Waipapa
Papanui-Innes Community Board
MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

Date: Friday 9 August 2019
Time: 9am
Venue: Board Room, Papanui Service Centre,
        Corner Langdons Road and Restell Street, Papanui

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Papanui/Innes Presentation of concerns

from Ann Taylor, 171 Guthries Road, Ouruhiia/Belfast, Christchurch 8051. 0274 350 668 or aetaylor7051@gmail.com

1. Safety on Guthries Road for residents, Heavy vehicles and Trucks using Guthries Road as Shortcut!
   Since the earthquakes the council has allowed contractors to use horticultural land in Marshlands Road, as depots and workshop for roading- Brownlee Contracting, sewage disposal – Suck It Up, which has caused dangerous situations for the residents of Guthries Road.

   On top of that we have been abused and shoved around by the contractors of the CNC Alliance building the Northern Arterial to nowhere! Taylors and EDR in particular.

   I am woken by trucks as early as 6.30am 6 days a week. Very noisy Suck It Up truck, followed by a procession of other big trucks.

   We are driven off the road by trucks as the road is just too narrow and we often come home to be greeted head on with a huge truck driving down the middle of the road!

   Some history, The Buddo Settlement was possibly the first gated community in Christchurch. The gates were closed every night!

   When I bought my property over 30 years ago the neighbouring poultry farm had to get a dispensation for trucks to deliver the poultry food.

   Approx 15-20 years ago the council roughly graded the edges of the road, sprayed tar and sprinkled with shingle. Then and now every time it rains you have to drive very carefully so you don’t get caught in the continuous deep puddle of water that forms about half a metre in from the edge of the sealed road.

   2 years ago I asked and had double yellow lines painted on the curve outside my property and the intersection of MacDonalnds Road, as vehicles would speed through and cut the bend, I dread the thought of a head on accident.

   As our houses were built many years ago and it was a closed road for residents only our houses are very close to the road and we don’t have the luxury of double glazing.

   There are over a dozen school age children live on Guthries Road.
The speed on Guthries Road needs to be reduced to 60 as recommended and trucks and heavy vehicles need to be stopped from coming through. Marshland, Old Main Nth and Belfast Roads are the main thoroughfares for trucks.

I do not favour a right turning bay into Guthries Rd on Marshlands Rd as this will encourage the trucks further. I understand Belfast Rd intersection is being upgraded and this is where trucks should be turning.

High fences, toitois and hedges need to be removed, so cars can see when coming out of Guthries Rd. Many of the children of Guthries Rd, 6 of the children on Guthries Rd have to get to Ouruhia School every day! Usually by car and I have now started going out via Belfast Rd, so I don’t have to do a right turn out of Guthries Rd.

2. Budget Storage - 181 Guthries Road
This area is a horticultural and storage facilities are a discretionary activity and hence need neighbours written approval to be developed. The first potential purchaser of 181 asked neighbours and we were sorry, but would not allow because of the traffic it would create, noise and disturbance to our peaceful rural settlement. Then to our dismay we saw a second purchaser get resource consent for 90 storage units. They always have a sign out and this is a breach of their consent as well. When I rang the CCC the very rude and petulant planner tried to tell me I wouldn’t be effected!! Neighbours were never consulted and never gave approval. Everyone just ducked the issue. As many of us had pressing EQC issues to resolve they got away with an illegal consent.

I am often woken or disturbed by noisy bogen vehicles coming and going at the weekend, often late at night and early Sunday morning, load music, and people using the place as a car workshop. I pick up a handful of rubbish a couple of times a week, which has come off trailers or out of cars.

Many of the weekend users are very dubious and I have had success with the police dealing with illegal use of the storage units.

They have spread shingle over area of the land and pushed back into the Kapatone Stream and raised the level of the shingle.

3. 155 Guthries Road/Cnr Ford Road
Where do I start this property is used for a number of illegal activities including drug dealing, mechanical repairs, and stripping vehicles.

What was once a very neat tidy lifestyle block is now covered in wrecked and wrecking cars, parts, rubbish, containers, a huge bonfire, and weeds.
There are no fences, the house is mostly pulled down, 2 caravan/mobile home vehicles are parked on the boundary where my Grandchildren sleep next door. There are numerous other vehicles, sleepouts and places where people are sleeping.

The CCC Enforcement Team have listened to the Van De Veen’s lies and made no progress with fencing and the removal of vehicles off the land.

There is a planned cycleway and walkway going to be going down Ford Rd, I wouldn’t want my worst enemy walking passed at 6pm at night amongst the dealing and criminals that frequent the place. The police find it difficult to do their job when the place is a mess.

The CCC has let the residents of Guthries Road down badly as now we have burglaries and creeps hanging around because of the activities the CCC has allowed to happen at 181 and 155 Guthries Rd. The only person to actually be effective in Gail the Dog Controll Officer who has impounded the dogs from 151 which like the hens and roosters wander the road.

4. CCC Reserve land behind 171 Guthries Rd and the Water lying beside new section of Guthries Rd.

This once productive land has been planted in flax and native grasses turning it into a mess and breeding ground for rats, mice, Pukekos and Paradise Ducks. All of which are trying to over run my property and the neighbours. I have had rats in my house ceiling for the first time in 30 years, so I now have to continually bait poison to kill them. The pukeko numbers are so great they are eating my grass, sitting in my cattle troughs, are a pest on the road, eating my bulbs and vegies in garden.

Along Guthries Road the motorway contractors have unearthed a spring and instead of capping it they have created swales which have stagnant water lying in them as the fall can’t be correct. Last summer we were swarmed by sandflies and for the first time mosquitos. The pukekos in the paddock, ex Vincent property on cnr of Guthries and Belfast Rd is covered in pukekos which are regularly being killed on the road. This has also caused flooding in the paddocks at 62 & 42 Guthries Rd.

I would like large flowering trees and manuka planted in the CCC reserve land to give height and mitigate the unsightly motorway and bridges which I am now exposed to in my bottom corner. CNC Alliance cutting down trees on my property without permission and not replacing any planting to mitigate light and noise pollution my property is going to be exposed too with no compensation.

We bought and live in Guthries Road as it was a peaceful haven of rural life yet handy to town.

I am happy to discuss and answer any questions you may have now or next week.
Thank you for listening and giving me this opportunity. Special thanks to Emma Norrish for answering my message and giving me this opportunity. I have tried to contact councillors in the past and they have never replied to my emails.
6th August 2019

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Re: Belfast Cemetery

Reference Number CSR90796149 (refer attached documents (2) dated April 2008

The above reference number relates to a letter written on 15th April 2008. A copy of the letter is attached. A response was received from Sally Paterson Cemeteries Administrator dated 29 April 2008 stating that the request is to be assessed by an Arborist and quoting the above reference number.

It is now 11 plus years later and the 33 Oak trees in the middle section (I think) have grown enormously dropping leaves and acorns which along with the lack of sunlight is destroying the grass. On speaking to Decra Art staff when renewing the writing on our daughter’s headstone twice, since 1993, they advised the sap from the oak trees was one of the major factors that was ruining the writing. We have noticed that 3 or 4 new trees have been planted in the same area as the oak trees. Why is this?

I commend the Council for the new extension of the cemetery enhanced with seats, roses and a feeling of openness, neat and tidy.
Unfortunately, this is to the detriment of the original part of the cemetery, as hedges are overgrown, leaves are ankle deep, and branches and rubbish lying around. This gives a feeling of despondency, anger, frustration and hurt that after a tragedy we suffered in 1993, that our daughter rests in such a messy cemetery when we take pride in keeping her headstone and grave as well as our own plot in a clean, tidy and caring manner.

The entrance to the cemetery is a disgrace, overgrown with weeds and thistles etc. We acknowledge that a new motorway has been built alongside the cemetery, but that is no excuse for leaving it in the condition that it is in.

We request to meet with the appropriate person of authority at the Belfast Cemetery on a date to be agreed.

We look forward to a response to this letter.

Yours sincerely

Margaret and Alistair Peat

Ps: This letter was typed into the CCC compliment/complaint form on the website, but when sending the CCC system had an issue (screenshot attached), hence the reason for emailing directly.

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15/4/2008

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Sally Paterson
Cemeteries Administrator
Christchurch City Council

Dear Ms Paterson

I am writing to you in regard to the Belfast Cemetery.

Our daughter is buried in the middle section of the cemetery where 33 oak trees are planted. I believe this is a ridiculously high number of large trees to be planted in such a small area. The acorns falling cause a mess on the ground and self seed; as well as hurting someone's head when falling. The branches that fall from the trees are a hazard and make the area look messy. The grass is hindered with so many acorns and branches lying on the ground. Little sunshine gets through to the grass. The ground is hard to walk over with so many acorns.

So many acorns and branches must also be a safety issue when the little amount of grass is cut.

In my opinion it is time some of these trees were felled, 33 trees is far too many in such a small area. I urge you to put this request/suggestion to your committee for consideration and hopefully action.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Peat (Mrs)
29 April 2008

Mrs Margaret Peat
6a Aztec Place
CHRISTCHURCH 8051

Dear Mrs Peat

BELFAST CEMETERY

Thank you for your letter dated 15 April 2008.

The concerns that you raised in your letter have been logged as a Customer Service Request to be assessed by an arborist.

The reference for any further queries is CSR90796149.

Kind regards

Sally Paterson
CEMETRIES ADMINISTRATOR
Screenshot of error message when trying to send the letter via the CCC website
Attachment A

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