
ORDINARY MEETING

OF

REGULATORY PROCESSES COMMITTEE

MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

Time: 9:30am
Date: Wednesday, 12 September 2018
Venue: Committee Room 1
Ground Floor, Council Offices
101 Wakefield Street
Wellington

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12 September 2018

TO: Regulatory Processes Committee

FROM: Bev Abbott for Otari-Wilton's Bush Trust

IMPROVING THE PROCESSING OF FUTURE LEASE APPLICATIONS

In 2028, the Wilton Bowling Club may apply for a new ground lease. The value of the first paper¹ can be improved by:

- Involving Otari managers in its preparation – they manage adjacent Council land, and associated facilities and services
- Including text from relevant sections of management plans to inform the applicant, councillors and the public about the commitments made and future directions anticipated by previous Councils
- Summarising key trend information about the Club's performance from Council's files (e.g. membership, extent of use of Council land, on-going viability)
- Informing Otari-Wilton's Bush Trust and other interested organisations of the date and time of the meeting of the Regulatory Processes Committee
- Improving public notification processes. The Reserves Act 1977 only requires limited advertising in newspapers. (There may not be any newspapers in 10 year's time). Potential submitters need better access to information about the application and its likely effects.

Three more general concession policy tasks

- Discuss (in committee) your degree of satisfaction with the information provided by officers about the assessment of leases against the seven criteria in the Leases Policy.
- Regularly update the discussion from the Suburban Reserves Management Plan 2015 (section 2.2.9) about the challenges faced by clubs in providing recreation facilities
- Compare your policies and processes with those of the Department of Conservation under the Conservation Act.

¹ The paper which invites the committee to approve the lease subject to public consultation



7 September 2018

Cr Sparrow
Chair
Regulatory Processes Committee

Re: Agenda item 2.1 – 12 September 2018 meeting

Proposed names for roads in Crofton Downs

The Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents Association (NCDRA) are addressing issues relating to Agenda Item 2.1 (Approval of a Names for New Roads and Right-of-Ways in Crofton Downs) at the meeting of the Regulatory Processes Committee on 12 September 2018. This relates to a new subdivision in Crofton Downs at the end of Silverstream Road.

We are writing in support of the proposal outlined in the report from WCC officers, namely that the following names be adopted for the remaining road and rights of way in the Silverstream Rd subdivision:

- Kareao Way;
- Rirorio Close;
- Porokaiwhiri Street; and
- Ramarama Lane.

If adopted these names will complement your previous decision to name Pihipihi Way which is already busy with new residences taking shape.

More importantly, these proposed names reflect the significance that native flora and fauna have for Crofton Downs residents. We are proud of our predator free initiative which has seen kaka breeding successfully for the past 3 seasons and of our valuable remnant forest in Huntleigh Park. These street names will help make new residents aware of what makes Crofton Downs special. That ensures one of the

Silverstream NCDRA written submission on Sept18 Street names (2).docx

primary requirements of the WCC Road Naming Policy is met - that the names have “significant local content or meaning”.

We wish to thank the Land, Customer & Property Information team for consulting with us further and taking into account our submissions on the last proposal considered by the Committee in June.

We have a few additional observations to make on the officers’ report.

Para 12 – As discussed in our previous submission it is important to note that Crofton Downs is not a suburb that has a predominant naming theme. It is our view that in absence of that a naming theme is only relevant if it can also be shown that the primary criteria of “significant local content or meaning” is also met. The alternative naming proposals previously proposed did not meet this criteria.

Para 15 – the Land, Customer & Property Information team patiently worked with us to refine the final list of names proposed. Many of our favoured names were ruled out because they were used elsewhere and excluded in accordance with the WCC Road Naming Policy. However a number of names not used elsewhere were ruled out purely because they had macrons. Again this was consistent with the WCC Policy, but the NCDRA submits that your policy should be reviewed in this regard.

Apparently the reason for macronised Te Reo Māori names being unable to be used is merely because of the WCC Core Property System (CPS) inability to cope with macrons. Frankly that is not a good enough reason to exclude the use of otherwise appropriate names from one of our official languages.

By comparison, a simple internet search shows that a healthy number of local authorities naming policies encourage or permit the use of macronised Te Reo Māori names. These include Gore District Council, Auckland Council, Western Bay of Plenty DC, Masterton DC, New Plymouth DC and Whangarei DC. This is by no means a comprehensive sample but does suggest it would be timely to review your CPS and your Road Naming Policy.

After all, we don’t want to be left behind by Gore DC.

Para 18 – Kākā would have been a preferred name to Kea had Kākā not already been used elsewhere, particularly given the booming Kākā nursery we now have in our backyards.

Para 19 – Kareao is supplejack. It is timely to be using Ramarama given the threat myrtle rust poses to this and related species. Let’s hope the street name is not a memorial to the species.

Conclusion

We support the proposal for four new street and rights of way names as set out in Agenda Item 2.1 (Approval of a Names for New Roads and Right-of-Ways in Crofton Downs).

We recommend the Committee consider implementing a review of the WCC Road Naming Policy to enable the use of macrons for Te Reo Māori road names. This will give fuller voice to Te Taihū.

Unfortunately we are unable to attend your meeting in person to speak to this submission. We would however, ask that this letter is considered as part of the Committee's deliberations.

Yours sincerely

Andrew McLellan and John White
Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents Association