

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ROAD CLOSURE SUBCOMMITTEE

**Held in Committee Room 1, Second Floor, Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street
on Monday 21 May 2012 at 1.05pm.**

PRESENT: Subcommittee:
Clare Sullivan, Council Secretary
Steffan Thomas (Traffic Operations Team Leader)
Edwina Cordwell (Community Board Adviser)

IN ATTENDANCE: Simon Hodges (Traffic Management Coordinator)
Guy Stevens (Christchurch Marathon Limited)
Sheree Stevens (Christchurch Marathon Limited)
Jon Atherton (Christchurch Marathon ITS)
Peter Bentley (McLeans Island Golf Club)
Rod Latham (Harewood Golf Club)
Lynn Anderson (Orana Wildlife Trust)
Greg Knight (Omega Rentals)
Andrew Gillanders (Canterbury Steam Preservation Society)

APOLOGIES: Alastair Price

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

The Subcommittee considered an application from Integrated Traffic Solutions for the temporary closure of a number of roads for the Christchurch International Airport Marathon 2012, Sunday 3 June 2012.

Roads Proposed to be Closed

Harewood Road

From Johns Road to Orchard Road North (7am to 2.30pm)

Orchard Road

From Memorial Avenue to Wairakei Road (7am to 10am)

Wairakei Road

From Peter Leeming Drive to Orchard Road (7am to 10am)

McLeans Island Road

From Logistics Drive to Pound Road (3am to 7am)

McLeans Island Road

From Johns Road to Logistics Drive (3am to 2.30pm)

Pound Road

From McLeans Island Road to West Coast Road (7am to 2.30pm)

Savilles Road

From Pound Road to Conservators Road (7am to 2.30pm)

Guys Road

From Conservators Road to School Road (7am to 2.30pm)

School Road

From Guys Road to Pound Road (7am to 2.30pm)

Ryans Road

From Guys Road to Grays Road (7am to 2.30pm)

Grays Road

From Ryans Road to Avonhead Road (7am to 2.30pm)

Conservators Road

Entire Length(7am to 2.30pm)

Jessons Road

Entire Length (7am to 2.30pm)

Corringa Road

Entire Road (7am to 2.30pm)

Export Avenue (3am to 7am)

Avonhead Road

From Grays Road to Ron Guthrie Drive (7am to 2.30pm)

DECISION OF THE ROAD CLOSURE SUBCOMMITTEE

The Subcommittee notes that the road closure process is not a foregone conclusion. It is a legitimate council process under the Local Government Act 1974 and is taken seriously by the Council. If issues/concerns are not addressed the Subcommittee has the authority to decline road closure applications.

This application resulted in 15 objections, this is the highest number of objections received to any one application in recent years.

The Subcommittee in this instance has decided to approve the altered proposal for the road closures. In reaching this decision the Subcommittee acknowledges the work that Simon Hodges has done in enabling a compromise that has meant that a number of objectors have withdrawn their objection and a more practical solution has been achieved. The Subcommittee thanks those objectors for their willingness to compromise. Had this compromise not been reached the Subcommittee may not have been able to approve the application as originally submitted.

The Subcommittee notes the commitment given by the traffic management provider to endeavour as late as possible closing and as early as possible re-opening of affected roads and this has enabled the Subcommittee to reach its decision more easily. We also note the offer of the phone calls to alert the businesses of any changes to the agreed schedule and resolve that this is part of the approval as well as letters to all residents and businesses and assistance with travel planning.

As part of the approval we accept the offer of the applicant to work with the businesses affected to incorporate promotional material in the participant's pack together with radio and newspaper advertising.

The Subcommittee was extremely concerned with the lack of prior consultation, not only with businesses, but also with all those in the affected area, and that the marathon and the route had been promoted well in advance of the formal consultation notification and road closure process. The Subcommittee recommends that the road closure process requirements are reviewed to ensure that this does not occur for any other event.

The Subcommittee's decision in this instance does not guarantee that a similar application in future years would be approved.

The meeting concluded at 3.50pm.