
Hearings Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Hearings Committee held in the Council Chambers, 126-148 Oxford Street, Levin on Friday 20 May 2016 at 11.00 am.

PRESENT

Chairperson Cr A D Rush
Members Cr R J Brannigan
Cr P Tukapua

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr M E Lepper	(Customer & Regulatory Services Manager)
Mrs V Miller	(Customer Experience Manager)
Ms J Harrison	(Animal Control Officer)
Mrs K J Corkill	(Meeting Secretary)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs N Jones
Mrs V Nicol
Mr S Thomas
Mrs N Burgess
Mr L Burgess
Mrs M Phillips
Ms L Stratton
Ms M Sayles
Ms J Ritchie
Mrs V Wilson
Mr P Sharp

Mr W Bean
Ms J Stephens

In opening the meeting, the Chair commented that this was a hearing on a topic that was fraught and he expected the parties to treat each other with politeness.

Cr Rush then introduced the Committee and Council Officers involved, noting that the meeting would commence with some preliminary procedural matters, such as confirming minutes, prior to the hearing proper commencing.

The Chair then set out the process the meeting would follow, with the Committee initially hearing from Council's Animal Control Officer, Ms Harrison, who would give a background to the

matter. Mrs Jones and her supporters would then have the opportunity to comment, following which the Committee would hear from Mr Bean and Ms Stephens.

Ms Harrison would then have the opportunity to make further comment, following which Mrs Jones would have the right of reply. In her right of reply, Mrs Jones could respond to any assertions that had been made and could counter them but could not introduce any new material.

Having heard from all parties, the Committee would retire to deliberate and reach a decision. A report would be prepared setting out the Committee's decision and the reasons for that. It was anticipated that the report would be available mid to late next week.

During the hearing Committee Members could ask questions of 'witnesses' at any stage either during their actual statements or immediately after. Participants, however, could not cross question another speaker but could only direct questions through the Chair.

1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

2 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Confirmation of Open & In Committee Minutes – 8 March 2016 and 6 April 2016

MOVED by Cr Rush, seconded Cr Tukapua:

THAT the Open & In Committee Minutes of the meetings of the Hearings Committee held on Tuesday, 8 March 2016 and Wednesday, 6 April 2016, be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5 Announcements

There were no announcements.

6 Procedural motion to exclude the public

THAT the public be excluded from the following part(s) of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

C1 Appeal - Dog Barking Abatement Notice

<i>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</i>	<i>Particular interest(s) protected (where applicable)</i>	<i>Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution</i>
<i>The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.</i>	<i>s7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.</i>	<i>s48(1)(a) The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.</i>

The text of these resolutions is made available to the public who are present at the meeting and form part of the minutes of the meeting.

11.10 pm The public were excluded.

Resolutions in relation to the confidential items are recorded in the confidential section of these minutes and are not public available.

2.25 pm

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD
AT A MEETING OF THE HEARINGS COMMITTEE
HELD ON

DATE:.....

CHAIRPERSON:.....