



Christchurch City Council

MISUSE OF MOTOR VEHICLES SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA

FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2005

AT 2PM

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICES

Subcommittee: Councillor Bob Shearing (Chair), Mayor Garry Moore (ex officio),
Councillors Sally Buck, Graham Condon, Barry Corbett, Carole Evans and Norm Withers

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Terms of Reference:

1. To work through the issues of vehicle noise and report back to the Council by 31 August with options for future action.
2. To formulate appropriate procedures for lobbying Central Government, preferably through Local Government New Zealand.
3. To share information with Police.
4. To formulate and promote options for change.
5. To investigate and report back on current motor sport and related activities and assess potential options for the future.
6. To monitor consistency with existing strategies.
7. To monitor restricted areas to determine the effects on other areas of the city.

TOPICS

1. APOLOGIES

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 15 JULY 2005 AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes from the 15 July 2005 meeting (to follow in italics) were reported to the 4 August 2005 Council meeting.

1.1 *Operating Hours – Licensed*

The Subcommittee had requested a report on the operating hours for licensed premises in Christchurch, and comparative data from Dunedin and Auckland City. It was noted both Dunedin and Auckland City are presently reviewing their alcohol policies. The meeting was advised that the police in Auckland are opposed to restricting/limiting the operating hours in their central business district. The age of purchase (considered by many as the drinking age) is presently under national debate.

Recommendation to the Council

It was resolved to **recommend** that the Council request a report on the effects of the 24 hour licensing, and options for managing these effects including provision for a possible future review of the Council's alcohol policy regarding 24 hour trading.

2.1 The Effect of Changes on the Port Hills Due to Removal of Burn-out Areas

A report prepared by the Regional Parks Team Manager was considered by the Subcommittee. The modifications to the former burn-out areas appear to have been effective, with a drop in late night car activity, and anti-social behaviour. Further landscaping and modification is planned for the 2005/06 financial year. It was **agreed by consensus** that this item be left on the agenda for future meetings.

The information was **received**.

2.2 The Effect of "Boy Racer" Bans in Hornby

A report on the effect of the bans in the Klondyke industrial area was considered by the Subcommittee. It was acknowledged the draft bylaw had served its purpose at the time with over 50 infringement notices being issued. It appears no infringement notices have been issued during the last four years. However there was a perception that the problem has re-emerged at other locations but to a lesser degree. The progress being made by central government in addressing this problem was acknowledged. However it became apparent during the subsequent discussion there is an ongoing problem within Cathedral Square and the surrounding streets, which is having a negative effect on visitors to the central city. Police presence and new enforcement measures (now \$250 fine and ten demerit points for a noisy vehicle) were proving effective.

Tim Barnett MP explained he understood a regulatory change will occur before the election, and there is a commitment by central government to a long-term regulation. However these measures do not preclude the need for appropriate local intervention.

The value of an "audio trailer" (along the lines of the speed trailer) was discussed, and Brian Wearing undertook to do some research and report back to the Subcommittee on the feasibility of this concept.

It was **agreed by consensus** that the Subcommittee, at the next meeting, discuss options for managing noise issues including recommending to the Council further consideration be given to the light vehicle ban in Cathedral Square and its immediate environs.

2.3 Christchurch City Liquor Control Bylaw

A copy of the bylaw was circulated with the agenda. The information was **received**.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Operating Hours - Licensed Premises

The Council, at the 4 August 2005 meeting, **adopted** the Misuse of Motor Vehicles Subcommittee recommendation, subject to it being noted that Councillor Corbett had requested that his opposition to the banning of light vehicles in Cathedral Square and its immediate environs be recorded.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

To be tabled.

3.1 Heritage Hotel Customer Feedback: 26.7.2005

Vehicle noise/quiet zone

3.2 Manukau City Council: 28.7.2005

Council minutes 30 June 2005: Submission to Members of Parliament and Engineers Report in support.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Measurement of the Noise of Moving Vehicles

Brian Wearing (oral report)

4.2 The Effect of Changes on Port Hills Due to Removal of Burn-out Areas

Report from the Regional Parks Team Leader:

"The car parks which have been modified have much reduced problems.

Staff have reported that there is some damage occurring further south at the Sign of the Bellbird car park, with diesel being put on seal, some tagging in nearby Sign of Bellbird and some damage to nearby vegetation. There will be some work done shortly to review the design of the car park to make it less suitable for car gatherings - this will probably entail the placement of large boulders in strategic places."

4.3 Options for Managing Noise Issues: Cathedral Square and Immediate Environs

For discussion.

5. UPDATES

6. NEXT MEETING