



City Services Committee | Te Kōmiti Ratonga ā-Taone Minutes

Record of a meeting of the City Services Committee held in Council Chambers, Civic Centre, 838 - 842 Fergusson Drive on Wednesday 2 October 2024 at 4.30 pm.

Present: Councillor D Wheeler (Chair), Councillor T M Ultra (Deputy Chair), Mayor W N Guppy, Councillor D M Bentley, Councillor M G Carey, Councillor C B G Carson, Councillor A W Hammond and Councillor E Holderness.

In attendance: Councillor H Newell.

1. Apologies

All members were present, Councillor Newell was also in attendance.

MOVED: Councillor Wheeler / Councillor Holderness

“That Councillor Newell be granted speaking rights with no voting rights.”

MOTION CARRIED: CS 240601

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of Interest.

3. Public Forum

Judi Huxedurp (via Zoom), spoke on behalf of Upper Hutt Autism Group to Item 6: Director’s Report: Community Services.

Heather Blisset spoke to Item 4: Director’s Report: Strategy, Partnerships and Growth, Item 5: Director’s Report: Asset Management and Operations and Item 7: Director’s Report: Planning and Regulatory Services and tabled the document appended as **Attachment 1**.

4. Director’s Report: Strategy, Partnerships and Growth

The Acting Director of Strategy, Partnerships and Growth answered members’ questions regarding Communication and engagement, more specifically the consultation on the [Revocation or Recreation Reserve \(63 Black Beech Street\)](#), Community Noticeboards, and Upper Hutt City Council social media.

MOVED: Councillor Wheeler / Councillor Ultra

“That Council receives and notes the Director’s Report: Strategy, Partnerships and Growth.”

MOTION CARRIED: CS 240602

5. Director’s Report: Asset Management and Operations

The Acting Director of Asset Management and Operations provided the following updates:

The final figures for [National Land Transport Funding](#) are available, elected members will have the opportunity to discuss this at an upcoming workshop along with the recent announcement of the Land Transport Rule: [Setting of Speed Limits 2024](#).

The Director noted that the Council are seeking [Expressions of Interest for 821 Fergusson Drive](#) for short-term commercial opportunities; applications close on 11 October 2024.

At a Wellington Water Committee meeting on Friday, 27 September 2024, Wellington Water asked the Council for additional investment; the Council voted against the request.

Elected members will be invited to a Te Awa Kairangi/Hutt River Valley Subcommittee meeting in November 2024 to discuss the future of the Pinehaven Stream Improvements Project

The Director answered members' questions regarding Water Supply, Wastewater, Seaview Wastewater Plant, Akatarawa Cemetery Development, Property, and Civil Defence exercises.

MOVED: Councillor Wheeler / Mayor Guppy

"That Council receives and notes the Director's Report: Asset Management and Operations."

MOTION CARRIED: CS 240603

6. Director's Report: Community Services

The Director of Community Services noted the success of the 21st birthday celebration for Whirinaki Whare Taonga which took place on 26 September 2024.

The Director answered a member's question regarding H2O Xstream, confirming that it is due to re-open in March 2025. The Director answered further questions from members about the Kai Network Upper Hutt and the new Click 'n' Collect Lockers at the Upper Hutt Central Library.

MOVED: Councillor Wheeler / Councillor Bentley

"That Council receives and notes the Director's Report: Community Services."

MOTION CARRIED: CS 240604

7. Director's Report: Planning and Regulatory Services

The Resource Consents and Compliance Manager answered members' questions regarding Parking Enforcement Infringements and Building Control Services.

MOVED: Councillor Holderness / Councillor Hammond

"That Council receives and notes the report titled Director's Report: Planning and Regulatory Services."

MOTION CARRIED: CS 240605

Included attachment:

Attachment 1: Tabled document from Heather Blissett

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The Chair closed the meeting at 5.07 pm

Councillor D Wheeler
Chair

As Councillors you have at worst, one more year. You may or may not get the opportunity to make a difference like this again.

Page 6. Social Media

How are we measuring whether our information is reaching the population not using social media. Still finding many members of our community who are not receiving information on community events.

Page 9. Request/report. Top 10. What are the numbers of consultations and OIAs not included in the Top 10.

Page 16. Akatarawa Cemetery *“We are unable to get an early start to the vegetation clearing due to ecological issues that will need to be mitigated in the resource consent. Approval for the clearing will now be sought as part of the resource consent which will be submitted to Greater Wellington Regional Council in November”.*

I enquired with Parks and Reserves and received a reassuring email confirming that an ecological area of value will be protected. I would like to see more detail confirming this in the records to ensure mistakes like KMD don't repeat themselves.

Pg. 16. Roothing.



Looking ahead. Do we have a backup plan to ensure our footpaths/active spaces are accessible for all abilities. Reprioritize funding if need be. Be prepared should funding not be received from Central.

General.

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What are the costs involved for all of these projects? Can you consider obtaining funding from sports grants to cover this or is this already the case. Is there a user pays system in place to cover these costs?

Page 44. Resource Consents of interest. What changes are we putting in place to prevent this from happening again. I asked Council where the trees have gone. It was three weeks before I received an official information reply which stated “stored in Upper Hutt”.

The stretch of road at Katherine Mansfield was similar to the road to Paradise from Glenorchy. Both Paradise and Kaitoke were featured in LOTR for good reason.

It has been said that the forests of Aotearoa calm the soul like no other in the world. Imagine being the tree capital. We could be the eco tourist capital of Aotearoa just minutes from the capital.