

Waikura
Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board
MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

Date: Wednesday 15 June 2022
Time: 4.30pm
Venue: The Board Room, 180 Smith Street,
Linwood

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Talofa lava and warm pacific greetings,

My name is Milahn Taufua-Paula and I attend Bromley primary school.
I play rugby league for the local club Linwood Keas and I enjoy playing basketball, rugby and swimming in my spare time.

I am standing here today to represent all the Rangatahi and Autalavou of our Eastern community. I would like to express three important points on why we should have lights situated around the basketball courts, here at Te Pou Toetoe Linwood pool.

Number 1: The reason why there should be lights at the basketball courts is because we should keep our youth safe. It could be the simple things of having lights, so that during winter the parents can easily identify their children who are training at the league fields and need to be picked up at a pick-up area. Which could be the basketball area, as it is safe and away from the car park area.

Number 2. There will be no limit to participation or access for an active and healthy community. Having lights will give access for any age group to play basketball. Basketball is a sport that is inclusive and it can help break social isolation for youth and elders. Having restrictions to just day time means that not everyone can access the courts at their preferred times.

Number 3: It is important that we get the lights around the courts. Because, not only does it break social isolation but it is also a place of gathering for families. My extended family enjoy playing sports and sometimes it can be quite competitive. So summer nights can look even better without door lights around the basketball courts. We can stay out and fellowship together as a family and basketball will be that vessel.

These 3 points summarised are safety, participation and family. These 3 points are important to this community. We wouldn't be doing any justice to our community if we don't give them access to use the courts at any time of the day.

I hope you consider my points today in your decision making process.

My name is Milahn Taufua-Paulo, thank you for this opportunity.

Friends of Farnley Reserve

Deputation to Linwood Community Board Meeting 15 June, 2022

1. Speaking on behalf of the Friends of Farnley Reserve, upstream.
2. We urge the Community Board to adopt the Guidance Plan. Why?
 - a. It is an excellent plan with novel, useful structure that could be used in other reports
 - b. There has been significant community input; it is community initiated and there is community support for its implementation
 - c. There is joined-up thinking in evidence; but it is able to adapt to changes that will be coming
 - d. It guides and co-ordinates future development
3. We are disappointed that the Officer Recommendation is for the Guidance Plan to be presented to the CCC "for information". The Working Party asked the Community Board to seek "endorsement" by the CCC. We believe the Community Board should seek "endorsement" of the plan by the CCC.
4. We urge the Community Board to encourage the Spreydon Community Board to adopt the Guidance Plan to influence the board's future development plans.
5. We urge the Community Board to develop similar Guidance Plans for the rest of the river.
6. We thank the Community Board for initiating this exercise.

COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING LINWOOD – 15 JUNE 2022

MR CHAIR, BOARD MEMBERS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THIS

MEETING. MY NAME, TREVOR ANDREWS AND I HAVE LIVED

IN AYSLEY TERRACE FOR THE PAST 22 YEARS. MY BRIEF

PRESENTATION WILL FOCUS ON AYSLEY TERRACE.

HAVING SAID THAT I MUST APPLAUD THE ACTIONS TAKEN

THUS FAR TO EXAMINE SAFETY ISSUES, IN PARTICULAR

SPEED FOR THE WIDER OPAWA NEIGHBOURHOOD. I FULLY

SUPPORT AND ENDORSE THE SPEED LIMITS PROPOSED IN

████████████████████ LETTER OF 07 JUNE 2022.

I AM ON RECORD FOR RAISING MAJOR CONCERNS ABOUT

SAFETY, SPEED AND ISSUES SURROUNDING AYSLEY

TERRACE OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS. IN 2018 I SENT

SEVERAL OFFICIAL CONCERNS TO COUNCIL SUPPORTED BY

PHOTO'S (I BELIEVE SOME OF THE CORRESPONDENCE I

HAVE SENT HAS BEEN PASSED TO MEMBERS AT THIS

MEETING) MY CONCERN IS, ISSUES RAISED IN 2018

CAN BE REPLICATED TODAY. IN OTHER WORDS THERE

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IS STILL A LOT TO BE DONE IF SAFETY IS OUR REAL FOCUS.
I TOTALLY ENDORSE SPEED REDUCTION IS A MAJOR
STARTING POINT. BUT AYSLEY TERRACE IS THE
GATEWAY TO MANY SITUATIONS. NOT IN ANY
PARTICULAR ORDER, IT IS A GATEWAY TO HANSEN'S PARK
FOR CHILDREN AND ADULT ACTIVITIES, SCHOOLING,
AFTER SCHOOL/WEEKEND SPORT. WALKWAYS & CYCLISTS.
THERE IS ALSO AN AGE CARE FACILITY, WHEELCHAIRS AND
ELDERLY OUT ON WALKERS. THERE IS A SERIOUS NEED TO
SORT SAFE PARKING FOR VISITORS AND STAFF IN THAT
AREA. AYSLEY TERRACE IS ALSO USED AS A MAJOR
THROUGH FARE FOR NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES
FROM SUMNER, REDCLIFFS AND BRIGHTON REGIONS
TO TRAVEL TO CASHMERE REGIONS.

IN SUMMARY, MY APPEAL TO YOU AS OUR COMMUNITY
REPRESENTATIVES IS TO EXPAND YOUR SAFETY REVIEW INTO
AYSLEY TERRACE AND REVIEW PARKING AND OTHER
CONCERNS THAT HAVE BEEN HIGHLIGHTED BY RESIDENTS
FROM THE STREET OVER YEARS. I ASK YOU TO CONSIDER

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**ORGANISING A MEETING WITH YOUR REPRESENTATIVES
AND AYSLEY RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS WIDER ISSUES THAT
FORM PART OF SAFETY AND THE PRESENTATION OF THE
STREET.**

THANK YOU

TREVOR ANDREWS OAM



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Momentum PR Deputation

From David Lynch - Director Momentum Public Relations Ltd

Waikura Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board

13 June 2022

Christchurch Wastewater Plant Odour

Introduction

Thanks to the Board for the opportunity to present in this deputation to you.

Your Board (Linwood Central Heathcote Community Board) is the key Board in this discussion which is why I am taking the opportunity to talk with you and to follow up on my recent letter to Christchurch City Council Chief Executive Dawn Baxendale, which was copied to the Mayor/Councillors and all Community Board Members.

Well done on your Boards advocacy on this issue and particularly to Ward Councillor Yani Johanson and Board Chair Alexandra Davids for their work at Council level ensuring that concerns of their community were continually raised, however, not always heard.

Over the last 20 years, I have provided crisis communications to a number of clients, following their businesses being severely impacted by fire.

Two of the fires created large smoke plumes, impacting on the neighbouring residential communities of Belfast and Sydenham, as a consequence of [polystyrene foam \(EPS\)](#) being the primary fuel sources. The third fire resulted in a large block of the inner city being contaminated with [blue asbestos](#).

At the onset of each fire, our first priority was the immediate engagement with the Fire Service, Police, St John, health officials and the Christchurch City Council.

Once we had established the nature of the various hazards, we moved quickly to identify the different communities and stakeholders that needed to be engaged, and included them in our crisis communication planning.

During each of the fires, with time and resources limited, our communications were prioritised to the most impacted communities to ensure we implemented the most effective methods of engagement.

Issues Analysis - Christchurch Wastewater Plant Fire

Prima facie, it would appear that the immediate community and Christchurch residents were not properly informed and engaged in the immediate aftermath and the proceeding 7 to 8 months. This should have been a Council priority from the start.

It raises a number of serious questions, one being: Did the Christchurch City Council proactively identify high-likelihood wastewater treatment plant crisis scenarios e.g. a fire significantly compromising the plant, and develop a Crisis Management Plan for managing this?

The Council was slow to respond to the crises and this would suggest that it did not:

- have a comprehensive understanding of what the organisation was dealing with from the start;
- fully appreciate all of the high-risk hazards resulting from the fire; and
- have a planned effective Disaster Risk Reduction and Response Plan for the city's wastewater plant.

What Needs to Be Done!

Community Health Outreach Service

[Establish a Community Health Outreach](#) service to respond to, and support the health concerns and needs of those people in the immediate community that believe their health is suffering as consequence of being exposed to hydrogen sulfide.

Reports in the media have indicated that many residents are suffering from significant health effects, including headaches, burning eyes and sore throats and the smell has made it near impossible for them to live both inside and outside their homes.

The urgency to establish a Community Health Outreach service is best summed up by the following extract from the [U.S. Department of Health & Human Services: Medical Management Guidelines for Hydrogen Sulfide](#):

There is no proven antidote for hydrogen sulfide poisoning, but the effects of hydrogen sulfide can be treated and some exposed persons get well. Persons who have had serious exposures may need to be hospitalized.

Specific tests for the presence of hydrogen sulfide in blood and urine generally are not useful to the doctor. If a severe exposure has occurred, blood and urine analyses and other tests may show whether the brain, nerves, heart, or kidneys have been injured. If hydrogen sulfide was inhaled, blood tests and a chest x-ray may be necessary to determine if the lungs have been injured. Testing is not needed in every case.

While the current levels of hydrogen sulfide might be considered low and not an issue for a healthy population, they are dangerous to susceptible populations, such as those with asthma, children and our elderly.

How would the Community Health Outreach be delivered!

The Community Health Outreach is temporary service to undertake an important health intervention of reaching a population, as a matter of some priority, facing health risks associated with hydrogen sulfide.

It would be delivered through community locations i.e. schools, supermarkets/key retail, mobile vans and in some circumstances might require health officials visiting people in their homes.

Although the focus of the Community Health Outreach would be on the immediate residential communities closest to the Christchurch wastewater treatment plant, consideration would need to be given to support any person, across the city, that believe they are suffering health effects from the

Community Health Outreach Communications and Engagement

I would recommend the development of a [Community Engagement Strategy and Communications Plan](#) for disseminating public health messages, materials, and presentations to the communities most affected by the hydrogen sulfide.

In addition to traditional media channels (print, radio & TV), health information would be delivered through non-traditional media channels i.e. social media, a dedicated website, trusted community messengers and public meetings. A dedicated 0800 service could be established for those not able to access online communications.

Capturing Healthcare Information

[Data collection and analysis are key to Improving an emergency response](#)

The Community Health Outreach would be supported by community health assessments, usually taken in the form of a community-wide health survey.

A health register would be established for ensuring that once the Community Health Outreach finishes, those requiring any ongoing support have their specific circumstances recorded for accessing by their GP's and health providers.

The Community Health Response Taskforce would also address community concerns being expressed about:

- the air quality testing being currently undertaken by the Christchurch City Council. Feedback I have received suggests the there is much distrust in the Council's communications - people still feel like they're being poisoned - when they should have absolute trust in the testing regime; and

- the reliability and robustness of the type of long-term hydrogen sulphide monitoring undertaken by the Council and why it's taking so long to do this.
- I have been advised that there is still only one meter at the local school. Council staff have been taking "grab samples" since April, but according to a scientist colleague, that doesn't tell the whole story.

Paint Claims Resolution Service

I understand that the Christchurch City Council is likely to be in discussions with their insurers in respect of property owners that believe the hydrogen sulfide has adversely affected the paint on their houses.

Irrespective of this, urgent consideration should be undertaken, in consultation with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) to establish a Paint Claims Resolution Service to assist home owner that believe their exterior paint has been adversely affected by hydrogen sulfide.

This type of service could be based on the [Weathertight Homes Resolution Services Act 2006](#).

If you own a leaky home in New Zealand, you have options to resolve issues under the Weathertight Homes Resolution Services Act 2006.

If you think you have a leaky home, the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) provides options to resolve issues under the Weathertight Homes Resolution Services Act 2006. This will involve an assessment of your home, and you will need to meet the eligibility criteria under the Act to progress your claim.

If your claim is eligible, the resolution options available to you include negotiation, mediation or adjudication.

The Financial Assistance Package (FAP) scheme was another resolution option to assist eligible claimants in repairing their leaky homes. The FAP opened on 23 July 2011 and expired on 23 July 2016. New claims received after this date cannot access the scheme.

If you think your property may be eligible, complete the Declaration of Interest Form and we will contact you to discuss options for your property. Alternatively, you can contact us for more information on Weathertight Services.

The Paint Claims Resolution Service could possibly be established by way of an urgent amendment to the Weathertight Homes Resolution Services Act 2006. This would be something the Council would need to discuss with MBIE.

Recommendations

The Waikura Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board write to Christchurch City Council Chief Executive Dawn Baxendale:

1. requesting that an urgent letter is sent by the Christchurch City Council to the Hon Andrew Little - Minister of Health to request his consideration in respect of establishing a Community Health Response Taskforce to implement a Community Health Outreach service.
2. requesting that an urgent letter is sent by the Christchurch City Council to the Hon Dr Megan Wood - Minister for Building and Construction in respect of possibly establishing a Paint Claims Resolution Service.
3. requesting that the Board is provided with a **confidential written briefing** in respect to other avenues the Council might be pursuing to address those property owners seeking to recover costs from the Council for hydrogen sulfide damage to their homes.
4. requesting the Board is provided with a **confidential written briefing** in respect to **home owners possibly taking a class action against** the Council to recover costs for hydrogen sulfide damage to their homes.
5. requesting the Board is provided with copies of the **Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment** and **Disaster Risk Reduction and Response Plan** for the Christchurch Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Board write to The Mayor and all Councillor's

6. requesting that they agree to support an **Independent Review** of what led to the Christchurch Wastewater Treatment Plant fire, acknowledging that a Christchurch City Council's response is critical.

It is the responsibility of elected members, on behalf of constituents, to ensure that this review is undertaken, in order that residents won't have to suffer from a similar set of toxic events again.

The Independent Review would require the appointment of **one or two retired judges** to independently review and report on the robustness and integrity of the decision-making process in respect of Christchurch City Council response and actions to the fire both immediately and in the proceeding 7 to 8 months.

The review would also consider relevant matter prior to the fire, insofar as to whether the fire was avoidable and whether or not the Council had prepared a Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment and Disaster Risk Reduction and

Response Plan in the event of a fire at the Christchurch Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Board also writes to all Christchurch Community Boards requesting their endorsement for the independent review.

Note: if standing orders requires any of the abovementioned recommendations to be ratified by the full Council, I would respectively suggest that the Community Board requests that the mayor convene an Extraordinary Meeting.

Thank you for the opportunity of presenting this deputation.

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