

# PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, , Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 04 March 2020, commencing at 9.02am

**Members Present:** Councillor Rachel Bowen (in the Chair), The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Zulfiqar Butt, Renee Dingwall, Lorna Johnson, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Tangi Utikere.

**Non Members:** Councillors Susan Baty, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta and Aleisha Rutherford.

**Apologies:** The Mayor (Grant Smith) (for early departure on Council business) and Councillors Billy Meehan and Leonie Hapeta (for early departure).

The Mayor (Grant Smith) was not present when the meeting resumed at 2.33pm. He was not present for clauses 2 to 6 inclusive.

### 1-20 Apologies

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

#### The COMMITTEE RESOLVED

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 1-20 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

#### For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Tangi Utikere.

The meeting adjourned at 9.03am.  
The meeting resumed at 2.33pm.

When the meeting resumed The Mayor (Grant Smith) was not present.

### 2-20 Presentation - Centrepoint Theatre

Ms Kate Louise Elliott made a presentation on behalf of Centrepoint Theatre regarding current funding for Centrepoint, future plans for the Theatre and this year's programme of activity.

Ms Elliott noted Creative NZ were happy with the Theatre's progress and vision and had provided increased funding, making it possible to increase staff numbers.

A building feasibility study is currently being undertaken on the building that houses the Theatre, the outcome of which will be of interest as the Theatre

has occupied this building since the late 70s, and has outgrown the space.

Ms Elliott was pleased to note the Theatre had smashed its target of bringing in 1,000 new people per year, and continued to set the standard in professional performing arts in the Central North Island.

After discussion Elected Members felt Centrepunkt should be included in the work being undertaken on the Civic & Cultural Precinct Masterplan, to ensure as much prework as is sensible went into consulting with the appropriate people.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Brent Barrett.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee receive the presentation for information.
2. That the Chief Executive ensure that Centrepunkt Theatre is considered in the current work around the Civic & Cultural Precinct Masterplan.

Clause 2-20 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Tangi Utikere.

**3-20**

**Presentation - Palmerston North Defence Heritage Advisory Group**

Mr Joe Hollander made a presentation on behalf of Palmerston North Defence Heritage Advisory Group regarding the Group's activities.

Mr Hollander noted planning for events such as Anzac Day were being reconfigured to allow for greater audience numbers, and that Palmerston North was one of the few cities in New Zealand to hold a formal Armistice Day commemoration.

The 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Army had been planned for commemoration this year, but as the NZ Defence Force were unsure as to how they wanted to mark this occasion it had been postponed.

The Remembrance Army Project was working at great pace, in particular addressing the restoration of service personnel graves.

Mr Hollander noted the Group was very interested in the work being done around the CET Arena, and hoped it would be involved in the consultation on the masterplan.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Brent Barrett.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee receive the presentation for information.

Clause 3-20 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Tangi Utikere.

#### **4-20 Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Brent Barrett.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee meeting of 11 December 2019 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 4-20 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Tangi Utikere.

#### **5-20 Status of the Relationship Between PNCC and NZ Rugby Museum**

Memorandum, presented by Joann Ransom - Community Development Manager.

Elected Members were of the opinion that this report did not adequately address the way in which PNCC could support local museum spaces, which had come out of annual budget discussions last year, and asked that this be explored more fully in a further report.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Brent Barrett.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Chief Executive ensure the NZ Rugby Museum is considered in the current work around the Civic and Cultural Precinct Master Plan.
2. That a further report on the status of the relationship between Palmerston North City Council and the NZ Rugby Museum be provided to Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee; and that the report seeks to identify options for formalising the relationship between Palmerston North City Council and the NZ Rugby Museum.

Clauses 5.1 and 5.2 above were carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Tangi Utikere.

**6-20 Committee Work Schedule**

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Brent Barrett.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee receive its Work Schedule dated March 2020.

Clause 6-20 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Tangi Utikere.

The meeting finished at 3.31pm

Confirmed 10 June 2020

**Chairperson**