
MINUTES

THURSDAY 2 DECEMBER 2010

**9.15AM – 10.21AM
10.42AM – 1.01PM**

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

PRESENT:

Mayor Wade-Brown	(9.15am – 10.00am, 10.42am – 1.01pm)
Councillor Ahipene-Mercer	(9.15am – 10.21am, 11.22am – 1.01pm)
Councillor Best	(9.15am – 10.21am, 11.22am – 1.01pm)
Councillor Cook	(9.20am – 10.21am, 10.42am – 1.01pm)
Councillor Coughlan	(9.15am – 10.21am, 10.42am – 1.01pm)
Councillor Eagle	(9.15am – 10.21am, 10.45am – 11.28am, 11.37am – 1.01pm)
Councillor Foster	(9.15am – 10.21am, 10.42am – 1.01pm)
Councillor Gill	(9.15am – 10.21am, 10.45am – 1.01pm)
Councillor Lester	(9.15am – 10.21am, 10.42am – 1.01pm)
Councillor Marsh	(9.15am – 10.21am, 10.42am – 1.01pm)
Councillor Morrison	(12.16pm – 1.01pm)
Councillor Pannett	(9.19am – 10.21am, 10.42am – 1.01pm)
Councillor Pepperell	(9.19am – 10.21am, 10.42am – 11.37am, 11.41am – 12.00pm, 12.08pm – 12.38pm, 12.39pm – 1.01pm)
Councillor Ritchie	(9.15am – 10.21am, 11.22am – 11.39am, 11.43am - 1.01pm)

APOLOGIES:

Councillor McKinnon
Councillor Morrison (lateness)

DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Svea Cunliffe-Steel – City Secretary
Maleik Edwards – Committee Adviser

265/10P **APOLOGIES**
(1215/52/IM)

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Marsh, the motion that apologies for absence from Councillor McKinnon and lateness from Councillor Morrison be accepted.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Accept apologies for absence from Councillor McKinnon and apologies for lateness from Councillor Morrison.*

266/10P **DEPUTATIONS**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Tom Law and Bernie Harris representing the Federation of Wellington Progressive and Residents' Associations addressed the Committee and discussed the relationship between the new Council, the Federation and the wider community. Mr Law and Mr Harris urged the new Council to be inclusive of public comment and participation and encouraged community consultation on the options for Council to fund Weathertightness expenditure. Mr Law also discussed the use of public excluded reports and discussed the Federation's concern that decisions made in public excluded would impact upon ratepayers.

(Councillor Pepperell joined the meeting at 9.19am.)

(Councillor Pannett joined the meeting at 9.19am.)

(Councillor Cook joined the meeting at 9.20am.)

267/10P **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

NOTED:

(1215/52/IM)

1. The Chair advised that the agenda would be considered as follows:

Petition of Wellington Residents Coalition – Say 'no' to Water Meters

Report 1 – Proposed Speed Limit Reductions, Kelburn and Brooklyn Shopping Areas

Report 2 – Environmental Reference Group Update (Presentation)

Report 1 – Proposed Speed Limit Reductions, Kelburn and Brooklyn Shopping Areas

Report 2 – Environmental Reference Group Update

268/10P **PETITION OF WELLINGTON RESIDENTS COALITION – SAY
‘NO’ TO WATER METERS (9.31AM – 9.36AM)**
(1215/52/IM)

NOTED:

1. Ron Oliver and Alison Robbins from the Wellington Residents’ Coalition presented a petition on behalf of 17,988 signatories that requested that water metering be rejected as a means of water management and that alternative conservation options be promoted for the collection and use of rainwater and greywater.

Moved Councillor Foster, seconded Councillor Best, the substantive motion, as amended:

2. Agree that the Council again reconfirm that it wants to avoid the need for either compulsory residential water metering or major storage dams, and to this end is considering a range of means to promote water conservation and efficiency.
3. Agree that the Council again reconfirm that it wants water services to remain publicly owned and managed on a not for profit basis.

The substantive motion, as amended, was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Agree that the Council again reconfirm that it wants to avoid the need for either compulsory residential water metering or major storage dams, and to this end is considering a range of means to promote water conservation and efficiency.*
3. *Agree that the Council again reconfirm that it wants water services to remain publicly owned and managed on a not for profit basis.*
4. *Agree to refer the petition to Officers to inform their work.*
5. *Note that a report will be presented to SPC on 1 March 2011 that will include a response to the areas raised by this petition.*

269/10P **ORAL HEARINGS – PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT REDUCTIONS,
KELBURN AND BROOKLYN SHOPPING (9.36AM – 12.08PM)
AREAS**

Report of Stuart Bullen – Senior Traffic Engineer.
(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 1)

NOTED:

1. Bernard O'Shaughnessy addressed the Committee and supported a city wide 40 km/h speed limit, and a 20 km/h speed limit outside schools and hospitals. Mr O'Shaughnessy also supported the proposed traffic resolutions but said that the Council needs to continue to reduce speeds in the city.
2. Jan and John Hassan addressed the Committee and supported an extension of the 30 km/h area in Kelburn to include Upland Road between Glen Road and Boundary Road, as this area was frequently used by cyclists and other vulnerable road users who have difficulty turning onto Upland Road due to the close proximity between parked and moving cars.

TABLED, Supplementary Information from Jan and John Hassan,
Reference 268/10P(a).

3. Georgina Preston addressed the Committee and discussed the Pedestrian crossing on Upland Road adjoining Kowhai Road, which she said is frequently ignored by motorists. Mrs Preston said that drivers drive straight through this during non-school patrol times even when pedestrians are clearly waiting to cross. She said this behaviour is likely to be exacerbated if drivers increase speed as they emerge out of a 30km/h zone.
4. Patrick Morgan representing Cycle Aware addressed the Committee and noted his support for the proposed traffic resolutions. Mr Morgan said that these proposals can relieve congestion by making it safer to encourage people to walk and cycle, consistent with the Council's walking and cycling policies. Mr Morgan discussed the reporting of crashes and said that in his opinion that while these are under-reported, Council needs to examine why people are scared to cycle.

(Mayor Wade-Brown left the meeting at 10.00am.)

5. Paula Warren addressed the Committee and supported lowering the speed limits, but suggested having a suburb wide reduction to the Botanic Gardens rather than street based speed reductions. Mrs Warren said that having suburb wide speed reductions would create a greater sense of community in these areas, and would create an environment that would promote shopping and visitors within the area.

6. Ellen Blake representing Living Streets Wellington addressed the Committee and provided a handout which demonstrated the relationship between collision speed and the probability of fatality. Mrs Blake said that more people need to be encouraged to walk and / or cycle within Wellington, which will change the behaviour of drivers towards other road users. Also, Mrs Blake suggested having clear gateway treatments for lower speed areas so that speed limits are more obvious.

TABLED, Supplementary Information from Ellen Blake, Reference 268/10P(b).

(The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.21am.)

(The meeting resumed at 10.42am.)

(Mayor Wade-Brown and Councillors Cook, Coughlan, Foster, Lester, Marsh, Pannett and Pepperell were present when the meeting reconvened.)

7. Gilbert Sanseau addressed the Committee and discussed his concerns that suburbs were being used by motorists as 'highways', with cyclists and speeds often ignored. Mr Sanseau explained the difference in attitude by motorists in France, his country of origin, where greater recognition and care is given to other road users. Mr Sanseau observed that all learner drivers in France undergo 25 hours of compulsory testing, and suggested that this improved driver behaviour and recognition to cyclists.

(Councillors Eagle and Gill rejoined the meeting at 10.45am.)

8. Michael Taylor discussed concerns about the fast speed of cars travelling east on Cleveland Street in Brooklyn.. Mr Taylor discussed problems with the function on Washington Avenue and that vehicles did not take notice of cyclists, causing cyclist injury. Also, Mr Taylor suggested that crash statistics were under-reported, due to the non reporting of cyclists.
9. Fiona Jagose addressed the Committee and discussed her concerns about the speed of vehicles opposite her home on Raroa Road. Mrs Jagose raised concerns with the lack of a response from Council officers to her complaints of road maintenance and speeding in the area. She said that she had not received a satisfactory answer regarding the need for numerous road works in the area. Mrs Jagose also requested that all of Kelburn be deemed a 30 km/h speed zone, that speed cameras be installed, and an analysis be conducted of roadworks in the area.

(Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best and Ritchie rejoined the meeting at 11.22am.)

(Councillor Eagle left the meeting at 11.28am.)

10. Nicola Wills and Justine McDonald representing Kelburn Normal School addressed the Committee and discussed the proposed speed limits. Mrs Wills expressed her concern that the speed limit zone ends before the school, and that motorists could speed up after the reduced speed limit zones placing children crossing the road at risk. Mrs McDonald discussed the congested road during school hours with buses travelling through the area, and the danger that this poses to school children.

(Councillor Eagle rejoined the meeting at 11.37am.)

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 11.37am.)

(Councillor Ritchie left the meeting at 11.39am.)

(Councillor Ritchie rejoined the meeting at 11.43am.)

11. Richard Hocken from the Wellington Police addressed the Committee and discussed his support for the proposed traffic resolutions and also the gateway treatments that have been used in the other suburban shopping areas. Mr Hocken did not support extending the zone to the Washington Avenue intersection, because the focus of these speed limits is on shopping rather than residential areas. Mr Hocken also suggested changing the signage on Todman Street, due to signs being obscured by angle parked cars.

(Councillor Pepperell rejoined the meeting at 11.41am.)

12. Alex Gray representing the Automobile Association addressed the Committee and strongly supported the 30 km/h speed limit reductions in shopping areas, but did not support these for arterial streets and routes. Mr Gray suggested installing more engineering works to forcefully slow the speed of vehicles in addition to more gateway treatments in suburbs.

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 12.00pm.)

(Councillor Pepperell rejoined the meeting at 12.08pm.)

(The item was adjourned and the Committee moved to Report 2.)

NOTED:

Please see decision number 270/10P for the rest of this report.

270/10P **ENVIRONMENTAL REFERENCE GROUP (12.08PM – 12.17PM)
UPDATE**

Report of Zach Rissell – Senior Advisor.
(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 2)

NOTED:

1. Hamish Allardice and Marc Slade delivered a presentation on the progress and activities of the Environmental Reference Group to the Committee. Mr Allardice and Mr Slade also discussed the future environmental risks and concerns faced by the city and country, and suggested ways to address these challenges.. Mr Allardice suggested that economic growth should be balanced alongside social responsibility and commitments and that the Council should constructively work with others towards positive solutions, rather than using ‘doom and gloom’ language and examples.

(Councillor Morrison joined the meeting at 12.16pm.)

(The item was adjourned and the Committee moved to Report 1.)

NOTED:

Please see decision number 271/10P for the rest of this report.

271/10P **ORAL HEARINGS – PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT REDUCTIONS,
KELBURN AND BROOKLYN SHOPPING (12.17PM – 12.43PM)
AREAS CONT.**

Report of Stuart Bullen – Senior Traffic Engineer.
(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 1)

- 1.. Pip Julian discussed the Ohiro Road intersection and provided the example of her child in a buggy being hit by a driver who was travelling too fast to stop for an orange light. Mrs Julian supported the 30 km/h change, but disagreed that some streets were less important and in need of speed reduction than others, with the arterial routes less safe than those in the shopping areas. Mrs Julian also discussed that crash statistics may be unreliable because many incidents may not be recorded in a timely manner.
2. Werner Stulz addressed the Committee and discussed the problems with vehicles parking on Ohiro road and how this pushes vehicle or pedestrian traffic either extremely close to or into the opposite road lane, which resulted in a crash for Mr Stulz.
3. Gabrielle, James and Maggie Allen addressed the Committee and suggested extending the 30 km/h speed limit along to Taft Street in Brooklyn, as these arterial routes were very dangerous for Maggie as she walked to school. Gabrielle Allen discussed the lack of adequate

signage in this area, and suggested installing speed cameras along this area to assist with monitoring fast moving trucks from the Southern Landfill.

272/10P **ENVIRONMENTAL REFERENCE GROUP (12.43PM – 1.01PM)**
UPDATE CONT.

Report of Zach Rissell – Senior Advisor.
(1215/52/IM)

(REPORT 2)

Moved Councillor Ritchie, seconded Mayor Wade-Brown, the substantive motion.

(Councillor Pepperell left the meeting at 12.38pm.)
(Councillor Pepperell rejoined the meeting at 12.39pm.)

The motion was put and declared CARRIED.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note the Environmental Reference Group's (ERG) summary of key issues for Council consideration contained in Appendix One and that officers agree with many of the key issues highlighted by the ERG.*
3. *Note that the key issues identified in Appendix One are being considered in the development of the Wellington 2040 – City Strategy and that the Council's response to these issues would be considered in light of this project and as part of the 2012/22 Long Term Plan.*
4. *Note that the Strategy and Policy forward programme contains a review of the Council's Engagement Framework, which will include revised terms of reference for the four Council advisory groups including the Environmental Reference Group.*

The meeting concluded at 1.01pm.

Confirmed: _____
Chair
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