

**Date:** Wednesday 20 April 2016  
**Time:** 6.30pm  
**Meeting Room:** Whau Local Board Office  
**Venue:** 31 Totara Avenue  
New Lynn

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## Whau Local Board

# OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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New Lynn Business Association  
18 April 2016

## Public and employee safety and security in New Lynn town centre

Reference: NLBA Exec Meeting February 2016

### Purpose

1. To provide information for the Whau Local Board to make a decision on the New Lynn Business Association application for assistance to the Whau Local Board via the Community Safety Portfolio and or any related Whau Local Board priority.
2. To request the Whau Local Board consider making a decision to provide this report and consider a resolution to support the recommendations outlined.
3. To notify and share with the Whau Local Board the critical importance of these matters affecting the New Lynn public and the business community employees and business viability in the regenerating town centre.

### Executive Summary

4. The New Lynn Business association (NLBA) represents 230 town centre businesses, there are an estimated 2,000 – 2,800 people working in the business association business improvement area (excluding LynnMall).
5. The New Lynn Business association has received notice from five landlords of their concerns regarding security and safety of customers and general staff in the area. This is a most unusual circumstance and is related to the potential loss of tenants, customers with the security and safety matters seen as detrimental.
6. The safety, security and crime matters arising from landlords information sharing can mean a future negative impact on the whole of the New Lynn area. The negative elements being observed and experienced by people in the area appears to and can affect potential owners, good tenants and consumers (the public) their perception and interest in investing in New Lynn. This may result in the opposite outcomes of the New Lynn 2010 - 2030 Plan and the Auckland Council's investment in the transit oriented development (TOD) /regeneration plans in New Lynn.
7. The issue of the crime and safety matters of a real concern to multiple organisations in the community including the New Lynn Policing team. This is as evidenced by the meetings held between the local MP David Cunliffe, social services groups, NLBA, owners group, formal complaints to the NLBA GM by no less than 16 business owners in New Lynn.
8. The executive committee of the NLBA have formally requested the Whau Local Board to assist in the matter of addressing the safety issues in the community; this has been documented in past communication from February 2013 to the Whau Local Board to the current date 2016.
9. Complaints from members of the public and business people about the beggars in New Lynn and the nuisance in public areas by youth groups.
10. The NLBA executives and members have communicated with business people in the area to discuss an action plan and to share ideas that can help to alleviate this situation. The NLBA suggests an action plan to meet the plans of other organisations to address the issues (short term with a plan of positive long-term results).
11. Discussions have taken place between stakeholders concerned with the level of crime in the area and suggest a wardens and or ambassador programme as a trial for 6-12 months,

funding dependent. This suggestion is also supported by the New Lynn Police Snr. Sergeant and team.

12. The NLBA has limited funding however, our organisation has been working with the Council and the Police to ensure a CCTV camera project are in place in New Lynn. This has been costly to the organisation. There is an identified need for an additional four to five CCTV cameras, one to replace a stolen camera and three to four new cameras, two of which will be located in areas that will cover outside of the NLBA BID area and will cover in part, residential areas where incidents have been occurring.
13. Additional lighting including fairy lights are beneficial to the area they have a positive effect and offer some lighting for CCTV. The NLBA and others realise that there are multiple facets to the reduction of crime that includes those items listed in the recommendations.
14. The decision required from the Whau Local Board is to consider an application for funding
15. The NLBA is offering free safety training via a conflict resolution training session for all business people in the New Lynn BID area, there are three sessions, all have been booked.
16. The MP David Cunliffe alongside the Whau Local Board hosted a Safety Summit, people attending raised issues of safety and security concerns, CCTV was raised as a need in the town centre.

#### **Recommendations**

That the Whau Local Board works alongside stakeholders to implement:

- a. Improved lighting (fairy lights, general A.T. lighting, additional lighting, security lights) – quotation attached
- b. Additional CCTV's provided by the Whau Local Board via the NLBA to be installed into the New Lynn Police station – quotation attached
- c. Patrols – Trial an Ambassador or Warden programme. The NLBA will talk with other funders such as the TTCFL to gain their view on financial assistance.
- d. Whau Local Board to engage in action to alleviate crime in the town centre and community
- e. Alarmed buildings – focus on improvements with property owners
- f. Better vigilance via residents groups
- g. Crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED)
- h. A review of an area being dormant or active
- i. Assist the NLBA to provide funding for additional fairy lights in the town centre

#### **Attachments**

17. A budget for the additional CCTV cameras (formal quotation)
18. Additional fairy lighting budget
19. Warden/Ambassador project trial and budget for 6 months
20. A letter to the Mayor from MP David Cunliffe regarding crime issues

#### **Report writer – updated at 18/4/15**

T Mulholland on behalf of the New Lynn Business Association.

2/3/16





### Smokefree Auckland Policy Review



- Is a voluntary approach effective?
- Is a bylaw necessary?

**2013**  
Stadiums & swimming pools  
Playgrounds & skate parks  
Sports fields, parks & reserves  
Transport areas  
Council facilities  
Events

**2015**  
Shared spaces  
Plazas & civic squares

**Policy review**

**2018**  
Sports clubs  
Alfresco dining areas  
Urban centres  
Beaches


### Policy implementation so far



- Low awareness
- Public are confused
- Most people continue to smoke in Smokefree areas, even where there is signage




### Australia – a decade of Smokefree bylaws



- Lots of SF public places
- High support from the public
- High compliance

**Three differential factors:**

- Wide communication and engagement before and on adoption
- Smokefree bylaws
- Smokefree in commercial arrangements



### We can do this in Auckland



**Strong justification for a bylaw in:**

- Where children go
- High density places
- Confined spaces

**Smokefree requirements in:**

- grants
- contracts
- leases
- licenses

## Your feedback to review vital

Action is needed now to meet the 5% target

Auckland Council has a clear mandate for a stronger approach



## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

-  **Require all local events to be Smokefree** and ensure people know about it
-  Put Smokefree requirements into your **local board leases, contracts and grants NOW**
-  Ensure **budget is allocated** for local board and regional Smokefree implementation
-  Call for a **stronger nationwide policy**, including bylaws, licenses, leases and contracts.

