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ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2014	1.00PM

MINUTES of an additional meeting of the **Environment and Community Development Committee** held in the Council Chambers, Ground Floor, 175 Rimu Road, Paraparaumu on **Thursday 11 September 2014** commencing at 1.00pm.

PRESENT

Cr	P	Gaylor	(Chair)
Mayor	R	Church	
Cr	M	Cardiff	
Cr	J	Elliott	
Cr	J	Holborow	
Cr	T	Lloyd	
Cr	D	Scott	
Cr	G	Welsh	
Ms	R	Solomon	(Maori Representative)

ATTENDING

Ms	F	Vining	(Chair, Paraparaumu-Raumati Community Board)
Mr	P	Dougherty	(Chief Executive)
Mr	S	McArthur	(Group Manager, Strategy and Partnerships)
Ms	T	Evans	(Group Manager, Community Services)
Mr	W	Maxwell	(Group Manager, Corporate Services)
Mr	S	Mallon	(Group Manager, Infrastructure Services)
Mrs	S	Shaw	(Executive Secretary)

APOLOGIES

Cr	G	Gurunathan	
Cr	J	Elliott	(from 3pm)
Ms	R	Solomon	(from 3pm)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr	D	Ammundsen	
Cr	M	Bell	

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APOLOGIES

MOVED (Church/Lloyd)

That an apology be received from Cr Gurunathan and apologies from Cr Elliott and Reina Solomon for early departures.

CARRIED

It was noted that Cr Ammundsen and Cr Bell were on leave of absence.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Elliott declared an interest as she had put a submission in (submission number 220) and would therefore refrain from asking questions to do with her submission.

Cr Welsh declared an interest in submission number 46 from the Kapiti Fly Fishing Club and would therefore refrain from asking questions.

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MEMBERS' BUSINESS

- (a) Leave of Absence – none was requested
- (b) Matters of an Urgent Nature – there were none

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HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS FOR THE DRAFT RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE OTAIHANGA EAST RIVERSIDE RESERVE AREA AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE NAME FOR THE RESERVE

Submitter 3 – Ian Timperley from the Capital BloKart Club spoke to their submission. They would like Council to consider an area in the reserve for blokarts. The area they need would require a hard surface with no wind breaks. They showed the Committee a PowerPoint presentation on Blokarting.

Summary of Discussion Points Raised by Elected Members:

Cr Elliott indicated she would like to ask a question. The Chair discussed this request with the Chief Executive and allowed the questions.

- Have you been up and looked at the area and assessed what direction the wind comes from?
- How many members are in the Club?

The Submitter commented as follows:

- They have been up to the site and yes the winds would work with Blokarting.
- They have 10 local members and 35 members in the Wellington area;

Submitter 37 – Barbara Henley spoke to her submission. She has suggested that the park be called Sherwood Park. This name blends appropriately with the surrounding street names such as King Arthur Drive and Merlin Court.

Submitter 240/241 – Dr Robin & Mrs Ferial Falconer spoke to their submission. They welcome the general vision of the document. They would like to see the park

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named Waimahoe. They would like clarification around the opening hours for the park and also would like to see some consideration around a cycleway to the park and the option of a second entrance.

Submitter 213 – Jan Nisbet spoke to the submission. She would like to see it named Waimahoe. The area that is now called Waikanae Downs used to be called Waimahoe Downs and the area where the present park is situated used to be called Waimahoe Flats. She would also like the Management Plan, to be disability friendly and that there is easy access for all users.

Submitter 253/260 – June Rowland spoke to her submission. She has been involved with an environmental group on the Kapiti Coast and has also assisted with, issues around open spaces and reserves. She would like to see the park named Waimahoe.

Submitter 211 – Cherie Seamark from Te Āti Awa ki Whakarongatai Charitable Trust to their submission. The Trust had been previously approached to consider a name for this area and the recommendation was Otaraua Reserve. They were not advised that there would be public consultation around the naming of the reserve.

They believe that the Iwi partnership has been compromised and undermined their mana by not being clear around this process. There has been great support from the community on naming the park Otaraua. They would like to know what the process is for going forward and what Māori representation there would be when it comes to voting.

Summary of Discussion Points Raised by Elected Members:

- What is the history around the name Otaraua?
- The speaker was asked how would you feel about it being called Kapiti Otaraua?

The Submitter commented as follows:

- The area has been known as Maungakotukutuku but cannot be named this as this name is already in use and would cause confusion with the other area. Otaraua is the history, it is the name of a hāpu who resided in this area and still owns land nearby and this is why it has been put forward, there have been hours of consultation to get to this stage.
- Iwi could be comfortable for other names to be used for playing fields.

The Chair responded on the process from here. The Management Plan will go to a full Council meeting but a date hasn't been confirmed for this and Rupene Waaka is the representative that attends these meetings, but he does not have voting rights.

Submitter 211 – Kristie Parata from Te Āti Awa ki Whakarongatai Charitable Trust spoke on behalf of Hemi Sundgren in regards to their submission. She spoke about the Iwi values that are relevant to the future planning of this park. The draft

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Management Plan indicates there are no waahi tapu sites, but a part of the park was used as a prime growing site and does fall within the waahi tapu site criteria.

This land is significant to the area of Waikanae, the name Otaraua is a positive expression of the history and future of this area. Members of the iwi have expressed an interest in some uses for this area including enviroschools, a performance stage, a gathering place for special event and a Māori rongoa garden.

Summary of Discussion Points Raised by Elected Members:

- Apologies for the dissatisfaction around the process of what has happened. Have other aspects the iwi has raised around the draft management plan been incorporated?

The Submitter commented as follows:

- There is further work to be done but they appreciate the time Council staff have put into this process.

Submitter 236– Mrs Liz Mellish from Palmerston North Māori Reserve spoke to their submission. They are also making this submission on behalf of Wellington Tenth Trust with apologies from Morrie Love who is unable to attend.

They support any development that reflects the relationship between Te Āti Awa ki Whakarongotai and the Council. They support park development processes that include Iwi mana whenua in meaningful decision making.

They have worked with other councils that actively work with Iwi to provide names for open spaces. The history of Te Āti Awa and their hapu Otaraua is well known by Iwi but not well known by citizens of Kapiti.

Submitter 233 – Mr Mark Te One from Wellington Tenth Trust spoke about their submission. They support the concept and the recognition of mana whenua within local government. It's a learning process with many positive points. If everyone is prepared to listen to each other then there is positive movement. In relation to a name, you need to be clear about the process.

Summary of Discussion Points Raised by Elected Members:

- With the process around the naming, can the name be put forward through the public submission process and still have mana.

The Submitter commented as follows:

- Iwi don't want to participate in a lottery; in other Councils there is a policy that if there is an open space, they have the first right to bestow the name.

Submitter 46 – Hugh Driver from Kapiti Fly Fishing Club spoke about their submission. They are seeking Council support for the inclusion of a Kids Fish Out Pond in the reserve. They believe running fish out days on the Kapiti Coast gives the opportunity for children to be introduced to Trout fishing, the nearest facility to Kapiti

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is Wellington or Palmerston North, but these facilities are not in natural settings with a river nearby.

They are not seeking financial support just Council endorsement.

Summary of Discussion Points Raised by Elected Members:

- Have you had any ecological consultants?

The Submitter commented as follows:

- Phil Teal from Fish & Game can speak to this later.

Submitter 187 – Heather McKenzie spoke to her submission. She would like to see the park have some areas developed for informal children's play as well as organized sport. She would also like to see a wilderness yard developed where children can be creative and can experiment on creative equipment.

Submitter 235 – Anna Carter from Greater Wellington Regional Council spoke to their submission. She extended her thanks for the invitation to the focus group for the development of the plan; it was a great opportunity to have input to the conversation.

It will important to be sure what Greater Wellington Regional Council is doing is consistent with what's happening at the Reserve. For example, the Waikanae River Management Strategy has been developed and the work with the floodplain management will involve making sure trucks can still access the river.

Another issue is access around the Reserve to be looked at and making sure this is put in the plan. GWRC is also keen to look improve access from the SH1 bridge. Greater Wellington Regional Council has some land and they are open to talking about developing that land and using it for vehicle access.

The Management Plan says the Stopbank, is managed by Greater Wellington Regional Council, although they are not actively managing it and haven't done upgrades.

In regards to the Vaulting Club, GWRC are looking at purchasing property to put in a Stopbank which will meant the Vaulting Club will have to move. GWRC can explore options and have discussions around this.

Summary of Discussion Points Raised by Elected Members:

- Why isn't GWRC maintaining the stopbank?

The Submitter commented as follows:

- They do mow the grass on the stopbank but there is no other maintenance happening;
- Keep the discussions happening around the Stopbank upgrade.

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Submitter 47– Phil Teal from Fish & Game NZ spoke about their submission. Fish & Game is a statutory body to maintain the freshwater sports fish, game birds and their habitats. They are supporting the concept proposed by the Kapiti Fly Fishing Club of establishing an opportunity for children and novice anglers to undertake trout fishing at Otaihanga East Riverside Reserve area.

Fish and Game would support the local club with logistical planning, sourcing funding opportunities and administrative requirements to ensure the successful running of these events. This also includes health and safety obligations. They are looking at getting additional ecological work done.

Summary of Discussion Points Raised by Elected Members:

- Are the ponds good for fish to live in?
- With all the children lining up with their fishing rods, how do you stop the fishing lines getting entwined?

The Submitter commented as follows:

- At the current site the water quality is good.
- People line up over a 30m width; they have helpers to assist and everything is up to the OSH standards. So far 440 kids have had this experience.

Submitter 258 – John Topliff spoke to his submission. He supports the name Waimahoe for the stream but also would like to suggest that the name Rowan Fields for the playing fields. This is to acknowledge all the work that Jenny Rowan has done for the Kapiti community.

The meeting adjourned at 2.45pm.

It was noted that Cr Elliott and Reina Solomon left the meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 3.01pm

Submitter 8 - Mr Brian Hogg from Kapiti Dog Training Club Inc spoke about their desire to work with Council on the use of the land. They currently lease a section which is coded as a dog exercise area.

The club trains puppies and dogs and are keen to move their operations to the new park, in-line with the draft plan which states there should be both dog friendly and non-dog friendly areas.

It seems practical for the Club to do activities in a securely fenced area which ideally would be floodlit, like the area they currently use. It would also be available as an off the leash area. The objective is to provide an exercise and training area for dogs and they are aware of and onboard with the Council's Dog Policy.

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They have some concerns around parking, as they can have upwards of 30 cars. They would like the opportunity to do Dog Events (i.e agility) and would like the ability to use a flat area in future.

Summary of Discussion Points Raised by Elected Members:

- Is the Club actively looking for other options for relocation?
- Is this the best place?
- The Club is currently tucked away - this would be good for Public visibility.
- The Club currently has buildings – would you need buildings?

The Submitter commented as follows:

- The Club is not actively looking for other options for relocation, they saw this as an opportunity to work together.
- If there is an adequately fenced area there will be no risk
- The Club currently has buildings for storage and meetings, they would need something similar and also lighting for night training. Although they have their own mobile lights.

Submitter 192 – Mr David Bruce from Waikanae Association Football Club spoke about the Waikanae club being part of the community since 1979 and referred to the information in his submission. Mr Bruce wanted to share the Club’s view on the best place for their club.

They currently share the facilities with the Bowling Club on Te Moana Road. Their home ground is Jim Cooke Park which will be affected by the Stopbank work in 2016.

They would prefer games to take place for all levels in Waikanae given they are a Waikanae club. They had concerns about moving from Jim Cooke Park as their Club Rooms and facilities are there. Howarth Block is a 1.5km trip, which raises accessibility issues, particularly when transporting equipment. Playing at Howarth Block will also have an impact on hosting senior games and on holding social events.

The heart of the club is in Waikanae and they would like to remain there.

Summary of Discussion Points Raised by Elected Members:

- Will people continue to walk around or would they drive?

The Submitter commented as follows:

- People would drive, but there is not enough parking.

Submitter 44 – John McLachlan from Forest & Bird would like to congratulate Council on the land and the opportunities it brings.

Mr McLachlan wanted to share some thoughts on potential uses for the land. He would prefer to see native endemic plants not exotics.

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Mr McLachlan believes there should be a screen planting along the Eastern boundary to cushion noise from the railway and highway.

The site is framed by surrounding hills which will bring birds into the site. The lower level could be further developed for sporting activities and the higher level site could be developed more for recreational opportunities e.g picnics

The southern portion is wet and suitable for something similar to what it is at the moment, with a wetlands forest with walkways like Ngamanu Reserve.

From time to time the group has witnessed unfortunate interactions between pedestrians, cyclists and horses. Mr McLachlan believes the development of the site should be used as an opportunity to keep pedestrians separate from cyclists and horses.

Forest and Bird support the name of "Otaraua" as the name for the reserve.

Submitter 226 – Mrs Adrienne Burleigh from Keep Paraparaumu Beautiful would like to congratulate the Council on having the land and going out for public consultation. The Committee has had a look at the site and it provides a lot of opportunities for sports. The enhancement of the existing plantings would make an outstanding feature for the area. Some suggestions were made for the types of planting that could feature native and exotics, flowers, foliage, colour, scent.

The area should provide other opportunities for other recreational activities. Walking tracks should be wide enough for walkers and cyclists and lead to planted areas for viewing and educational purposes.

Summary of Discussion Points Raised by Elected Members:

- In Pollard Park in Marlborough they have a scented garden, is this an option?

The Submitter commented as follows:

- Yes, this would be another lovely thing to do.

Submitter 9 or 28 – Lynn Sleath from Kapiti Cycling Inc spoke on his personal submission and one from Kāpiti Cycling Inc. Mr Sleath wanted the support from the club noted. The Club is interested in facilities for cycle training, a circuit provides a lot more opportunities for them.

On a personal level – Mr Sleath wanted to comment on the name of the park. Mr Sleath noted that the name "Peter Ellis Park" has been suggested. He knows Peter Ellis well and given the time Mr Ellis has spent involved in sports and that he is notable in Council having served a number of trienniums, Mr Sleath would like to put Mr Ellis' name forward.

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- What sort of surface for training circuit? Does the proposed surface suit their purpose.

The Submitter commented as follows:

- Mr Sleath understands the surface of the track will be paved and will be multifunctional.

Submitter 29 – Mr Gary Gibson from the New Zealand Schools Cycling Association.

New Zealand Schools Cycling Association is an organization that encourages cycling in schools, which is no different to other sport in schools (ie. Rugby, Netball).

Wellington has one of the lowest participant levels due to the perceived danger and insufficient roads for kids to ride on.

A circuit around the park would be ideal for kids in school teams looking at competing – the park would be a good interim step before having to ride on the road and deal with traffic.

Mr Gibson would also like to see Wellington schools have rotating competitions on the track. There are a lot of complications to hold an event on the road, the track would take away a lot of those complications.

Summary of Discussion Points Raised by Elected Members:

- Have you made contact with staff about requirements you are looking for in track?

The Submitter commented as follows:

- No this is being left to Kāpiti Cycling Club as they have a better idea of the requirements.

Submitter 267 – Adrian McKenzie from The Kāpiti Sports Circuit Group gave a presentation on a proposed multipurpose circuit.

Mr McKenzie feels that the circuit would deliver to Kāpiti, Tourism, a safe place to train and grow the sport of cycling, a healthier community and a place for the development and growth of youth.

A number of design concepts were presented.

Summary of Discussion Points Raised by Elected Members:

- What is the size of the In-Line Skating club?
- Have you sought any updated costings on a 3km track?
- What funding is available?
- International events being held at the reserve would mean a lot of people would be involved – have you looked at car parking do you think it's adequate?

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The Submitter commented as follows:

- Josh Whyte and Peter Michael who are competing at an international level and other groups of school children who struggle to find somewhere to train. An 8m wide track could bring an international event.
- The group has tried to keep costs down. Estimates have come in between \$1.4 and \$1.8m.
- Lottery grants and Community Grants are available
- No as it was not part of the brief – the group has just focused on the track.

Submitter 6 and 33 – Barry Thompson from NZ Motor Camp Association spoke about asking the Council to put aside space for freedom camping at Otaihangā East and allowing campers to stay for three nights.

Kāpiti will be by-passed by traffic on the expressway, so the Council should take the initiative to make Kāpiti a place to visit.

Some of the current sites don't accommodate the size of many motorhomes.

NZ Motor Camp Association has 27,000 members and a lot of associated revenue that could be beneficial to Kāpiti.

The meeting adjourned at 3.28pm due to a fire alarm and reconvened at 3.32pm

Summary of Discussion Points Raised by Elected Members:

- How many should we cater for if we do and what other facilities would they need?
- Freedom Camping in the context of self-contained units – what is the view on assisting enforcement for people who park and don't have facilities.

The Submitter commented as follows:

- 20 vans, can park on grass. Water and waste is not a problem, all self-contained vans have water and waste storage for 3 days. There are dumping stations nearby so there is no need for extra facilities.
- Council has an issue to be resolved – they cannot issue a notice as there is currently no bylaw related to freedom camping. If a bylaw is put in place you can give a fine.

The meeting concluded at 4.16pm.

Signed / / 2014

Cr Penny Gaylor, Chair