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OPEN MINUTES

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES SUBCOMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Thursday, 10 September 2015

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Temporary Road Closures Subcommittee held on
10 September 2015 at 8.45am**

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HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES SUBCOMMITTEE HELD IN THE LANDMARKS ROOM, GROUND FLOOR, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, LYNDON ROAD EAST, HASTINGS ON THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 8.45AM

- PRESENT:** Councillor Lyons (Chair)
Transportation Manager (Mr J Pannu)
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Group Manager: Asset Management (Mr C Thew)
Transportation Operations Engineer (Mr T Bateman)
Transportation Officer (Ms L Hardyment)
Democratic Support Manager (Mr R Palmer)
Committee Secretary (Mrs C Hunt)
- ALSO PRESENT:** **“Applicant”**
Claire May representing Targa Rally – the Applicant
- “Objector”**
Mr Ian Parker

1. APOLOGIES

Councillor Lyons/Mr Pannu

That apologies for absence from Councillor Watkins and Mr Arnold be accepted.

CARRIED

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Councillor Lyons/Mr Pannu

That the minutes of the Temporary Road Closures Subcommittee Meeting held Thursday 27 August 2015 be confirmed as a true and correct record and be adopted.

CARRIED

4. TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES - TARGA RALLY - 30 AND 31 OCTOBER 2015 (Document 15/1003)

Circulated at the commencement of the meeting was the late objection (TR-8-15-8501) from Mr Parker that had not been included in the Agenda.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that Mr Garry Upson from

Targa Rally had been unable to attend the meeting and Ms Claire May would speak on their behalf.

Late Objection

The Subcommittee gave consideration to the late objection that had been received from Mr Parker (Monks Road) in regard to this application.

Councillor Lyons/Mr Pannu

That the requirement to make an objection by Wednesday, 5 August 2015, in regard to the Targa Rally application, be waived and that the Late Objection from Mr Ian Parker be accepted.

CARRIED

The Subcommittee then heard presentations from Mr Parker and Ms May.

Mr Ian Parker addressed the meeting and highlighted the following points:

- He had lodged an objection in July 2013, together with other residents affected by road closures created by the Targa Rally.
- The closing date for objections is too short for many people to respond.
- A lot of people do not get the Hawke's Bay Today newspaper.
- Comments from the Temporary Road Closures meeting held 5 September 2013 do not appear to have been addressed.
- Given assurances in September 2013 that road closures would be at three yearly intervals.
- Road closures are an unreasonable interruption to businesses, childrens sport and mail deliveries.
- Targa have not considered other roads ie Glengarry Road, Kereru, Salisbury, Mangleton, Maraetotara.
- There are a lot of other roads that could be accessed, but Targa continue to use Whakapiro/Raukawa and Te Onepu Roads.
- Referred to Council's State of the Environment Report dated 2008 and its responsibilities.

It was noted that the State of the Environment Report was used to put controls on the District Plan. The Committee was limited in its scope in what could be considered around affects directly related to the temporary road closure. The Committee were not able to take into consideration the State of the Environment Report in regard to this application.

Mr Parker responded to questions from the Subcommittee. The main points addressed included the following:

- Targa Rally only advertised in the Hawke's Bay Today.
- Letter from Targa Rally delivered to residents advised them to contact Targa directly if they had concerns or issues.
- Targa Rally want submitters to contact them directly so they can alleviate any issues raised.

The Democratic Support Manager, Mr Palmer entered the meeting to clarify matters raised in relation to appeal from the Committee's Decision.

Mr Palmer advised that there was no mechanism in the legislation for appeals and that any person aggrieved by the Committee's Decision would need to see a judicial review by the High Court.

Ms Claire May addressed the meeting on behalf of Targa Rally and highlighted the following points:

- Targa was concerned that people were not put out or inconvenienced by the rally.
- Targa worked with the Councils and communities to alleviate any concerns or issues in regard to holding the rallies.
- Letter sent out to residents directly affected requesting that they contact Targa with any concerns so they could be worked through.
- If people had health issues or there was a necessity to leave their property during the rally, Targa had external communications so they could be contacted.
- Targa wants to get on with the community.
- In small areas the communities want to participate and be part of the rally.
- Targa is good for the Bay and brings a lot of people in so has economic benefits.
- Change in Targa staff since the September 2013 meeting. Did not realise the three year comment was set in concrete but rather that it was for discussion.
- Generally, most country schools use Targa for fund raising.
- Schools in rural areas are benefited by the cars going through and make money off Targa which enables them to buy new equipment for schools.
- Targa does have concern for the residents who do not want the road closed.
- Targa will definitely contact Council first prior to their next application.
- The reason Targa use these roads was that they are the best in the country.
- Hawke's Bay has the best rally roads and those particular roads are favoured for that reason.
- Safest and best driving.
- Cannot back track roads at this stage.

It was noted that any economic benefits to the region could not be considered as part of the Committee's deliberations in the Decision making.

Ms May responded to questions from the Subcommittee. The main point addressed included the following:

- Any person who had an issue with Targa would have had a personal response from them.
- Targa in Auckland had confirmed that there was only one objector.
- It was too late to look at other roads for the rally now.
- The rally was held where there was public access as Targa wanted the community behind them.
- Roads chosen were ones that the public could access to view the rally.
- If Whakapiro and Raukawa Roads removed it would shorten the rally.
- Targa prided itself on having the biggest rally in the world and attracted international drivers to New Zealand.
- If the rally was shortened it may be difficult to attract international drivers.

The Chair thanked Mr Parker and Ms May for their presentations to the Committee and advised that the Subcommittee would now go into Public Excluded Session in order to consider the application by Targa. The Subcommittee's decision would then be sent to all parties in writing in due course.

Councillor Lyons/Mr Pannu

That the Committee now move into Public Excluded session to deliberate in private on the matters presented to it in public session, and to enable legal advice to be received regarding its options with respect to the application.

CARRIED

4. TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES – TARGA RALLY – 2 AND 3 NOVEMBER 2013...Continued...

After having deliberated in Public Excluded Session, the Temporary Road Closures Subcommittee confirmed its decision in Open Session so it could be publicly released.

Mr Parker and Ms May rejoined the meeting in Open Session and were present to hear the Decision.

SUBSTANTIVE DECISION

Councillor Lyons/Mr Pannu

- A) That the report of the Transportation Officer titled “Temporary Road Closures - Targa Rally - 30 and 31 October 2015” dated 10/09/2015 be received.**

That the objection from Mr Ian Parker relating to the temporary road closure of Whakapirau and Raukawa Roads on 31 October 2015 be received.

- B) Napier/Taihape Road, Napier Road, Treachers Lane Argyll Road, Te Aute Trust Road and Middle Road**

That, there being no objections received, the Council approve the following temporary road closures

Friday, 30 October 2015

- 1. Napier/Taihape Road from Kuripapango to the intersection with Glenross Road and River Road – 1:40pm – 5:40pm, Friday, 30 October 2015**
- 2. Napier Road (Havelock North) from the central roundabout to the intersection with Porter Drive and Columba Way car park – 3:00pm – 6:00pm, Friday, 30 October 2015**
- 3. Treachers Lane from Napier Road including the entire car park – 3:00pm – 6:00pm, Friday, 30 October 2015**

Saturday, 31 October 2015

- 4. Argyll Road from the intersection of Te Onepu Road to the boundary with Central Hawke’s Bay District Council – 6:45am – 1:15pm, Saturday, 31 October 2015**
- 5. Te Aute Trust Road from number 658 to the intersection with Middle Road – 7:40am – 11:40am, Saturday, 31 October 2015**

6. **Middle Road from the intersection with Te Aute Trust Road to the intersection with Endsleigh Road (southern end) – 7:40am – 11:40am, Saturday, 31 October 2015**

C) Whakapirau Road and Raukawa Road

That the application for temporary road closure by Targa Rally in respect of the following roads, be declined:

Saturday, 31 October 2015

1. **Whakapirau Road** from the intersection of SH50 to the intersection with Raukawa Road – 6:45am – 1:15pm, Saturday, 31 October 2015
2. **Raukawa Road** from the intersection with Whakapirau Road to the intersection with Te Onepu Road – 6:45am – 1:15pm, Saturday, 31 October 2015.

With the reasons being:

1. That the objection received to the Club Targa Incorporated temporary road closure application has not been resolved.
2. That Targa had the opportunity to apply for alternative routes, and has not provided any other options for the Committee to consider.
3. That Targa was aware of the letter outlining consideration of a three year period between temporary road closures, but had made no effort to discuss the matter with staff.

D) Standard Conditions

That the Council approve the temporary road closures from (B) above subject to the following conditions to be complied with to the satisfaction of the group Manager: Asset Management:

1. This event is conducted in accordance with the New Zealand Transport Agency Code of Practice Temporary Traffic Management (CoPTTM).
2. The supplied Traffic Management Plan containing appropriate signage is approved.
3. A copy of the relevant liability insurance policy is received.
4. That Club Targa Incorporated enter into the formal road bond scheme with Council for a sum of no less than \$10,000.00 and make available a representative to attend both the pre and post network inspections.

5. That the cost of all advertising is met by the event organiser.
6. Emergency Services are contacted regarding the holding of this event.
7. The Club Targa Incorporated event shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Motor Sport New Zealand Motor Sport Manual, National Sporting Code and Appendices.

With the reasons for this decision being that the objective of the decision will contribute to the good quality infrastructure by:

- i) That the use of the above listed street/roads for these short periods of time will not unreasonably impede traffic.
- ii) Allowing the above temporary road closures the organiser can undertake their event in a safe and controlled environment with all risks minimised and managed.

CARRIED

5. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS ITEMS

There were no additional business items.

6. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS ITEMS

There were no extraordinary business items.

The meeting closed at 9.50am

Confirmed:

Chairman:

Date: