

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee Meeting Part I Public, held in the Elwood Room, Conference & Function Centre, 354 Main Street, Palmerston North on 12 August 2020, commencing at 9.00am

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

Non Members: Councillors Susan Baty, Vaughan Dennison, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Billy Meehan and Aleisha Rutherford.

Apologies: Councillors Susan Baty (early departure) and Lew Findlay.

Councillor Tangi Utikere was not present when the meeting commenced at 9.00am. He was not present for clause 14.

Councillor Billy Meehan was not present when the meeting resumed at 3.06pm. He was not present for clauses 21 and 22 inclusive.

14-20 Apologies

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Patrick Handcock ONZM.

The COMMITTEE RESOLVED

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

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

For:

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

The meeting adjourned at 9.01am.

The meeting resumed at 1.45pm.

Councillor Tangi Utikere was present when the meeting resumed.

15-20 Military Heritage Update 2019/20

Memorandum, presented by David Murphy, City Planning Manager.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Brent Barrett.

The COMMITTEE RESOLVED

1. That the memorandum entitled 'Military Heritage Update 2019/20' reported to the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee on 12 August 2020, be received.

Clause 15-20 above was carried 14 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Against:

Councillor Lorna Johnson.

16-20

Presentation - Palmerston North Heritage Trust

Ms Margaret Tennant provided an update regarding the role of the Palmerston North Heritage Trust.

The Trust was established in 1997 by Sir Brian Elwood, the result of a small bequest, 'to encourage public awareness of the need to develop, maintain, preserve, store and exhibit archival material and other records of historical significance connected with or relating to the City of Palmerston North and the surrounding region'. It was administered by a committee of nine on behalf of Palmerston North City Council. Periodically the Trust received additional funds to carry out some of their work.

The Trust had a range of activities, mainly around promoting history and acknowledging the work of local historians. The Trust produced a historical calendar on a particular theme each year to show the community that photographs on Manawatu Heritage are historical sources of interest and that Manawatu Heritage is an important place for the city's history. More and more historians throughout New Zealand were now using Manawatu Heritage as a source of illustrations for broader history.

The Trust acknowledged the work of local historians through several awards including Local Historian of the Year, along with special recognitions for contribution to history in the local area.

The Trust made grants and other supports including organising and hosting an annual meeting of history groups, small grants to projects (eg. Savage Crescent signage, Garry O'Neill's books on Palmerston North suburbs), and in previous years a prize to secondary school student projects using local history resources, to ensure students are getting into local history. The Trust was currently working with Massey, Te Manawa and local history teachers to put together a package for teachers. Last year the Trust organised digitisation of Massey theses and research exercises on Manawatu, and the Trust applied for external grants for projects.

The Trust had sponsored a book entitled 'City at the Centre – A history of Palmerston North'; advance copies were expected soon.

The Trust was planning to organise a conference on local history next year as its contribution to sesquicentennial events.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Brent Barrett.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

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

Clause 16-20 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

17-20

Presentation - Manawatu Theatre Society & Manawatu Youth Theatre

Mr Graham Johnston, Chair of Manawatu Theatre Society, provided an update regarding the programme of activity for Manawatu Theatre Society (MTS) and Manawatu Youth Theatre (MYTH).

MTS was formed in 1903 and presented musicals and plays. MTS was a constitutional member of the Globe Theatre and had been housed there since 1982. Current plans included an updated Pirates of Penzance show and supporting Globe events including providing front of house staff for shows, etc. Plans for 2021 included a play in April, One Act Play Festival in June and a Christmas musical in November. MTS had traditionally presented a children's musical also but these were now being produced by MYTH.

MYTH was founded by Graham in 2017 with its first production in 2018. Core values included being community focussed, accessible (cost free), safe and fun. Three shows had been produced to date: Seussical Jr., Alice in Wonderland Jr. and The Little Mermaid Jr. In addition to staging one major production per year, MYTH ran free audition workshops and provided community performance opportunities, including assisting community groups with equipment, etc. MYTH productions were staged by a Youth creative team, youth technical crew and a young costume designer, providing great opportunities for youth leadership. This year a group of students would be representing Manawatu at the New Zealand Junior Theatre Festival.

Plans for next year included renovations to the rehearsal room at the Globe to turn it into a teaching space, and recent engagement with local Pacific Island and Maori community leaders regarding producing Moana Jr. as a full Maori/Pacific Island production at the Regent in April 2021.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Brent Barrett.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

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

Clause 17-20 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

18-20

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Brent Barrett.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee meeting of 10 June 2020 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 18-20 above was carried 13 votes to 0, with 2 abstentions, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Abstained:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillor Leonie Hapeta.

19-20

Cultural CCOs Final Statements of Intent 2020-23

Memorandum, presented by Julie Macdonald, Strategy & Policy Manager.

During discussion Elected Members requested that the Statement of Intent for Te Manawa Museums Trust Board be considered separately.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Brent Barrett.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That the memorandum entitled 'Cultural CCOs Final Statements of Intent 2020-23' reported to the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee on 12 August 2020, be received.

Clause 19.1 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Brent Barrett.

2. That the final Statements of Intent 2020–23 submitted by the Regent Theatre Trust, Caccia Birch Trust Board, and Globe Theatre Trust (Attachments 2–4 of the memorandum entitled 'Cultural CCOs Final Statements of Intent 2020-23' presented to the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee on 12 August 2020), be approved.

Clause 19.2 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Rachel Bowen, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Zulfiqar

Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Tangi Utikere.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Brent Barrett.

3. That the final Statement of Intent 2020–23 submitted by the Te Manawa Museums Trust Board (Attachment 1 of the memorandum entitled ‘Cultural CCOs Final Statements of Intent 2020-23’ presented to the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee on 12 August 2020), be approved.

Clause 19.3 above was carried 10 votes to 5, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Rachel Bowen, Brent Barrett, Zulfiqar Butt, Renee Dingwall, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

Against:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Susan Baty, Vaughan Dennison, Leonie Hapeta and Tangi Utikere.

20-20

Annual Report from the Palmerston North Public Sculpture Trust

Memorandum, presented by Sandra King, Executive Officer.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Brent Barrett.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the memorandum entitled ‘Annual Report from the Palmerston North Public Sculpture Trust’ presented to the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee on 12 August 2020 be received for information.

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

For:

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

The meeting adjourned at 2.54pm.

The meeting resumed at 3.06pm.

Councillor Billy Meehan was not present when the meeting resumed.

21-20

2019/2020 Funding Summary for the Arts Event Fund and Creative Communities Scheme

Memorandum, presented by Joann Ransom, Community Development Manager.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the memorandum entitled ‘2019/2020 Funding Summary for the Arts Event Fund and Creative Communities Scheme’ presented to the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee on 12 August 2020, be received.

Clause 21-20 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

22-20

Committee Work Schedule

During discussion Elected Members requested that a report regarding the sesquicentennial work programme be added to the Work Schedule.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Brent Barrett.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee receive its Work Schedule dated August 2020.
2. That a report on the Palmerston North sesquicentennial work programme be presented to Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee.

Clause 22-20 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

The meeting finished at 3.52pm

Confirmed 11 November 2020

Chairperson