
Growth and Infrastructure Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Growth and Infrastructure Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Tuesday 1 August 2017 at 9.32am.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr D Macpherson
Deputy Chairperson	Cr G Taylor
Members	Mayor A King
	Deputy Mayor M Gallagher
	Cr M Bunting
	Cr J R Casson
	Cr S Henry
	Cr G Mallett
	Cr A O'Leary
	Cr R Pascoe
	Cr P Southgate
	Cr L Tooman

In Attendance:

- Richard Briggs - Chief Executive
- Chris Allen – General Manager City Infrastructure
- Blair Bowcott – Executive Director Special Projects
- Luke O'Dwyer – Acting General Manager of City Growth
- Maire Porter – City Waters Manager
- Robyn Denton – City Transportation Operations Manager
- Bridget Morgan – Water Asset Manager
- Trent Fowlers – Compliance Manager
- Kirsty Quickfall – Waste Minimisation Advisor
- Charlotte Catmur - Waste Minimisation Advisor
- Nicola Walsh – Communication Advisor
- Alice Morris – City Planning Policy Team Leader
- Greg Carsten – Team Leader of Growth Funding and Analytics
- Riki Manarangi – Corporate Policy Specialist

Waikato Regional Council Representatives - Andrew Wilson, Mike Garrett, and Russ Rimmington

Governance Advisors: Brendan Stringer – Legal Services and Governance Officer
Amy Viggers and Claire Guthrie – Committee Advisors

1. Apologies

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Casson)

That the apologies from Crs Yeung, Bunting (early departure) and Casson (early departure) are accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Taylor)

That the agenda is confirmed noting that there will be flexibility to the order of items during meeting to accommodate staff and external presenters.

3. Declarations of Interest

During item 14 (*Temple View Growth Cell and WA*), Mayor King noted he had an interest in a property within an area noted in the report, but that he did not consider there was a conflict of interest for the purpose of the report.

4. Public Forum

Sarah Goodwood - Spoke to Item 6 (*Chair's Report – traffic safety issues*). She spoke about her experience of being a witness to a crash at the corner of Gordonton Road and Thomas Road.

Jennie Gallagher and Max Vernon – Spoke to Item 7 (*General Managers' Report – Speed Management Taskforce*). They reiterated their concerns around speed on Baverstock Road. They thanked Council for the temporary measures put in place and spoke in support of the staff proposal.

Mayor King joined the meeting at 9.45am during the Public Forum.

5. Growth and Infrastructure Unconfirmed Minutes - 20 June 2017

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/ Casson)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Growth and Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on 20 June 2017 as a true and correct record.

6. Chair's Report - 1 August 2017

The Chair noted that the Australian Smart Cities and Infrastructure conference was to be held in Melbourne, not Sydney, as stated in the report. The Chair responded to questions from Elected Members concerning:

Onion and Holmes Roads – At the recent onsite community meeting, there were a number of solutions discussed about the issues with 'boy racers' in the area, including installing a lockable gate and the legality of some of the actions of Boy Racers in the area.. Staff advised that they were currently investigating the merits of putting forward a bylaw to be considered on this. It was proposed this would be in collaboration with Waikato District Council and Waipa District Council and involve the Police and NZTA.

Conference Attendance – The Chair explained that there was a budget for conferences where it was resolved that Elected Members represent Council; this was separate from the training allowance allocated to each Elected Member. It was confirmed that in cases where there were multiple delegates nominated by 'conference resolutions' that the fund for the agreed number of funded delegates would be split across all delegates. The remaining balance would be covered by each attending Councillor's personal training allowance.

Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Mayor King)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) approves funding for two delegates costs (spread across Crs Bunting, Henry, Tooman, Macpherson) to the 2017 Trafanz Conference, and one delegate cost (spread across Crs Bunting, Taylor, Macpherson) to the 2017 Smart Cities & Infrastructure Conference.
- b) requests that Council review the Councillor Training Budget and Conference by Resolution policy and report back to Council by 19 October 2017; the review to be led by Mayor King; and
- c) request that staff report back to the 5 December 2017 Growth and Infrastructure Committee meeting on potential collaboration action with Waikato District Council and Waipa District Council to manage problems caused by illegal street races.

13. Approval of the 2018-24 Waste Management and Minimisation Plan vision, goals and objectives

The Compliance Manager City Waters and the Waste Minimisation Advisor introduced the report. Staff noted that if the plan was not adopted by April 2018 the waste levy funding from Central Government would be lost. The Waste Management Taskforce Chairperson advised that the document was written with a focus on being a community driven document. Staff and the Taskforce Chairperson responded to questions from Elected Members concerning:

Funding - The waste levy funding received from Central Government was based on population. This funding covered all costs for the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan, and included a grant fund of \$50,000 for community related waste management and minimisation projects. The waste levy would be paid quarterly to Council.

Economic effect – Reducing the waste that was transported to the landfill had a large economic benefit to the city. An important part of reducing waste was to recognise the work the community was already doing and to encourage the community to do more in this space.

Resolved: (Crs Bunting/Southgate)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee approves the following so that the Waste Taskforce can continue to work towards a final recommendation to Council:

- a) the vision '*Hamilton: where waste minimisation and resource recovery are an integral part of our lifestyle and economy*' for the 2018-2024 Waste Management and Minimisation Plan
- b) the goals for the 2018-2024 Waste Management and Minimisation as:
 - (i) reduced quantity of all material entering the waste stream, and increased resource recovery;
 - (ii) increased innovation and opportunity from waste resources;
 - (iii) Hamilton community is leading in waste minimisation;
 - (iv) waste and resource recovery infrastructure meets Hamilton's growing needs; and
 - (v) recognise and celebrate innovation in waste minimisation and avoidance.
- c) the objectives for the 2018-2024 Waste Management and Minimisation as:
 - (i) Hamiltonians are choosing to engage in waste minimisation;
 - (ii) Hamilton's waste diversion is continually increasing;
 - (iii) all Hamiltonians have access to affordable and resilient waste and resource recovery services;

- (iv) Hamilton City Council is a leader by example in minimising waste;
- (v) Hamilton City Council is partnering with others to achieve efficient and effective waste minimisation and management;
- (vi) Hamilton City Council is influencing Central Government's commitment to waste minimisation; and
- (vii) all Hamilton City Council's regulatory decision making considers responsible waste and resource recovery.

Cr Mallett Dissenting.

The meeting adjourned 11.04am – 11.20am.

8. Waikato Regional Council Update on Passenger Transport Services and Initiatives

Andrew Wilson (Public Transport Operations Manager of Waikato Regional Council) presented an update on Public Transport in Hamilton with a focus on past performance, present actions, and future opportunities.

Mr Wilson, Mike Garrett (Chief Financial Officer of Waikato Regional Council), and Russ Rimmington responded to questions from the Elected Members concerning the following:

Bus Sizes and capacity needs at peak times.

Ticketing system including consideration of a reduced fare to encourage usage in off-peak times, 'tap on - tap off' card ticketing systems, card usage within Hamilton city and the Waikato region as well as other regions in New Zealand.

Real time information at bus stops and through smart phone apps.

Patronage numbers and the positive impacts of new technology and changes to the public transport system over the next three years.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/ Gallagher)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) thanks the WRC staff for their update and presentation; and
- c) requests that the WRC return with an update report to the Growth and Infrastructure Committee meeting on 5 December 2017.

Cr Mallett Dissenting.

The meeting adjourned from 12.57pm – 1.39pm.

12. Discretionary Transport Programme 2017/18

The City Transportation Operations Manager introduced the report noting that funding from the Discretionary Transport Programme would be going towards the following programmes outlined in the 2015-25 10 year plan:

- Bus Stop Infrastructure
- Minor Improvements to the transport Network

- Integrated Transport Initiatives

It was noted that the table in paragraph 11 the 'Total Opex' figure should read \$32,000 per annum.

Resolved: (Crs Bunting/Macpherson)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee approves the proposed allocation of the Discretionary Transport Programme budgets for the 2017/18 as set out below:

- i) DRAFT Minor Improvements Programme.

Location	Proposed Treatment
Intersection of Queens Avenue & Killarney Road	Install mini- roundabout
Intersection of Huntington (west) & Wairere Dr	Reconfigure traffic islands to replace trial traffic management
Gordonton Road – Wairere Drive to Thomas Road	Variable speed limit electronic signage. Localised shoulder widening to accommodate right turning traffic and street lighting at intersections
Cobham Drive – just south of Palmerston St overbridge	Install electronic 'Hidden Queue' warning signs for both directions of traffic
Intersection of Clarkin Road & Heaphy Terrace	Install appropriate traffic calming measures

- ii) DRAFT Integrated Transport Initiatives Programme

Location	Proposed Treatment
Baverstock Rd (Lloyd Drive to Brymer Road)	Bus stops, Install pedestrian islands (2), new footpath (crushed asphalt), and street lights to support lower speed limit
Various sites - Speed Limit changes	Signage changes (both static and variable) along with pedestrian platforms and kerb extensions to implement speed limit changes
Intersection of Te Rapa Road, Ulster Street & Forest Lake Road	Additional pedestrian crossing points, improved cycle facilities.
Hamilton Gardens	New footpath installed as part of the underpass project
Cycle Facilities at Roundabout	Install off road cycle facilities at multilane roundabouts on each quadrant to improve safety
Cycle Pinch Points	Trial of cycle lane separators to encourage vehicles to stay out of cycle lanes

Cycle Directional Signage	Install directional signage to support the Hamilton Biking Plan. Associated with a funding grant from Vibrant Hamilton Trust (\$50k)
Norris Ward Park connection from Western Rail Trail to CBD	Install bike phase at Ward & Tristram intersection. Green markings and judder bars at driveways to alert motorists to people on bikes on new shared path

Ruakura Rd - east of Innovation Park	Install recessed bay for a bus stop (southern side) and alter existing area (northern side) to accommodate passenger needs.
Adshel Shelter Relocations	Relocation of refurbished Adshel Shelters to new sites
Anglesea Street & Anzac Parade corner	Alter roundabout, to create a dedicated left turn lane for public transport
Frankton Rail Village	Install appropriate traffic calming measures as developed by community working group.
New Footpaths - throughout the city	New footpaths in agreed locations
New VMS Trailer	New VMS trailer with speed radar
Bankwood Rd - Outside Fairfield High School	Upgrade the crossing. Traffic Signals or raised platform and retain zebra.
Caro Street	Opportunities for increased parking and pedestrian improvements.

10. Proposed Speed Limit Bylaw Changes - Determination Report

The City Transportation Operations Manager spoke to the report. She explained that:

- The review of the bylaw to implement the speed limit changes were initially considered during the 14 February 2017 Growth and Infrastructure Committee meeting.
- The first step in the bylaw review process was to determine if a bylaw was the most appropriate mechanism to deal with the issue.
- The proposed Speed Limit Bylaw Change was different from the the Speed Management Plan was a part of Councils submission to the Ministry of Transport on their Speed Limit Proposal.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Casson)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) determines that a bylaw is the most appropriate mechanism to address issues relation to setting speed limits in Hamilton; and
- b) approves the preparation of a Statement of Proposal which sets out the proposed amendments to the Hamilton City Speed Limit Bylaw 2013.

11. Statement of Proposal - Amendment to Speed Limit Bylaw 2013

The City Transportation Operations Manager explained that the purpose of the report was to present a Draft Statement of Proposal concerning the Speed Limit Bylaw 2013 for approval. Staff responded to questions from Elected Members about the use of a variable 60km/h speed limit sign on Gordonton Road and gateways into and from Hamilton.

Resolved: (Crs Casson/O'Leary)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

- a) determines that the proposed Hamilton City Speed Limit Bylaw 2013 and proposed amendments in the Statement of Proposal (including the addition of Gordonton Rd variable 60km/h speed limit) is the most appropriate form of bylaw and does not give rise to implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.
- b) approves the draft Statement of Proposal which sets out the proposed amendments (including the addition of Gordonton Road variable 60km/h speed limit) to the Hamilton City Speed Limit Bylaw 2013 and reasons for those proposed changes.
- c) approves the commencement of public consultation in regard to the Statement of Proposal – Amendment to Speed Limit Bylaw 2013.

Cr Bunting and Casson retired from the meeting at 2.52pm at the completion of the above item. They were present when the matter was voted on.

7. General Managers' Report

Items were taken in the order of the report.

Project Watershed:

The City Waters Manager noted that the report was for information only. There was to be discussions on Project Watershed wastewater in the 10 Year Plan process.

Valley Terrace:

The City Waters Manager updated Elected Members on the meetings with the property owners at 10 and 14 Valley Terrace. It was agreed by all parties that a pipe solution should be considered. Staff would provide an update at the next Growth and Infrastructure Committee meeting on 12 September 2017.

Heritage Update 2016-2017:

The City Planning Policy Team Leader noted that there was a range of applicants who had applied to the 2016-17 Heritage Fund. Staff responded to questions from Elected Members concerning the heritage fund criteria and the process for protecting heritage buildings.

Growth Indicators:

Staff responded to questions from the Elected Members on the different statistical measures used by the Council in calculating population growth projection. It was explained that the Council used a number of different data sources to make comparable projections.

Local Alcohol Policy:

The Corporate Policy Specialist noted the report listed all on and off licences granted since 2014. It was confirmed that there were no new off licences granted since 2014. It was noted that the Chief Executive was to follow up on the letter to the Health Minister regarding concerns around Central Government resourcing, the slowness of the Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Casson)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee receives the report.

The meeting adjourned 3.33pm-3.44pm during discussion of the above item

Cr Casson re-joined the meeting at 3.44pm during discussion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

Cr Gallagher left the meeting at 3.47pm during discussion of the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.

14. Temple View Growth Cell and WA

The City Planning Policy Team Leader introduced the report. Staff confirmed that there had been no formal discussion with the nine landowners within the WA area(as shown on attachment 1 of the staff report) to date, and that the forming of a structure plan for the development capacity of the cell would be discussed during the 10 Year Plan process.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Pascoe)

That the Growth and Infrastructure Committee receives the report.

The following motion to extend the time of the meeting beyond six hours was moved at 4.41pm

Resolved: (Crs Mallett/Macpherson)

That the meeting be extended to continue beyond 6 hours as per Standing Order 3.2.7.

9. HCC's Draft 1 Submission to the Draft Future Proof Strategy - Phase One (May 2017).

The Executive Director Special Projects spoke to the report. He noted that this was the first opportunity to give feedback on the Draft Future Proof Strategy since it was adopted in 2009, and that Hamilton City Council's draft submission was in support of the document. Staff confirmed the timeframe for the completion of Phase Two, and noted that the submission would be updated to ensure the timeline matched Council's 10 Year Plan process.

Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Cr Pascoe)

2. That the Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves Hamilton City Council's **Draft 1** submission to the Draft Future Proof Strategy - Phase One (May 2017);
 - a) notes the approved submission will be sent to the Future Proof Subcommittee by 4 August 2017; and
- c) notes the approved submission will be uploaded to Hamilton City Council's website.

Cr Mallett dissenting.

Cr Gallagher returned to the meeting at 5.00pm during discussion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

The meeting was declared closed at 5.05pm.