
Regulatory and Hearings Committee

OPEN MINUTES

(Hamilton Speed Management Plan Hearings)

Minutes of a meeting of the Regulatory and Hearings Committee held in Committee Room One, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Tuesday 4 June 2019 at 11.00am.

PRESENT

Chairperson: Cr Angela O'Leary

Deputy Chairperson: Cr Leo Tooman

Members: Cr Rob Pascoe
Cr Dave Macpherson
Cr Siggie Henry
Cr Mark Bunting
Cr Geoff Taylor
Cr Ryan Hamilton
Maangai James Whetu

In Attendance: Eeva-Liisa Wright, General Manager Infrastructure
Robyn Denton, Network Operations and Use Manager
Katherine Johns, Strategic Transport and Engagement Leader
Claire Guthrie, Committee Advisor

1. Apologies

Resolved: (Cr O'Leary/Cr Taylor)

That the apologies for absence for Deputy Mayor Gallagher and Cr Casson are accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Resolved: (Cr O'Leary/Cr Henry)

That the Regulatory and Hearings Committee confirm the agenda.

3. Declarations of Interest

No members of the Council declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Confirmation of the Regulatory and Hearings Committee Meeting Open Minutes - 2 May 2019

Resolved: (Cr O'Leary/Cr Pascoe)

That the Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Regulatory and Hearings Committee Meeting held on 2 May 2019 as a true and correct record.

The following members of the public spoke to their submissions on the Hamilton Speed Management Plan:

Gavin Oliver and Lea Hooker (Pukete School)

Mr Oliver and Ms Hooker spoke to their submission which highlighted the issues experienced by children at the controlled pedestrian crossing on Pukete Road. There had been a number of cars running the red light and serious concerns were held for the children's safety. The school requested a raised platform crossing.

James Koko (Te Kohao Health)

Mr Koko spoke to his presentation which highlighted the difficulties with visibility when leaving their premises onto Wairere Drive. There were also concerns with speeding traffic at the Enderley Road premises.

Carolyn McKenzie

Ms McKenzie spoke to her submission which did not support the Hamilton Speed Management Plan. She submitted that many factors other than speed caused fatalities. She said that slowing down traffic led to frustration, traffic delays, more pollution and reduced the mobility of residents around the city.

Judy McDonald

Ms McDonald spoke in support of the Hamilton Speed Management Plan and the protection of active transport choices, particularly for vulnerable users, with the introduction of 40kmp speed limit. She asked for increased priority in the Plan for safe crossing areas for walkers and cyclists on the roads with higher speed limits.

Hendrik van Blerk

Mr van Blerk spoke to the speeding and traffic issues in his area in Horsham Downs. He asked for the speed limit to be reduced from the current 80kph as this was no longer appropriate for this area with the amount of urbanisation that had taken place.

Maree and Terry Stewart (handout)

Mr and Mrs Stewart spoke in support of the Speed Management Plan. Mrs Stewart explained that they lived on River Road between Te Huia Drive and Kay Road which had a speed limit of 80kph and she described the dangerous driving that occurred on this road. She asked for the speed limit to be reduced to 50kph to match the speed limit on the two roads that entered and exited this part of River Road.

Marcia Lewis

Ms Lewis spoke about speed issues on Anderson Street in Deanwell which caused residents serious concern and asked for Council to take action to slow down traffic. She said that drivers would take

a short cut through Joanna and Anderson Streets because there were no speed bumps in those streets. She explained there was a kindergarten and a number of young children learning to ride bicycles in the street, which was very dangerous due to the speed of the cars on the street.

Andrea Priest

Ms Priest spoke about concerns with the access to her River Road property. She explained how problems were experienced with the number of vehicles using the shared access way, the number of vehicles parking in the accessway and on the road berm as well major difficulties with entering and exiting the driveway because of the 80kph speed limit.

Richard Riley (on behalf of Kate and Richard Hill) (handout)

Mr Riley spoke on behalf on Mr and Mrs Hill who were unable to attend. He explained he was their neighbour and they lived on River Road where there was a serious problem with cars speeding. He explained that there had been a number of accidents on this stretch of road because of speeding including a fatality.

Peter H Bos (handout)

Mr Bos spoke to his presentation highlighting his concerns with speed signage and the height of raised crossings.

Cr Pascoe retired from the meeting at 12.33pm during discussion of this item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.

5. **Proposal for Adoption of Hamilton Speed Management Plan - Hearing Report**

The Network Operations and Use Manager spoke to the staff report and responded to questions from Committee Members including the following:

- protocols and options for signage on Wairere Drive
- timeline for urbanisation of River Road and Horsham Downs
- options for lowering speed limit on River Road
- options for short term interventions for speeding
- triggers to reduce speed limits
- timeline for installing raised crossings at traffic lights
- planned future changes to speed limits
- staff at school crossings
- lower speed limits for all schools
- inclusion of early childhood centres in lower speed areas
- follow-up of traffic management plans
- purchase of more speed trailers

Resolved: (Cr O'Leary/Cr Tooman)

That the Regulatory and Hearings Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) hears and considers the submissions for the draft Hamilton Speed Management Plan; and
- c) notes that a Deliberations Report on the draft Hamilton Speed Management Plan will be considered at the 18 June 2019 Growth and Infrastructure Committee meeting.

The meeting was declared closed at 12.54pm.