

Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board
Submissions Committee
OPEN MINUTES

Date: Wednesday 12 April 2017
Time: 4.07pm
Venue: Board Room, Fendalton Service Centre,
Corner Jeffreys and Clyde Roads

Present

Committee Chairperson	Debbie Mora
Deputy Committee Chairperson	Ross McFarlane
Members	Helen Broughton Natalie Bryden Mike Mora

12 April 2017

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Part A Matters Requiring a Council Decision

Part B Reports for Information

Part C Decisions Under Delegation

1. Apologies

Part C

Community Board Resolved HRSC/2017/00007

That the apologies for absence received from Natalie Bryden and Catherine Chu, be accepted.

Mike Mora/Ross McFarlane

Carried

2. Declarations of Interest

Part B

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

3. Christchurch City Council Draft Annual Plan 2017-2018 – Board Submission

Part C

The purpose of this meeting was for the Submissions Committee to formulate on the Board's behalf, a submission on the Council's Draft Annual Plan 2017-2018.

The Committee reviewed the following documentation:

- Draft Annual Plan 2017-2018
- Consultation Document
- Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Wards – Capital Programme Changes
- Board Hosted Community Workshops held on 3, 4 and 5 April 2017

Arising from this consideration, the Committee subsequently finalised the completion of the **attached** submission on behalf of the Board.

Community Board Resolved HRSC/2017/00008

Committee Resolution

That the Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board's submission on the Christchurch City Council Draft Annual Plan 2017-2018, be adopted.

Debbie Mora/Ross McFarlane

Carried

Meeting concluded at 5.55pm

CONFIRMED THIS 9TH DAY OF MAY 2017

**DEBBIE MORA
COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON**

SUBMISSION TO: Christchurch City Council

ON: Draft Annual Plan 2017/2018

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1. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board (the Board) appreciates the opportunity to make this submission to the Christchurch City Council on its Draft Annual Plan for 2017/2018 (the Plan).

The Board **does** desire to be heard in support of this submission.

The Board compliments the Council for its efforts in compiling the Plan and the particular intention of wanting to deliver a realistic programme of capital expenditure.

As the Board has stated to the Council in recent years, a key perspective continues to be that the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy (UDS) and the South West Area Plan (SWAP) have each identified the wards in the south west of the city as being the leading growth areas in Christchurch for the next twenty or more years. The projected increase in the population of the Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton wards is forecast to equate to that of a city the size of Gisborne.

The annual influx of thousands of students to attend the University of Canterbury also places a high demand on available rental accommodation and services in the wider Riccarton area.

The Land Use Recovery Plan and more recently the completion of the Christchurch Replacement District Plan process, will result in a greater intensification of some urban areas. For example, 15 houses per hectare can now be built whereas before, the residential suburban density was set at ten houses per hectare.

At the beginning of this current term, the Board identified the following as its main priorities:

1. To protect and maintain a high quality potable (untreated) water supply;
2. Effective drainage and flood mitigation measures arising from new developments, and protection of local headwater river catchments;
3. Managing the effects of urban intensification;
4. Ongoing infrastructure provision, renewals and maintenance to meet the demands from new growth;

5. Compliance and monitoring of consents, particularly associated with quarrying activities and its effects.

The Board restates this comment it made to the Council in 2015 for the then Draft Long Term Plan:

‘.....the Board cannot stress enough the importance of ensuring that the Council has through this Plan, the capacity and resources allocated so that high standards of monitoring and compliance of associated consent conditions are in place and are capable of being maintained.’

The actions of some commercial activities in the Board’s area continue to raise environmental related issues for local residents and communities.

The Board’s role to be an advocate and to represent these concerns to the Council and to other agencies is ongoing, with the Board continuing to place a high expectation on the Council for the necessary resources to be in place to ensure that appropriate compliance, monitoring and/or enforcement action can be taken, when and where needed.

2. SUBMISSION

2.1 Capital Programme/Expenditure

The Board is appreciative of the Council’s efforts in ‘smoothing’ the capital programme and the drivers and rationale for the changes proposed as mentioned in the Financial Impact Statement.

Having reviewed the adjusted programme, the Board is particularly pleased to note the retention of these high profile projects in its area:

- Carrs Reserve Kart Club Relocation – 2017/18 (ID 1454)
- Community Facilities South West Leisure Centre – 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 (ID 862)
- Halswell Quarry Old Stone House and EQ Repairs – 2017/18 (IDs 3359 and 11242)
- New Hornby Library and Service Centre – 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 (ID 1019)
- Nga Puna Wai Sports Hub – Stage 1 - 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 (ID 2174)
- Riccarton Community Centre – 2017/18 and 2018/19 (ID 20051)

Other local capital projects noted by the Board which reflect ongoing growth, include:

- South East Halswell Water Supply Mains (ID 35664)
- South East Halswell Sewer (ID 9388)
- Riccarton Trunk Main (ID 874)
- Nga Puna Wai Community Facilities Hub Infrastructure (ID 2174)
- Sparks Road Drainage Works (ID 15751)
- Spreydon Lodge Infrastructure Provision Agreement (ID 33975)
- Quaifes/Murphys Basin and Wetland (ID 2675)
- Sutherland Basin Stormwater Treatment (ID 32243)
- Closed Landfills Aftercare (IDs 161, 37832 and 37829)
- Core PT Route and Facilities – South West (Wigram and Halswell) (ID 940)
- Core PT Route and Facilities – Orbiter – South West Projects (ID 36703)

- Core PT Route and Facilities – South West Lincoln Road Phase 1 (ID 38572)
- MCR Quarrymans Trail – Section 2 – Hoon Hay to Halswell (ID 23077)
- Intersection Improvements - Augustine/Halswell (ID 17746) and Matipo/Riccarton (ID 17903)
- Intersection Safety – Riccarton/Waimairi (ID 17190)
- Network Management Improvements – Dunbars Road (ID 17040)
- Network Management Improvements – Blenheim Road/Main South Road Corridor (ID 17041)

At the local ward forums held on the Plan, mention was made of the following projects in other areas of the city:

- **Cashmere Road/Worsleys Road/Hoon Hay Road** (ID 1346)

Given the current development(s) occurring in this Worsleys/Cashmere area, the Board supports the proposed traffic management changes at these intersections being carried out by the Council in the previously scheduled timeframe.

- **Nurses Memorial Chapel** (ID 24333)

The Board notes that this project is now re scheduled to commence in 2018/19 with completion in 2019/20. This change, if it proceeds, would remove the Nurses Memorial Chapel Trust from participation in the World War 1 centenary celebrations in 2018.

Accordingly, the Board supports keeping the repair programme on track for completion by October 2018.

- **New Brighton Hot Salt Water Pools**

The Board's preference is for the wider development aspects of this project to be considered by the Council at the next Long Term Plan.

The Board is disappointed though that the following two local projects have been deferred further out in the capital programme, and accordingly request they be reinstated in the years previously proposed, namely:

- **Bradshaw Terrace**– kerb and channel renewal, to be undertaken in 2018/19 (ID 34303)
- **Ilam Road/Middleton Road/Riccarton Road** - intersection safety, to be completed in 2017/18, being #7 on the Council's intersection priority list (ID 17144).

The Board is concerned to note that due to a recent change in circumstances, the Halswell Junction Road Extension project (ID 924) is now facing a funding shortfall.

The Board views the completion of this roading project as being of strategic importance for the local road network, and a contributor to the development of the adjoining Waterloo Business Park. The growth in heavy vehicle numbers in this general area, the continuing maintenance requirements on local roads, and the resulting impacts on local residents, are aspects of concern to the Board.

The Board does acknowledge however that the scale of the additional funding needed to complete the revised project scope is a matter more for consideration by the Council in the preparation of its Long Term Plan next year.

During 2015, the previous Board was heavily involved in the proposed implementation of the Transport Corridor Optimisation Project (ID 2018) for the Main South Road/Carmen Road/Brynley Street/Tower Street intersections in Hornby.

While for various reasons the project did not proceed to completion, the current Board does note that the issues that gave rise to the proposed improvements, still remain to be addressed. The Board is therefore seeking for this project to be reinstated and funded from the specific line item in the Council's budget.

With the progressive implementation of the Ministry of Education's school rebuilds/relocations in the general Hornby/Hei Hei areas, there is a community expectation that the Council's projects, especially those aimed at pedestrian safety and access to and from schools, are well aligned to the roll-out of the Ministry's programme.

With this in mind, the provision of more 40 kilometre per hour school speed zones has been highlighted and this recently resulted in the Board asking the Council to look at doubling its funding provision so that six schools per year rather than the three currently, can receive this important safety enhancement.

Safety at the intersection of the Main South Road (State Highway 1) and Kirk Road is an issue for the local Templeton community.

Due to an increase in heavy vehicles using Kirk Road to access the state highway junction, there is also in close proximity, the main trunk railway crossing. There are reports of large vehicles using the intersection having to queue and sometimes having to straddle the railway line. Such a practice, is clearly unacceptable on a Council road and in the Board's view warrants further analysis and attention.

Overall though, the Board records its support for the extensive programme of roading improvements, traffic safety and cycle related projects scheduled throughout its three wards over the next three year period.

2.2 Financial Strategy

2.2.1 Rate Increase

While acknowledging the Council's intended capital programme, some feedback from the Board-hosted forums has indicated that the proposed overall rate increase of 5.5 per cent for 2017/18 is still too high when compared with the current level of inflation. The Board would ask that this aspect be meaningfully addressed as the Council formulates its next Long Term Plan.

The Board does note however that the average rate increase proposed in 2017/18 for residential property owners is lower at 4.2 per cent, while the rate for remote rural properties is set to decrease by 2.1 per cent.

We detailed last year the impact of rates on a two storied older character house with a rateable value of \$970,000.

The rates figure for 2017/2018, when applying the 4.2 per cent proposed residential increase is:

\$5,662 (inclusive of ECan rates)

For the immediate preceding years, the comparative figures were:

(2016/2017 rates of \$5434 (inclusive of ECan rates)

(2015/2016 rates of \$5176 (inclusive of ECan rates)

(2014/2015 rates of \$4795 inclusive of ECan rates)

The Board's conclusion is the considerable impact such an increase will have for people on fixed incomes, particularly for above median priced housing.

A recurring aspect of the rating system for which the Board has an issue with is the apparent inequity in the way in which the rural rates discount is administered differently across the city. The Board would ask that this be applied in a standardised and consistent manner.

The Board would also invite the Council to consider offering ratepayers a five (5) per cent discount if they pay their full years rates annually at the beginning of the financial year.

The Board's view is that if introduced, there would be financial benefit/advantage to the Council in receiving a greater proportion of its rates revenue at the commencement of the financial year, as well as ratepayers receiving a saving.

2.2.2 Strategic Assets

The Board supports the Council taking action to amend its Significance and Engagement Policy to re-include City Care Limited shares as a strategic asset.

2.3 Fees and Charges

2.3.1 Accessible Recreation

The Board offers its full support to the Council for any chosen initiative that will enable fair and affordable access to the city's pools for all user groups, while still being fiscally responsible.

Having reviewed the proposed fees for the Council's recreation and leisure facilities, the Board submits there appears to be an inconsistency in some of the fees proposed i.e. when comparing some of the monthly fee payments against time-based prepaid options.

The Board suggests that for consistency, the Council offer a proportional discount for users taking out facility memberships of say 10 per cent for three months, 15 per cent for six months and 20 per cent for twelve months.

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28 April 2017