Meeting of the Summit Road Protection Authority and its Advisory Committee

MINUTES

Date: Friday 29 March 2019
Time: 5pm
Venue: Boardroom, Beckenham Service Centre, 66 Colombo Street, Beckenham, Christchurch

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The Summit Road (Canterbury) Protection Act 2001 is the statutory basis of the Summity Road Protection Authority and its Advisory Committee, and states that the Summit Road Protection Authority is a Joint Committee of:
The agenda was dealt with in the following order:
The Summit Road Protection Authority convened at 5pm

1. **Apologies for the Authority**
The apology received from Member Scandrett was accepted.

   Chair Miller/Member O’Donoghue  Carried

2. **Declarations of Interest for the Authority**
There were no declarations of interest recorded.

3. **Confirmation of Authority’s Previous Minutes**
   **Authority Resolved**
   That the minutes of the Summit Road Protection Authority meeting held on Tuesday, 29 January 2019 be confirmed.

   Chair Miller/Member O’Donoghue  Carried

4. **Public Forum**
There were no public forum presentations.

5. **Deputations by Appointment**
There were no deputations by appointment.

6. **Petitions**
There were no petitions received at the time the agenda was prepared.

The Authority at 5:05pm adjourned to hear the consideration of its Advisory Committee which then convened with the Authority to reconvene at the conclusion of its Advisory Committee’s meeting.

7. **Apologies for the Advisory Committee**
The apologies received from Member Scandrett and Member Dann were accepted.

   Member Couch/Member Aldridge  Carried

8. **Declarations of Interest for the Advisory Committee**
There were no declarations of interest recorded.

9. **Confirmation of Advisory Committee’s Previous Minutes**
   **Advisory Committee Resolved**
   That the minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 29 January 2019 be confirmed.

   Chair Loughton/Member Aldridge  Carried
10. Summit Road Car Parks

City Council Regional Parks Manager, Paul Devlin, and Ranger Project Manager, Cate Clerkin, joined the table to present in regard to the upgrade and repair of Summit Road Car Parks, particularly the draft design concept for Sugarloaf Car Park.

Advisory Committee Resolved

That the Advisory Committee:

1. Receives the briefing on Summit Road Car Parks.

Member Aldridge/Member McMillan Carried

11. Port Hills Parks Plan

City Council Senior Parks Planner, Derek Roozen, joined the table to present in regard to the early development of the Port Hills Park Plan.

Advisory Committee Comment

The Advisory Committee noted that the City Council on 22 March 2018 resolved to not approve the installation of proposed Prohibited Times on Road Restrictions for the Summit Road following a significant response to the public consultation indicating the high significance of the Summit Road to the greater Christchurch region. The City Council also resolved at that meeting to request that the Port Hills Management Plan be advanced as soon as possible recognising that the outcomes and objectives of that Plan may assist in achieving positive outcomes for the Summit Road and other affected roads in the area covered by that Plan.

The Advisory Committee considered to recommend the Authority request that the City Council in considering its draft Annual Plan is mindful of the city-wide significance of the Summit Road and the vulnerability of its amenities, facilities, and recreational and ecological values that so many, for so long, have worked to protect.

The Advisory Committee noted that a form of Port Hills Management Plan is starting to take shape as the ‘Port Hills Parks Plan’, but was concerned that it should be shown to be advancing as soon as possible in accordance with the Council’s resolution; recognising that the complexity, magnitude and importance of the Plan will require its development take due time, but considering also to request that its development be given due priority and resource; the Advisory Committee being thankful to Mr Roozen for his presentation on the Port Hills Parks Plan, which they hoped to thus see advance and consider options for achieving positive outcomes for the Summit Road and surrounds.

Staff Recommendations

That the Advisory Committee:

1. Receives the introductory briefing on the Port Hills Parks Plan.

Advisory Committee Resolved

That the Advisory Committee recommends that the Authority:

1. Receives the introductory briefing on the Port Hills Parks Plan.

2. Submits to the City Council (and reserves speaking rights) on its draft Annual Plan 2019-20 requesting that the City Council gives appropriate prioritisation to the advancement of the
Port Hills Parks Plan in line with its resolution of 22 March 2018 to request that the Plan be advanced as soon as possible recognising that the outcomes and objectives of that Plan may assist in achieving positive outcomes for the Summit Road and other affected roads in the area covered by that Plan.

Chair Loughton/Member Aldridge

Carried

12. Summit Road Speed Limit Review

Advisory Committee Resolved

That the Advisory Committee recommends that the Authority:

1. Receives the information in the report.
2. Confirms the detail of its submission on the Summit Road Speed Limit Review as follows:

   The Summit Road Protection Authority is constituted under the Summit Road (Canterbury) Protection Act 2001. The purposes of this Act are:

   (a) to provide for the preservation and protection of the scenic amenity associated with the Summit Road and other roads, walkways, paths, and public open spaces within the protected land;
   (b) to provide for the preservation and protection of natural amenities associated with land within the protected area;
   (c) to provide for the improvement of facilities for the public enjoyment of the scenic amenity and the natural amenities.

For a number of years the Authority has been extremely concerned about antisocial behaviours on the Summit Road and resulting damage to the amenities and facilities of the Summit Road corridor. The Authority welcomes the Summit Road Speed Limit Review as potentially addressing at least one form of antisocial behaviour relating to speeding and the risk of unsafe driving speeds resulting in damage to the amenities and facilities of the Summit Road or attracting antisocial behaviour to the area.

The Authority’s concern for the public enjoyment of the scenic amenity and natural amenities of the Summit Road and other roads, walkways, paths, and public open spaces within the protected land surrounding the Summit Road motivate it to endorse initiatives improving the safety of users of the Summit Road.

The Authority and its Advisory Committee have considered the Summit Road Speed Limit Review and resolved to:

Support the proposed reduction of the speed limit to 60 km/h on Summit Road (Godley Head – Gebbies Pass Road) and sections of adjoining side roads as proposed.

The Authority and its Advisory Committee also:

Requests that City Council staff investigate the intersection of Summit Road and Dyers Pass Road with a view to improving the safety of the intersection.

The Summit Road is an immensely valuable asset to motorists, cyclists and walkers in terms of its scenic and natural amenities; these users should all be able to take in the views and scenery
safely, and key to this is moderating the speed of motorists without imposing unreasonable restrictions. The Authority supports the balance struck through a 60 km/h speed limit, and requests ongoing safety improvements, noting their concern for the safety of the intersection of Summit Road and Dyers Pass Road, and interest in ensuring the safety of cyclists and walkers is also considered.

Thank you for considering this submission. The Authority wishes to reserve speaking rights.

Chair Loughton/Member Aldridge

13. Annual Report for the Year Ending 30 June 2018

Advisory Committee Resolved

That the Advisory Committee:

1. Approves the circulated Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2018 and recommends it to the Authority for adoption.

Chair Loughton/Member McMillan


Advisory Committee Resolved

That the Advisory Committee:

1. Approves the circulated draft Annual Plan and Budget for 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020 and recommends it to the Authority for adoption.

Chair Loughton/Member McMillan

15. Members’ Information Exchange

Chair Loughton noted the Summit Road Society’s stance on advising against the unpermitted scattering of ashes (human remains) and placement of associated unauthorised memorials and plantings on the Summit Road and their and reserve land surrounding, noting the cultural and environmental sensitivities that such scatterings and placements can infringe upon.

The Advisory Committee concluded its meeting at 6:29pm, at which time the Authority reconvened to deliberate.

16. Authority Consideration of Item 10: Summit Road Car Parks

Authority Resolved

That the Authority:

1. Receives the briefing on Summit Road Car Parks.

Member O'Donoghue/Chair Miller
17. Authority Consideration of Item 11: Port Hills Parks Plan

Staff Recommendations

That the Authority:

1. Receives the introductory briefing on the Port Hills Parks Plan.

Authority Resolved

That the Authority:

1. Receives the introductory briefing on the Port Hills Parks Plan.
2. Resolves to submit (and reserve speaking rights) on the City Council’s Draft Annual Plan 2019-20 requesting that the City Council gives appropriate prioritisation to the advancement of the Port Hills Parks Plan in line with its resolution of 22 March 2018 to request that the Plan be advanced as soon as possible recognising that the outcomes and objectives of that Plan may assist in achieving positive outcomes for the Summit Road and other affected roads in the area covered by that Plan.

Chair Miller/Member O'Donoghue Carried

18. Authority Consideration of Item 12: Summit Road Speed Limit Review

Authority Resolved

That the Authority:

1. Receives the information in the report.
2. Confirms the detail of its submission on the Summit Road Speed Limit Review as recommended by its Advisory Committee.

Chair Miller/Member O'Donoghue Carried

19. Authority Consideration of Item 13: Annual Report for the Year Ending 30 June 2018

Authority Resolved

That the Authority:

1. Adopts the circulated Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2018.

Member O'Donoghue/Chair Miller Carried

20. Authority Consideration of Item 14: Draft Annual Plan and Budget for 2019-20

Authority Comment

The Authority thanked its Executive Secretary for advancing this work.
Authority Resolved

That the Authority:

1. Adopts the circulated Annual Plan and Budget for 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020 and approves levying $1,000 from the contributory Councils for the year.

Member O'Donoghue/Chair Miller  Carried

Meeting concluded at 6:32pm.

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