

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Planning & Strategy Committee Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 03 November 2020, commencing at 1.00pm

Members Present: Deputy Mayor Aleisha Rutherford (in the Chair), and Councillors Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Renee Dingwall, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Lorna Johnson and Bruno Petrenas.

Non Members: Councillors Susan Baty, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay QSM and Karen Naylor.

Apologies: The Mayor (Grant Smith) (early departure on Council business), Councillors Rachel Bowen (early departure), Leonie Hapeta, Billy Meehan (late arrival).

The Mayor (Grant Smith) entered the meeting at 1.17pm during consideration of clause 46. He left the meeting at 2.30pm during consideration of clause 46. He was not present for clauses 45 to 48 inclusive.

Councillor Billy Meehan entered the meeting at 1.24pm during consideration of clause 46. He was not present for clauses 45 and 46.

Councillor Rachel Bowen left the meeting at 2.40pm during consideration of clause 46. She was not present for clauses 47 and 48.

45-20 Apologies

Moved Aleisha Rutherford, seconded Patrick Handcock ONZM.

The COMMITTEE RESOLVED

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 45-20 above was carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Aleisha Rutherford (in the Chair), Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Lorna Johnson, Karen Naylor and Bruno Petrenas.

46-20 Hearing of Submissions - Speed Limits Bylaw 2020

The following people appeared before the Committee and made oral statements in support of their submissions and replied to questions from Elected Members.

Christina Havill (128)

Christina Havill spoke to her submission and made the following additional comments:

Ashhurst

- Road is dangerous with fences obstructing view and no footpath so unable to walk safely from old to new subdivision.
- Requested speed bumps and to slow speed down North Street, with footpath on both sides of road.
- Suggested more police presence and speed camera to monitor speed.

The Mayor (Grant Smith) entered the meeting at 1.17pm.

Murray Guy (101)

Murray Guy spoke to his submission and made the following additional comments:

Tennent Drive

- Maintenance of narrow roads is an issue. Potholes and unsafe roads do not support the initiative of encouraging more people to cycle.
- Supports reduction of speed to 60km or even 50km per hour.
- Westward Drive is also poorly maintained.
- The new residential-lifestyle development on Tennent Drive will add to traffic concerns in the future.

Chris Teo-Sherrell (183)

Chris Teo-Sherrell spoke to his submission and made the following additional comments:

- If Palmerston North City Council is encouraging more cycling, then roads need to be maintained and cycleways improved.

Tennent Drive

- Supports a consistent speed limit rather than changing limits on the same road.
- Concerned about cats eyes being placed on the inner part of the cycleway closest to the pavement rather than the outer edge. This means by the time a car has reached the cats eyes they are already in the cycleway leaving little room for cyclists.
- The proposed NZTA accessible streets package, if adopted next year, will have road rule changes in regards to cycleways. These changes will require a 1 metre space between bicycles and traffic travelling at less than 60km and 1.5 metre space between bicycles and traffic travelling 60km or

higher.

Councillor Billy Meehan entered the meeting at 1.24pm.

Zaneta Park (190)

Zaneta Park spoke to her submission and made the following additional comments:

Bunnythorpe

- Reducing the speed limit would make the road safer as the undulations in the road make it difficult to see other road users.
- Linklater Reserve's second entrance is becoming busier; a footpath would make it safer for pedestrians, eg parents with prams.

Roberts Line

- Supports closing off Roberts Line where it meets the Railway Road intersection to create a T-junction/cul-de-sac and eliminate the intersection completely.

TIL Freight (198)

Representing TIL Freight, Nigel Shaw (Palmerston North Branch Manager) spoke to the submission and made the following additional comments:

- Mr Shaw previously drove these roads frequently and knows the roads well.
- For anyone using the roads for business, a few extra minutes each trip adds to time and costs over the week.

Milson/Bunnythorpe

- Does not support stopping access to Railway Road from Roberts Line.
- He would prefer to see the road realigned to make it safer for all road users, as it currently looks like a straight through road.

Pahiatua-Aokautere

- Concerned that changes will cut off the regional town.
- Road is not wide enough for traffic and cyclists. Speed reduction is not the only way to solve the issue; would support a better road design to improve safety.

First Union (218)

Representing First Union Dion Martin (Palmerston North representative) spoke to the submission and made the following additional comments:

Milson/Bunnythorpe

- El Prado Drive has more cars and transport vehicles coming in and out of distribution centres including construction vehicles.
- The new Countdown development will significantly increase the number of staff and vehicles travelling to work.
- Recommends a consistent speed limit for the entire road.

Arshad Javed (254)

Arshad Javed spoke to his submission and made the following additional comments:

- A cycle-friendly city is a great image for Palmerston North, road speeds need to be looked at as cyclists are reluctant to use some roads due to traffic speed.

Darcelle Nesser (232)

Darcelle Nesser spoke to her submission and made no additional comment.

Shiva Kalyanasundaram (230)

Shiva Kalyanasundaram spoke to her submission and made the following additional comments:

Railway Road/Roberts Line Intersection

- Very confusing intersection for all travellers, especially those new to the road. The line of sight from the top of the railway line makes the road appear like a straight line rather than a T junction.
- Suggests signage notifying drivers that it's a High Crash Zone.

Tim Parkinson (207)

Tim Parkinson spoke to his submission and made no additional comment.

Johannes Erkens (210)

Johannes Erkens spoke to his submission and made no additional comment.

The Mayor (Grant Smith) left the meeting at 2.30pm.

Caitlin Pemberton (199)

Craig Pemberton spoke on behalf of Caitlin Pemberton and made the following additional comments:

- Old West Road is a busy road – consisting of walkers, parked cars, traffic from Massey University and driveways.
- The entrance to Turitea School is on a sweeping bend with little or no

parking; adults and children are forced to cross the road to the school on a blind corner and there is also a bus stop where college children wait for their bus, which adds to the congestion.

- He asked if the speed limit could be reduced to 80km from the school to Summerhill.
- Mr Pemberton has tried to contact the NZTA for 25 to 30 years including offering to pay for local signage and also asking for maintenance of overhanging trees in the area.

The meeting adjourned at 2.40pm.

The meeting resumed at 2.50pm.

Councillor Rachel Bowen left the meeting at 2.40pm.

Chandula Wijeweera (217)

Chandula Wijeweera spoke to his submission and made no additional comment.

Moved Aleisha Rutherford, seconded Patrick Handcock ONZM.

The COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

1. That the Planning & Strategy Committee hear submissions from presenters who indicated their wish to be heard in support of their submission.
2. That the Committee note the Procedure for Hearing of Submissions, as described in the procedure sheet.

Clause 46-20 above was carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Aleisha Rutherford, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor and Bruno Petrenas.

47-20

Draft Speed Limits Bylaw - Summary of Submissions

Memorandum, presented by Julie Macdonald, Strategy and Policy Manager.

Moved Aleisha Rutherford, seconded Patrick Handcock ONZM.

The COMMITTEE RESOLVED

1. That the memorandum entitled 'Draft Speed Limits Bylaw - Summary of Submissions' presented to the Planning and Strategy Committee on 3 November 2020 be received.

Clause 47-20 above was carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Aleisha Rutherford, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor and Bruno Petrenas.

48-20 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Aleisha Rutherford, seconded Bruno Petrenas.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Planning & Strategy Committee meeting of 14 October 2020 Part I Public and Part II Confidential be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 48-20 above was carried 10 votes to 1, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Aleisha Rutherford, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor and Bruno Petrenas.

Against:

Councillor Lorna Johnson.

Abstained:

Councillor Lew Findlay QSM.

The meeting finished at 3.08pm

Confirmed 9 December 2020

Chairperson