

Ashburton District Road Safety Co-ordinating Committee Minutes

Date: 3 August 2021
Venue: Council Chamber, 137 Havelock Street, Ashburton
Time: 9.30am

1 Welcome and Apologies

That apologies for absence be received on behalf of Mayor Neil Brown, Cr Liz McMillan, Daniel Naude (South Canterbury Road Safety), Neil Simons (Principals Association), Steve Burgerhout (NZ Police – State Highway), Lesley Symington (Safer Mid Canterbury)

Skevington/Rawlinson

Carried

Present:

Lynette Lovett (Chair)	ADC Councillor	Andrae Gold	ACADS
Diane Rawlinson	ADC Councillor	John Skevington	AA
John Keenan	Waka Kotahi/NZTA	Shane Cochrane	NZ Police – Commercial Vehicle
Sean Nilsson	Waka Kotahi/NZTA	Bevan Findlay	FENZ
Wendi Stewart	ACC		

Also in attendance:

Angus McKay	ADC Councillor		
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In attendance:

Martin Lo	Graduate Engineer – Roading	Carol McAtamney	Governance Support Officer
Brian Fauth	Roading Manager		

2 Notification of Extraordinary Business

Nil.

3 Confirmation of Minutes

That the minutes of the Ashburton District Road Safety Coordinating Committee meeting held on 4 May 2021, be taken as read and confirmed.

Cochrane/Keenan

Carried

4 Reports/Agency Updates

4.1 Dan McLaughlin – Methven Community Board

9.32am – 9.49m

Concerns re the Mt Hutt Station Road (SH77)

- Opuke Hot pools are due to open soon and the entrance/exit is on Mt Hutt Station Road
- Methven Racecourse events have increased from four to 11 per year
- Camrose Estate has had 220 sections sold and construction work has commenced (Holmes Road enters onto Mt Hutt Station Road)

All of these factors will increase use of SH77 which currently has a speed limit of 100km. Would like to see this speed limit reduced. There is no connection/foot path from these public facilities to the town centre for people to safely walk along.

It was advised that a state highway cannot have a footpath on a stretch of road that has a 100km speed limit. The process to follow would be for the Methven Community Board to write to Council requesting a speed limit change and for Council to lobby NZTA. It was also advised that this would not be a quick fix, possibly a 2-3 year process.

4.2 Salvation Army Community Driver Mentor Programme

Keran Tsering (Driver Programme Manager), Heather Daly (Driver Programme Co-ordinator) – 9.51am – 10.06am

- Community Driver Mentor programme which provides opportunities for supervised driving experience and licence support (currently in six districts in the South Island)
- Programme is for those who have their learners licence and are wanting to get to restricted/full
- It is a 12 week programme, twice a week working with instructors, practicing skills to be a safer driver and pass restricted test
- Have assisted 64 people obtain drivers licences
- Looking for collaboration with other groups to ensure good use of resources, shared knowledge to ensure programme can continue.
- Willing to work with other groups to promote road safety initiatives to programme participants.

4.3 Ashburton District Road Safety

Martin Lo

- Currently working with interested parties (Police, FENZ, ACC, Waka Kotahi) on an updated Road Safety action plan. Expect a draft plan to be presented to the Committee at the next meeting.

4.4 Automobile Association

John Skevington

- Concerns regarding the reflectorized signs for passing lanes etc are very dirty and have become less effective. Is there a regular cleaning programme for these?
- Waka Kotahi advised that there is no regular cleaning programme but they will pass the message on.

4.5 Waka Kotahi New Zealand Transport Agency

The proposed safety crossing for SH77/Moore street was not able to be completed due to a contractor not being able to be secured to complete the task prior to June 2021. Funding is now being sought to complete this task in the future.

A public announcement was made on 2 August advising that all new vehicles and car sales will be required to display a label which advises the safety rating of the vehicle.

4.6 ACADS

Chris Levitt is conducting one on one sessions for DUI offenders as there are insufficient numbers for group sessions.

4.7 Safer Mid Canterbury

Currently working with Council and ACC on a feature page in both local newspapers focusing on Motor Cycle Awareness Month in September.

The Mid Canterbury Community Vehicle Trust has recently reviewed feedback on the Community Transport Service and will be moving towards an on-demand service Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, rather than the fixed day/fixed route service that has been operating on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The fixed route/day service doesn't suit a lot of people who need to go to Ashburton on other days of the week for hospital appointments, etc.

4.8 Police

Undertook an operation in conjunction with the highway patrol on commercial vehicle safety and breathe tests targeting the Mt Hutt, Remarkables and Coronet Peak ski fields.

792 breathe tests were administered in the Mt Hutt area with 16 showing signs of alcohol, one of which faces prosecution.

4.9 ACC

ACC and Waka Kotahi are partners in delivering DRIVE, a website and app aimed at young people to help them through their licence. The 'Winter Series' campaign is currently live [Winter series \(drive.govt.nz\)](https://drive.govt.nz)

Waka Kotahi have a "Decepta Car" available for educating parents and young drivers about safety ratings for vehicles. The vehicle has a safety rating of one and highlights the dangers of a low safety rated vehicle. The vehicle will be in the Canterbury region during October/November.

A Regional Road Safety workshop, led by Ecan, will be held within the next two months. Looking for suggestions from Council as to what data they would like to capture at the workshop.

5 Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is Tuesday 2 November 2021 at 9.30am.

Meeting closed at 10.51am