

Minutes of the first meeting of the eleventh triennium of the Passenger Transport Committee held at 10.00am on Tuesday 18 February 2020, in the Tararua Room, Horizons Regional Council, 11-15 Victoria Avenue, Palmerston North.

PRESENT Crs SD Ferguson (Chair), EM Clarke, FJT Gordon (to 12.10pm), WM Kirton, RJ Keedwell, JM Naylor, NJ Patrick, B Barrett (Palmerston North City Council), C Ash & F Dalgety (Rangitikei District Council), G Cosford (Ruapehu District Council), R Treder (Tararua District Council), Mr A Tonnon (Whanganui District Council).

IN ATTENDANCE Group Manager Regional Services and Information Committee Secretary Mr G Shirley
Mrs JA Kennedy

ALSO PRESENT At various times during the meeting:
Mrs K Curry (Senior Transport Planner), Ms L Shirley (Senior Transport Planner), Ms J Anderson (Transport Planner), Mrs D Monks (Total Mobility Coordinator), Mrs C Hesselin (Senior Communications Officer), Ms J Snelgrove, (Tranzit Palmerston North), Ms R Cameron, Mr L Findlay and supporters (Age Friendly Group Palmerston North), Mr L Rohloff and Mrs M Williams (Horowhenua GreyPower), members of the public, a member of the press.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

PT 20-1 Moved Ferguson/Naylor

That apologies be received from Crs Grant Hadfield (Manawatu District Council), and Sam Jennings (Horowhenua District Council, and from Cr F Gordon (Horizons Regional Council) for early departure.

CARRIED

The Chair noted that Cr Piri-Hira Tukapua would attend in place of Cr Sam Jennings (Horowhenua District Council). At the conclusion of the meeting, an apology was received from Cr Piri-Hira Tukapua.

The Chair provided an opportunity for Members and Staff to introduce themselves.

PUBLIC FORUMS / DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS

Ms Raewyn Cameron and Mr Lew Findlay spoke to the meeting about the formation of the Age Friendly Group and outlined its vision to enable all people in Palmerston North, as they age, to flourish and thrive. Members sought clarification from Ms Cameron and Mr Findlay around the Group's activities.

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

There were no supplementary items to be considered.

MEMBERS' CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Mr Tonnon noted a potential conflict of interest with his work in regard to transport services.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES REPORT 1 JULY TO 31 DECEMBER 2019

Report No 20-07

Mr Shirley (Group Manager Regional Services & Information) introduced the report which updated Members on the performance of contracted public transport services for the period 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2019. Ms Anderson (Transport Planner) took Members through the summary of all passenger services across the region, clarified queries about the graphs and tables outlining the performance of various bus services, and she and Mrs Curry (Senior Transport Planner) responded to questions relating to each of the services across the region.

PT 20-2 Moved Patrick/Kirton

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 20-07 and Annex.*

CARRIED

REPORT ON TOTAL MOBILITY SCHEME ACTIVITIES FOR 2018-19 AND 2019-20 (6 MONTHS)

Report No 20-08

This report provided passenger numbers and expenditure figures for the 2018-19 financial year and for the first six months of 2019-20, up to 31 December 2019. Mrs Monks (Total Mobility Coordinator) took Members through the report, provided an overview of Total Mobility services across the region, gave an update on the Concessionary Fare Scheme around the implementation of Ridewise 2, and explained how Total Mobility was connected to the Ministry of Transport/New Zealand Transport Agency Action Plan. She clarified Members’ questions on the various activities as they arose.

PT 20-3 Moved Naylor/Keedwell

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. *receives the information contained in Report No. 20-08.*

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11.30am.

The meeting reconvened at 11.40am.

REGIONAL INTEGRATED TICKETING SYSTEM PROJECT UPDATE

Report No 20-09

Mrs Curry (Regional Integrated Ticketing System Special Project Manager) provided an update on the roll-out of the Regional Integrated Ticketing System project (Bee Card). She provided a recap of the project set-up, commented on issues experienced and lessons learnt following the roll-out of the Bee Card in Whanganui, and highlighted the benefits of the system. Mrs Curry clarified Members’ questions.

PT 20-4 Moved Keedwell/Patrick

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. *receives the update on the implementation of the Regional Integrated Ticketing System project.*

CARRIED

Members had the opportunity to ask general questions about public transport services.

Cr F Gordon left the meeting at 12.10pm.

PROCEDURAL MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

PT 20-5 Moved Keedwell/Patrick

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 and 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:

CARRIED

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
PX1 Policy for Passenger Transport Free Access/Bulk Buy Schemes	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. The reason for this report being heard in public excluded is because of commercial sensitivity.	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.
PX2 Council / Committee to consider whether any item in the Public Excluded minutes can be moved into the public domain and define the extent of the release		

The meeting adjourned to the Public Excluded part of the meeting at 12.10pm and resumed at 12.35pm.

During the public excluded part of the meeting, Members agreed to release the following information into the public domain:

- Recommendation PX PT 20-1, Report No. 20-10, Policy for Passenger Transport Free Access/Bulk Buy Schemes.

- **Moved** **Naylor/Keedwell**

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 20-10.*
- b. determines that a policy for free access/bulk buy schemes is required.*
- c. selects Option 2 as the preferred option.*
- d. directs staff to vary the Regional Public Transport Plan for approval at the next Passenger Transport Committee meeting.*

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 12.36pm.

Confirmed

GROUP MANAGER
REGIONAL SERVICES & INFORMATION

CHAIR