
Hearings Subcommittee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a Meeting of the Hearings Subcommittee held in Committee Room 1, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Thursday 9 April 2015 at 10:00am.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr M Forsyth
Members	Cr L Tooman Cr P Yeung
In attendance	Network Operations Team Leader
Committee Advisor	Mr B Stringer

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Resolved: (Crs Forsyth/Tooman)

The Committee to confirm the agenda.

3. Declarations of Interest

No members of the Committee declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Hearings Subcommittee Open Minutes 8 December 2014 and 2 April 2015

Resolved: (Crs Tooman/Forsyth)

That the Subcommittee adopt as a true and correct record the Open Minutes of the Hearings Subcommittee of 8 December 2014.

Resolved: (Crs Yeung/Forsyth)

That the Subcommittee adopt as a true and correct record the Open Minutes of the Hearings Subcommittee of 2 April 2015.

5. Parking Restriction and Traffic Bylaw Register Changes

The Network Operations Team Leader spoke to, and answered questions in relation to, her report:

a. Proposed Changes to No Stopping Restrictions:

- i. Colombo Street – Formalised what was already illegal parking.
- ii. Somerset Street and Quentin Drive – Improved vehicular access and egress to properties.
- iii. Te Rapa Road & Northway Street intersection - Formalised what was already illegal parking.
- iv. Boundary Road - Improved vehicular access and egress to properties.
- v. Peachgrove Road – Following consultation, local residents were generally agreeable that ‘No Stopping’ would be implemented on the side of the road where the new Countdown supermarket would be built. There was a mixed response from residents in relation to the ‘No Stopping’ restriction on the other side of the road. The recommendation would improve vehicular access and turning capacity. It was noted that further ‘No Stopping’ restrictions may be required and staff would monitor the situation.
- vi. Galloway Street – Traffic islands would be placed to provide a safer path for cyclists to cross at this intersection.
- vii. Edgumbe Street & Victoria Street intersection – The proposed restrictions would avoid vehicles having difficulty in passing parked vehicles once new traffic islands were installed.
- viii. Glenview Avenue & Tomin Avenue intersection – A new splitter island would also be constructed to provide safer pedestrian passage across the intersection and reduce speed.
- ix. Maeroa Road – The ‘No Stopping’ restriction would provide good visibility for pedestrians crossing the road via new traffic islands. The Team Leader confirmed there were no concerns with pedestrians’ visibility should a bus stop further up the road.
- x. Queens Avenue & Killarney Road and Queens Avenue & Lake Road intersections – Proposed restrictions were to address safety concerns at both ends of Queens Avenue and improve vehicular access and egress from/to Queens Avenue.
- xi. Pembroke Street (Hospital) – It was noted that a nearby bus stop was to be relocated to a more level section of Pembroke Street.
- xii. Tristram Street and Brooklyn Road – Restrictions were recommended following safety concerns raised by H3 staff to access and egress property.

b. Parking Control Changes

- i. Gibson Road – A bus stop was to be relocated to provide a safer route for pedestrians crossing.

- ii. Tuhikaramea Road – It was clarified the proposed changes were not in response to requests from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.
- iii. Whatawhata Road - The recommended changes followed a meeting with the New Zealand Transport Authority, Waikato Regional Council and local bus operators after a nearby fatality in 2014. The new bus stop locations would be closer to the local shops and a safer crossing point. The Team Leader noted that staff were not expecting issues in relation to:
 - queues of vehicles behind buses that would stop at the new locations; or
 - cars occupying bus stops for significant periods of time while waiting to turn left at the next intersection.
- iv. Pembroke Street – The new bus stop would cater for two buses.
- v. High Street – The P60 Parking Restriction was at the request of the owner of the retail shop at 34 High Street to improve turnover of parked vehicles. The Team Leader confirmed another business owner had indicated their disagreement, though the restriction would not be situated near that person’s property. The length of the P60 Parking Restriction space would be for 4-5 cars. Elected Members expressed concerns with the proposed restriction and requested staff report back to the Subcommittee on:
 - the type of business situated at 34 High Street;
 - whether the P60 time restriction was appropriate; and
 - whether the length of the restricted space was necessary.

In the meantime, the recommended restriction was declined.

c. Traffic Register Changes

The Team Leader noted the proposed changes were the first tranche brought to the Subcommittee following Council’s adoption of the Hamilton Traffic Bylaw 2015.

- i. Victoria Street – The Team Leader signaled there was a low response rate from local residents when staff consulted on the change. The proposed right-turn ban was to address safety issues at the intersection. The Team Leader was requested to ensure the communications strategy was sufficient to adequately inform residents of the restriction.
- ii. Queens Avenue/Lake Road intersections – It was proposed to build off-road paths to be shared between cyclists and pedestrians that would improve safety at the noted intersections. The Team Leader confirmed that the recommended alternative route for cyclists (i.e. off-road) reflected best practice and would make it easier for cyclists to travel on sections of the footpath rather than deal with road traffic. Elected Members again requested the Team Leader ensure communications on the changes was sufficient.
- iii. Kahikatea Drive and Greenwood Street – The Team Leader advised there were potential issues as to the degree of consultation undertaken on the proposed changes and it would not be appropriate to adopt the changes at that time. It was also noted there was likely to be future developments at the intersection. This matter would return to the Subcommittee at a later date.

Resolved: (Crs Forsyth/Tooman)

That:

- a) the Report be received; and
- b) Council approves the changes to 'No Stopping' and Parking restrictions along with changes to Traffic Bylaw registers as set out in the tables in the staff report except for:
 - i. The Parking Control Change for High Street; and
 - ii. Traffic Register Changes for Kahikatea Drive and Greenwood Street.

The Meeting closed at 10:55am