

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Minutes of Meeting No. JRS8 of Joint Road Safety Committee held on 6 November 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), Councillor Bill Grainger (Deputy Chairperson) and Karen Smith (Tauranga City Council), Councillor Andrew von Dadelszen and Jenny Mack (Bay of Plenty Regional Council), Sergeant Craig Madden (NZ Police Alternate), Adam Francis and Marcell Davison (New Zealand Transport Agency), Jessica Davis (Accident Compensation Corporation) and Peter Bedford (Automobile Association)

In Attendance

Louise Nind (Governance Advisor) and Michelle Parnell (Governance Advisor)

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Members Pakes and Parkes.

Resolved: Davison / Davis

THAT the apologies for absence from Members Pakes and Parkes be accepted.

JRS8.1 **Minutes of Meeting No. JRS7 of the Joint Road Safety Committee held on 8 August 2018**

The Committee considered the minutes of JRS7 of the Joint Road Safety Committee meeting held on 8 August 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Councillors Murray-Benge / von Dadelszen

THAT the minutes of Meeting No. JRS7 of the Joint Road Safety Committee held on 8 August 2018 as circulated with the agenda be confirmed as a true and correct record.

The Chairperson referenced the previous minutes on page 7 of the agenda which advised that the Belk Road Project would go ahead and explained

that New Zealand Transport Agency was no longer going ahead with the project.

The New Zealand Transport Agency representatives advised that a lot of work had been done at Belk Road and that the culvert under the road had become an issue regarding consent. The work would affect a catchment area and an impact study of this affect had to be completed. A larger culvert was required, increasing the cost and the time for the project. As this was an interim measure until Belk Road was seen to in the Tauriko West project, it had been decided that the current project would not go ahead.

A weather sign that New Zealand Transport Agency had installed in the Kaimais was referenced as a current project that New Zealand Transport Agency could afford to invest in and it was questioned why they would not go ahead with the Belk Road project despite the increased cost.

The Deputy Chief Executive spoke to the implications of the consenting process within the Bay of Plenty Regional Council regarding the culvert at Belk Road and the ability of New Zealand Transport Agency to complete the Belk Road safety works. He also advised that the consenting processes for the Bay of Plenty and Waikato Regional Councils were not the same. Councillor von Dadelszen advised that he would query the process at the Bay of Plenty Regional Council in comparison with the process at the Waikato Regional Council.

Resolved: Councillor von Dadelszen / Member Bedford

THAT the Joint Road Safety Committee express their grave concern to the New Zealand Transport Agency that the Belk Road safety improvement work appears to have been cancelled, and that this Committee asks for that to be reversed with urgency.

In response to a question regarding the school travel plan referenced in meeting number JRS7, remit 7.2, Member Smith advised that the project was on track and showed the Committee a draft pamphlet that was being developed.

In response to a question regarding the Cambridge Road and State Highway 29 intersection, New Zealand Transport Agency representatives advised that the assessment was underway.

JRS8.2

Western Bay Joint Road Safety Operations Meeting Minutes

The Committee considered the minutes from the Western Bay Joint Road Safety Operations Meeting dated 12 September 2018 and 10 October 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Councillor Murray-Benge / Member Smith

THAT the minutes of Western Bay Joint Road Safety Operations Meeting dated 12 September 2018 and 10 October 2018 as circulated with the agenda be received.

JRS8.3

New Zealand Police Report

The Committee considered a report from the New Zealand Police dated 6 November 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

The Chairperson complimented the New Zealand Police on the new report format. There was a discussion that lowering speed limits would be unlikely to fix some of the reported fatal crashes and that driver behaviour seemed to be the issue rather than the condition of the road. This was confirmed by Sergeant Madden who advised that a high percentage of the fatalities reported were because a driver had crossed the centre line. New Zealand Transport Agency representative reported that State Highway Two was being evaluated for safety concerns and that a centre barrier and appropriate turning facilities were being considered and that a speed review would be undertaken between Katikati and Bethlehem. Concerns were raised that a speed review would put off the work that the road desperately needed.

Sergeant Madden advised that the number of fatalities among older drivers was a disturbing trend and that often the accidents they were involved in were not initially serious but they were less likely to survive their injuries due to their advanced age. As a result additional care was taken by any member of the New Zealand Police who attended an accident and an elderly victim was identified.

Resolved: Councillors von Dadelszen / Grainger

THAT the Joint Road Safety Committee notes the recent New Zealand Transport Agency announcement on the Tauranga Northern Link and State Highway Two safety improvements and supports the immediate implementation of the Tauranga Northern Link and the safety works.

10.44am Councillor von Dadelszen left the meeting.

Sergeant Craig Madden advised that Senior Sergeant Mark Pakes had been appointed to the role of Officer in Charge of the Road Policing Team and asked that the Committee recommend that the membership of the Committee be updated to reflect this.

Resolved: Members Madden / Davis

THAT the New Zealand Police's report dated 6 November 2018 be received.

Resolved: Councillor Murray-Benge / Member Madden

THAT the membership of the Joint Road Safety Committee be amended to remove Sergeant Wayne Hunter and replace with Senior Sergeant Mark Pakes.

JRS8.4

Accident Compensation Corporation Update

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

Member Davis spoke to a tabled powerpoint presentation and advised that the data she was presenting was collated by Accident Compensation Corporation. She advised she had been unable to separate the eastern and western Bay of Plenty statistics.

Member Davis made the following points:

- There were more claims and more expensive claims being made by motorcycle riders.
- The Bay of Plenty represented 7% of motorcycle riders and 8% of the claims nationally.
- 30% of claims were related to loss of work after an accident.
- There had been a change from more rural accidents to more urban accidents - she was unsure as to whether population growth was the causal effect for this.
- Only 25% of riders had registered their motorcycles. Sergeant Madden was surprised by this as the New Zealand Police checked for registrations when they stopped motorcyclists and he had not often pulled over unregistered motorcyclists.
- Motorcycle Awareness month was September and there was a lot of information available in the region about motorcycling during this time including reminding car drivers about the vulnerability of motorcyclists.
- Shiny Side Up Bike Festival was coming to the region in February 2019 and members of the Committee would be involved in the event. She confirmed that all Committee members who were not involved in the organisation of the event would be invited.
- She thanked Member Mack for organising to subsidise the Ride Forever programme for motorcyclists.
- She confirmed that around four police officers had completed the Ride Forever Course and offered to organise for more to go through the course.

Resolved: Member Madden / Councillor Murray-Benge

THAT Accident Compensation Corporation provide information to the New Zealand Police for the Ride Forever Programme to be distributed to members of the New Zealand Police.

Member Davis advised the following:

- She explained the 2017/18 investment delivered against objectives.

- She explained how the motorcycle levy was calculated.
- The Ride Forever Courses was for 40+ 'born again' riders to increase their skills.
- Accident Compensation Corporation advertised using multipronged strategies and understand through research that one off interactions, like seeing an advert or receiving a pamphlet, did not change behaviours.
- A preference for online training had been identified with participants preferring completely or partially online training.
- The Ride Forever programme had been very successful and organisers had received testimonies from people who were alive today because they had been through the course.
- She summarised the Accident Compensation Corporation claims for young drivers and cyclists. Member Smith advised there was a comprehensive cycling education programme in the region to help educate young cyclists.

In response to questions, Member Davis advised the following:

- The statistics took into consideration population growth and were only related to road accidents.
- She was unsure if motorcycle information included scooters and would clarify at a later date.
- She was unaware of why the motorcycle registration numbers were so low but she suspected others believed the issue was the cost of registration. She advised she would investigate the division of the registration cost and what it paid for.
- The Accident Compensation Corporation was a no fault scheme. Member Davis gave the example that it was cheaper to cover a tourist's medical expenses if they have an accident, rather than have that tourist take legal action.
- Accident Compensation Corporation was increasing awareness about motorcycle safety through social media specifically for younger riders.
- Part of the motorcycle levy was channelled to Motorcycle Safety Advisory Council (MSAC) whose role was to make sure the motorcycle safety levy was spent on initiatives that would make sure New Zealand roads were safer.
- The Ride Forever website (www.rideforever.co.nz) was available to connect the public with local courses in their area.

Resolved: Members Davis / Smith

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

JRS8.5

Travel Safe Programme Leader Update

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

Member Smith highlighted the guiding principles of the Travel Safe

programme. She specifically spoke to the recidivist driver programme and the Blue Light Navigator.

11.27am Member Davison left the meeting.

11.29am Member Davison rejoined the meeting.

Member Smith advised the following:

- That the speed trailer had become outdated and that they were looking to update this.
- There had been two workshops planned but postponed for young drivers. More of these would be organised in 2019. The courses included information about maintaining a car, third party insurance and managing distractions.
- The Driver Navigator programme was a full year.
- The Travel Safe team would be looking to develop a programme for scooter users.
- School Travel Plans were in the process of being developed using a whole school process and the plans that had been established were making a difference in their communities. It was recommended that information about these plans be distributed by the school in their newsletters.
- The Kids Can Ride programme had been undertaken under contract but the Travel Safe team was looking to bring that into their team.
- Six Carfit programme had been completed and the Travel Safe team had also just finished a programme for mobility scooter users.

In response to questions Member Smith advised as follows:

- The cost to run programmes for young people was balanced with the high social benefit that the programmes provided.
- Travel Safe worked with other agencies where possible and made their participants aware of what other agencies provided. For example the Automobile Association did free assessments for elderly driver and this was promoted by Travel Safe.

Member Smith played a video for the Committee about traffic management at Greenpark School. She explained the circumstances that created the need for a behavioural change at the school and why the video was produced. The programme had been very successful with 300 parents signing up within the first three days. They signed up to pick up their students slightly earlier and from further down the street to allow for more access to the school. This approach had started to benefit the whole area but was still in its early stages. In response to a question, Member Smith advised that parents were being encouraged to engage with the plan in any weather.

Resolved: Member Davis / Councillor Murray-Benge

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

JRS8.6 Transport Agency Update

The Committee considered a tabled report from the Regional Road Safety Advisor.

Member Davison gave an update on current projects and explained that the New Zealand Transport Agency was working very hard with the change of government and shift in priorities. The current government wanted to reduce the number of cars on the roads and promote more car free options for the public. There was discussion about how these alternate modes of transport must be user friendly including but not limited to local bus routes. She also explained the decision making process within the New Zealand Transport Agency and how the local and national offices worked together.

Resolved: Members Davison / Davis

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

JRS8.7 Road Safety Action Plan

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

Member Mack took her report as read and advised that there had been recent update of the Bay of Plenty Regional Council's billboards to the summer season messaging. The campaign for the holiday season included radio advertising and billboards and was focused on drive sober messaging.

Member Mack commented on the New Zealand Police report and noted that most fatalities involved young or elderly drivers, drivers crossing centre lines, and heavy trucks. It was clarified that while there were four fatalities over three accidents that involved heavy trucks, that the heavy trucks had been the victims in each scenario.

Resolved: Members Mack / Smith

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

JRS8.8 2019 Meeting Schedule

The Committee considered a report from the Governance Advisor dated 29 October 2018 as circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: Councillor Murray-Benge / Member Bedford

1. *THAT the Governance Advisor's report dated 29 October 2018 and titled 2019 Meeting Schedule be received.*
2. *THAT the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of low significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.*
3. *THAT the Joint Road Safety Committee notes the following meeting schedule for the 2019 year:*

Meeting No.	Meeting Date	Agenda Closing Date
<i>JRS9</i>	<i>Tuesday 26 February 2019</i>	<i>Wednesday 13 February 2019</i>
<i>JRS10</i>	<i>Tuesday 21 May 2019</i>	<i>Wednesday 8 May 2019</i>
<i>JRS11</i>	<i>Tuesday 20 August 2019</i>	<i>Wednesday 7 August 2019</i>

All meetings will be located at the Western Bay of Plenty District Council Chamber.

JRS8.9

Correspondence for Receipt

The Committee considered the response from the Minister of Transport from the letter sent out from the Joint Road Safety Committee on 15 August 2018.

The Chairperson spoke to the tabled letter to the Minister of Transport and recommended that the issue raised also include electronic scooters. She read a second tabled document; an email from Jean-Paul Thull. Lime e-scooters had been adopted in Auckland and Christchurch using an Uber like phone application and Mr Thull was expressing concern with their lack of safety. As far as any of the Committee members were aware, their respective Councils were not seeking to do the same.

Resolved: Councillor Murray-Benge / Member Davis

THAT the Committee respond to Mr Thull advising that they would not support the adoption of lime e-scooters in the Tauranga City Council or Western Bay of Plenty District Council areas.

The meeting concluded at 12.13pm.

Confirmed as a true and correct record.

Councillor Margaret Murray-Benge
Chairperson

Date

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