



ATTACHMENTS MINUTES

Ordinary Council meeting

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I am Grahame Benvie and I have been a resident of Tauranga for 38 years.

I am very familiar with the Domain and have a very good knowledge of the community usage of the Tauranga Domain facilities over 38 years having played soccer on Wharepai Domain for many years and I am currently a member of a sporting club at Tauranga Domain .

I also started and maintain the change.org petition 'Hands off Tauranga Domain and Baypark Speedway'(over 1060 people have signed the petition and commented)and I am also administrator for two Facebook groups set up to save the Domain in the state we currently know it.

My vision from now and into the future for the Tauranga Domain is as it is now,an open,green space that the community of all ages from toddlers through to octagenarians can get their exercise.Most are able bodied and but there are also those who are less able whose carers regularly bring them to the track for rehabilitative exercise.It is heartwarming to hear their sounds of delight as they get their exercise in the fresh open air of the Tauranga Domain athletics track and the field of grass.

The Tauranga Domain is the last open,green space, well away from traffic in the central city.

The words from a song from Joni Mitchell are even more relevant today than they were when she wrote the lyrics in 1973.

'They paved paradise and put up a parking lot.With a pink hotel,a boutique(could this be the proposed stadium) and a swinging hot spot(festivals and concerts).Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you've got until its gone.They paved paradise and put up a parking lot.'

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She wrote the lyrics after she peered out her hotel window in Hawaii hoping to see the breathtaking scenery of the island and ocean only to see an asphalted parking lot in her vision and she reflected on why we humans take nature for granted.

This proposed boutique stadium would result in the destruction of the publically funded athletics track which is so well used by athletes and the community at large because of its central city location. Also set for destruction are the croquet lawns which would be bulldozed to primarily accommodate car parking.

Remember those haunting words from the Joni Mitchell song 'Don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got until it's gone. They paved paradise and put up a parking lot'

I attended a presentation on 28 April by Priority One, the proposers of the Boutique Stadium, and I was astounded to hear Mr Tutt's answer to a question from one of the invitees as to whether a survey of the community usage of the Tauranga Domain had ever been done in preparing their Business Case. The answer was.....no. It is clear that the people who put the Preliminary Business Case together had no idea of the thousands of the public along with the club members of various sporting codes that use the Tauranga Domain for not only their chosen sport but also exercise with their children, family etc etc. No one had even bothered to come along to the Tauranga Domain even to ask users what were they doing at the Tauranga Domain. That I believe is shameful and ignores outright the unspoken wishes of thousands of people of this city and the Western BOP. What if this proposed stadium doesn't proceed? What a waste of hundreds of thousands of dollars to prepare this report, when had thought been given they would at least have given the community

users the opportunity to say their piece before the money was wasted.

The last two stadium built in New Zealand have been in Dunedin and Wellington, the names I am sure you will know. Both were built on land not in us as green space, not the last open, green space in their central city such as is proposed for the Tauranga Domain. The Wellington stadium is adjacent to the train and bus system and does not require main arterial roads to be closed off before, during and after an event to get attendees into the stadium safely like Tauranga Domain has and will continue to require if this proposal goes ahead.

Christchurch is rebuilding its earthquake damaged stadium on ground vacant after the earthquake. Imagine the outcry from the citizens of Christchurch if part of Hagley Park had been proposed for the replacement stadium. The citizens of Tauranga have every right to feel outraged when they learn of this proposed stadium on the last open, green space in the central city.

I am baffled by why the Council did not confirm that they wanted a Business Case prepared for the Blake Park option at the same time as the Tauranga Domain given it ran a close second in the BECA report of 2022. Perhaps whoever are really behind this Boutique Stadium on Tauranga Domain don't have big enough business interests at the Mount?

If a 'Boutique Stadium is what the public of Tauranga want after they consider all factors including the cost to the city to build it, remembering that the money the Council put into it, is in fact from assets the public almost certainly paid for at some time in the past or new borrowings plus the ongoing annual need to fund the operation deficit.

If it is to be built then do it in the right place where the thousands of people in our community who use the Domain will not be affected.

Commissioners, please take time to consider, consult earnestly with the public and debate amongst yourselves before than just rubber stamping the proposal .

Submission to Commissioners Proposed Memorial Park Expansion

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Kia Ora Commissioners and Council Members,

As volunteer members of the Tauranga Model Engineers Club, we provide a fun rail ride escape at reasonable price to children and their parents from all over Tauranga, and beyond. We often have in excess of 1,000 patrons every Sunday that we run, weather permitting. We also provide night runs for Halloween and Matariki, which are highly popular and well supported by parents and their children.

We have won a number of awards for the public service we provide. Some parents have enjoyed rides on our trains when they themselves were children. We have been told that we are the most popular track in NZ.

We are aware of proposals to refurbish and develop the Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre some time in the future. We have seen a draft proposed development outline, and we are concerned that this development may encroach upon the area that we currently lease.

The track that we have laid down has taken a considerable amount of time and money to create. This is not easily altered or moved, as it must be properly engineered to be safe for both us and our passengers to use.

Along with the expanding population of Tauranga, the ongoing upgrade of city facilities are inevitable and necessary.

At present, our club is living in a state of uncertainty regarding this proposal. There is no point in our spending money on improvements or maintenance of our facility, such as painting, until we are secure in knowing our future.

We would deeply appreciate being given the opportunity to be involved in the planning of this project, so that we may also plan ahead for any changes to our assets. These changes cannot be made overnight. We need to provide continuity of service to the public as best possible.

We wish to invite Commissioners and members of the Planning Committee to visit our facility at an agreed day and time so that you can be shown our facility and how it works.

If you wish to do so, kindly contact our Secretary Warren at 027 5422 863

Chris Pattison

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Submission to Commissioners

Proposed Stadium

26 May 2023

Dear Commissioners,

You will already have heard many submissions on the subject of changes to the the Stadium. In my opinion this is less than ideal and will create more problems than it will solve.

However, I am not here to continue to beat that drum.

I prefer to offer a more constructive solution to this issue which, hopefully, would meet with more general approval.

If we in Tauranga and the greater Bay of Plenty region really do need a venue to host rugby and soccer events, as well as offering a venue for conferences, then we should start from a clean slate. They say that a camel is a horse designed by a committee. We should avoid creating a camel here.

My suggestion is that we build a stadium on a greenfield site where there is adequate elbow room for a decent sized stadium and all the services that would be needed to support it. As well as room for future expansion. Needing easy and quick access by all modes of transport for all the patrons it intends to serve.

The perfect place would be in the area adjacent to Bell Road, close to the SH2 motorway, west of the future Te Tumu township. This could be served by the Pāpāmoa East Interchange off-ramp presently being built, allowing people all over the Bay convenient and easy access.

I realise that this change in direction may be inconvenient, but I do believe that it will be the best course of action in the long run.

I leave this for your consideration.

Thank you.

Chris Pattison 29 May 2023

MONDAY SUBMISSION TO TCC.

THE CYCLEWAY/ WALKWAY BEING BUILT ON THE PAPER ROAD FROM CARMICHAEL ROAD IS LOOKING SPLENDID AND THE NEW SCULPTURE IS IN A PROMINENT POSITION AND WILL NOT ONLY BE ADMIRER BUT WILL STOP ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ON THE WALKWAY/CYCLEWAY.

OUR CONCERN IS THERE NEEDS TO BE BETTER pedestrian ACCESS TO THE NEW CYCLEWAY/WALKWAY.

THE FOOTPATH ON BETHLEHEM ROAD SHOULD BE CONTINUED ALONG CARMICHAEL ROAD. THE CYCLE LANE IS NARROW AND THE ROAD IS BUSY, AND BUILDING A FOOTPATH SO PEOPLE CAN HAVE EASY ACCESS TO THE WALKWAY IS IMPERATIVE.

CARMICHAEL ROAD IS USED AS A RAT RUN, BUT PUTTING HUMPS COULD BE JUST BE AN INVITATION FOR ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR.

IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT THAT EVERY OPPORTUNITY IS GIVEN FOR WALKING AS WELL AS CYCLING AND WE BELIEVE THAT THE FOOTPATH WILL COMPLETE THE CYCLE WALK WAY WELL.

WILL HYDE YOUR VERY CAPABLE AND APPROACHABLE SAFETY ENGINEER WALKED THE STREET WITH ME AND SAID HE WOULD PUT the footpath from BETHLEHEM ROAD TO CARMICHAEL ENTRANCE TO BCC. IT IS ON THE LIST TO BE DONE.

HOWEVER WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CYCLE/WALKWAY THINGS HAVE CHANGED.

WE NOW HAVE THE CHANCE TO COMPLETE THE CONECTIVITY WITH THE CYCLE/WALKWAY BACK TO BETHLEHEM ROAD.

WE SEEK YOUR SUPPORT TO COMPLETE THIS PROPOSAL.

Margaret Murray-Benge Ian Travers

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Public Forum; Presentation to Council

29th May 2023

From concerned residents of Bethlehem Country Club

In support for the completion of upgrading Bethlehem Road from Bethlehem Country Club to the Marae and hopefully beyond to the roads end.

Dear Councillors,

The completion of this section of Bethlehem Road with associated widening, curb and channelling and associated services has been on Council's agenda and radar for many years.

We would contend this work is long overdue and with increased usage and housing development requires the necessary upgrading to ensure safety for all users.

USAGE IN THIS UNDEVELOPED ROADING SECTION.

1. Discharge of pedestrian and vehicles from BCC. Total entry and egress from Shores Retirement Village. Likewise, for the Hangarau Marae located beyond the above retirement villages and the general housing estate to the end of the road.
2. The number of residents living in these villages has increased dramatically in the last ten years with 170 homes in BCC and over 200 in the Shores with further development approved.
3. A new three storied care facility is now under construction at the Shores which will not only provide further accommodation, but also manage mobile carers servicing the local area. More future traffic.
4. Construction crews and associated vehicle movements for the next few years as the above development continues.
5. Council should be cognisant of the significant number of older residents living in this area with, unfortunately, the usual number of issues associated with declining health. Their ease of access, along with the very regular attendance of ambulances and carers, should be of significance to Council to ensure the best and safest roading possible.
6. Tourism associated with our Marae is also increasing and we should present our most attractive roading access possible.
7. Finally, the roading is narrow and berms quickly turn to a quagmire. Living outside the Shores Development access road I can assure you this is so! An attractive and functional road is perhaps not too much to ask for after so many years delay.

Thank you for receiving the concerns of the residents of our two retirement villages.

Ian Travers, BCC resident.