

Ruapuna Community Liaison Committee Media Release

November 2017

The Ruapuna Community Liaison Committee held its meeting on Tuesday evening, 7 November 2017. The committee is provided for in the Christchurch City District Plan to allow local residents and the Ruapuna Car and Speedway Clubs to work together to monitor noise from Ruapuna, ensure compliance with District Plan provisions and proactively minimise its effects.

The committee is made up of three resident representatives, Peter Peterson and Gary Kilday (Templeton Residents Association), Sara Harnett (Quieter Please), Mark Wederell and Chris Protheroe (Canterbury Car Club), John Mitchell (Speedway), Jimmy Chen (Christchurch City Council) and Laurie McCallum (Independent Chair).

Reports were provided by the Car Club and Speedway on the period since the last meeting in August. The main item of discussion was the four complaints which were received over that period. Three complaints were through the Christchurch City Council and one through the afterhours service, Amourguard and were then passed on to the Car Club. All complaints were found to relate to noise which was within what is permitted in the District Plan for Ruapuna. All complainants were advised accordingly.

The Templeton Residents Association Community Day on 29 October 2017 was attended with a small display by both the Car Club and Speedway. Both clubs appreciate being included in such a community event.

Christchurch City Council had forwarded a draft of the Plan Effectiveness Monitoring provision for Ruapuna for comment. This type of monitoring by the Council is different from the compliance monitoring where noise levels are monitored for compliance with those set in the District Plan. Rather it is an opportunity to look back over a longer period, review baseline data and assess how the plan provisions are working to achieve the objectives, in the case of Ruapuna, to manage noise effects on the adjacent community and to allow the raceway to carry out its activities. Further clarification is being sought from Christchurch City for discussion at the next meeting and input back to the City.

The committee will next meet in February 2018 but will be in contact by email and phone. Any member may raise matters for discussion and act as a conduit for matters from the wider community.

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