

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL ROAD SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE
HELD IN THE WEEDONS RESERVE PAVILLION
685 MADDISONS ROAD
ON THURSDAY 25 JULY 2019 COMMENCING AT 9.30AM**

PRESENT

Councillors N C Reid (Chairperson) and R H Mugford, Sergeant M Noonan & Detective Senior Sergeant G Cottam (New Zealand Police), Mr N Brook (FENZ), Mr D Boyce (New Zealand Trucking Association), Mr A Crofts (New Zealand Transport Agency), Mr A Scott (Automobile Association),

ATTENDEES

Councillor M Alexander, Mr P Daly (Road Safety Co-ordinator), Mrs S Hautler (School Road Safety Co-ordinator), Mr A Mazey (Asset Manager Transportation), Mr M Chamberlain (Roading Engineer) Ms S Robinson (Community Development Advisor) & Mrs N Smith (Executive Assistant)

The Chair commenced the meeting by asking for introductions from attendees.

1. APOLOGIES

Mr Scott (AA) noted that he was present on behalf of Mr J Skevington.

The Chair noted that ACC has not yet provided a replacement.

Apologies were received from Kelly Larsen (FENZ) for absence and for Mayor Sam Broughton for lateness.

Moved Councillor Reid / **Seconded** Councillor Mugford

'That apologies for absence from Kelly Larsen (FENZ) and for lateness from Mayor Sam Broughton be received.'

CARRIED

2. PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs Janet Luxton	Community Engagement Manager – Safe Roads <i>Selwyn River to Ashburton post-engagement report</i>
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Mrs Luxton spoke to her PowerPoint presentation which highlighted the work that has been undertaken on the SH1 Rakaia to Ashburton project. She confirmed that the project team has spoken with landowners and residents alongside SH1. She stated that the section of the highway between the Selwyn River and Ashburton is a high risk road with 11,000 to 14,000 vehicle movements per day.

Mrs Luxton ran through the programme they held for connecting with key stakeholders such as road users groups and the community. She referred to the key stakeholder workshop groups – and noted the key issues and problems which were identified. She also confirmed that the project team spoke to communities in December 2017 and ran through what was discussed at these meetings – including what makes them feel unsafe, and discussed preferred options. Mrs Luxton also briefly touched on the online submission feedback.

Mrs Luxton stated that public attitude to centerline road barriers is starting to soften and noted the benefits they provide including mitigating the chance of crossing the centre lines. The project team has met with more than 60 local residents regarding access to their properties if centre line barriers were installed. She stated that the widest barrier is 4.6km long which would add between 5-10 minutes on residents' journey time to their homes.

Mrs Luxton referred to the pop up sessions held late last year where the engagement team spoke to 300 people. She noted that the project team received 972 pieces of feedback from 482 people, and she briefly ran through the main points raised through the feedback including speed, wide centerlines, cycles on bridges, truck parking, extending passing lanes, and upgraded pedestrian facilities at Dunsandel and Rakaia.

Mrs Luxton noted that Dunsandel residents were particularly interested in how the Browns Road / SH1 intersection will be managed, especially if some local roads close to Dunsandel became left in / left out, or closed entirely.

Mrs Luxton left copies of her report for meeting attendees. She noted that the business case is nearly in. From there, the project teams role is to hand the work to the Agency who will then make the decision on funding.

The Chair invited questions from the floor.

Mr Brook asked questions about turning lanes. Mrs Luxton noted they would create a safe right-hand turning bay - effectively the size of half a roundabout - which will be wide enough for a 25 truck.

Mr Boyce said not to give up. He said that despite some of the feedback from the trucking industry – overall they support these types of safety actions.

Mayor Broughton arrived at 10.01am.

The Chair referred to the section from Rolleston to the Selwyn River. Mrs Luxton noted that NZTA is looking at this separately, but understands there are some conversations going on. Mr Mazey noted that this was not included in the programme but that Council

has the commitment that NZTA will look at this. He stated that this will tap into the business case being built from the end of CSM2 to Burnham. He said that the wheels are in motion, but it is still a work in progress.

The Chair asked about Frasers Road, referring to the implications on Browns Road. Mrs Luxton stated that the team has not come to any resolution yet. She spoke briefly to the rail crossing programme with Mr Crofts stating that this is driven by KiwiRail's delivery programme.

Councillor Alexander asked about the budget with Mrs Luxton noting that the project is designed in separable construction portions if required, so could be constructed according to budget allocations.

Councillor Mugford stated the he went to the Dunsandel drop-in meetings noting that residents' main concerns were about being able to get across the main highway. To this, Mr Boyce asked about plans for a pedestrian underpass. Mrs Luxton responded that every small community along the highways wants an underpass but they also come with their own set of safety issues. It was noted that dropping the speed in some of these townships will help with road crossings.

Mr Mazey referred to the level crossings and road closure of Frasers Road noting that Council holds the opposite view.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3. Minutes of the Meeting of the Road Safety Subcommittee held at Selwyn District Council, on Thursday 23 May 2019

Taken as read and accepted.

Moved Councillor Reid / **Seconded** Councillor Mugford

'That the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Selwyn District Council Road Safety Subcommittee held on Thursday 23 May 2019 be confirmed.'

CARRIED

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Windwhistle School children's concerns regarding speed outside their school

Mayor Broughton spoke to this item noting he had received some letters some time ago from Windwhistle School. The letters set out the school and students' desire to have something done about the speed outside their school, and requesting some changes to the fencing. Mayor Broughton read out one of the letters from the School.

It was noted that this is an NZTA owned road, and as such Council has no control over this. To this, Mayor Broughton stated that he does not know what can be done, but noted that staff, he and the Chair of the Committee will visit the school. It was also noted that the school would like some road painting and flashing signs.

The Chair noted the issues with speed, and noted that there are '40km when children present' signs present. Mr Chamberlain talked about the rules relating to speed, noting the issue with the nature of slowing down to 40km per hour from 100km per hour. Questions were raised about dropping the speed on this road to 80km. Mr Crofts referred to the conflict between road users and the local / school communities stating that there is no easy answer.

Mr Boyce referred to schools who have looked at who is actually speeding in around the schools, noting that a lot of times it is the parents. He noted that peer pressure from the school to parents can solve a lot of issues.

Councillor Mugford noted that the school is well off the road and with pine trees running up to a single lane driveway. It is difficult to see from the road so making it a school issue as well. Visibility is an issue so people do not know there is a school there, possibly leading to the reason why speed is an issue. To this, Mayor Broughton stated that if something can be done to narrow the road down, or show there is human activity there - it may encourage people to slow down.

Mrs Hautler noted that all pupils attending Windwhistle School arrive and leave by bus, so there is not much activity outside the school either to highlight that a school is there. She noted that Council can work with the school to write to parents, and to the local paper to raise the issue, and the need for behaviour changes by those travelling around the school.

Mr Boyce noted possible sponsorship outlets for signs and suggested that maybe children can design some road safety signage. Sergeant Noonan noted the work undertaken by Woodend School which led to greater school and parent engagement around road safety.

The Chair asked Mr Crofts about the timeframe for the speed limit review to which he responded that there has been no dates set yet. Mr Crofts referred to the regions around New Zealand which have been accelerated, which includes Canterbury. He noted that this work is part of the Safe Networks Programme which is looking at speed as their major priority. He stated that he will speak to them about their likely programme and report back.

Mayor Broughton confirmed that he will organize a meeting with the school for Road Safety Members, and key staff to speak to Windwhistle School and report back to next meeting.

Moved Councillor Reid / **Seconded** Mr A Crofts

'That the correspondence from the Windwhistle School be taken as read.'

CARRIED

6. REPORTS

6.1 Partners Reports

New Zealand Trucking Association

Mr Boyce provided an update. He stated that their main focus at present is around the maintenance of highways noting concerns from the industry on conditions of some roads.

Mr Boyce also noted some discussions with WorkSafe recently relating to the trucks as workplaces. He noted concerns in the industry around the licencing review stating that the industry is keen to see more focus on teaching people to drive, rather than teaching them to pass the test. He noted that the industry is participating in the review.

Mr Boyce noted that he is currently organizing the fourth big Trucking industry in 20/21 March next year which includes a career expo, a truck driving competition, and a crane competition. He also stated that there would be safety focus areas as well. Mr Boyce noted that he would send some collateral on this event to Council.

Mr Boyce noted the issue of roadside drug testing and the implications on the trucking industry. He confirmed that the trucking industry has submitted on the recent consultation process. The Chair noted the new NZTA 'Unsaid' campaign.

New Zealand Police (Police)

Sergeant Noonan spoke to the fatalities of late. She stated that the current district focus is on restraints with the distraction programme work winding up.

The Chair asked about the work on the recent distraction programme. Sergeant Noonan referred to enforcement on the use of phones while driving. She said that she would talk to the Statistics people about the benefit of the programme. Sergeant Noonan spoke about enforcement stating that mobile phone use while driving has to be sighted by a police officer in order for enforcement to occur. She stated this is easier to spot through the use of plain clothes police cars, but this resource is not available in Selwyn at present.

A question was asked about the Police's ability to access phones following accidents. Police representatives noted that they can access mobile phones as part of the investigation as a result of a fatality. With regards to other (non-fatal) crashes, a warrant may be required. It was noted – that along with the use of cellphones - a lot of categories exist for distraction including bugs in vehicles, sneezing but that the use of mobile phones is the only distractions that police can enforce. Mr Daly noted the lag in legislation around the use of phone screens by drivers to watch videos etc.

Automobile Association (AA)

Mr Skevington's report taken as read. Mr Scott noted that AA appreciates being able to be part of the Road safety committee.

Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC)

No report was provided by ACC, and no representative was present to provide a verbal update.

New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA)

Mr Crofts noted that NZTA has informed the nation around their new focus on safety. He spoke about funding pressures stating that they are in the middle of a funding block from 18-21. He said that NZTA will have the ability to look at the next programme around funding in the 2021-2024 block.

Mr Crofts noted that NZTA is starting to plan their forward work programme for summer. Once this is done, they will share this with the Council. He referred to some work on SH77, but that not much will be occurring south of Rolleston. He stated that the CSM2 should be coming online in mid-2020. Mr Crofts said that a lot of work is being focused in the Kaikōura area at present.

Mr Crofts stated that due to the mild winter that NZTA has not needed to close many roads. Mayor Broughton referred to the permitting system and that it works well, thanking NZTA for their flexibility. It was noted that if a road is closed, and a driver chooses to drive on it, and has an incident, then insurance is invalid. Mr Crofts noted that this has been well publicised.

Mayor Broughton referred to road safety signs, noting in particulate the signage in Darfield. He noted that this needs to be moved and asked rules about movement of these signs to which Mr Crofts responded stating that as it is a Council sign, staff can work with NZTA on this.

The meeting took a break at 10.40am and reconvened at 11.02am

Mayor Broughton left the meeting at 10.50am.

Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ)

Mr Brook stated that it has been a difficult past two months with staff attended 32 car crashes – just in the Selwyn area.

Mr Brook noted that he is involved in a few more strategies, stating that some FENZ staff have been trained up in car seats, and they have been working with Police around licencing. He referred to an upcoming motorcycle campaign being undertaken in Little River and Main South Road where motorcyclists will be encouraged to pull over, and have a coffee and a discussion.

Mr Brook noted that FENZ is encouraging fire staff to have a wider look at car crashes to see what may have had an impact on the crash (such as road conditions) and feed this back to Councils.

A question was asked about electric vehicles at accident sites asking if these types of vehicles were left to burn out. Mr Brook noted that electric vehicles are not left to burn, but that a lot of water is required to extinguish them due to the batteries used in these vehicles.

Moved Councillor Reid / **Seconded** Mr D Boyce

'That the Selwyn District Council Road Safety Subcommittee receives the partners reports as presented.'

CARRIED

6.2 Selwyn District Council Road Safety Co-ordinators
Road Safety Co-ordinators' Report (Campaigns)

The Road Safety Co-ordinator, Mr Daly spoke to the key highlights in his report including winter driving, mature driver courses (noted low attendances), school holiday courses, planning for motorcycle awareness month (September) and road-side Coffee stops in October, learner driving mentoring programme (also involving members of the Filipino community to assist with community involvement).

Mr Daly referred to the work on motorcycles being undertaken by FENZ, stating that he would be interested in the work they are doing and will touch base with them.

Mr Daly noted that the sign referred to Darfield earlier by the Mayor, stating that it is likely to be moved.

The Schools Road Safety Co-ordinator, Mrs Hautler, noted that she is attending a Lincoln SADD road safety expo during the following week. She also noted that Council is joining in the national child restraint awareness Day in November and will be hosting a clinic).

Moved Councillor Mugford / **Seconded** Mr D Boyce

'That the Selwyn District Council Road Safety Subcommittee receives the Road Safety Co-ordinators' report for information.'

CARRIED

6.3 Road Safety Subcommittee Chair
Chair's Report

The Chair spoke to her report, highlighting the key items including recent fatalities. The Council's Road Safety Co-ordinator, Mr Daly spoke to the Road Safety Action Plan on page 21, and referred to space for input from the road safety partners. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Moved Councillor Reid / **Seconded** Mr D Boyce

'That the Selwyn District Council Road Safety Subcommittee receives the Chair's report for information.'

CARRIED

7. ROLLESTON PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

Mr Chamberlain provided a verbal update stating that crossings need to be appropriate for the locations. He stated that Council will install new crossings as the need arises, but that crossings are not the answer to get safely across the roads and that NZTA provides guidance on this. It was noted that pedestrian crossings are not located by schools as road safety patrols (kea crossings) are in place during mornings and afternoons.

Staff confirmed that Council does not intend to remove existing crossings, but if they were requested now, they may not be installed given the new guidelines.

The Chair stated that the Committee will look at this issue and see what they can do, but they will be assessed on an as required basis. She referred to several Kea crossings now located in Rolleston.

Moved Councillor Reid / **Seconded** Mr A Crofts

'That the Selwyn District Council Road Safety Subcommittee receives verbal update on Rolleston Pedestrian Crossings report from staff for information.'

CARRIED

8. CRASH DATA

Mr Daly noted he is spending an hour with the Police tomorrow to discuss data, but will also be attending training with NZTA. Mr Daly noted that Council should hopefully soon start producing its own data, referring to some graphs he has already produced but at this point Council cannot produce the data to an in-depth level but produce trend data.

Sergeant Noonan noted that the Police is able to share their risk calendar. Detective Senior Sergeant Cottam spoke about Police data and what can be provided noting he will explore this further.

Mr Mazey spoke about data at a regional perspective and noted this is a good opportunity to determine what this should look like, then establish some consistency around the data available to all regional road safety committees. It was suggested that all regional committee co-ordinators should meet to discuss this. The Chair agreed that these parties should be talking to each other.

9. ROAD SAFETY ACTION LIST

The Chair noted that this item was taken as read, speaking to the key actions within the report and seeking input from staff where necessary.

She referred to the concern in West Melton about moving the speed signs. Mr Crofts noted that this will be looked at as part of the speed review, but this is a difficult area.

The Chair also referred to the Weedons Ross Road intersection – with Mr Crofts confirming it is not on the national programme. Further conversation was held where it was noted that NZTA is able to put conditions on the consent, but only if the planner accepts those conditions. If it went to a hearing, the Commissioner would make a final call. The Chair noted that she would investigate this further.

Mr Chamberlain referred to a possible need for a crossing near the New World on Gerald Street in Lincoln given that the Lincoln Master Plan improvements are some time off.

Mrs Hautler noted issue with schools chartering buses which don't need to display a 'School' sub-plate. She asked the FENZ representative, Mr Brook, if FENZ would treat a school bus crash any differently to which Mr Brook stated that they treat all crashes involving passengers the same. Further discussion was held around school buses and the use of the 'School' sub-plate.

Councillor Reid referred to the 'my grandma works here' signs near Kaikōura noting their effectiveness.

Moved Councillor Reid / **Seconded** Councillor Mugford

'That the Selwyn District Council Road Safety Action List be received.'

CARRIED

10. ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY

The Chair asked Committee members if there were any issues with the road safety strategy or omissions that should be noted. She stated that she believes it covers a number of areas and concerns. Mr Daly stated that a lot of discussion will occur, but that actions are required in order for anything to change.

The Chair referred to cellphone fines. It was noted that fines in Victoria have increased to \$800 with Sergeant Noonan noting it is only \$80 in New Zealand, with no demerits points allocated. She stated that Police do not set the rules, but rather are required to enforce them, however she did note that the Police have held discussions that the penalty applied to breaking this rule is out of line with other fines they are required to issue.

The Chair asked the partner members present about potential submissions to the strategy, and also asked the Committee to consider if they would like to put in a submission and to let her know. To this Mr Daly stated that he has submitted personally, but would be happy to collate a Committee submission.

Moved Councillor Reid / **Seconded** Councillor Mugford

'That the Selwyn District Council Road Safety Strategy be received for information.'

CARRIED

11. REGIONAL ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP (RRSWG)

Mr Mazey spoke to the minutes contained within the agenda, speaking to the key highlights.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business raised at the meeting.

The meeting closed at 12.10pm

DATED this day of 2019

CHAIRPERSON