

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Minutes of Meeting No. JRS7 of Joint Road Safety Committee held on 8 August 2018 in the Council Chamber, Barks Corner, Tauranga commencing at 10.00am

Present

Councillor Margaret Murray-Benge (Chairperson) and Stuart Harvey (Western Bay of Plenty District Council), Karen Smith and Martin Parkes (Tauranga City Council), Councillor Andrew von Dadelszen and Jenny Mack (Bay of Plenty Regional Council), Marcell Davison (NZ Transport Agency), Jessica Davis (Accident Compensation Corporation) and Peter Bedford (Automobile Association)

In Attendance

G Allis (Deputy Chief Executive, Western Bay of Plenty District Council), Alex Jeffcoat (BECA) Paul Howard and Justine Wilton (Westlink), and Michelle Parnell (Democracy Advisor)

Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Grainger and Senior Sergeant Mark Pakes.

Resolved: Councillor Murray-Benge / Member Davis

THAT the apology for absence from Councillor Bill Grainger and Senior Sergeant Mark Pakes be accepted.

JRS7.1 **Minutes of Meeting No. JRS6 of the Joint Road Safety Committee Held On 8 May 2018**

The Committee considered the minutes of JRS6 of the Joint Road Safety Committee meeting held on 8 May 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

The Committee discussed the success of the New Zealand Police's Awhi Programme.

The representative from New Zealand Transport Agency confirmed that the Belk Road issue had been resolved and that it would be treated as an embankment rather than a dam. The project was continuing to move through the consenting process on this premise. It was also confirmed

that the Poripori Road project had been carried over into the current financial year.

Resolved: Councillor Von Dadelszen / Member Davis

THAT the minutes of Meeting No. JRS6 of the Joint Road Safety Committee held on 8 May 2018 as circulated with the agenda be confirmed as a true and correct record.

JRS7.2

Western Bay Joint Road Safety Operations Meetings Minutes

The Committee considered the minutes from the Western Bay Joint Road Safety Operations Meeting dated 12 June 2018 and 11 July 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

The Transportation Operations Manager (Tauranga City Council) advised of the work his team is doing in Matapihi around speed changes alongside the local hapū. He advised that they were taking an educational approach, had a well respected local artist making promotional material and expected the project would be finished in October / November 2018. The New Zealand Police were also partnering with the project.

The New Zealand Transport Agency were currently working on a project to ascertain the current speed limits for the new Maungatapu underpass.

In response to questions about a school road safety programme at Kaimai School, the Travel Safe Programme Leader advised that the school was working to develop a school travel plan around walking, cycling and safer crossing areas for students. The New Zealand Transport Agency was assessing the roads around the school and were considering active warning signs and reviewing speed limits in the area to make it safer.

Resolved: Councillor Murray-Benge / Member Davison

THAT the minutes of Western Bay Joint Road Safety Operations Meeting dated 12 June 2018 and 11 July 2018 as circulated with the agenda be received.

JRS7.3

Recommendation Report from the Joint Road Safety (Operations) Committee - Letter Regarding Request for Mobility Scooter Guidelines

The Committee considered a report from the Joint Road Safety (Operations) Committee dated 13 July 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

The Travel Safe Programme Leader had summarised the concerns brought up in previous meetings regarding the increasing availability of larger and more powerful motorised scooters for a largely vulnerable part of the community. Under current law there was not much the police could do around regulating them.

In a discussion regarding the recommendations to the Ministry of Transport the following was agreed:

1. Standardising the dimensions of mobility scooter for use on footpaths/pathways.
2. Setting a speed limit for mobility scooters on footpaths/pathways.
3. Defining the limits as to where mobility scooters should be used.
4. Development of a Code of Use for mobility scooter users, sellers and resellers including but not limited to consideration of speed governors for scooters, and investigating certification of fit for use particularly for second hand machines.
5. Development of a medical certification process or license as a requirement.

Resolved: Members Smith / Bedford

THAT the Joint Road Safety (Governance) Committee review the approved letter (Attachment A to this report) and send it to the Minister of Transport on behalf of all the partners who sit on the Joint Road Safety Committee with the discussed changes.

JRS7.4

Road Safety Action Plan Report 2018 / 2021 for Approval

The Committee considered a report from Travel Safe Programme Leader dated 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2021 as circulated with the agenda.

The Travel Safe Programme Leader advised that the report had been approved by the Joint Road Safety Operations Committee and spoke to the values that were embodied in the plan. She explained that plan was aligned with all partnership calendars and that the plan for the next three years was to continue to strengthen the current workflow as well as introducing a new initiative alongside the Bay of Plenty Regional Council regarding bus safety in the region.

In response to questions about the recidivist driving programme, the Travel Safe Programme Leader spoke to the benefit of having the court system feed into the programme and also the partnership with the Awhi Programme through the New Zealand Police. The Regional Road Safety Advisor (New Zealand Transport Agency) spoke to the increased number of interlock devices installed in cars to prevent them being driven by drunk drivers.

Ms Davis (Accident Compensation Corporation) asked to be included in the scooter safety programme for secondary students.

Resolved: Members Smith / Parkes

THAT the Road Safety Action Plan Report 2018 / 2021 be approved.

JRS7.5 Transport Agency Update

The Committee considered a report from the Regional Road Safety Advisor dated July 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Ms Davison (New Zealand Transport Agency) advised of how the process for works being done was affected by the change of government. In a question regarding the State Highway Two North project, Mr Jeffcoat (BECA) advised that the work was being completed from north to south because more consideration towards engineering would need to be done on the southern portion of the highway within the district. There was discussion around the need for roading to be fit for purpose to support development.

In response to questions about State Highway Two and Omokoroa intersection, WestLink staff advised that they were investigating the paint used in that areas as they had had feedback that the area was difficult to negotiate at night or in inclement weather.

Cycleways were an important part of the key transport network corridor. The Transportation Operations Manager (Tauranga City Council) advised that the pedestrian and cycling overbridge across State Highway 29 Takitimu Drive had been officially opened that morning and the Deputy Chief Executive / Group Manager Infrastructure Services (Western Bay of Plenty District Council) confirmed that the Tauranga City Council / Western Bay of Plenty District Council cycleway projects link was projected to be completed in April/May 2019.

It was confirmed that New Zealand Transport Agency staff were assessing the intersection at Cambridge Road and State Highway 29 for additional support and the role of passing lanes on State Highway 29.

Resolved: Members Davison / Mack

THAT the New Zealand Transport Agency Regional Road Safety Advisor's report dated July 2018 be received.

JRS7.6 Travel Safe Programme Leader Update

The Committee considered a report from the Travel Safe Programme Leader of the Tauranga City Council dated May - July 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

The Travel Safe Programme Leader spoke to some highlights from the report in the agenda. She advised of the success of the programmes that the Travel Safe Programme and the positive response from the community. She advised that the Travel Safe Programme was well placed for the national cycle training programme, Bike Ready. They would be running adult cycle skills and e-bike training courses.

She also noted some good work had been done at Greenpark School

around education for both students and parents. She also advised of a vacancy in the team for a Worksafe Travel Advisor.

In response to questions, Ms Smith advised:

- Tertiary students were now involved in the winter pit stop programme, which was very beneficial to both the community and the students. Staff from Bay of Plenty Regional Council were involved in the tertiary course at Toi Ohomai.
- New Zealand Police do not yet have the capacity to drug test drivers but it was understood that they were working towards this.

The Chairperson congratulated the representatives from Tauranga City Council on winning the national Bikes at Work and School Award recently.

Resolved: Members Parkes / Davis

THAT the New Zealand Police report back to this Committee regarding the current New Zealand Police practice for testing drivers who they suspected were driving under the influence of drugs.

Resolved: Councillor Murray-Benge / Member Davison

THAT the Tauranga City Council Travel Safe Programme Leader's report dated May - July 2018 be received.

JRS7.7

Accident Compensation Corporation Update

The Committee considered a report from the Accident Compensation Corporation dated 27 July 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Ms Davis, the representative from Accident Compensation Corporation updated the Committee as follows:

- The Drive Website app would be available by the end of the year and was being distributed to driving instructors in the area.
- She encouraged Council representation at a meeting of Accident Compensation Corporation's Motorcycle Road Safety team that would take place in September/October 2018 and advised details would be available shortly.
- As a part of her new role, she had stepped back from operational matters and had been working with people including Ms Mack (Bay of Plenty Regional Council) around scooter safety training for secondary students.
- Motorcycle Awareness Month was coming up and promotions would be starting for this soon.

Resolved: Members Davis / Mack

THAT the Accident Compensation Corporation's report dated 27 July 2018 be received.

JRS7.8 **Road Safety Action Plan**

The Committee considered a report from the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Sustainable Transport Officer dated 30 June 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

The Bay of Plenty Regional Council Sustainable Transport Officer spoke to the highlights of her report. She advised of the aspirational national zero deaths strategy and that the number of young people successfully graduating the drivers licensing system was increasing. She also confirmed that as a part of the Same Diff programme she had reported on that the Bay of Plenty Regional Council supplied car seats.

Resolved: Member Mack / Councillor von Dadelszen

That the Bay of Plenty Regional Council Sustainable Transport Officer's report dated 30 June 2018 be received.

JRS7.9 **New Zealand Police**

There was no report received from the New Zealand Police and no representative to make a verbal report.

The meeting concluded at 12.00pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

Councillor Margaret Murray-Benge
Chairperson

Date

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