
Regulatory and Hearings Committee

OPEN MINUTES

(Speed Limit Bylaw 2013 Amendments Hearing)

Minutes of a meeting of the Regulatory and Hearings Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Wednesday 1 November 2017 at 9.31am.

PRESENT

Chairperson: Cr Angela O’Leary

Deputy Chairperson: Cr Leo Tooman

Members: Cr Macpherson
Cr Pascoe
Cr Casson
Cr Bunting
Cr Southgate

In attendance: Robyn Denton – Network Operations Team Leader

Claire Guthrie and Amy Viggers – Committee Advisors

1. Apologies

Resolved: (Crs O’Leary/Bunting)

That the apologies for Mayor King, Crs Gallagher, Henry, Mallett, Casson (lateness) and Taylor be received and accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Resolved: (Crs O’Leary/Bunting)

That the agenda be confirmed noting that two submitters who were unable to attend to speak to their submissions had requested that documents be circulated at the meeting, and an updated page 21 of the agenda was circulated prior to the meeting.

3. Declarations of Interest

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. **Regulatory and Hearings Committee Open Minutes 31 August 2017**

Resolved: (Crs O'Leary/ Tooman)

That the Regulatory and Hearings Committee confirms the Open Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 31 August 2017 as a true and correct record.

The following person spoke to, and responded to questions on their submission:

Mark Delpont (Submission 67):

Mr Delpont stated he lived close to the Thomas Road/Gordonton Road intersection where there had been a number of recent traffic accidents. He was in favour of traffic lights for the intersection to help prevent accidents from driver error. He also noted there were pedestrians crossing the road on occasions and believed traffic lights would be beneficial for them.

In response to Elected Member questions, Mr Delpont stated a 60km speed limit in the area would suffice and that it would be beneficial if the entire section of the road was 60km with no changes. In his view, the current speed limit changes in the area were a challenge to reach the higher speed as soon as possible. He said drivers were able to react in time to the 60km variable sign but it would help to have it placed further back down Gordonton Road.

5. **Proposal for Amendments to Speed Limit Bylaw 2013 - Hearing Report**

The Networks Team Leader introduced her report noting there were now 143 submissions not 142 as stated in the report. She also noted there was strong support for lower speed limits outside schools and that a majority of submissions supported the other speed limit changes. There were a number of suggestions/recommendations made by submitters which would be collated and referred to the Speed Management Task Force.

Elected Members asked for clarification around the use of the proposed Hillcrest / Silverdale school lights. It was noted that: these would be independently controlled by both schools; the system would reset as necessary to adjust to the different start and finish times to suit school hours; and council staff would conduct random checks to ensure the signs were working correctly.

The following matters raised by Elected Members were to be referred to the Speed Management Task Force:

- an amendment to the Traffic Bylaw to allow the Council to implement variable speed limits outside schools through a committee resolution when it was required urgently for safety reasons. Currently, any immediate response for safety reasons would not be legally enforceable.
- The role of the legislation that governed traffic changes and whether some matters could be moved to council registers.

Resolved: (Crs O'Leary/Casson)

That the Regulatory and Hearings Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) hears and considers the submissions for the proposed changes to the Hamilton City Speed Limit Bylaw 2013; and
- c) notes that a deliberation and adoption report will be considered at the 5 December 2017 Growth and Infrastructure Committee meeting.

Cr Casson joined the meeting at 9.36am during the discussion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

The meeting was declared closed at 10.02am.