



Minutes of the sixth meeting, seventh triennium, of the Passenger Transport Subcommittee of Horizons Regional Council held in the Tararua Room, Regional House, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North at 1.05pm on Tuesday, 17 February 2009.

PRESENT Crs L Bailey (Chair), A Anderson, D Colling and B Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE Manager Transport Services Mrs A Redgrave
Committee Secretary Mrs E Rooney-Scotson

ALSO PRESENT Ms K Lowe (Transport Planner), Mrs V Patton (Total Mobility Coordinator) and Mr W Wallace (Transport Planner)

APOLOGIES Crs G Murfitt, V Chettleburgh and A Main

Apologies were also tendered from Crs M Plowman and B Gordon

LATE ITEMS

The Chairperson advised that report 09-28 'Application for Community Transport Funding for Levin Urban Services' was not available at the time the Agenda was printed, and a decision on the matter was required in a specified timeframe in order to progress the matter.

The Chairperson also advised that PX reports 09-26 'Ashhurst to Palmerston North Bus Service Tender Results' and 09-27 'Linton/Massey Bus Service Tender Results' were not available at the time the Agenda was printed and decisions on the matters were required within specified timeframes.

PT 09-47 **Moved** **Wilson/Colling**

that the Subcommittee accepts the late items.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Amendments were made to the minutes of the previous meeting to:

- (a) Correct a spelling error on page 1 - "Mrs Redgarve" to "Mrs Redgrave"; and
- (b) In line with Model Standing Orders, add Cr L Bailey as the seconder for clauses 08-44, 08-45 and 08-46.

PT 09-48 **Moved** **Bailey/Colling**

*that the minutes of the Passenger Transport Subcommittee meeting held on 18 November 2008, as circulated, with a spelling correction on page 1, Redgarve to read Redgrave, and in line with Model Standing Orders, add **Bailey** as the seconder for clauses 08-44, 08-45, and 08-46, be received and confirmed as a correct record subject to the above amendments.*

CARRIED

PASSENGER TRANSPORT UPDATE

Report No. 09-14

This report was to update the Committee with the half-yearly passenger transport results.

Clarification was sought on the SuperGold free off-peak travel, especially in regard to the Otaki to Palmerston North bus service in light of the recent cessation of the Otaki to Levin service. Officers advised that they had not received official notification that the service provider had ceased this service, however this would be investigated.

PT 09-49

Moved

Wilson/Anderson

that the Subcommittee recommends that the Regional Transport Committee:

- a. **receives** the six monthly results for passenger transport services supported by Horizons Regional Council.

CARRIED

TOTAL MOBILITY AND CONCESSIONARY FARE SCHEME UPDATE

Report No. 09-16

This report was to inform members:

- a. of the cost and patronage of Total Mobility and some concessionary fare schemes in the six months to December 2008; and
- b. update members on current developments in Total Mobility.

Members encouraged Officers to use the community media channels to provide some positive education to the public on Horizons' contribution to the City's Mobility services.

Members acknowledged the positive results with the Horowhenua Health Shuttle, and noted that the results were greater than initially envisaged. However, it was disappointing to hear that the PHO had decided to withdraw its funding for this service.

PT 09-50

Moved

Wilson/Colling

that the Subcommittee recommends that the Regional Transport Committee:

- a. **notes** the general Total Mobility update and the six month results for the Total Mobility Schemes in Palmerston North, Feilding, Wanganui, Levin, Marton, Foxton, Taumarunui and Dannevirke, and for Concessionary Fare Schemes in Feilding, Taumarunui and Tararua.

CARRIED

PROGRESS REPORT ON INVESTIGATION INTO WANGANUI – PALMERSTON NORTH COMMUTER SERVICE

Report No. 09-17

This report was to inform Members of the investigation into a Wanganui – Palmerston North commuter service.

Consideration was given to the report and questions of clarification made.

PT 09-51 **Moved** **Anderson/Wilson**

that the Subcommittee recommends that the Regional Transport Committee:

- a. **receives** the update on the investigation into a Wanganui – Palmerston North commuter bus service.

CARRIED

APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSPORT FUNDING FOR LEVIN URBAN SERVICES

Report No. 09-28 (Late Item)

This report was to inform Members that Horizons would apply for extra financial assistance from the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) to improve the level of service of the Levin Urban bus service.

Consideration was given to the report and annex, and questions of clarification were raised.

PT 09-52 **Moved** **Bailey/Anderson**

that the Subcommittee recommends that the Regional Transport Committee:

- a. **receives** the report on the application for the use of Community Transport Funds for the Levin Urban bus service.
- b. **authorise** officers to make an application to the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) to secure Community Transport Funding for the Levin Urban bus service.

CARRIED

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

In relation to funding for public transportation, Cr Anderson questioned whether the likelihood of a Regional Council obtaining subsidies was greatly enhanced in comparison to an individual Territorial Authority applying in its own right.

Mrs Redgrave suggested that this question could be raised with the relevant funding body, such as the NZTA, and also noted that the benefits of coordinating transport services regionally included a greater economy of scale and a regional viewpoint, such as with the connection of services. Mrs Redgrave also advised there had been a number of instances where a city had run its own public transport, and then eventually relinquished it back to the region as the costs were too great and level of knowledge and expertise required was difficult to secure.

PUBLIC EXCLUDED

PT 09-53

Moved

Colling/Wilson

that the public be excluded from the remainder of the Subcommittee meeting as the general subject matter to be considered while the public was 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 was as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution	Grounds under section 48 (1) for passing this resolution
PX1 Confirmation of Minutes of 18 November 2008	As disclosure would not be in the public interest because of the greater need to enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage commercial negotiations.	That the exclusion of the public from that part of the meeting is necessary to prevent the disclosure of information for which good reasons for withholding exist.
PX2 Ashhurst – Palmerston North Tender result <i>Report No. 09-18 and Report No. 09-26</i>	As disclosure would not be in the public interest because of the greater need to enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage commercial negotiations.	That the exclusion of the public from that part of the meeting is necessary to prevent the disclosure of information for which good reasons for withholding exist.
PX3 Linton /Massey Late Night Services Tender <i>Report No. 09-19 and Report No. 09-27</i>	As disclosure would not be in the public interest because of the greater need to enable Council to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage commercial negotiations.	That the exclusion of the public from that part of the meeting is necessary to prevent the disclosure of information for which good reasons for withholding exist.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned to the public excluded part of the meeting at 2.10pm and resumed at 2.24pm.

The meeting closed at 2.25pm

Confirmed

MANAGER TRANSPORT SERVICES

CHAIRMAN