

WAITAKERE CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN AND ANNUAL PLAN COMMITTEE HELD AT WAITAKERE CENTRAL, 6 HENDERSON VALLEY ROAD, HENDERSON, WAITAKERE, ON TUESDAY, 20 MAY 2008, AND RECONVENED ON THURSDAY, 22 MAY 2008, AND FRIDAY, 23 MAY 2008, AND MONDAY, 26 MAY 2008, AND TUESDAY, 27 MAY 2008, AND FRIDAY, 30 MAY 2008, COMMENCING AT 9.39 AM

PRESENT:

Councillors JM Clews, QSO, JP (Chairman)
RI Clow (Deputy Chairman)
DQ Battersby, JP
MFP Chan, JP
LA Cooper, JP (until 2.27 pm)
AK Corban, OBE, JP
RP Dallow, QPM, JP
WW Flaunty, QSM, JP
PA Hulse (from 10.24 am)
MM Jolley
JP Lawley, JP
PG Mitchell (until 10.20 am) (from 11.21 am)
VS Neeson, JP (until 2.34 pm)

Mayor RA Harvey, QSO, JP

COMMUNITY BOARD:

M Te Huia (Deputy Chairman, Te Taumata Runanga)
EAG Grimmer, MNZM (Chairman, Henderson Community Board)
EG Francke (Waitakere Community Board)
GPJ Marshall (Chairman, New Lynn Community Board)
LJF Nobilo (Henderson Community Board)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Director: Finance
Director: Public Affairs
Manager: Business and Finance Services
Manager: Library and Information Services
Manager: Events and Special Projects
Manager: Public Affairs
Team Leader: Annual Plan and LTCCP Co-ordinator
Annual Plan and LTCCP Co-ordinator
Senior Community Liaison Officer
Executive Support to Deputy Mayor
Committee Secretary: N Delamere
M Petherick

1 APOLOGIES

840/2008

MOVED by Cr Mitchell, seconded Cr Chan:

That apologies from Cr Brady for absence, Mayor Bob Harvey, Crs Hulse and Jolley for lateness and Cr Flaunty for early departure be received and sustained.

CARRIED

2 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2008/2009 HEARINGS AND DECISIONS PROCESS

Hearing of Submissions continued

9.36 am **Graham Heap**
Westfield
Submission 300

- Requested that Council officers conduct a review of the Council's funding policies and explore options for reducing Council expenditure and minimising the rates increase during the Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-2019 period;
- Requested that the Council seek to review the rating basis/method of rating during the Long Term Council Community Plan process, and that Council consult with Westfield, and consideration be given to the effects of such a change on Westfield as a ratepayer with special characteristics as one of the largest ratepayers in the City;
- Requested fair treatment of businesses as significant stakeholders in the community;
- Requested the removal of the business differential for rates;
- Requested the removal of water and wastewater differences for business charges;
- Requested there be a creation of certainty in the business environment.

10.05 am **Carolynn Stone**
Safe Waitakere Injury Prevention Board
Submission 242

- Acknowledged the Council for its commitment to the community with the initiation of a Social Strategy for Waitakere;
- Requested that injury is acknowledged throughout the strategy's development as a key contributing factor impacting on people's safety and social interaction in the community;
- Commended the Council for its sustained commitment to water safety and asks:
 - That funding to key aquatic partners is increased annually and that this include specific projects such as "Rock Fisher" safety;
 - That the Council support the use of international water safety signage at beaches and open waterways;
 - That the Council support the work of the regional pool safety group.
- Requested that the Council require an identified budget item for all future development to review injury, crime and accessibility issues throughout pre-design, design, building, fit out, operational and maintenance stages of the development;
- Requested that the Council continue to develop a 'best practice' approach for pedestrians surfacing from both footpaths and town centres;
- Requested that the Council continue to collect data on falls in public places to inform prevention initiatives;

- Commended the Council on its commitment to providing Housing for Older Adults;
- Asked that the Council ensure an injury prevention review/input into all Housing for Older Adults units, both current and proposed, to ensure the safety of older adults;
- Requested that the Council support the Safe Waitakere Working Groups' efforts by:
 - Maintaining a 'safety is not negotiable' mandate for all Council officers, projects and policies;
 - Developing, maintaining and enhancing external relationships with community organisations;
- Acknowledged Councillor Brady's work with Safe Waitakere Injury Prevention Board.

10.20 am Cr Mitchell left the meeting.

10.24 am Cr Hulse entered the meeting.

10.26 am **Sandy Harrop**
WaterSafe Auckland
Submission 265

- Thanked the Council for its past commitment to building a water safety culture for the peoples of Waitakere;
- Thanked the Mayor for his endorsement of the Drowning Prevention Strategy and endorsement to move forward on a regional approach to this Strategy;
- Asked that the Council support a regional approach to water safety education and awareness;
- Asked that the Council consider an increase in the funding partnership commitment to ensure drowning prevention initiatives increase. Realistic and population based funding will also help to ensure there is a continued region wide approach to this vital area of water safety.

10.37 am **Anna Connell**
Auckland Theatre Company
Submission 290

- Requested that the Council recognise and invest in the regions core cultural companies, including Auckland Theatre Company, in the draft Annual Plan 2008/2009.

10.44 am **Martin Sutcliffe**
Corban Estate Arts Centre
Submission 299

- Requested an additional \$20,000, above the \$325,000 that Corban Estate Arts Centre receives, in order to maintain parity in staff salaries;
- Appreciated the generous financial support of the Council and its close working relationship with staff.

11.00 am

Anita Weir

Early Childhood Education Call to Action
Submission 304

- Acknowledged the generosity of the Council in supporting “Toddler Day Out” and requested that the Council continue to support “Toddler Day Out” with resources, advice and increased financial support, but believe that “Toddler Day Out” should stay under the control of Early Childhood Education;
- Requested an increase in funding of \$25,000 for “Toddler Day Out”;
- Requested that the funding for the position of the Early Childhood Education Co-ordinator be continued for the period of 2008/2009;
- Requested that the Council consider developing an early childhood strategy that will provide both a framework for how the Council works with the early childhood sector and also provide for future growth in the City;
- Recognised Council’s continued support in the establishment of the new Waitakere Community Resource Centre in Tui Glen;
- Supported the collaborative work of Violence Free Waitakere who holds the Strategies for Kids Information for Parents contract and convene the promotion of Great Parenting meetings.

11.11 am

Leanne Appleby and Ray Kernaghan

Glen Eden Community House
Submission 293

- Requested that the \$35,900 plus CPI funding identified in the draft Annual Plan 2008/2009 be retained and also be included in the Council’s Long Term Council Community Plan;
- Requested that the Council consider increasing the contract fee to more closely reflect actual costs of running these well used community facilities;
- Requested that \$30,000 for the community houses collective accounting assistance project identified in the draft budget be retained;
- Requested that \$15,000 be allocated to the community houses to establish an advertising and marketing programme;
- Requested that the Council consider installing barriers on the grass/concrete edge of the front car park;
- Requested that the Council allocate funds to have a shade sail installed over the playground equipment in Prospect Park, Glen Eden.

11.21 am

Cr Mitchell returned to the meeting.

11.25 am

Paul McCullough

Glen Eden United Sports Club
Submission 308

- Looks forward to the ongoing support of the Council.

11.40 am

Malcolm Hahn and Graham Barnard

Whenuapai Residents and Ratepayers Association
Submission 344

- Would like to thank the Council for its contribution to the improvements at the Whenuapai Hall as part of previous annual planning, specifically the contribution to the toilet upgrade;
- Would like the Council to consider a jogging path along Totara Road;
- Would like to continue to work with the Council to implement a local initiative to resolve speeding in the area;
- Would like the Council to stop the proposed District Plan Change 22, and to stop pursuing implementation of other “enablers” to allow the establishment of a commercial airport at Whenuapai;
- Concerned about the density of the proposed housing at Hobsonville, apparent lack of waste water management plan, potential delays to the timing of the schools proposed, and the lack of community facilities to be included as part of the development.

11.56 am

John Stanniland

National Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society
Submission 239

- Asked that the Council support an initiative for Auckland Regional Council Rangers to be trained as dog control officers;
- Asked that the Council assist and support them on two projects;
 - A volunteer field base on council land as they propose to shift/relocate a house onto a site at Falls Road;
 - Ecological restoration of the Waitakere quarry land.

12.12 pm

Richard Gardner

Federated Farmers of New Zealand
Submission 296

- Requested that the Chief Executive Officer continue her policy of engaging with the various sectors of the community, including organisations such as Federated Farmers;
- Recommended that in preparing the draft Annual Plan 2008/2009, the Council endeavour to remain as close as possible to the Long Term Council Community Plan, and that Council restrict its rate increase to the level of inflation;
- Recommended that the Council pay proper attention to private property rights, and to the legitimate expectations of the owners of private land in the City;
- Recommend that in relation to the Royal Commission on Auckland Governance, that Council focus its efforts on achieving what is best for the residents of Waitakere;
- Requested that the Council lobby for provision to be made in any new governance structure, that the “rural voice” be heard and taken into account by those involved.

- 12.30 pm **Bruce Dale, Darren Smith, John Rutherford, Cherie Taylor-Patel and Stephen Lethbridge**
Waitakere Area Principals Association
Submission 264
- Requested that the Council support the Waitakere Area Schooling Sector Pilot Project by allocating Council human resource's to assist with the sourcing of alternative funding resources in order to make the Waitakere Area Schooling Sector Pilot Project self-sustaining;
 - Requested funding of \$80,000 be put toward the Waitakere Area Schooling Pilot Project.

ADJOURNMENT

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MOVED by Cr Clews, seconded Cr Neeson;

That the meeting stand adjourned until 1.30 pm.

CARRIED

- 12.59 pm The meeting adjourned.
- 1.37 pm The meeting reconvened.
- 1.37 pm **Jill Price**
Resident
Submission 314
- Raised concerns about Glen Eden railway bridge and the amount of money spent on this bridge;
 - Asked why extensive work has been carried out on the car park at the junction of Henderson Valley and Great North Roads, and asked why the privet opposite this car park has not been eradicated;
 - Stated that the disability car park at Pak N Save, Lincoln North is being abused;
 - Asked that GST be removed from rates;
 - Asked when is the debt in the City going to be reduced.
- 1.46 pm **Terry Bates**
Lopdell House Development Trust
Submission 178
- Commended the Council for including the Lopdell House precinct redevelopment in two sections of the draft Annual Plan 2008/2009;
 - Appreciated the additional \$1,350,000 proposed for parking development in the draft Annual Plan 2008/2009;
 - Thanked the Council for its ongoing interest and support;
 - Asked that the Council help find a circuit-breaker to the parking roadblock;
 - Requested clear direction from the Council on the balance of community and commercial development desired for optimum usage of the site.

- 1.52 pm Cr Battersby returned to the meeting.
- 1.57 pm Cr Chan returned to the meeting.
- 2.09 pm **Tahi Fasi**
Waitakere Pacific Board
Submission 320
- The Board extended its gratitude and appreciation for the support it has received from the Council;
 - Requested that the Council continue to support the Board's arrangement of its office based at 22 Te Pai Place, Henderson to remain in place with its one full time staff member;
 - Requested that the Council support the Pacific Wardens in its allocation of \$50,000 per year for community safety working alongside the New Zealand Police and the Maori Wardens.
- 2.18 pm **Councillor Judy Lawley**
Submission 44
- Asked that the Council consider funding of \$20,000 for an Eco City campaign to eliminate plastic bags in Waitakere.
- 2.27 pm Cr Cooper left the meeting.
- 2.31 pm **Kerry Allan**
Active Waitakere Collaboration Group
Submission 302
- Gratefully acknowledged the commitment the Council has made through resourcing, support, and staff allocation;
 - Recommended that the Council continue to commit a minimum of \$50,000 over the next 5 years and provide representation on the Active Waitakere Governance, leadership and project teams;
 - Requested that the Council consider additional funding for Active Waitakere over and above the \$50,000 allocated in the budget.
- 2.34 pm Cr Neeson left the meeting.
- 2.40 pm Cr Hulse returned to the meeting.
- 2.40 pm **Gita Chilluvuri**
Submission 251
- Requested that the Council investigate a facility in the New Lynn and Kelston areas, that is free and safe for youth to spend recreation/leisure time;
 - Requested a one time donation of a facility, furniture, kitchenware, crockery, TV, DVDs, pool table and books.

2.50 pm **Norma Vercoe**
Resident
Submission 7

- Commended the Council on the redevelopment of Olympic Park;
- Would like to see a Flying Fox added to the park.

2.54 pm **Greg Presland**
Titirangi Ratepayers and Residents' Association
Submission 238

- Commended the Council on the New Lynn development and rail system;
- Asked that continued priority is given to the redevelopment of Lopdell House;
- Opposed the proposed changes to the inorganic waste collection;
- Suggested that all existing areas of expenditure be reviewed;
- Thanked the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for their continued commitment to and support of the Tidy Titirangi Campaign.

ADJOURNMENT

842/2008

MOVED by Cr Clews, seconded Cr Corban:

That the meeting stand adjourned until 9.30 am on Tuesday, 17 June 2008 at Waitakere Central, 6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson, Waitakere.

CARRIED

3.03 pm The meeting adjourned.