

MINUTES ORAL SUBMISSIONS KĀPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL CONTROL OF ALCOHOL IN PUBLIC PLACES DRAFT BYLAW 2013	MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 23 MAY 2013	TIME 10.00AM
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MINUTES of a Hearing of Oral Submissions to the Kāpiti Coast District Council Control of Alcohol in Public Places Draft Bylaw 2013, held in the Council Chambers, 175 Rimu Road, Paraparaumu, on Thursday 22 May 2013 commencing at 10:00am.

PRESENT:

Cr	D	Ammundsen	(Chair)
Mayor	J	Rowan	
Cr	P	Ellis	
Cr	T	Lester	
Cr	R	Church	
Cr	K	Gurunathan	
Cr	H	Wooding	
Cr	P	Gaylor	
Cr	R	Booth	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs	L	Jensen	(Chair, Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board)
Ms	J	Holborrow	(Paekākāriki Community Board)
Ms	S	Foss	(Acting Group Manager, Community Services)
Ms	J	Lloyd	(Senior Environmental Health and Licensing Officer)
Ms	S	Hutcheson	(Senior Social Wellbeing Advisor)
Ms	H	Dorne	(Executive Secretary)
Ms	D	Geerling	(Democratic Services Team)

The Chair welcomed the Elected Members, Members of the Public and Council Officers to the Hearing of Oral Submissions for the Kāpiti Coast District Council Control of Alcohol in Public Places Draft Bylaw 2013.

APOLOGIES

MOVED (Church/Gurunathan)

That apologies from Councillor Lloyd, Councillor Cardiff, James Cootes be received.

CARRIED

HEARING OF SUBMITTERS TO THE KĀPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL CONTROL OF ALCOHOL IN PUBLIC PLACES DRAFT BYLAW 2013

1. Berkley Elphee, spoke to the meeting and made a number of points, including:
 - Mr Elphee has been a member of the Kāpiti Community Patrol voluntary group for nine years. Since the temporary liquor ban was introduced the group has witnessed a reduction in bad behaviour and people drinking alcohol on the streets.
 - The liquor ban gives police power to control behaviour which lead to violence, property damage and road accidents.
 - Wilful damage and vandalism has reduced considerably in Guildford Drive since the closure of the Retro Bar. There has also been a reduction in people spilling onto streets after parties.
 - Vandalism and broken glass left on the beach and by the skate park has been a problem previously.

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- Mr Elphee congratulated the Council and councillors for having the fortitude to instigate the temporary liquor ban.
2. Shona Jaunas, spoke to the meeting and made a number of points, including:
- Ms Jaunas originally presented the case for this law to help control a specific problem of teenage parties getting out of hand and to allow police the power to confiscate alcohol and disperse people.
 - Ms Jaunas has a problem with the extension of the ban to skate parks and adjacent reserves and noted when making a submission it hasn't been made clear that skate parks include adjacent reserves. Creating a 24 hour seven day a week alcohol free ban takes away civil liberties.
 - In summer, fishermen and picnickers should be able to consume alcohol until dark or 10pm without it being illegal.
 - The ban has been successful and should be extended to more of the community, but the Council needs to be careful in areas of recreational spaces that the community uses.
3. Dr Stephen Palmer spoke to the meeting and made a number of points, including:
- Dr Palmer is the Medical Officer of Health at Regional Public Health (RPH) and looks after the liquor licensing area. Dr Palmer noted with the new legislation his role will treble in size and will extend to all licenses.
 - The law requires Dr Palmer to provide Councils with health information for their Local Alcohol Policies (LAP's).
 - RPH supports alcohol bylaw, but wishes to reiterate that alcohol bylaws are only one tool to reduce alcohol related harm and work best in conjunction with a wider alcohol harm reduction measures including a local LAP.
 - RPH strongly recommend Kāpiti Coast District Council develop a LAP in consultation with the community of Kāpiti.
 - Dr Palmer handed around health related statistics which are a work in progress and pertinent to the bylaw. Dr Palmer is very keen to get these out into the public arena.
4. Janet Holborrow spoke to the meeting and made a number of points, including:
- Ms Holborrow and the Paekākāriki Community Board (PCB) are concerned the ban will not only affect the skate park in Campbell Park, but potentially the whole park. The sports fields are quite separate and it was suggested at the PCB meeting the ban should apply to a smaller area surrounding the skate park.
 - The ban to the whole park may be to the detriment of weekend picnickers and local users of the park who do not cause trouble.
 - There is a fine line between discretion and discrimination and Ms Holborrow wonders how discretion will be used from one group to another.
 - A sensible suggestion may be to have different cut off times during the summer and winter.

The Chair invited the Councillors to comment (if they wished) about the issues raised in the submissions.

Cr Ammundsen thanked everyone for attending and told the meeting that all views and written submissions will be considered at a meeting of Regulatory Management Committee on 13 June 2013 before a final decision on the Kāpiti Coast District Council Control of Alcohol in Public Places Draft Bylaw 2013 is recommended to Council.

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The meeting closed at 11.44 am


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Rep. Chairperson

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