

Waipuna
Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board
OPEN MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 15 February 2022
Time: 5.03pm
Venue: Held by Audio/Visual Link

Present

Deputy Chairperson	Helen Broughton
Members	Jimmy Chen
	Catherine Chu
	Gamal Fouda
	Anne Galloway
	Andrei Moore
	Debbie Mora
	Mark Peters

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Part A Matters Requiring a Council Decision

Part B Reports for Information

Part C Decisions Under Delegation

Secretarial Note: It is noted that this meeting was held via audio/visual link on the Zoom platform due to the country being under COVID-19 Protection Framework (the Traffic Alert System Red) on the date the meeting was scheduled. These minutes provide a written summary of the meeting proceedings.

The Meeting Chairperson opened the meeting and notified members that the meeting was being publicly livestreamed on YouTube and that the recording would be kept online for future viewing.

The meeting was advised that Item 11 – Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board - Request for Leave of Absence had been withdrawn from the agenda.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

Part C

The Meeting Chairperson called for apologies. An apology was received from Debbie Mora for an early departure and from Mike Mora for absence. The Meeting Chairperson called for a mover and seconder to accept the apologies.

Mark Peters moved that the apologies be accepted. The motion was seconded by Jimmy Chen. Following invitation from the Meeting Chairperson there was no debate on the item, and the motion was put to the vote and was declared carried.

Community Board Resolved HHRB/2022/00001

That the apologies received from Debbie Mora for an early departure, and Mike Mora for absence, be accepted.

Mark Peters/Jimmy Chen

Carried

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes Te Whakaāe o te hui o mua

Part C

The Meeting Chairperson asked members to confirm that the minutes of the previous Board meeting on 14 December 2021 were a true and correct record of the meeting. No issues or questions concerning the accuracy of the minutes were raised. The Meeting Chairperson called for a mover and seconder.

Mark Peters moved that the minutes be confirmed. The motion was seconded by Jimmy Chen. Following invitation from the Meeting Chairperson there was no debate on the item, and the motion was put to the vote and was declared carried.

Community Board Resolved HHRB/2022/00002

That the minutes of the Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board meeting held on Tuesday, 14 December 2021 be confirmed.

Mark Peters/Jimmy Chen

Carried

2. Declarations of Interest Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga

Part B

The Meeting Chairperson called for any declarations of interest. No declarations were recorded.

Gamal Fouda joined the meeting at 5.10pm.

4. Public Forum Te Huinga Whānui

Part B

4.1 Role of Connected in the community

Atama Moore, Employment Liaison Advisor for west Christchurch Connected, addressed the Board regarding the services and support Connected provides to the community.

Mr Moore noted Connected is affiliated with the Ministry of Social Development and explained aspects of his role that provides support to anyone in the streams of employment, education and training.

Mr Moore covers Christchurch west and the Selwyn District, and is based at the Ministry of Social Development branch in Hornby. There are three other advisors based at Ministry of Social Development branches in Linwood, Rangiora and Papanui.

Connected supports those looking for work, those already employed but who may be entitled to additional government subsidies etc. and employers regarding government support they may be entitled to, such as recruitment and retention of employees.

Mr Moore advised that currently, Canterbury has a low unemployment rate of 3.2% so Employment Liaison Advisors are focused on supporting employers' efforts for the recruitment and retention of employees.

Mr Moore advised that Employment Liaison Advisors work closely and in collaboration with local Councils to create and support employment initiatives.

In response to a question from a member, Mr Moore noted he would be interested in attending the monthly Hornby community workers luncheon meeting.

After questions from members, the Meeting Chairperson thanked Atama Moore for his presentation.

4.2 Traffic safety concerns - Awatea Gardens, Wigram

Sharee and Don Simms, local residents, addressed the Board regarding traffic safety concerns particularly vehicle speed in Awatea Gardens, Wigram.

Sharee and Don Simms indicated that they were speaking on behalf of a number of Awatea Gardens and Clematis Place residents. They advised they are concerned about the excessive speed of vehicles in the area which do not adhere to the 40 kilometres per hour speed limit. They noted there have been multiple near miss events and children and older residents in particular are concerned when crossing the road. There have also been incidents of pets being struck by vehicles.

Mr and Mrs Simms advised that they are seeking means to reduce speed in that area and consider installation of speed humps may be the best option. In particular there are concerns about the blind corner of Awatea Gardens and Clematis Place with residents hesitant about exiting driveways due to vehicle travelling too fast around the corner.

They requested that the Board support measures to slow traffic in Awatea Gardens, Wigram to avoid possible future injury or fatality.

In response to a question from a member they confirmed that they have previously voiced their concerns to Council traffic staff and have noted that devices for the collection of speed data have been installed.

When asked, Mr and Mrs Simms indicated that in their opinion, the reduced speed limit has not been effective in reducing the speed of traffic and they noted that following roading changes, Awatea Gardens appears to be used as a thoroughfare and has more traffic than previously.

In response to a question from a member, they advised they have contacted Police on a number of occasions but have not seen any enforcement taking place.

Mr and Mrs Simms provided a map of the area marked with the locations they suggested would be most suitable for the installation of speed humps.

In response to a question from a member regarding possible speed calming measures, they advised that they are open to other measures but consider that speed humps as indicated on the provided presentation map are likely to be most effective.

Following questions from members, the Meeting Chairperson thanked Sharee and Don Simms for their presentation.

The Board discussed the matters raised and agreed and asked to request that staff investigate them.

Part B

The Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board:

1. Requests staff advice on traffic safety in Awatea Gardens, Wigram in including traffic speed any measures that can be implemented to improve safety, including speed humps.

Attachments

A Awatea Gardens, Wigram - Presentation 

4.3 Former Sockburn Service Centre site and Sockburn Park toddler pool

Luke Chandler, local resident, addressed the Board regarding the former Sockburn Service Centre site and the Sockburn Park toddler pool.

Mr Chandler noted the removal of trees at the former Sockburn Service Centre site during late 2021 and questioned whether this was in conformity with the Council's Tree Policy.

Mr Chandler further noted removal of the toddler pool located in Sockburn Park has been planned since 2007 and he had been advised that it would be demolished by the end of 2018, however it is still onsite.

Mr Chandler suggested that the former Sockburn Service Centre site could be retained as a green space area rather being sold. He said it could form part of a green spine in Sockburn that is currently short of green space areas.

Members discussed the matters raised and agreed to seek advice on these.

The Meeting Chairperson thanked Luke Chandler for his presentation.

Part B

The Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board:

1. Requests that staff provide advice on:
 - a. The removal of the trees from the former Sockburn Service Centre site and the application of the Council's Tree Policy in particular regarding the location of any replacement trees.
 - b. A timeline for the proposed removal of the toddler pool located in Sockburn Park.
 - c. The potential for retention of the site as a green space area.

5. Deputations by Appointment Ngā Huinga Whakaritenga

Part B

There were no deputations by appointment.

6. Presentation of Petitions Ngā Pākikitanga

Part B

There was no presentation of petitions.

7. Correspondence

The Meeting Chairperson noted that the correspondence from Megan Woods, Member of Parliament, indicated support for a safety improvement plan for the Gilberthorpes, and Waterloo Roads intersection to be signalised. The letter indicated Megan Woods' interest in presenting to the Board. Staff confirmed that meeting and briefing dates had been provided to the electorate office so that a suitable date could be arranged.

The Meeting Chairperson called for a mover and seconder for the officer's recommendation. Mark Peters moved the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Gamal Fouda.

Following invitation from the Meeting Chairperson there was no debate on the item, and the motion was put to the vote and was declared carried.

Community Board Resolved HHRB/2022/00003 (Original Officer Recommendation accepted without change)

Part B

That the Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board:

1. Receives the information from Megan Woods, Member of Parliament for Wigram, in the Correspondence Report in relation to traffic safety, particularly at the Waterloo Road, Gilberthorpes Road and Parker Street intersection.

Mark Peters/Gamal Fouda

Carried

9. 55R Depot Street - Dedication of Local Purpose (Road) Reserve as Road Depot

Board Consideration

The Meeting Chairperson called for a mover and seconder. Mark Peters moved the officer's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Jimmy Chen.

Following invitation from the Meeting Chairperson there was no debate on the item, and the motion was put to the vote and was declared carried.

Community Board Decided HHRB/2022/00004 (Original Officer Recommendations accepted without change)

Part A

That the Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board recommends to Council that it:

1. Resolves to dedicate the Local Purpose (Road) Reserve described as Lot 46 DP 538147 as road pursuant to Section 111 of the Reserves Act 1977.
2. Authorises the Manager Property Consultancy to take all steps necessary to conclude the dedication of the land as road.

Mark Peters/Jimmy Chen

Carried

12. Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Discretionary Response Fund 2021/22 - Halswell Scout Group

Board Consideration

The Meeting Chairperson called for a mover and seconder. Debbie Mora moved the officer's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Andrei Moore.

Following invitation from the Meeting Chairperson there was no debate on the item, and the motion was put to the vote and was declared carried.

Community Board Resolved HHRB/2022/00005 (Original Officer Recommendation accepted without change)

Part C

That the Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board:

1. Approves a grant of \$10,000 from its 2021/22 Discretionary Response Fund to Halswell Scout Group towards the replacement of the Scout Den Roof.

Debbie Mora/Andrei Moore

Carried

8. Buchanans and Waterloo Roads - Additional Tree Removal for South Express Cycleway

Board Consideration

The Project Manager was in attendance spoke to the report and clarified that the proposal was to remove four relatively small trees on Waterloo Road that were not included in the original consultation. Staff confirmed that subsequent consultation on the removal of these trees had not attracted any submissions. In addition it is proposed to remove five trees from Buchanans Road on the recommendation of the City Arborist to allow additional space for the root structure of other remaining more mature trees, and to provide a better alignment for future replacement tree planting.

In response to a question from a member, staff advised that as per the Council's current Tree Policy, the four trees removed from Waterloo Road will be replaced with eight trees and the five trees removed from Buchanans Road will be replaced with ten trees.

In response to a further question it was advised that funding for the replacement trees would come from the Government's "Shovel Ready" Project funding

The Meeting Chairperson called for a mover and seconder. Jimmy Chen moved the officer's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Gamal Fouda.

Following invitation from the Meeting Chairperson there was no debate on the item, and the motion was put to the vote and was declared carried.

Community Board Resolved HHRB/2022/00006 (Original Officer Recommendations accepted without change)

Part C

That the Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board:

1. Approves the removal of the four trees along Waterloo Road shown in Attachment B to the officer's report on the meeting agenda.
2. Approves the removal of five trees along Buchanans Road as shown in Attachment B to the officer's report on the meeting agenda.

Jimmy Chen/Gamal Fouda

Carried

10. Richmond Avenue

Board Consideration

It was clarified by that the report follows a Board briefing held on 7 September 2021 where options for possible safety improvements on Richmond Avenue and cost estimates were discussed. The options have been further investigated and more accurate costings provided in the report.

The Board discussed the importance of the involvement of community members at every stage of the consideration of possible safety improvement measures on Richmond Avenue.

The Meeting Chairperson moved the officer's recommendation that the report be received and called for a seconder. Anne Galloway seconded the officer's recommendation.

Following invitation from the Meeting Chairperson the motion to receive the report was put to the vote and was declared carried.

Community Board Resolved HHRB/2022/00007 (Original Officer Recommendation accepted without change)

Part B

That the Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board:

1. Receives the information in the Richmond Avenue Report.

Helen Broughton/Anne Galloway

Carried

Debbie Mora requested that her vote against the resolution be recorded.

Suspension of Standing Orders

Board Consideration

The Meeting Chairperson suggested that Standing Orders 17.5 and 18.1 could be suspended to enable a freer and frank discussion of the Richmond Avenue report and moved a motion to that effect. The motion was seconded by Andrei Moore, and on being put to the vote was carried unanimously.

Community Board Resolved HHRB/2022/00008

That pursuant to Standing Order 3.5 Temporary Suspension of Standing Orders, the following Standing Orders be suspended to enable informal discussion regarding Agenda Item 10 on the agenda.

17.5 Members can only speak once.

18.1 General procedure for speaking and moving motions

Helen Broughton/Andrei Moore

Carried

Board Consideration

The Traffic Engineer and Team leader, traffic operations were in attendance and spoke to the report and answered members' questions.

The meeting was reminded that the results of traffic surveys undertaken on Richmond Avenue showed the average speeds of vehicles on most areas of the road was close to the 40 kilometre per hour limit but that there were higher speeds nearer to the exit from the motorway. Staff advised that safety risks in this area comparative to the risks in other areas and the crash history for the area did not indicate that Richmond Avenue should be treated as high priority for safety improvements.

Members were advised that it is the opinion of staff that taking into account the safety risks for this area when compared to other areas in the city, expenditure in excess of \$10,000 for the installation of safety improvements in this area would not be appropriate.

The possible options for improvements and the reasons for the preferences outlined in the report were discussed.

Staff responded to members' questions about the options outlined in the report as well as other possible measures on Richmond Avenue. It was noted that the costs shown include the costs of temporary traffic management as well as the costs of material and labour.

There was a discussion on the possibility of planting across the wide berm on Richmond Avenue to enhance a residential feel to that stretch of road for vehicles exiting the motorway. It was suggested that this have been initially proposed by Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency. Members queried whether the possibility of a contribution by Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency to the cost of safety improvements had been or could be investigated. The view was expressed that a contribution may be appropriate as the need for traffic calming measures is due to the proximity of the motorway exit.

It was noted that as it stands, funding of any improvements would come from the Minor Safety Intervention Budget that covers city wide interventions. Staff reiterated that expenditure on any treatment measures must be appropriate and that in their assessment the need for these in this area is not as great as in other areas in the city.

Members discussed the options presented and their relative merits and clarified with staff that a combination of the options could be explored.

Following the discussion of the options outlined, support was indicated for requesting that staff design safety improvements on Richmond Avenue as described in Options 1, 2 and 3 in the report, so these can be consulted on and considered by the Board. It was also suggested that Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency be invited to meet with the Board to discuss safety improvements and possible cost sharing of these on Richmond Avenue.

Debbie Mora left the meeting at 6.30pm.

Anne Galloway left the meeting at 6.57pm.

Gamal Fouda left the meeting at 7.00pm.

Resumption of Standing Orders

The Meeting Chairperson recommended that Standing Orders be resumed for the remainder of the meeting.

The Meeting Chairperson moved that Standing Orders be resumed. The motion was seconded by Mark Peters, and on being put to the vote was carried unanimously.

Community Board Resolved HHRB/2022/00009

That the Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board resolve

1. That the standing orders set aside above, be resumed.

Helen Broughton/Mark Peters

Carried

The Meeting Chairperson proposed that a motion be put requesting that staff design safety improvements on Richmond Avenue as described in Options 1, 2 and 3 in the report.

The motion was moved by Mark Peters and seconded by Andrei Moore and was carried.

Community Board Resolved HHRB/2022/00010

Part B

That the Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board requests that:

- a. Staff provide a report on the designs for safety improvements on Richmond Avenue as described in Options 1, 2 and 3 in the staff report on the agenda.
- b. Waka Kotahi (NZTA) be invited to meet with the Board to discuss safety improvements and possible cost sharing on Richmond Avenue.

Mark Peters/Andrei Moore

Carried

Catherine Chu left the meeting at 7.04pm.

Failure of Quorum

At 7.04pm the meeting lapsed for want of a quorum. Agenda Item 13 Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board Area Report – February 2022 will be dealt with at the next meeting of the Waipuna Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board on 1 March 2022.

Meeting concluded at 7.04pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 1ST DAY OF MARCH 2022.

**MIKE MORA
CHAIRPERSON**