



Minutes of the Newtown Residents' Association Meeting – Monday 17 June 2019

Present – Jane Patterson (Chair), Steve Cosgrove, Sam Somers, Adair Hannah, Effie Rankin, Martin Hanley, Kevin Lethbridge, Peter Cooke, Carol Comber, Jeffrey Arthur and Marg Jenner from Wakefield Hospital, Cr Fleur Fitzsimons, Mark Johnston, Stephen Pritchard, Laurie Foon, Peter Frater, David Wilcox, Willy Trollove (NZTA) and Luke Troy (WRC).

Apologies - David Lee for lateness. Rhona Carson

Submission on the proposed Traffic Resolutions - Parking and Fee Changes

Steve C and Sam will speak to the submission at the Council committee meeting.

Jared Corston, WCC Liaison - Kia Ora Newtown

Jared provided an update on recent and upcoming activities

- Carrara Park Upgrade
 - Mid to late July engagement
 - Including an event at St Annes Hall
 - Mostly engaging on the Playspace equipment with reference to tree roots etc
 - Usual feedback paths
 - Noted that many park users come from outside the area
 - No plans for toilets - something that can be pushed locally. Fleur Fitzsimons will follow this up with Council.
- Carrara Park effects from contractors at 4 Regent Street are being closely monitored.
- Riddiford Street footpath is not looking good.
 - Jared and Martin to work on identifying the problems to be fixed.
 - There is supposed to be a dedicated street cleaner in the area, every weekday, for four hours. This is being followed up by Jared for contract compliance.
- Mural is being painted in the pop-up shop by Izzie Joy, to go on the fence of the construction site on Constable St. There will be a formal launch.
- He is looking at the opportunities for multi-faith fora as have been done elsewhere.
- City Housing forms will be able to be left at Kia Ora Newtown soon.
- Toilet block on Constable Street will be upgraded soon, including the surrounding area.
 - This is coordinated with the Community Facilities Upgrade, specifically the proposal to locate the tool library adjacent.

Marg Jenner - GM Wakefield Hospital, with Jeff Arthur, Manager, Property & Projects

- Major redevelopment happening, mainly to replace earthquake-prone building.
- Hawkins Construction have got the contract for this work, which will start in a few weeks.

- Parking has been identified by them as a significant issue. Staff will park offsite, patients, doctors, contractors etc, will have space onsite.
 - Old Caltex site. Supported by security guards as required.
 - Chinese Sport and Culture Centre, Mt Albert Road, serviced by shuttle.
 - Some staff may choose to park on the road.
 - Hawkins will have the use of the old education site on Russell Terrace for contractors, plus using some of the Wakefield site.
 - Jeff outlined how parking has been calculated. Initial traffic analysis for the Resource Consent suggests the mitigation will be sufficient. There are more car-parks being provided than there are being lost during the work.
- Old buildings will be removed, and that space will be used to provide more parking.
- Stages
 - Stage One is on the Russel Tce side of the site, and will take about 19 months.
 - Stage Two is on the North side. Still finalising this stage.
 - An underground car-park is included.
 - New buildings will be a similar capacity to current one.
- There is a strong sense of history, which is being carefully recorded, and will be made public in the end
- There will be provision for electric car and bike charging and secure storage for bikes.
- Some of the new buildings will include space that will not initially be used.
- Build will be six days a week. Saturday finishes earlier.
- May not be any historic elements of the current buildings.
- Wakefield Hospital's update page: <https://www.wakefield.co.nz/development>

Lets Get Wellington Moving

Willy Trolove, Engagement Lead from NZTA <https://getwellymoving.co.nz/>

Luke Troy, Greater Wellington Strategy

"Last month the Transport Minister Phil Twyford, with support from Mayor Justin Lester and Greater Wellington Regional Council Chair Chris Laidlaw, announced the \$6.4 billion Indicative Package for Let's Get Wellington Moving, a 20-year plan for Wellington's transport future. Luke Troy, General Manager Strategy for GWRC and LGWM team member, will explain the Indicative Package and next steps for LGWM."

- This is the start of a very big, long-term, programme. It needs community and political support.
- Luke worked through a Powerpoint presentation.
- Currently very high-level, not yet at street level.
- City Council, Greater Wellington Regional Council, and NZTA working together.
- Funding is about \$3.7 billion over 20-years - 60/40 split Central / Local Government + users.
- There are other projects outside Wellington that add a few more billions.
- Lots of detailed questions will be resolved over the next 12 - 18 months.
- SH1 Projects (eg 2nd Terrace Tunnel and trenching Koru Drive) have been delayed.

Renaming of Waripori Street This is in process.

The Millward Lane steps are being 'upgraded'.

These were changed with minimal consultation. The steps are now narrower, and are over 200mm on each step. There will be follow up to see if these are now more dangerous and inconvenient for users.

Redistribution of roles within the Association

Jane outlined how Rhona was still undertaking the secretary role as well of that as president. Rather than look for someone to take over the entire secretary role she indicated three areas where individuals might take responsibility for one of these.

Examples:

- Social media and related activities.
- Detailed completion of Meeting Minutes.
- Organising meeting details.

All members are asked to consider if they would like to take over one or more of these tasks.

Bullying at Wellington Zoo

Stephen said that this subject had been in the news lately and asked if the Association should ask the Council to take up this issue. Fleur said that it would be inappropriate for WCC to be involved.

Submission Writing Process

There was a request for a more defined cut-off time for input into Association submissions. This was to avoid last minute inclusions which had not been seen by the other contributors to the submission.

Meeting finished at 9:06