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**MISUSE OF MOTOR VEHICLES SUBCOMMITTEE
15 JULY 2005**

**A meeting of the Misuse of Motor Vehicles Subcommittee
was held on Friday 15 July 2005 at 2pm**

- PRESENT:** Councillor Bob Shearing (Chairperson),
Councillors Sally Buck, Graham Condon, and Barry Corbett.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Brian Palliser (New Zealand Automobile Association),
Allan Scott (New Zealand Automobile Association),
Brian Wearing (New Zealand Automobile Association),
Steve Batey (Canterbury Drag Racing Association),
Lachy Garrick (New Zealand Police Sydenham),
Trevor Pullen (New Zealand Police), Penny Clark (Heritage Hotel),
Yani Johanson (Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board),
Marion Bishop (representing David Carter MP),
Mike Mora (Riccarton/Wigram Community Board),
Tim Barnett MP, Tim Nicholls (Hotel off the Square),
Barry Cook (Traffic Engineer – Community Streets Network
Operations, CCC) and Klaus Prusas (Environmental Effects Team
Leader, CCC).
- APOLOGIES:** Apologies for absence were received and accepted from
the Mayor, Councillor Carole Evans, Councillor Norm Withers,
Clayton Cosgrove MP, Derek Anderson, Richard Raymond and
Jonathan Gillard.
- Councillor Condon retired at 3.10pm and was present for
items 2, 3.1 and 3.2.

The Subcommittee reports that:

PART A - MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

1. REPORTS

1.1 Operating Hours – Licensed

The Subcommittee had requested a report (duly prepared by Klaus Prusas) 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.

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.

PART B - REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

2. REPORTS (Cont'd)

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

A report prepared by Kay Holder (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 prepared by Basil Pettigrew (Traffic Engineer – Community Streets Network Operations) 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**.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: 17 JUNE 2005 AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the meeting of 17 June 2005 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

4. UPDATES

4.1 Steve Batey provided an update on the development of motor sport facilities, and undertook to provide the Subcommittee with information on overseas examples of successful projects which kept "boy racers" from the streets.

During the ensuing discussion on security within Cathedral Square which cited the value of closed circuit television given recent international events, Trevor Pullan advised there are 15 security cameras operating within Cathedral Square currently.

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4.2 Others

The updates listed on the agenda were either provided earlier in the meeting (5.3 Steve Batey, 5.4 Tim Barnett) or apologies for absence had been received (5.1 Clayton Cosgrove and 5.2 Jonathan Gillard).

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on:

- Friday 2 September 2005
- 2pm
- No 3 Committee Room, First Floor, Civic Offices

The meeting concluded at 3.45pm

CONSIDERED THIS 4TH DAY OF AUGUST 2005

MAYOR