
MINUTES

THURSDAY 20 MAY 2010

9.17AM – 9.31AM
9.40AM – 10.35AM
10.45AM – 10.59AM
11.00AM – 12.55PM
1.04PM – 1.23PM
1.28PM – 2.57PM
3.11PM – 4.10PM

**Committee Room 1,
Ground Floor, Council Offices,
101 Wakefield Street
Wellington**

PRESENT:

Mayor Prendergast	(2.06pm – 2.57pm, 3.11pm – 4.10pm)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer	(9.18am – 9.31am, 9.40am – 10.35am, 10.47am – 10.59am, 11.00am – 12.55pm, 1.04pm – 1.23pm, 1.25pm – 2.57pm, 3.11pm – 4.10pm)
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Councillor Morrison	(9.17am – 9.31am, 9.40am – 10.35am, 10.45am – 10.59am, 11.00am – 12.14pm, 3.11pm – 4.10pm)

Councillor Pannett	(9.17am – 9.31am, 9.40am – 10.35am, 10.45am – 10.59am, 11.00am – 12.55pm, 1.04pm – 1.23pm, 1.25pm – 1.39pm, 1.41pm - 2.57pm, 3.11pm – 4.10pm)
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Councillor Ritchie	(9.17am – 9.31am, 9.42am – 10.35am, 10.45am – 10.55am, 11.00am – 11.23am, 11.37am – 12.55pm, 1.04pm – 1.23pm, 1.25pm – 2.27pm, 2.35pm – 2.57pm, 3.11pm – 4.10pm)
Councillor Wade-Brown	(9.17am – 9.31am, 9.40am – 10.35am, 10.45am – 10.59am, 11.00am – 12.55pm, 1.04pm – 1.23pm, 1.45pm – 2.57pm, 3.11pm – 4.05pm)
Councillor Wain	(1.04pm – 1.23pm, 1.25pm – 2.57pm, 3.11pm – 4.10pm)

APOLOGIES:

Mayor Prendergast (for lateness)
 Councillor Ahipene-Mercer (lateness)
 Councillor Gill (for Friday)
 Councillor Goulden (for Friday)
 Councillor McKinnon (early departure)
 Councillor Wain (for lateness)

ABSENT:

Councillor Coughlan

DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Svea Cunliffe-Steel – City Secretary
 Fiona Dunlop – Committee Adviser

112/10P **APOLOGIES**
 (1215/52/IM)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Best the motion that the Committee receive apologies for lateness from Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer and Wain, apologies for absence be received from Councillor Gill and Councillor Goulden for Friday and apologies for an early departure be received from Councillor McKinnon.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive apologies for lateness from Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer and Wain, apologies for absence be received from Councillor Gill and Councillor Goulden for Friday and apologies for an early departure be received from Councillor McKinnon.*

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer joined the meeting at 9.18am.)

113/10P **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

114/10P **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

There was no public participation.

115/10P **PETITION**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Councillor Pannett presented an ePetition on behalf of John D. Smith who has petitioned requesting that Council “Don’t have a city-wide public liquor ban”.

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Pannett the motion that Council receive the petition and refer it to officers to inform their current work on a city wide liquor ban.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT Council:

1. *Receive the petition and refer it to officers to inform their current work on a city wide liquor ban.*

116/10P **ORAL HEARINGS – LIQUOR CONTROL BYLAW AMENDMENT**
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

NOTED:

1. Trevor Morley (submission number 29) was unable to attend the oral hearings.
2. Maree Libeau (submission number 117) addressed the meeting in support of her submission. Ms Le Beau supports the proposed amendment to the Liquor Control Bylaw. She advised the Committee that she is annoyed by the broken bottles and vomit on the footpaths in Wellington.

(Councillor Cook joined the meeting at 9.20am.)

Ms Libeau advised the Committee that she is disgusted at the state of the toilets in Courtenay Place when she has had to use them.

(The meeting adjourned at 9.31am and reconvened at 9.40am.)

(Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Foster, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon, Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell and Wade-Brown were present when the meeting reconvened.)

3. Mike McKee (submission number 301) addressed the meeting in support of his submission. Mr McKee does not support the proposal to amend the Liquor Control Bylaw. He feels that it is “lazy thinking and poor law” and that existing legislation should be enforced to see that drunk offenders are dealt with. Mr McKee believes this amendment is going to take away the opportunity to have a quiet drink with your picnic and at the beach or park.

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 9.42am.)

Mr McKee stated that Wellington City Council has not shown that it is illegal or anti-social to have a drink in an open space. He feels that there should be change to the law nationally rather than focussing on Wellington City’s bylaw.

4. Jocelyn O’Kane representing WELCOSS (submission number 563) addressed the Committee in support of the WELCOSS submission. WELCOSS has member organisations which support the proposed bylaw amendment and members who do not support the amendment. WELCOSS is aware that the Liquor Ban allows the Police to respond but see it as a response to a problem created by a small group of problem drinkers.

Ms O’Kane advised that many of the problem drinkers in Newtown are arrested and they sober up in the Police cells and then appear in Court. They are fined and then on the street again and as a result incur more debt.

Ms O’Kane was concerned that if a liquor ban is imposed in Newtown only then the problem will move to surrounding suburbs.

5. Stephen Judd (submission number 253) addressed the meeting in support of his submission. Mr Judd does not support the proposal to extend the liquor ban. He feels that the extension will make a lot of extra work for the Police while penalising the majority of responsible drinkers and relies on Police discretion.

Mr Judd stated that the current ban is not working efficiently and this can be seen by walking down Courtenay place late on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Mr Judd feels that the proposal is a quick and symbolic gesture which is likely to be ineffective as Police chase the hardcore drinkers about the City. Mr Judd suggested that the Council create a bold policy requiring small tweaks to existing regulations.

Mr Judd feels that impossible license practices are adding to the problem and suggests that these should be dealt with accordingly. He supports the Council keeping this issue high on the agenda, but the proposal to change the bylaw is not the right solution and will have bad side effects for the rest of Wellington.

6. Graeme Sawyer representing Johnsonville Progressive Association (submission number 484) addressed the Committee in support of the Associations submission. The Association does not support the proposal to extend the Liquor Control Bylaw.

Mr Sawyer commented that any causes of rubbish in the Memorial Park in Johnsonville are caused by youth and their bottles of energy drinks.

The Association is supportive of a ban in Newtown but not across the city. Mr Sawyer feels that it would be a bad law if universally applied where there is not a problem.

7. David Bimler (submission number 593) addressed the meeting in support of his submission. He is not in support of the proposed amendment. He advised that the central city economy survives on the sale of alcohol. The proposal is essentially a proposal to strengthen the bars monopoly to alcohol consumption in the City.

Mr Bimler feels that an amended Bylaw would fail to stop problems in Courtenay Place and will make no difference for the rest of the city.

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.35am and reconvened at 10.45am.)

(Councillors Best, Cook, Foster, Goulden, McKinnon, Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, Ritchie and Wade-Brown were present when the meeting reconvened.)

8. Christine Jones (submission number 481) addressed the meeting in support of her submission. She is in support of the proposed amendment.

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer returned to the meeting at 10.47am.)

Mrs Jones advised that where she lives is on the fringe of the current liquor ban. She suffers from disturbed sleep because of the high pedestrian traffic three to four nights a week. Mrs Jones hopes that an extension to the bylaw will reduce the amount of noise and litter which accumulates in the street.

(Councillor McKinnon left the meeting at 10.54am.)

9. Susan Gordon representing Easy Access Housing (submission number 450) addressed the meeting in support of their submission. She advised that a 24/7 liquor ban is a good idea but does not provide a practical solution for problem drinking in the City. Easy Access Housing would rather see Council operate and encourage wet houses to be established in Wellington.

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 10.55am.)

Easy Access Housing would like Council to provide safe designated drinking areas within and throughout the city which can be monitored and where outreach services and points of contact for other services can also be available.

(Councillor McKinnon returned to the meeting at 10.58am.)

Easy Access Housing are concerned that should Council approve the proposed liquor ban, the Police and Court resources will be stretched further.

TABLED INFORMATION: Speaking notes reference 116/10P(A)

(The meeting adjourned at 10.59am and reconvened at 11.00am.)

(Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Foster, McKinnon, Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, Ritchie and Wain were present when the meeting reconvened.)

10. Amadee Rose (submission number 503) addressed the meeting in support of her submission. She advised that she is in support of the

proposal to extend the Liquor Control Bylaw.

(Councillor Goulden returned to the meeting at 11.03am.)

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 11.03am.)

Ms Rose advised that she lives on the fringe of the current liquor ban and describes the disturbances in her neighbourhood on Friday and Saturday nights because of the “roaring drunk men and screaming drunk women” who wander past her house. She notes that drunken people fight, vomit and throw rubbish onto her property.

(Councillor Gill left the meeting at 11.06am.)

Ms Rose advised the meeting that she discovered that a man had been breaking into her car and sleeping in it. This was discovered after he had vomited and left his EFTPOS card behind. She feels that the problem in her street is not understood and would like to see the liquor ban extended to the areas proposed and especially in Mount Victoria.

(Councillor McKinnon left the meeting at 11.19am.)

11. Mladen Ivancic (submission number 539) addressed the meeting in support of his submission. He is not in support of the proposal to amend the Liquor Control Bylaw.

Mr Ivancic believes that the proposal is an over reaction to localised problems and feels that the Police already have the power to deal with drunken behaviour.

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 11.23am.)

Mr Ivancic stated that the Police are not using the current rules effectively and believes that the Police will not sensibly be able to enforce this proposed bylaw. He also shared with the Committee his son’s breach of the current Bylaw and the treatment by the Police as a consequence.

Mr Ivancic feels that the proposal does not have support in the city.

12. Hayden Eccles (submission number 604) did not appear before the meeting for his oral submission.
13. Jan Robert (submission number 134) addressed the meeting in support of her submission. She advised that she is in support of the proposal to extend the Liquor Control Bylaw.

Mrs Roberts advised that she lives and works in Newtown and sees the problems caused by the drinking of liquor in public places. She advised that the drinkers are often thrown out of the bars in Newtown and then continue to drink in the car park area of her work premises.

Mrs Roberts notes that they are often leave their empty bottles behind.

Mrs Roberts believes that a liquor ban in Newtown would provide the Police with the tools to stop drunken and anti-social behaviour.

14. Robert Davies representing the Wilton Residents Association (submission number 463) addressed the meeting in support of his submission. Mr Davies advised that the Residents Association is not in support of the proposed amendment.

He stated that the any extension should be limited to the problem areas.

(Councillor Ritchie returned to the meeting at 11.37am.)

Mr Davies advised that most of the problems occur during the night so suggests imposing the liquor the liquor ban during the affected times.
TABLED INFORMATION: PowerPoint reference 116/10P(B)

15. Bernie Harris (submission number 506) representing the Vogelmorn Kingston Residents Association spoke in support of their submission. He advised that the Association is in support of the proposed amendment.

Mr Harris advised that the main issue is irresponsible behaviour associated with drinking in public which is causing the concern of members of the public. Mr Harris would prefer to see Parliament providing a national law focussed on preserving the freedom of responsible citizens and penalising irresponsible individuals only.

16. Bernard O'Shaughnessy (submission number 102) addressed the meeting in support of his submission. He advised that he does not support the proposal to extend the Liquor Control Bylaw.

Mr O'Shaughnessy suggests that Council warrant Parking Wardens to issue infringement notices to drunks and that this would reduce the pressure on Police resources.

TABLED INFORMATION: Picture and words reference 116/10P(C).

17. Dr Ruth Richards representing Wellington Regional Public Health (submission number 570) addressed the meeting in support their submission. She advised that the Regional Public Health are in support of the proposal to extend the Liquor Control Bylaw.

Regional Public Health offers their support to Council in developing and implementing the comprehensive Alcohol Management Plan.

(Councillor Morrison left the meeting at 12.14pm.)

Dr Richards stated that Regional Public Health believed that any strategy surrounding alcohol harm reduction targets the wider impact of alcohol use and misuse in the community and issues that lead to misuse, in addition to targeting problematic public drinking.

18. Jean Dougall (submission number 360) addressed the meeting in support of her submission. Miss Dougall advised that she reluctantly supports the proposed amendment.

She stated that binge drinking has got out of hand and that education is going to be required to stop the culture which is occurring. Miss Dougall does not feel safe enough to walk around the streets. She suggested that the proposed extension be trialled for 12 months and then the results evaluated and a decision for a permanent ban be made after that.

(The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.55pm and reconvened at 1.04pm.)

(Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Foster, Gill, Goulden, Pannett, Ritchie, Wade-Brown and Wain were present when the meeting reconvened.)

19. Valarie Morse (submission number 20) addressed the meeting in support of her submission. She advised that she is not in support of the proposal to extend the Bylaw. She is concerned that there are implications to people's rights.

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 1.06pm.)

Ms Morse endorses Wellington City Council's Safe City programme and would be happy to have the Wet Hostel in Island Bay and sees the imposition of a liquor ban as no way to solve a problem.

20. Manu Ward (submission number 331) addressed the meeting in support of his submission. He is supportive of the proposed amendment to the Liquor Control Bylaw.

He feels that Council needs to put urgent attention into setting up wet houses for alcoholics. This would be parts of the proposed holistic approach to alcohol management.

Mr Ward feels that middle class New Zealand should put their perceived right to drink alcohol in public to one side and for the rights of children in poor families where alcohol has a destructive influence.

21. Vanisa Dhiru and delegation addressed the meeting on behalf of the YWCA of Wellington and the Hutt Valley (submission number 488). Ms Dhiru was in support of the proposal to amend the Bylaw.

Ms Dhuru and her YWCA supporters gave an insight into the high risk situations that young women are finding themselves in because of alcohol. They feel that restricting the consumption of alcohol in public places will contribute to a reduction in alcohol initiated violence and increase the safety of young people in Wellington. The YWCA argues that a reduction in the accessibility to alcohol will contribute to the solutions to alcohol abuse in the community and lead to reduction in alcohol abuse for young women.

(The meeting adjourned at 1.23pm and reconvened at 1.25pm.)

(Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Foster, Goulden, Pannett, Pepperell, Ritchie and Wain were present when the meeting reconvened.)

22. Steve Dunn representing the Newtown Residents Association (submission number 500) addressed the meeting in support of the Associations submission. He advised that the Association supports the proposal to extend the Liquor Control Bylaw.

Mr Dunn advised that the Association believes that the amendment to the Liquor Control Bylaw will assist the Police to manage the behaviour and moderate anti-social acts by people under the influence of alcohol. He noted the Association supports the Council and other support agencies to provide social assistance but understands that funding for these services is being cut.

The Association asks that in addition to extending the liquor ban the Council continues to provide assistance and support groups who work to improve the Newtown environment.

(Councillor Gill returned to the meeting at 1.28pm.)

23. Peter Frater (submission number 120) addressed the meeting in support of his submission. He advised that he is unsure about the proposal to have a 24/7 Citywide Liquor Control Bylaw. He feels that while it is a good idea it could overshadow finding a resolution to the problem of drunken behaviour in Newtown.

Mr Frater is supportive of extending the ban in Newtown, Mt Cook and Berhampore. He believes that there is a need for a Wet Hostel catering for older men with alcohol problems and that the Police need the tools to deal with the young people who are frequently impaired by alcohol.

(Councillor Pannett left the meeting at 1.39pm.)

24. Tom Law (submission number 505) addressed the meeting in support of his submission. He advised that he is in support of the proposal to amend the Liquor Control Bylaw.

Mr Law outlined that vandalism is one of the many side effects of the drunkenness in Newtown.

(Councillor Pannett returned to the meeting at 1.41pm.)

(Councillor Wade-Brown returned to the meeting at 1.45pm.)

Mr Law does not see the ban as a cure for all the problems experienced in the Newtown, Mt Cook and Berhampore areas and feels that a ban in the Newtown, Mt Cook and Berhampore areas will be a tool along with other initiatives to address the problems experienced in the area south of the current liquor ban area.

25. David Wilcock submitting as an individual and representing the Newtown Business Owners (submission number 352) addressed the meeting in support of his submission. He advised that he is in support of the proposal to amend the Liquor Control Bylaw.

Mr Wilcock advised that he has to clean the front of his shop on a daily basis because of the detritus left behind by the drinkers.

Mr Wilcock would like to see a liquor ban put in place to address the anti-social behaviour caused by alcohol consumption in Newtown's public spaces.

He stated that this wife will not and walk home by herself and his children will not walk past New World because of the behaviour of a few people in the area.

TABLED INFORMATION: Speaking notes reference 116/10P(D)

26. GG Heitmann (submission number 548) addressed the meeting in support of her submission. She advised that she is not in support of the proposal to extend the Liquor Control Bylaw.

(Mayor Prendergast joined the meeting at 2.06pm.)

Ms Heitmann feels that an amendment to ban the consumption of liquor in public places is too much of an over reaction to the problem of anti-social behaviour from drunkenness by some members of the community. She is concerned that people who want to go to the beach or the park and have a wine or beer with their fish and chips will end up doing this at home rather than enjoying the fresh air.

Ms Heitmann believes that the problems the Council is trying to eliminate by this proposal are already illegal and instead she suggests that increased enforcement is required.

27. Kevin McCormack and Batch Hales representing the NZ Council for Civil Liberties (submission number 585) addressed the meeting in support of their submission. The Council for Civil Liberties are not in support of the proposal to amend the Liquor Control Bylaw and believe that any extension should be done only where there is justifiable evidence that a problem exists.

The Council for Civil Liberties consider that clarity needs to be

provided where there are potentially unlawful situations for example when there is unopened liquor in a container or vehicle Mr McCormack and Mr Hales asked for further information on the manner in which Police are to exercise their power under Section 170 of the Local Government Act 2002 and discretion and type of behaviour on which the Police will focus.

28. Victor Davie (submission number 494) addressed the meeting in support of his submission. He advised that he is in support of the proposal to amend the Liquor Control Bylaw.

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 2.27pm.)

Mr Davie believes that the Council should provide additional signage in the Oriental Bay area advising of the liquor ban as it is unfair that visitors to the area are unaware that they are in a liquor ban area.

Mr Davie suggests introducing areas which are in the liquor ban areas but where additional discretion could be allowed such as beaches, the Botanic Gardens and parks. Mr Davie feels this would enable people to enjoy a drink but to be mindful that excessive consumption or poor behaviour will make them liable to being in breach of the Bylaw.

29. Jim Candiliotis representing the Newlands Papanangi Progressive Association (submission number 598) addressed the meeting in support of his submission. He advised that the Association is not in support of the proposal to amend the Liquor Control Bylaw.

Mr Candiliotis advised that there is not a problem with liquor in Johnsonville and Newlands. The Association believes that it is “plain stupid” to create a bylaw that will be used in a discretionary manner for no other reason than to give the Police another tool.

The Association believes that that Police should use the mechanisms they already have to control the problems caused by alcohol.

(Councillor Ritchie joined the meeting at 2.35pm.)

30. Patricia Norton (submission number 510) addressed the meeting in support of her submission. She advised that she is not in support of the proposal to amend the Liquor Control Bylaw.

Ms Norton believes that the imposition of a liquor ban will not stop the consumption of alcohol in the manner that it is being consumed. She feels that the introduction of a Bylaw giving the Police the discretion whether to enforce it or not is would avoid bring the law, the lawmakers and Police into contempt.

(Councillor Gill left the meeting at 2.41pm.)

Ms Norton feels that the proposed Bylaw will not address the problem of people who get drunk on private premises and in bars or clubs and then move into a public place and the problem of homelessness. Ms Norton is of the view that the Police already have the powers to deal with people being drunk in a public place so why give them another tool.

31. Michael Taylor (submission number 594) addressed the meeting in support of his submission. He advised that he is not in support of the proposal to amend the Liquor Control Bylaw.

Mr Taylor believes that the provisions of the Summary Offences Act 1981 and Crimes Act 1961 could be used more to deal with the actual proposal and that the proposed Bylaw is not the best way to address the problem. It may seem to be an easy way to reduce the problem but at the same time comes at the expense of restricting, or criminalising, otherwise innocent people.

(The meeting adjourned for afternoon tea and 2.57pm and reconvened at 3.11pm.)

(Mayor Prendergast, Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Foster, Gill, Goulden, Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, Ritchie, Wade-Brown and Wain were present when the meeting reconvened.)

32. Ben Nolan (submission number 295) did not appear before the Committee for his oral hearing.
33. Mark Tipene (submission number 446) addressed the meeting in support of his submission. He advised that he is in support of the proposal to amend the Liquor Control Bylaw.

Mr Tipene expressed his concern that he has noticed people walking about the city with glasses in their hands from the bars that they have been drinking in. He stated that he sees this behaviour on a nightly basis in his capacity as a taxi driver.

(Councillor Best returned to the meeting at 3.16pm.)

Mr Tipene believes that parents need to be more responsible in monitoring their children are at night-time and feels that this would contribute to a reduction to the problem at hand.

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 3.19pm.)

34. Cathy Bruce and Helen Fielding representing the Alcohol Advisory Council of New Zealand (submission number 448) addressed the meeting in support of their submission. They advised that the Alcohol Advisory Council is in support of the proposal to amend the Liquor Control Bylaw.

The Alcohol Advisory Council encourages the Wellington City Council to consider including a specific intervention plan for vulnerable people as part of the wider strategy to control public drinking. Ms Bruce and Ms Fielding advised that this would include an evaluation as part of the planning to measure outcomes.

The Alcohol Advisory Council noted that Wellington City Council is involved in a number of approaches to reduce alcohol related harm and it recognises the large amount of work which has been undertaken to inform the development of Wellington Alcohol Management Plan and look forward to the completion of it.

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 3.28pm.)

35. John Hoggard (submission number 583) addressed the meeting in support of his submission. He advised that he is not in support of the proposal to amend the Liquor Control Bylaw and supports the Bylaw as it is now.

Mr Hoggard stated that a liquor ban extension is an unreasonable and unjustified response to the problem it is trying to fix. He advised that as a resident of Newtown with a young family he uses Carrara Park and he feels that there are current laws in place to control the anti-social behaviour but only if the Police enforce them.

Mr Hoggard believes that the bylaw penalises the majority of responsible residents to target a small minority.

36. James Butchers representing the Wellington City Youth Council (submission number 560) addressed the meeting in support of his submission. He advised that the Youth Council is not in support of the proposal to amend the Liquor Control Bylaw but suggests that there be a compromise of a liquor ban from 7.00pm to 7.00am. They believe that this would help relieving the public concerns about day-time drinking.

Mr Butchers advised that there is a concern with youth that the Police apply their discretion unfairly in a way that affects the youth of Wellington. Mr Butchers believes that it is likely that a Police Officer will take a harder line with two youths drinking in public than two older people. He feels that this would be despite the fact that they are all likely to be acting responsibly.

37. Stephanie McIntyre representing the Downtown Community Ministry (submission number 511) addressed the meeting in support of his submission. She advised that the Downtown Community Ministry is not in support of the proposal to amend the Liquor Control Bylaw.

Ms McIntyre advised that the current Liquor Control Bylaw has

increased the level of anti-social behaviour at the organisation's office in Lukes Lane and at the Night Shelter. She believes that the need for a wet house has not changed and there is a need to find a way to get the project moving again. Ms McIntyre feels that the wet house would be an effective solution to the problem of people who have an issue with alcohol.

(Councillor Gill left the meeting 4.02pm.)

The Downtown Community Ministry encourages Wellington City Council to continue with the status quo liquor control until the Alcohol Management Plan is finalised.

(Councillor Wade-Brown left the meeting at 4.05pm.)

Ms McIntyre believes that waiting until the Alcohol Management Plan is finalised will avoid a knee jerk action to a relatively small hot spot where alcohol is causing a problem.

38. Nicola Gaston (submission number 385) did not appear before the Committee for her oral submission.

The meeting adjourned at 4.10pm on Thursday 20 May 2010.

The meeting reconvened at 9.19am on Friday 21 May 2010.

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Councillor Wain	(11.21am – 11.37am, 11.38am – 12.19pm)

APOLOGIES:

Mayor Prendergast (early departure)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer (early departure)
Councillor Gill
Councillor Goulden
Councillor Wain (for lateness)

ABSENT:

Councillor Coughlan

DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Fiona Dunlop – Committee Adviser

117/10P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Best the motion that the Committee receive apologies for lateness from Councillor Wain and apologies for an early departure be received from Councillor Ahipene-Mercer.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Receive apologies for lateness from Councillor Wain and apologies for an early departure be received from Councillor Ahipene-Mercer.*

118/10P **ORAL HEARINGS – GOLDEN MILE**
(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 2)

NOTED:

1. Pam Crisp representing the staff at Conservation House (submission number 7) addressed the meeting in support of the submission from employees of the Department of Conservation based at Conservation House in Manners Street.

The Department employees strongly object to the part of the proposed resolutions which would allow cars to enter Manners Street from the Willis/Boulcott Streets intersection. They however support the proposed resolution which would prevent cars from entering Manners Street from Victoria Street.

The DOC workers would like to see Manners Street restricted to buses, pedestrians and cyclists as they feel that bus traffic will be

impeded by the introducing cars which in turn will reduce the benefits of the proposed changes. Cars at the present time can not access Manners Street from Willis Street and there is nothing in the street for them to do so.

(Mayor Prendergast left the meeting at 9.30am.)

2. Mike Mellor (submission number 5) addressed the meeting in support of his submission. Mr Mellor is in support of the proposed traffic resolutions. However Mr Mellor feels that if general traffic is allowed to traverse along Manners Street from Willis Street to Victoria Street, it probably will cause significant congestion for buses in the morning peak in both directions.

Mr Mellor suggests that Manners Street between Willis and Victoria Streets be buses only in both directions at all times and that the number of parking spaces be limited to the current number and that the number of loading zones be increased to a number which eliminates the perceived need to park on the footpath. Mr Mellor suggested that Dixon Street be closed at its intersection with Cuba Mall so it becomes a two-way no-exit street either side of this intersection and remove the loading zone with the addition of one on Dixon Street at its closest point to Arty Bees. A further suggested was to review the layout of the bus stops in Manners Street in light of the recommendations made in the central area bus operation.

3. Bernard O'Shaughnessy (submission number 4) did not appear before the Committee for his oral submission.

119/10P **ORAL HEARINGS – LIQUOR CONTROL BYLAW AMENDMENT**
(CONTINUED)
 (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

NOTED:

1. Diana Ranger (submission number 389) addressed the Committee in support of her submission. Ms Ranger advised that she is not in support of the proposed amendment to the Liquor Control Bylaw. Ms Ranger disagrees with an extended liquor ban and feels that she should be able to consume alcohol at her own discretion.

Ms Ranger believes that the “boozing louts” should be restricted by a liquor ban and that they should have time Mount Crawford Prison. She advised that she intends to take up her concerns over liquor control with the Police and Central Government.

NOTED:

1. Kent Duston (submission number 3) addressed the meeting in support of his submission. He is of the view that the pedestrian impacts are not clearly thought out and has concerns about safety issues. As a result of the changes there will be a decreased pedestrian amenity in the area and create a more dangerous environment.

Mr Duston believes that there is already an over supply of on-street parking in Wellington and there is no need to increase the number of parks in the manner proposed by Council.

He also believes that the Cuba/Wakefield Street intersection should be revised and include pavers between the Town Hall and Michael Fowler Centre and these be at constant level. This would delineate the entrance to lower Cuba Street and increase the visual linkage between the Michael Fowler Centre and Cuba Precinct.

Mr Duston is of the view that Dixon Street should be closed at Cuba Street to make a two-way, no-exit road at both ends.

(Councillor Ahipene-Mercer left the meeting at 10.14am.)

2. Jamie Linton (submission number 2) addressed the meeting in support of his submission. Mr Linton is a bus driver with Go Wellington and is concerned at how the proposals will affect traffic flow. He believes that the bus trips will be slower with delays and hold ups and as a result passengers will be more stressed and that there will be increase in petrol and diesel consumption.

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 10.29am.)

TABLED INFORMATION: Notes from Mr Linton reference 119/10P(A)

(The meeting adjourned at 10.32am and reconvened at 10.35am.)

(Councillors Best, Cook, Foster, McKinnon, Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, Ritchie and Wade-Brown were present when the meeting reconvened.)

3. Ellen Blake representing Living Streets Wellington (submission number 1) addressed the meeting in support of their submission. She advised that Living Streets are supportive of the proposed traffic resolutions.

Ms Blake stated that the intention of the changes was not to create “better overall movement to traffic through there are and provide approximately 40 additional carparks” as suggested but it is to instead improve the poor public transport services through the centre of town. Living Streets believe that there are some significant changes to the traffic resolutions before public transport goals are achieved.

Living Streets ask that the opportunity be taken to fix many of the poorly designed dropped kerbs and bus stop access points for wheelchair users.

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.46am and reconvened at 11.03am.)

(Councillors Best, Cook, Foster, McKinnon, Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, Ritchie and Wade-Brown were present when the meeting reconvened.)

4. Michael Taylor (submission number 8) addressed the meeting in support of his submission. Mr Taylor accepts that a decision has been made to revoke the pedestrian status of Manners Mall. His submission concentrates on ways to improve the good of public transport provided by the revocation of and to avoid, remedy and mitigate the adverse impact of changes.

(Councillor McKinnon left the meeting at 11.06am.)

Mr Taylor is concerned that the proposal will “provide approximately 40 additional carparks” and believes that there should be more encouragement to use public transport.

(Councillor McKinnon returned to the meeting at 11.09am.)

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 11.11am.)

Mr Taylor provided the Committee with a number of suggested improvements to the streets mentioned in the proposed resolutions.

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 11.12am.)

5. Benjamin Easton (submission number 27) addressed the meeting in support of his submission. Mr Easton advised the meeting that he did not support the proposed traffic resolutions.

(Councillor Wain joined the meeting at 11.21am.)

Mr Easton’s main focus to his objection is to the provision of loading zones. He advised that he had conducted a survey and the results gathered indicate that the proposed loading zones will not suit the servicing requirements for vehicles in the area. The survey also indicated that retailers in Manners Mall believe that their business will be negatively affected by the planned changes and that they do not

want it dug up at all. This is even if the work was to be undertaken after the Rugby World Cup in 2011.

Mr Easton believes that Manners Mall is not wide enough for buses to pass each other safely and was concerned that they will encroach into pedestrian area.

TABLED INFORMATION: Notes from Mr Linton reference 119/10P(B)

6. Pippa Burch representing Arty Bee's (submission number 6) addressed the meeting in support of her submission. She advised that she has prepared submissions at every opportunity but still has major concerns over the changes proposed to Manners Mall.

Ms Burch advises that as the decision has been made to proceed she is focused on what can be done to mitigate the potential negative effects on her business.

The major concerns are vehicle access for staff, customers and charities who are dropping off or picking up large quantities of books, the location of a large bus stop and the disruption to the business and others during the construction phase.

(Councillor Cook left the meeting at 11.34am.)

Ms Burch advised that she had been assured that the propose loading zone in Manners Street East will be available for five minute parking for anybody and not restricted to goods service vehicles only. She would prefer a three space loading zone which is available for all vehicles.

She is requesting that the proposed bus stop outside the shop is separated from the shop frontage to leave the footpath free for pedestrians and shop window browsers.

Ms Burch also asked that the bus stop begin at the east of her shop so there is a lesser chance of idling buses pumping diesel fumes directly into the shop.

(The meeting adjourned at 11.37am and reconvened at 11.38am.)

(Councillors Best, Foster, McKinnon, Morrison, Pannett, Ritchie, Wade-Brown and Wain were present when the meeting reconvened.)

NOTED:

1. Sam Vilain (submission number 40) addressed the meeting in support of his submission. He advised that he is not in support of the proposal to amend the Liquor Control Bylaw.

(Councillor Pepperell returned to the meeting at 11.39am.)

Mr Vilain believes that if licensed premises adhered to the guidelines relating to intoxicated people there would be a reduction in the anti-social behaviour that occurs.

(Councillor Cook returned to the meeting at 11.41am.)

Mr Vilain feels that the proposed bylaw is similar to the days of prohibition and all that is need to fix the problem is to concentrate enforcement on the anti-social behaviour.

2. Heather Bevan (submission number 325) addressed the meeting in support of her submission. Mrs Bevan is in support of the proposal to amend the Liquor Control Bylaw.

She advised the meeting that her granddaughter has been harassed by one of the Newtown drunks and has seen the anti-social behaviour in the streets.

Mrs Bevan feels that it is not a good look for her neighbourhood with the drunks on the street.

3. Malcolm Stayner (submission number 250) addressed the Committee in support of his submission. Mr Stayner advised that he is not in support of the proposal to amend the liquor bylaw.

Mr Stayner believes that having a glass of wine or been at the beach or park is okay and that the extended Bylaw will make criminals of anyone who wants to do so. He stated that prohibition was done away with 100 years ago and that the excessive consumption of alcohol is the problem. Mr Stayner believes that citywide ban is an over reaction.

The meeting concluded at 12.19pm on Friday 21 May 2010.

Confirmed: _____

Chair

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