



MINUTES

**Project Planning & Monitoring
Committee meeting
Monday, 21 October 2024**

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**MINUTES OF TAURANGA CITY COUNCIL
PROJECT PLANNING & MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE BAY OF PLENTY REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, REGIONAL HOUSE, 1
ELIZABETH STREET, TAURANGA
ON MONDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2024 AT 9.30AM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cr Rod Taylor, Cr Rick Curach, Cr Hautapu Baker, Cr Glen Crowther, Cr Steve Morris, Cr Marten Rozeboom, Cr Kevin Schuler, Mayor Mahé Drysdale, Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

IN ATTENDANCE: Marty Grenfell (Chief Executive), Barbara Dempsey (General Manager: Community Services), Nic Johansson (General Manager: Infrastructure), Mike Seabourne (Director of Transport), Amanda Davies (Manager: Spaces and Places Project Outcomes), Alison Law (Manager: Spaces & Places), Shawn Geard (City Centre Infrastructure Team Lead), Coral Hair (Manager: Democracy & Governance Services), Anahera Dinsdale (Acting Team Leader: Governance Services), Caroline Irvin (Governance Advisor), Aimee Aranas (Governance Advisor)

1 OPENING KARAKIA

Cr Steve Morris opened the meeting with a karakia.

At 9:33am, Cr Hautapu Baker entered the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES

Notes that Cr Mikaere Sydney is on a leave of absence until December 2024

3 PUBLIC FORUM

3.1 7th Avenue Cul-de-sac - Christine Currie

Key Points

- Ms Currie was upset that the building owners had no notification that 7th Avenue would be closed. She claimed that there had been a loss of value and a loss of revenue due to the closure. She also claimed that her tenants were also given no notification.
- Ms Currie believed that other businesses along 7th Avenue also experienced inconvenience with the closure due to the lack of parking spaces and she expressed that the greatest issues facing 7th Avenue was the lack of parking and the road closure.

In response to questions

- Ms Currie believed that the road closure was the bigger problem when compared to traffic build up along 7th Avenue.
- Ms Currie did not accept alternative ideas to open up 7th Avenue like a left hand turn access and insisted that the best solution would be to completely open up 7th Avenue again.

4 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

5 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE OPEN

Nil

6 CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

7.1 Minutes of the Project Planning & Monitoring Committee meeting held on 17 September 2024

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION PPM2/24/1

Moved: Cr Rick Curach

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

That the minutes of the Project Planning & Monitoring Committee meeting held on 17 September 2024 lie on the table.

CARRIED

8 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

9 BUSINESS

9.1 7th Avenue cul-de-sac

Staff Nic Johansson (General Manager: Infrastructure)
Mike Seabourne (Director of Transport)
Shawn Geard (City Centre Infrastructure Team Lead)

Key Points

- Staff confirmed that all projects go through community engagement phase. However, due to the initial engagement operating during a COVID lockdown period, there was no face-to-face consultation.
- Staff acknowledged that projects had trade-offs for 7th Avenue, namely the loss of car parks and the closure of the road. The closure of 7th Avenue was necessary for the future-proofing and efficiency of Cameron Road. Staff explained that the more roads that feed into Cameron Road dropped the potential efficiency of the corridor.
- Staff confirmed that it was considered normal practice to close off roads.

In response to questions

- Staff did take into consideration what other councils do for public engagement and consultation. However, every council experienced issues with consultation and believed that face-to-face engagement with the contractor usually help align the public and stakeholders with the overall goal.
- It was believed that extra time needs to be incorporated into a projects life to include distributing final plans to those that have given feedback in the consultation process. This was considered to be a “lessons learnt” moment for staff.
- There were conversations of closing 5th Avenue. However, public consultation provided insight into why that would not be the best solution. There was no significant feedback on the closure of 7th Avenue. Therefore, the closure of 7th Avenue was considered and actioned.

- A traffic model could be created to show the predicted traffic behaviours around the closure of 5th Avenue when compared to the closure of 7th Avenue. However, staff believed that this would be inefficient and unreliable. It was confirmed that face-to-face consultation is still best practice as it can confirm behaviour that would otherwise not be shown in a traffic model. For instance, a regular delivery service.

Requests from Councillors

- To provide how many people or stakeholders responded to the consultation surrounding the closure of 7th Avenue.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION PPM2/24/2

Moved: Cr Glen Crowther

Seconded: Cr Hautapu Baker

That the Project Planning & Monitoring Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "7th Avenue cul-de-sac".
- (b) Agrees that the Public Excluded Attachment "Commissioners Briefing Cameron Road Stage 1" to remain in confidential due to legal privilege and privacy reasons.
- (c) Requests staff engage with the affected parties and the wider community and provide a report on the findings of the engagement and potential options relating to the 7th Avenue cul-de-sac.

Amended by Project Planning & Monitoring Committee resolution PPM3/24/3 dated 25 November 2024
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CARRIED

9.2 Project Update - Merivale Community Centre

Staff Amanda Davies (Manager: Spaces and Places Project Outcomes)

Presentation attached to the minutes

Key Points

- Staff spoke to the presentation.
- The project proceeded well and had no issues with the scope, cost or time taken to complete the project. The site blessing was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 23 October 2024.
- The design of the building incorporated a lot of the requests from the community including a large whanau room, storage and a large kitchen designed to feed the community for years to come.
- Key build designs revolved around easy maintenance and durable such as stainless steel fixtures in the external bathroom and linoleum flooring.
- The confirmed size of the build of the Community Centre was 636m²

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION PPM2/24/4

Moved: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

Seconded: Cr Kevin Schuler

That the Project Planning & Monitoring Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Project Update – Merivale Community Centre".

CARRIED

Attachments

- 1 Project Update - Merivale Community Centre

9.3 Project Update - Durham Street Bus Facility

Staff Shawn Geard (City Centre Infrastructure Team Lead)

Key Points

- The sites had gone through extensive value engineering to keep costs down.
- It was determined to keep the bus shelters as a fabrication tender and separate from the civil contract to ensure that the best contractor was determined for both projects.
- An issue found within designing the bus stops was incorporating more space and shelter around the bus stops so that inter-regional bus operators did not load baggage while standing in the carriage land. It was determined that Inter-regional buses had different requirements of their facilities because they would be at their stops for longer periods of time when compared to Bay of Plenty Regional buses.
- In response to a question why the cost of installing the two bus stops was \$600,000 each, it was identified that the costs were primarily caused by significant traffic management, reinstating the area and the stormwater treatment devices. Staff ensured that the tender would be going out to the open market with the expectation of receiving the best value for money.
- It was confirmed that the bus shelters would provide nearly 100% shelter between the different bus stops. The initial installation would provide around 70% shelter.
- It was a concern from the members that Council needed to ensure that they were receiving the best value for money. It was assured that staff were doing their best to keep costs low but reiterated that sometimes the cheapest option was not the most cost effective option.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION PPM2/24/5

Moved: Mayor Mahé Drysdale

Seconded: Cr Marten Rozeboom

That the Project Planning & Monitoring Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Project Update - Durham Street Bus Facility".

CARRIED

9.4 Project updates: Monmouth Redoubt Historic Reserve | Pōteriwahi property demolition | Waitaha Reserve Upgrade

Staff Amanda Davies, Manager: Spaces and Places Project Outcomes

Key Points

Monmouth Redoubt Historic Reserve:

- The project was confined to the land available. The main objective of the project was to preserve the site.
- Additional projects to the site was to include signage and wayfinding.
- Staff were complimented for the work completed to revitalise the site.

Pōteriwahi property Demolition:

- A demolition project was conducted on 96 Taniwha Place because the condition assessment determined it was unsafe to live in.
- It was a straight forward job that also aimed to recycle and reuse as much material from the demolition site.

Waitaha Reserve Upgrade

- Improvements to the site included a new playground, better footpaths and connections, a new basketball court, a community amphitheatre, better access to the shops through the reserve,

new fruit trees, and a renewal for the existing skate park. The improvements would be completed before Christmas 2024.

Requests from Councillors:

- Condition assessment for 96 Taniwha Place demolition to be circulated.
- Provide a case study for where recycled items ended up.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION PPM2/24/6

Moved: Deputy Mayor Jen Scoular

Seconded: Cr Hautapu Baker

That the Project Planning & Monitoring Committee:

- (a) Receives the report "Project updates: Monmouth Redoubt Historic Reserve | Pōteriwahi property demolition | Waitaha Reserve Upgrade".

An amendment was proposed by Deputy Mayor Scoular, Seconded by Cr Curach

- (b) Noting the requests that all of the works are done with value for money in mind.

CARRIED

10 DISCUSSION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

11 PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

The Public Excluded Business was deleted as the Committee did not go into public excluded to consider the attachment to Item 9.1 – 7th Ave Cul-de-sac Commissioners Briefing Cameron Road Stage 1.

Amended by Project Planning & Monitoring Committee resolution PPM3/24/7 dated 25 November 2024
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12 CLOSING KARAKIA

Cr Steve Morris closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 11:18am.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed as a true and correct record at the Project Planning & Monitoring Committee meeting held on 25 November 2024.

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Rod Taylor
CHAIRPERSON