

Regulatory Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Meeting Date: **Wednesday 30 August 2017**

Time: **3.54pm – 4.25pm**

Venue: **Taradale Town Hall
Lee Road
Taradale**

Present: Councillor Jeffery (In the Chair), the Mayor, Councillors Boag, Brosnan, Dallimore, Hague, McGrath, Price, Tapine, Wise and Wright

In Attendance: Chief Executive, Director City Strategy, Director Infrastructure Services, Director Corporate Services, Director Community Services, Manager Communications and Marketing, Manager Business Transformation and Excellence, Manager Regulatory Solutions, Manager City Development, Policy Planner

Administration: Governance Team

APOLOGIES

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COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

Councillors Brosnan/ Wright

That the apology from Deputy Mayor Faye White and Cr Graeme Taylor be accepted.

CARRIED

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no new declarations of interest made; those already declared in relation to the Freedom Camping item were carried over.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

Nil

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRPERSON

Nil

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MANAGEMENT

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Councillors Wise / Brosnan

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2017 were taken as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED

NOTIFICATION AND JUSTIFICATION OF MATTERS OF EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

(Strictly for information and/or referral purposes only).

AGENDA ITEMS

1. FREEDOM CAMPING WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

Type of Report:	<i>Legal and Operational</i>
Legal Reference:	<i>Local Government Act 2002</i>
Document ID:	<i>382371</i>
Reporting Officer/s & Unit:	<i>Kim Anstey, Planner Policy/Analyst Paulina Wilhelm, Manager City Development</i>

1.1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to recommend that Council adopt the Napier City Council Freedom Camping Working Group recommendations to manage freedom camping in Napier.

At the Meeting

Cr Price noted an interest in the Foreshore site, and directed his comments to the Westshore site only.

The Chair invited Cr Hague, Chair of the Freedom Camping Working Group, to speak to the item. Cr Hague provided an overview of the process undertaken and noted that the recommendations brought to Council today are supported by the majority of the Group but consensus was not reached; an indication of the complexity of the matter at hand. The officers involved were thanked for the support they had provided to the Working Group.

In response to questions from Councillors, it was clarified that:

- The numbers of freedom campers in the area were calculated from observations across the city and not just allocated sites.
- If the recommendations are not passed into resolution by Council the status quo is maintained, including the current number of berths at each site.

Councillors made the following points in their discussion on the item:

- The current Bylaw has not been in place long enough to have been tested fully; the proposed changes provide the opportunity to assess a peak season with reduced sites, following which the success or otherwise of the approach can be reviewed.
- Freedom Camping is under discussion not just in Napier but at a national level and it is yet to be seen what legislative changes may be made in this space.
- Napier is relatively small in size and there are only so many options where the approximately 6,600 campers per 3 months can be directed. It is expected that numbers of campers will only grow.
- The different sites were looked at from a 'footprint' perspective; hence, the non-self-contained camper site has more berths as overall the size of the vehicles tends to be much smaller.
- Having created the Working Group and tasked them with making considered recommendations, Council would be best to then listen to the recommendations made.

Concerns expressed were primarily centred around a need to protect local ratepayers, rather than prioritising campers. There were no complaints about camp grounds that did not have residents overlooking them. Trepidation was also expressed that bad behaviours will continue around Westshore and that reducing the number of berths will only create

expensive and challenging monitoring requirements.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

Councillors Hague / Boag

That the Council

- a. Adopt the following working group recommendations:
 - i. That the current provision of freedom camping sites for self-contained vehicles be confirmed.
 - ii. That the foreshore reserve site for non-self-contained vehicles be reduced from 35 spaces to 8 clearly marked spaces from 1 November 2017.
 - iii. That officers report back to Council on the monitoring outcomes for the foreshore reserve non-self-contained site by May 2018.
- b. That the revised programme of non-regulatory and regulatory methods and tools to manage freedom camping over the coming summer be undertaken and monitored.

CARRIED

**Crs Price and McGrath against
Cr Dallimore abstained**

2. SET TIME RESTRICTIONS FOR RIVERSIDE PARK PARKING

<i>Type of Report:</i>	<i>Legal and Operational</i>
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	<i>Traffic Regulations</i>
<i>Document ID:</i>	<i>380071</i>
<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	<i>Hayleigh Brereton, Manager Regulatory Solutions</i>

2.1 Purpose of Report

To consider enforcing P120 time restriction for parking at the recreational facilities at Riverside Park.

At the Meeting

In response to questions from Councillors, it was clarified that:

- Although the riverside parking area is separate from other parking areas in Taradale, the beat is still readily accessible for the parking officers in that area.
- There is no desire to penalise those using the bike trails and infringement notices may be appealed by those who are bona fide cyclists.
- Flyers will be placed on windscreens around the area and communications will take place with EIT on the change.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

Councillors Wise / Wright

- a. That a P120 time restriction apply to the Riverside Park parking area accessed from Gloucester Street.

CARRIED

3. ANNUAL DOG CONTROL REPORT 2016/17

<i>Type of Report:</i>	<i>Legal</i>
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	<i>Dog Control Act 1996</i>
<i>Document ID:</i>	<i>380169</i>
<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	<i>Hayleigh Brereton, Manager Regulatory Solutions</i>

3.1 Purpose of Report

To present the territorial authority report on dog control policies and practices for the dog control registration year 1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017, for adoption by Council as required under Section 10A of the Dog Control Act 1996, prior to being submitted to the Secretary for Local Government and being made publically available.

At the Meeting

In response to questions from Councillors, it was clarified that:

- With regards to the nature of complaints “worrying stock” referred to incidents where dogs were worrying stock and “other stock” referred to incidents involving stock other than dogs, for example where an animal had been found on the road.
- The wording in the report draws directly from terms used when someone reported an incident, so it may have been reported as a “dog attack” when investigation sometimes found that this was not necessarily the case. Reporting will be refined to address this in future.
- Officers are very proud of the increased number of dogs rehomed this year.
- Councils are not required to report on all the areas we cover in our report. However, other Councils’ statistics will be available over the next couple of months allowing for a comparison in areas such as numbers euthanised.
- While education continues to be important, the statistics demonstrate that a regulatory presence is still required in relation to dogs.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

Councillors Brosnan / Price

- a. That the Napier City Council Annual Dog Control Report 2016/17 be adopted by Council, submitted to the Secretary for Local Government, and published in accordance with the Dog Control Act 1996.

CARRIED

4. CITY STRATEGY REGULATORY ACTIVITY REPORTS

Type of Report:	<i>Information</i>
Legal Reference:	<i>N/A</i>
Document ID:	<i>374549</i>
Reporting Officer/s & Unit:	<i>Hayleigh Brereton, Manager Regulatory Solutions Malcolm Smith, Manager Building Consents Paul O'Shaughnessy, Team Leader Resource Consents</i>

4.1 Purpose of Report

To provide an information update on regulatory activity in the city in each quarter. The attached reports covers cover the quarters from 1 January until 31 March 2017 and 1 April until 30 June 2017.

At the Meeting

In response to questions from Councillors, it was advised that the response from Police had been mixed to noise complaints; they attend when they can, but there had been a reduction in seizures over the last two quarters. It was noted that the public need to be able to rely on Police to respond promptly.

More formal detail will be provided in future reports on commercial and residential consents.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

Councillors Brosnan / Wright

That Council

- a. Receive the Quarterly City Strategy Regulatory Activity Report for the period 1 January 2017 to 31 March 2017.
- b. Receive the Quarterly City Strategy Regulatory Activity Report for the period 1 April 2017 to 30 June 2017.

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 4.25pm.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING

CHAIRPERSON: _____

DATE OF APPROVAL: _____