Waikura
Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board
MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

Date: Wednesday 24 July 2019
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Venue: The Board Room, 180 Smith Street, Linwood

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FOR 24 JULY 2019 BOARD MEETING

REQUESTED AMENDMENT TO THE 1 JULY WAIKURA HEATHCOTE LINWOOD CENTRAL
COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

5. Deputations by Appointment

Part B

5.1 Proposed Road Names – Various Subdivisions

Hayley Guglietta and Greg Partridge, representing the Richmond Residents’ and Business Association, spoke to the Board regarding the naming of the right of way at 58 Perth Street, stating the significance of Bingsland to the area and wanting the name to be in a more prominent position and for Council/Developers to consult with the community on road/right of way naming.

Mr Partridge presented a quick history lesson of Richmond for the Community board as follows:

1. Richmond is one of the original suburbs of Christchurch and a such has significant history
2. Richmond originally consisted of 5 large Rural Sections ranging in size from 50 to 200 acres.
3. One of these Rural Sections was a 50-acre piece of land originally owned by George Bowron and was known as Heywood Farm. 58 Perth Street is located on land that formed the northern acreage of the farm. Following Mr Bowron’s death in 1891 Heywood Farm was subdivided and 58 Perth Street was sold to the Wylie family who then owned it 90 years, raising multiple generations of the Wylie family on the property. Due to the historical nature of the name attached to the property, “Wylie Lane” was tabled as a suggested name for the right of way by the community. This was rejected by the City Council as there is a Wylies Road outside the boundaries of Christchurch at West Melton in the Selwyn District Council.
4. The name “Bingsland Lane”, which Williams Corporation (the developer) has tabled as a suggested name for the right of way, is a name attached with another of the original rural sections of Richmond, a 200-acre land holding in North Richmond owned by a Mr Morice Bing. Bing owned this land at the same time the previously mentioned Mr Bowron owned Heywood Farm. Mr Bing never owned any part of Heywood Farm or the land on which 58 Perth Street is situated. Therefore, calling the right of way “Bingsland Lane” is historically inaccurate. Calling it “Bing’s Lane” is also very much inaccurate as it suggests Bing has at some time had ownership of the land, which he never did.
5. Maurice Bing leased portions of his North Richmond 200-acre rural section to numerous others, and for this reason the land was referred to as “Bingsland”. The name “Bingsland” was temporarily adopted by the entire area of Richmond for a short period of time, before the suburb was officially named Richmond.
6. Mr Bing did own part of what is now Richmond Village Green on Stanmore Road, and it was on this land that the first school in the suburb was built. The Richmond Residents and Business Association are wanting the name Bingsland
to be held for the Village Green due to its prominent geographic position in the community and obvious historical reasons.

Ms Guglietta and Mr Partridge answered questions from the members and made it known to the Board that the community had only been advised the right of way needed to be named a little over a week prior to the Board meeting, whereas the developer (Williams Corporation) had been granted the Resource Consent for the development over 9 months ago, and could in that time have had a baby, so had plenty of opportunity during that time to engage with the community rather than trying to force Ms Guglietta and Mr Partridge to make select from a short list of names that the Board were tabling at the meeting. Ms Guglietta explained that neither she nor Mr Partridge were mandated by the community to make a decision.

Ms Guglietta requested a short window of 48 hours in which she and Mr Partridge could go back to Perth Street residents and the Richmond Community and canvass them regarding the short-listed names the Board were presenting. Ms Guglietta and Mr Partridge made it very clear they were not at the meeting to cause any delay for the Developer selling the units in the development, but were simply asking for the Board and indeed the Council to engage with the community.

After questions from the members, the Chairperson thanked Ms Guglietta and Mr Partridge for their presentation.

There was an intermission following this, during which time members and the Chairperson approached and engaged with Ms Guglietta, and Mr Partridge regarding the naming of the right of way. Mr Jaxon Grieves, Lane Neave Associate representing the interests of Williams Corporation, was present and informed the Board that the units were ready for residents to move in, claiming there were people waiting to do so.

Mr Partridge corrected Mr Grieves regarding this, pointing out to the Board that the interior fit out of the units was not yet completed, that none of the hard paving on the development including the 21 car carparking area and driveway had been constructed, and the land scaping hadn’t even started.

Arohanui Grace (Community Governance Manager) then quickly ushered the members and Chairperson out of the room.

Upon their return the Board meeting resumed and there was a strong push by Alexandra Davids that the Council should not be responsible for preventing people moving into the homes that this time of year, and should not be seen to allow any delays to the naming of the right of way, suggesting that the units were in fact turn key ready.

There was strong debate for the Richmond and Perth Street Community to be able to have a chance to be consulted with regarding the naming of the right of way with strong support from Jake McLellan for a two-week window in which to do so. This was rejected by members of the board.

Strong support for the name Bings Lane was tabled by Sara Templeton and Darrel Latham (of the Heathcote Ward). Mr Partridge interjected from the floor reminding members and the Chairperson again that the land was never owned by Bing.

The Board then voted, opting for the name Bing rather than allowing for community engagement for the brief window of time that had been requested.