



SUMMIT ROAD PROTECTION AUTHORITY
TE MANA TIAKI I TE ARA AKITU

Te Mana Tiaki I Te Ara Akitu Summit Road Protection Authority and its Advisory Committee MINUTES

Date: Friday 26 March 2021
Time: 5.02pm
Venue: Boardroom, Beckenham Service Centre,
66 Colombo Street, Beckenham

Present

Authority Membership		Advisory Committee Membership	
Chair	Christchurch City Councillor Tim Scandrett	Chair	Paul Loughton - Summit Road Society Inc nominee
Members	Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū / Banks Peninsula Community Board Member Tori Peden	Members	Christchurch City Councillor Tim Scandrett Banks Peninsula Community Board Member Tori Peden Hana Walton - nominee of Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke Dr Christine Dann - nominee of the Minister of Conservation Peter Graham - Landowner nominee Denis Aldridge - Landowner nominee Kelvin McMillan - Senior Policy Planner (open space expert)

26 March 2021

Executive Secretary

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The Summit Road (Canterbury) Protection Act 2001 is the statutory basis of the Summit 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.

Te Mana Tiaki | Te Ara Akitu / Summit Road Protection Authority convened at 5.02pm.

1. Apologies for the Authority

Authority Resolved SRPC/2021/00001

That an apology for absence be received for Councillor Jeff Bland.

Authority Chair Scandrett/Member Peden

Carried

2. Declarations of Interest for the Authority

No declarations of interest were recorded.

3. Confirmation of Authority's Previous Minutes

Authority Resolved SRPC/2021/00002

That the Summit Road Protection Authority:

1. Confirms the minutes of the Summit Road Protection Authority meeting held on Friday, 6 December 2019.

Member Peden/Authority Chair Scandrett

Carried

4. Ratification of Authority's Decisions in Lockdown

Authority Resolved SRPC/2021/00003

That the Summit Road Protection Authority:

1. Ratifies the Authority's agreement by email exchange during the Covid-19 Lockdown on or about 31 March 2021 to adopt the Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2019, and the Annual Plan and Budget for 1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021, and to approve levying \$0 from the contributory Councils for the year to 30 June 2021.

Authority Chair Scandrett/Member Peden

Carried

5. Membership Changes to the Advisory Committee

Authority Resolved SRPC/2021/00004

That the Summit Road Protection Authority:

1. Acknowledges the service of Dr Christine Dann to the Advisory Committee as the Minister of Conservation's nominee, noting her resignation to take effect subsequent to the meeting, and expressing its thanks and gratitude to Dr Dann for her time and expertise.



2. Affirms the appointment of Hana Walton to the Advisory Committee under section 9(1)(e) of the Summit Road (Canterbury) Protection Act 2001.
3. Affirms the appointment of Gill Jenkins to the Advisory Committee under section 9(1)(g) of the Summit Road (Canterbury) Protection Act 2001.

Authority Chair Scandrett/Member Peden

Carried

6. Public Participation / Te Huinga Tūmatanui

Te Huinga Whānui / Public Forum

No public forum presentations were received.

Ngā Huinga Whakaritenga / Deputations by Appointment

No deputations by appointment were received.

Ngā Pākikitanga / Presentation of Petitions

No petitions were received.

The Authority at 5.06pm 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

Committee Resolved SRPC/2021/00005

That the apologies for absence received from Ms Gill Jenkins and Councillor Jeff Bland be accepted.

Committee Chair Loughton/Member Dann

Carried

8. Declarations of Interest for the Advisory Committee

Paul Loughton declared an interest in Item 12, John Jameson Lookout.

9. Confirmation of Authority's Previous Minutes

Committee Resolved SRPC/2021/00006

That the Advisory Committee:

1. Confirms the minutes of the Advisory Committee meeting held on Friday, 6 December 2019.

Committee Chair Loughton/Member Dann

Carried

10. Christchurch City Council's Long Term Plan

The Advisory Committee accepted the recommended submission point on the City Council's Long Term Plan, to be delivered to the City Council through the **attached** letter tabled at the meeting.



Member Peden volunteered to speak to the submission with Authority Chair Scandrett in support.

Committee Resolved SRPC/2021/00007

That the Advisory Committee:

1. Recommends that the Authority makes a submission on the Christchurch City Council's Long Term Plan 2021-31 to: Request that the City Council gives appropriate prioritisation to the advancement of a Port Hills Management 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.

Committee Chair Loughton/Member Aldridge

Carried

Attachments

- A Submission to Christchurch City Council Long Term Plan 2021-31 [⇒](#)

11. Summit Road Safety (Discussion Item)

City Council Traffic Engineer, Andrew Hensley, updated the Advisory Committee on matters relating to the roads and road safety within the protected land, and the discussion canvassed:

- Roadworks on Dyers Pass Road
- Crash data
- Impact of speed limit changes
- Impracticality of extensive barriers/guardrails, signs, speed bumps etc.
- Work with Police on anti-social road behaviours
- Possibility of targeted community patrols
- Future of Worsleys Road

12. John Jameson Lookout

Marie Gray and Graham Densem on behalf of the Summit Road Society presented the **attached** PowerPoint presentation of the updated John Jameson Lookout design and referred to the Society's letter in the separately circulated attachments as addressing the Authority's previous request for comment on the matters set out therein.

They also discussed including pillars more substantial than shown in the artist's impression to secure gates to, noting that it was planned that the car park would be closed most nights with Council's security adding this closure to their current security rounds in the area.

The Head Ranger advised against using gates to secure the car park at night in light of the risk of vandalism, suggesting alternative options such as bollards or a chain. The Society was encouraged to follow the advice, though left to discuss with the Head Ranger outside this process.

The Head Ranger then discussed adding beside the car park a 25,000 litre water tank for firefighting, which he indicated would be well hidden with some screening, having a single hose link out to the car park. The Head Ranger indicated the water tank would not require a building or



resource consent, though the Advisory Committee included the proposal in their resolution to make clear they deem it would not require their further consideration or approval.

With his addition to their resolution, the Advisory Committee accepted that it could recommend the Authority now confirm that the Summit Road Society had satisfactorily fulfilled the conditions of the Authority's resolution of 6 December 2019 that the lookout could be signed off under section 17 of the Act as having effects on the amenities that are no more than minor. The Summit Road Society needing to also independently obtain resource consent and remaining funding.

Councillor Scandrett requested that the Summit Road Society keep him, in his capacity as Chair of the City Council's Regulatory Performance Committee, informed in respect of the progress of the resource consent for the lookout.

Committee Resolved SRPC/2021/00008

That the Advisory Committee:

1. Recommends the Authority resolves under section 17 of the Act that the application by the Summit Road Society to improve the car park opposite the Sign of the Bellbird as described in their application, and the Head Ranger's proposal to incorporate a 25,000 litre water tank for firefighting beside it, does not require public notification (which would invite a hearing process), having effects on the amenities that are no more than minor.

Member Dann/Member Aldridge

Carried

Paul Loughton declared an interest in this item and took no part in the voting.

Attachments

- A Presentation from Summit Road Society for John Jameson Lookout [⇨](#)

13. Head Ranger's Update (Discussion Item)

City Council Head Ranger, Paul Devlin, updated the Advisory Committee on fire matters on behalf of Wayne Hamilton of FENZ, having noted his apology for absence. He discussed engagement occurring encouraging the public to think about their role in fire resilience, including how the selection of plant species can be relevant to fire resilience. He also discussed the relevance of their increased role in grazing regimes, stocking levels and roadside mowing.

Mr Devlin also updated the Advisory Committee on parks related matters in his own capacity as Head Ranger, noting upgrades to walking tracks and car parks, and noting opportunity to iconize the head of Rapaki Track with a landscaping plan, which he will keep the Authority informed of.

Mr Devlin also discussed the colouring of the strong points or bunkers on the protected land as not being vandalism, but as relevant to their heritage values.

Receiving feedback from the Committee Chair about broom overgrowing at Mt Ada, Mr Devlin indicated that broom control in this instance would not warrant the resource necessary at this time, though hearing further that the broom may be smothering plantings there, Mr Devlin indicated he would visit the site to assess.

Finally Mr Devlin noted need to keep raising the matter of developing a collective Port Hills Parks Plan, indicating it needs clarification what it needs to achieve and would warrant a workshop with the three relevant Community Boards.



14. Annual Report for the Year Ending 30 June 2020

The Advisory Committee accepted the Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2020 as prepared for recommending to the Authority for adoption.

Committee Resolved SRPC/2021/00009

That the Advisory Committee:

1. Approves the Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2020 and recommends it to the Authority for adoption.

Committee Chair Loughton/Member Dann

Carried

15. Draft Annual Plan and Budget for 2021-22

The **attached** revised draft Annual Plan and Budget for 2021-22 was tabled at the meeting having been earlier circulated (subsequent to original draft separately circulated) with highlighted revisions reallocating prospective provision for contributing to the development of a Port Hills Management Plan (aka Port Hills Parks Plan) to the Authority's reserve funds given this may require the agreement of the contributory councils, pending possible analysis as to how the management plan would relate to the Authority's functions and powers.

The funds remain prospectively available for the purpose through the reserve, though it was suggested that in the first instance the funding be pursued through the LTP submission to the City Council as it had previously resolved to develop a management plan as soon as possible.

It was considered that the reserve funds also insure the contributory councils against the expenses and liabilities of the Authority, which though prudently budgeted for can be uncertain, so it was considered cautious to not allocate to management plan development as 'expenditure' pending further exploration, though noting the importance of advancing a management plan to the purposes of the Authority and the vision for the Summit Road the Port Hills.

The Advisory Committee were also approving and appreciative of the management of the Authority's funds and resources allowing a nil levy on the contributory councils at this time.

The Advisory Committee thus accepted the revised draft Annual Plan and Budget 2021-22 tabled at the meeting for recommendation to the Authority for adoption, noting possible reason for holding its potential contribution to management plan development in its reserves pending exploration.

Committee Resolved SRPC/2021/00010

That the Advisory Committee:

1. Notes that expending on development of a management plan may require the agreement of the contributory councils and allocation for this is moved to the reserve funds in the revised draft Annual Plan and Budget tabled at the meeting to reflect this.
2. Approves the revised draft Annual Plan and Budget for 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022 tabled at the meeting, and recommends it to the Authority for adoption.



3. Recommends that the Authority revoke pre-existing delegations, and approve for immediate effect (replacement) delegations as set out in the proposed delegations register appended to the revised draft Annual Plan and Budget for 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022 tabled at the meeting.

Committee Chair Loughton/Member Aldridge

Carried

Attachments

- A Revised Draft Annual Plan and Budget 2021-22 ⇒

16. Members' Information Exchange

The members briefly discussed what prospective structures on the protected land may require the Authority's consent in light of the potential impact of recent changes to the Building Act as affecting the size and nature of structures requiring building consent. It was noted in regard to structures that clarity from council officers around whether a building or resource consent is needed is relevant to when the Authority's consent is required.

The Advisory Committee concluded its meeting at 6.40pm, at which time the Authority reconvened to deliberate.

17. Authority Consideration of Item 10: Christchurch City Council's Long Term Plan

Authority Resolved SRPC/2021/00011 (Advisory Committee Recommendations Accepted Without Change)

That the Summit Road Protection Authority:

1. Makes a submission on the Christchurch City Council's Long Term Plan 2021-31 to: Request that the City Council gives appropriate prioritisation to the advancement of a Port Hills Management 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.

Member Peden/Authority Chair Scandrett

Carried

18. Authority Consideration of Item 12: John Jameson Lookout

Authority Resolved SRPC/2021/00012 (Advisory Committee Recommendations Accepted Without Change)

That the Summit Road Protection Authority:

1. Resolves under section 17 of the Act that the application by the Summit Road Society to improve the car park opposite the Sign of the Bellbird as described in their application, and the Head Ranger's proposal to incorporate a 25,000 litre water tank for firefighting beside it, does not require public notification (which would invite a hearing process), having effects on the amenities that are no more than minor.

Authority Chair Scandrett/Member Peden

Carried unanimously



19. Authority Consideration of Item 14: Annual Report for the Year Ending 30 June 2020

Authority Resolved SRPC/2021/00013 (Advisory Committee Recommendations Accepted Without Change)

That the Summit Road Protection Authority:

1. Adopts the separately circulated Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2020.

Member Peden/Authority Chair Scandrett

Carried

20. Authority Consideration of Item 15: Draft Annual Plan and Budget for 2021-22

Authority Resolved SRPC/2021/00014 (Advisory Committee Recommendations Accepted Without Change)

That the Summit Road Protection Authority:

1. Notes that expending on development of a management plan may require the agreement of the contributory councils and allocation for this is moved to the reserve funds in the revised draft Annual Plan and Budget tabled at the meeting to reflect this.
2. Adopts the revised draft Annual Plan and Budget for 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022 tabled at the meeting, and approves levying \$0 from the contributory councils for the year.
3. Revokes pre-existing delegations, and approves for immediate effect (replacement) delegations as set out in the proposed delegations register appended to the revised draft Annual Plan and Budget for 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022 tabled at the meeting.

Member Peden/Authority Chair Scandrett

Carried

Meeting concluded at 6.44pm.

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**COUNCILLOR TIM SCANDRETT
AUTHORITY CHAIRPERSON**

**MR PAUL LOUGHTON
ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON**