

1 PRESENT

Councillor GRP Webber - Chairperson

Members

His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston; Councillors – EH Barnes, MEH Cox, LWE Hoverd, GH Jull, PL Lee, EC Newlands, GG Scaramuzza [from 10.01am], DL Sharpe, GW Simmons, BJ Taranaki, BS Thomas and Iwi Representative, G Roberts [from 12.58pm].

Public

One

Others

Chief Executive, J Inglis; Group Manager Policy & Strategy, R McNeil; Committee Secretary, S King.

2 APOLOGIES

RESOLVED

3/08/17

That the apologies from Committee Member Roberts and Councillor Scaramuzza for lateness be received.

Cr Simmons / Cr Lee

3 LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

File: 01-85-12

RESOLVED

3/08/18

That the order of the meeting be confirmed.

Cr Cox / Cr Jull

5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

File: 01-85-30

Minutes of Meetings held on 3 and 10 June 2008 were included in the agenda.

RESOLVED

3/08/19

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 and 10 June 2008, as circulated, be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Cr Taranaki / Cr Newlands

6 HEART OF TE AWAMUTU PROJECT – CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS

File: 01-23-01/01

Schedule of Submitters and Summary of Submissions and a full copy of all submissions received were provided in the Agenda.

The Committee considered the written submissions, in between hearing the verbal submissions, that were not being supported by verbal presentations to ensure that members were aware of and understood the issues raised in the submissions.

The following individuals/groups that wished to make a verbal presentation in support of their submissions were heard.

NZ Road Transport Association (Charlene Kerr)

Corboy Earthmovers Ltd (Craig Corboy)

Mayor Livingston left the meeting at 9.32am.

Te Awamutu Bulk Spreaders (Leonee Furniss & James Ford)

Leonee Furniss

Nod Chandler

Mayor Livingston rejoined the meeting at 10am. Councillor Scaramuzza joined the meeting at 10.01am.

The meeting adjourned for the morning tea break at 10.17am and recommenced at 10.35am. Councillors Newlands, Lee, Scaramuzza, Taranaki and Mayor Livingston did not join the meeting at that time.

Bill Bartie

Councillors Newlands, Scaramuzza, Taranaki and Mayor Livingston rejoined the meeting at 10.36am.

Councillor Lee rejoined the meeting at 10.37am.

Rod Bent

Murray Green

John Jones

David Strawbridge

Mr E Clarke

Bill Jenkins

Bruce MacDonald

Vreni & Jurg Russenberger

Cr Newlands left the meeting at 11.58am and rejoined at 11.59am.

The meeting adjourned for the lunch break at 12.16pm and recommenced at 12.48pm. Councillor, Lee, Mayor, Newlands, Scaramuzza did not rejoin the meeting at that time.

Weyman Ballantyne

Cr Scaramuzza rejoined the meeting at 12.54pm.

Mayor Livingston and Councillor Newlands rejoined the meeting at 12.58pm. Gaylene Roberts joined the meeting at 12.58pm. Councillor Lee rejoined the meeting at 12.59pm.

Gayle Blackwell

Annette Johnson

Sabina Owen

Councillor Cox left the meeting at 2.13pm and rejoined the meeting at 2.14pm. Councillor Barnes left the meeting at 2.21pm and rejoined the meeting at 2.23pm.

TA Chamber of Commerce

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Councillor Newlands left the meeting at 2.26pm and rejoined the meeting at 2.27pm.

G Roberts left the meeting at 2.36 and rejoined the meeting at 2.38pm.

Jenny Charman

John Mills

The meeting adjourned for the afternoon tea break at 3pm and reconvened at 3.17pm. Mayor Livingston and Councillors Lee, Newlands & Scaramuzza did not join the meeting at that time.

TA Federated Farmers / Huybrecht Poot

Te Awamutu Community Board (Dean Taylor)

Mayor Livingston and Councillor Scaramuzza rejoined the meeting at 3.35pm.

Alan Hall

Councillor Scaramuzza left the meeting at 3.53pm.

Te Awa Toi (The River of Art)

RESOLVED

3/08/20

That an extension of time be made until 5pm.

Cr Sharpe / Cr Simmons

G Roberts left the meeting at 4.22pm. Councillor Cox left the meeting at 4.23pm.

Waipa Plunket Committee

G Roberts rejoined the meeting at 4.31pm.

Mayor Livingston left the meeting at 4.38pm.

Martin Rump

Councillor Taranaki left the meeting at 4.42pm and rejoined the meeting at 4.49pm.

The meeting adjourned at 4.49pm and will reconvene on Wednesday 6 August 2008 at 9am.

WEDNESDAY 6 AUGUST 2008

1 PRESENT

Councillor GRP Webber - Chairperson

Members

His Worship the Mayor AD Livingston [from 9.45am]; Councillors – EH Barnes, MEH Cox, LWE Hoverd, GH Jull [from 9.09am], PL Lee [from 9.03am], EC Newlands, GG Scaramuzza [from 9.35am], DL Sharpe, GW Simmons, BJ Taranaki, BS Thomas.

Public

One

Others

Chief Executive, J Inglis; Deputy Chief Executive, G Dyet [from 10.47am]; Group Manager Policy & Strategy, R McNeil; Committee Secretary, S King.

2 APOLOGIES

The apologies from G Roberts for non attendance and Councillor Scaramuzza for lateness have been previously recorded.

6 HEART OF TE AWAMUTU PROJECT – CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS

File: 01-23-01/01

Group Manger Policy & Strategy continued reading the submissions from people who did not wish to be heard.

Councillor Barnes left the meeting at 9.15am and rejoined the meeting at 9.17am.

Group Manager Policy & Strategy outlined the submitters views on the project prioritisation list. Councillor Barnes noted that the petition received yesterday is not included in the list. The priority list needs to be clarified before funding and budget allocations can be considered. Beyond the current budget allocation, consideration needs to be given to the prioritised list in relation to Council's other projects and their relative priorities.

Mayor Livingston joined the meeting at 9.45am.

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The thrust of the submissions heard on 5 August 2008 outlined four main concerns:

1. that trucks should not be removed from the main street, and,
2. how to move forward on the Western Arterial, and
3. that trucks should not be taken into the residential streets, and
4. to look into the beautification of the CBD.

Councillor Newlands left the meeting at 10.04am and rejoined the meeting at 10.06am.

The Western Arterial is seen to be a key focus of the community and alternatives (to reduce cost) should be investigated. Members felt that moving heavy vehicles into residential streets is not an option, particularly with the proposed law change which would allow 50 tonne trucks on the road. On balance, and having regard to the views of submitters, it was felt that the extent of the problem of heavy vehicles in the main street was not of sufficient magnitude to warrant proceeding with the bylaw proposal.

RESOLVED

3/08/21

That having considered public submissions on this matter, Council does not make a bylaw to ban trucks from Alexandra Street, Mahoe Street, Arawata Street and Sloane Street and that the current situation that places no restriction on routes for heavy vehicles within Te Awamutu be retained at this time.

Cr Sharpe / Cr Lee

Councillor Cox recorded his vote against the motion.

The motion was carried 12:1

The meeting adjourned for the morning tea break at 10.19am and recommenced at 10.42am. Mayor Livingston did not rejoin the meeting at that time.

Group Manager Policy & Strategy explained the process of reprioritising the project list and confirming the scope of each project. Councillor Scaramuzza commented on the submission by the Chamber of Commerce and requested that the suggestion be included.

Councillor Newlands left the meeting at 11.04am.

RESOLVED

3/08/22

That the Committee hear from Gray Matter on the relative merits of the one-way street suggestion from the Chamber of Commerce and the matter be discussed.

Cr Scaramuzza / Cr Lee

Councillor Newlands rejoined the meeting at 11.11am.

The benefits of Alexandra and Mahoe Streets being one-way would include reducing the heavy traffic flows by up to 50% and could help encourage retail development towards Mahoe Street. Angle parking would be possible on both sides and would increase the overall parking availability.

The disadvantages of the concept include the fact that reducing traffic in Alexandra Street will not significantly enhance the ambience of the main street because congestion is currently not a major issue. The upgrade of Mahoe Street and the intersections would be an additional major cost.

Gray Matter provided an analysis of topics on the existing situation compared to a one-way system which included convenience, strategic impact, efficiency, main road traffic volumes, speeds, noise, vibration, parking, amenity and costs.

Members felt that the concept of one-way streets in Te Awamutu should not be investigated further as part of the overall long term vision for the town.

Mayor Livingston rejoined the meeting at 11.48 am.

Councillors Cox & Lee left the meeting at 11.52am. Councillors Cox & Lee rejoined the meeting at 11.53am.

The Mutu Street pavement upgrade was based on the bylaw proposal, so subject to the funding of overdue maintenance work, the project will taken out of the priority list. The upgrading of the street furniture, landscaping and lighting are minor projects, however the issue of completing the paving of Alexandra Street is important in that it will finish the theme of the street. This work is acknowledged as being significantly less than the scope of the upgrade as signalled in the proposals.

Item 9 was taken at 12.00pm.

Item 6 was resumed after Item 9.

RESOLVED

3/08/23

That the Committee confirm support of upgrade of Alexandra Street CBD, including the footpath paving of Churchill, Market, Mahoe and central Arawata Street areas.

Cr Newlands / Cr Barnes

The meeting adjourned for the lunch break at 12.22pm and recommenced at 12.43pm. Councillors Cox, Newlands & Scaramuzza.

Councillors Newlands & Scaramuzza rejoined the meeting at 12.44pm.

Councillor Cox rejoined the meeting at 12.46pm.

The following items on the project list were changed:

- Town Centre Gateways (reduced scope to signage only),
- Wellness Centre (reduced scope to Plunket only),
- Town Centre CCTV (higher priority).

The Chief Executive advised that the Police will monitor the CCTV if Council install the monitors. The technology allows for remote viewing of the cameras and a police officer in their car could monitor these.

Councillor Lee left the meeting at 1.06pm.

- Churchill Carpark Layout and Connection (low priority)

Mayor Livingston commented that it was a low priority to purchase a commercial property to widen the pedestrian linkage from Alexandra Street to the car park.

- Pioneer Walk (increased scope to include ring walk),
- Event Centre Expansion (seating requirements discussed),
- Outdoor Pool and other Facilities (removed).

Councillor Lee rejoined the meeting at 1.23pm.

- Albert Park car parking and camper van facility (camper van facility removed)
- External Gateways (reduced scope to signage),
- Sloane St to The Warehouse Pedestrian link (alternatives to be investigated)

Councillor Lee left the meeting at 1.26 and rejoined the meeting at 1.28pm.

Mayor Livingston & Councillor Simmons left the meeting at 1.35pm.

Councillor Simmons rejoined the meeting at 1.37pm.

Councillor Newlands commented on the high number of submissions relating to the Western Arterial and would like to see this reflected in the resolution. Mayor Livingston commented that the Cultural Centre is the heart of Te Awamutu and leaving in the second grouping sends a clear signal to groups to enable them to seek funding. Councillor Jull noted that the Museum Trust Board are waiting confirmation that there is a place to move to and then they can commence fundraising.

RESOLVED

3/08/24

That

- a) The information be received; and,*
- b) The Strategic Planning and Development Committee recommend to Council the confirmation of the draft Design Concept as publicly notified, subject to:*
 - *the removal of projects numbered 3 and 15;*
 - *amendments to the scope of projects numbered 13, 14, 16 and 25, and;*
 - *confirming projects numbered 11 and 16 as being highest priority, with projects 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 17 and 18 being medium priority and all other projects, not previously signalled by resolution for removal, be low priority.*

Cr Cox / Cr Jull

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- c) *The Strategic Planning and Development Committee, having had regard to the submissions received, recommend to Council those projects that should be advanced in 2008/09, subject to available funding, and that any other projects, with their relative priority identified, be considered for inclusion in the draft 2009 10-year Plan.*

Cr Cox / Cr Barnes

RESOLVED

3/08/25

That the Western Arterial be removed from the project list and be an associated project.

Cr Sharpe / Cr Scaramuzza

Items 7 & 8 were taken at this time.

Item 6 recommenced at the conclusion of Items 7 & 8.

Mayor Livingston rejoined the meeting at 1.53pm.

7 DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW PROJECT

File: 65-06-36

Group Manager Policy & Strategy outlined the information provided in the agenda.

RESOLVED

3/08/26

That the information be received.

Cr Barnes / Cr Taranaki

8 FUTURE PROOF (SUB-REGIONAL GROWTH STRATEGY)

File: 01-69-23

Group Manager Policy & Strategy outlined the information provided in the agenda.

RESOLVED

3/08/27

That the information be received.

Cr Newlands / Cr Scaramuzza

9 PROPOSED MAUNGATAUTARI PLAN CHANGE

File: 65-07-56

The Proposed Plan Change 56 was included in the agenda.

Project Manger Heritage Development and Reserves Planning outlined the consultation process and the issues identified prior to the consultation. He noted that there were no new issues and that there is no need to make changes to the draft Plan before public consultation commences.

The criteria for the allocation of the entitlements was challenged by two landowners as a perceived loss of personal rights by allowing a third party to access their land. They would like to see access to the fence taken out of any covenant arrangement and addressed separately. The majority of landowners that have the fence on their property are in support of the proposed Plan change.

Council recently heard a deputation regarding the Treaty of Waitangi claim to the Maunga. Legal opinion is that the claim will progress and should not interfere with the Plan Change proposal as the goals of the Trust and the goals of the claim seem to be consistent.

Councillor Newlands left the meeting at 12.09pm and rejoined the meeting at 12.10pm.

RESOLVED

3/08/28

That

- a) *the information be received; and,*
- b) *the Strategic Panning and Development Committee approve the draft Plan Change 56 for public notification in accordance with the requirements of the RMA 1991.*

Cr Barnes / Cr Taranaki

10 CENTRAL CAMBRIDGE CHARACTER AREA (CCCA) - UPDATE

File: 65-06-36

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This item was not discussed due to time constraints and will be included in the next agenda.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.07pm.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD

CHAIRPERSON _____

DATE: _____