October 2024 Board meeting and the Traffic Subcommittee meeting in November 2024.

Members asked for a report on the number of hit sticks replaced in the previous six months.

RESOLVED: (TA Puketapu/D Chrisp)

Minute No. WCB 24402

"That the Board receives and notes the report."

RESOLVED: (TA Puketapu/L Clark)

Minute No. WCB 24403

"That the Board asks that officers delay the report until the following information is provided:

- the estimated cost for maintenance of the project for the next two years; and*
- a projected cost for the replacement of removable or more easily damaged items, for example, hit sticks, over the next two years."*

b) Broken Yellow Lines - No Stopping At All Times, Orongorongo Terrace, Wainuiomata

Report No. WCB2024/4/195 by the Roothing Engineer

Council's Transport Engineering Manager elaborated on the report.

RESOLVED: (TA Puketapu/Cr Brown)

Minute No. WCB 24404

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

c) Proposed Parking Configuration - Wainuiomata High School

Report No. WCB2024/4/196 by the Roothing Engineer

The Chair declared a conflict of interest and took no part in discussion or voting on the item.

Lesla Bingley assumed the Chair for the duration of the item.

Council's Transport Engineering Engineer elaborated on the report.

In response to questions from members, the Transport Engineering Manager agreed to report back on the process for the school to reserve the bus stop for school coaches during school hours. He further agreed to liaise with the school to understand its needs.

RESOLVED: (L Bingley/T Harker)

Minute No. WCB 24405

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

8. BOARD'S SUBMISSION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATION REVIEW PANEL ON HUTT CITY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATION PROPOSAL

Memorandum dated 7 August 2024 by the Democracy Advisor

The Chair elaborated on the memorandum.

RESOLVED: (TA Puketapu/L Clark)

Minute No. WCB 24406

"That the Board:

- (1) notes that submissions in respect of the recommendations of the Independent Representation Review Panel on Hutt City Council's Representation Proposal closed on Thursday, 1 August 2024;*
- (2) notes that any submissions lodged by a Board require formal endorsement by way of resolution; and*
- (3) hereby gives retrospective endorsement to its submission attached as Appendix 1 to the memorandum."*

9. DEMOCRACY ADVISOR'S REPORT

Report No. WCB2024/4/86 by the Democracy Advisor

Cr Brown encouraged members to submit on Council's alcohol bylaw consultation.

RESOLVED: (TA Puketapu/L Bingley)

Minute No. WCB 24407

"That the Board:

- (1) receives and notes the report; and*
- (2) agrees to hold the Board's annual Wainuiomata Spirit Awards before the Board's meeting on 23 October 2024."*

10. QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

11. CLOSING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

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

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

TA Puketapu
CHAIR

CONFIRMED as a true and correct record
Dated this 23rd day of October 2024