

# PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Play, Recreation & Sport Committee Meeting Part I Public, held in the Russell Lounge, Central Energy Trust Arena, 61 Pascal Street, Palmerston North on 21 October 2020, commencing at 1.57PM.**

**Members Present:** Leonie Hapeta (in the Chair), The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor and Bruno Petrenas.

**Non Members:** Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Renee Dingwall and Aleisha Rutherford.

**Apologies:** Lew Findlay QSM and Lorna Johnson

Councillor Rachel Bowen left the meeting at 3.35PM during the break, she was not present for clauses 26-20 to 29-20 inclusive.

The Mayor (Grant Smith) left the meeting at 4.16PM during consideration of clause 27-20. He was not present for clauses 27-20 to 29-20 inclusive.

## **20-20 Apologies**

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Billy Meehan.

### **The COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. To receive the apologies from Councillors Lew Findlay and Lorna Johnson.

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

#### **For:**

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

### **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Vaughan Dennison declared an interest in Item 6: Deputation: WBSC U18 Men's Softball World Cup.

## **21-20 Deputation - New Zealand Super 6's Golf Tournament**

Deputation, by Warren Collett, Manawatū Golf Club.

Warren Collett made a presentation on the Super 6's Golf tournament that the Manawatū Golf Club hosted in March 2020. He raised the following points:

- The tournament was an inclusive 3 day event, where men and women

golfers competed for the same prize money.

- 90 players participated and two women made the top 24, one made the quarter finals. Participants came from all over the North Island.
- The tournament has been included as a Charles Tour elite event.
- The tournament was supported by the Club's members and sponsors. It was broadcast on the Sky Sport Next channel.
- The concept is owned by Manawatū Golf Club.
- The inclusive tournament helped raise the profile of junior and women golfers.
- The event was very successful and dates are confirmed for 4-7 March 2021.

The Committee congratulated the Manawatū Golf Club for hosting such a successful event.

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. To receive the deputation for information.

Clause 21-20 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

**22-20 Deputation – World Baseball Softball Confederation Under 18 Men's Softball World Cup**

Deputation, by Councillor Vaughan Dennison, Chair Softball 2020 and Tony Giles, CEO Softball NZ.

Councillor Vaughan Dennison introduced Tony Giles from Softball NZ and acknowledged the board members of Softball 2020 (the local organising committee, set up to run the event).

Tony Giles made a presentation on the World Baseball Softball Confederation Under 18 Men's Softball World Cup which was held in Palmerston North from 22 February – 1 March 2020.

He made the following points:

- Engagement with city was amazing, it showcased the ability of Council, Sport Manawatū, Palmerston North City and Softball NZ to come together and host a successful event.
- After winning the bid to host the event, Softball NZ partnered with Palmerston North City Council to put on the event.
- The co-ordination of the different organisations involved in Softball 2020

(the local organising committee, set up to run the event) was outstanding.

- \$2M was required to bring the event together. A number of partners came together to finance the event.
- The re-development of Colquhoun Park was required to bring it up to an international standard.
- A community outreach programme aligned each of the 12 international teams with a school in Palmerston North. The team visited the school and the school supported the team throughout the tournament. Over 1000 students attended the games.
- The community was very supportive, 90 volunteers were required every day to help run the event.
- Softball 2020 had to find accommodation for all of the teams and officials which were here 17 days prior to the event.
- Over 1800 tickets were sold and 1000 were given away to the community.
- The legacy of this event is that Colquhoun Park is the second ranked facility for Softball NZ in the country and will attract many national events.

Mr Giles thanked the Council, Sport Manawatū and Softball Manawatū for their fantastic support in enabling the tournament to be a success.

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. To receive the deputation for information.

Clause 22-20 above was carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

**23-20 Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Play, Recreation & Sport Committee meeting of 17 June 2020 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 23-20 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

## REPORTS

### 24-20 **Artificial Turf - Needs Assessment**

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

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Billy Meehan.

#### The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. To receive the report 'Artificial Turf – Needs Assessment' by Recreation, Sport and Leisure Consultancy as provided in attachment 1.
2. That the proposal to do a feasibility study (at a cost of \$35,000) outlined in attachment 1 be referred to the 10 Year Plan 2021–31 process.
3. That other programmes relating to programme #1133 – Artificial Football Turf, such as design and consenting and Council's capital contribution to an artificial turf, are also referred to the 10 Year Plan 2021–31 decision-making process.

Clause 24-20 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

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

### 25-20 **Proposal from Sport Manawatū to use carried-forward unspent Sports Event Partnership Funds**

Memorandum, presented by Julie Macdonald, Strategy & Policy Manager and Trevor Shailer, Sport Manawatū.

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

#### The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That the Council approve the use of \$31,000 of the carried-forward Sports Event Partnership Fund from 2019/20 for Sport Manawatū to review the Sports Event Partnership Fund and prepare a retention and attraction plan for secondary school and other sports events.

Clause 25.1 above was carried 12 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

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

#### **Against:**

Councillor Karen Naylor.

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

2. To receive the report titled “Proposal from Sport Manawatū to use carried-forward unspent Sports Event Partnership Funds” dated 21 October 2020.

Clause 25.2 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 3.35pm

Councillor Rachel Bowen left the meeting at 3.35PM

The meeting resumed at 3.41PM

**26-20**

**Petition - Construction of the Palmerston North Children's Skatepark.**

Presentation, by Leo Mwape Matongkansi.

Leo Mwape Matongkansi presented his petition on the proposal to build a children's skatepark.

He outlined the safety concerns with having only one skatepark for children and teenagers in Palmerston North; especially around young children (and their parents) running in front of older skaters and causing accidents.

He proposed that Council construct a children's skatepark adjacent to the current one. This would allow parents to watch (all of) their children and for younger children to play on a more age appropriate skatepark.

The extension of the skatepark four years ago has made the skatepark very popular to skaters from across the region. The increased popularity compounds the safety concerns faced by younger children.

Signage alerting people to the risks and advising on appropriate skating attire would be useful to minimise the risks as an interim measure.

The Committee agreed that mixing age groups is not the safest option and that a facility for younger children is worth considering in time to inform the Long Term Plan.

Officers advised that there were capacity constraints to progress this work.

Moved Karen Naylor, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Chief Executive investigate indicative options for a Junior Skatepark and report back to the Play, Recreation and Sport Committee in 2021.

Clause 26.1 above was carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

Moved Karen Naylor, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

2. To receive the petition for information.

Clause 26.2 above was carried 11 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

**27-20**

**Hokowhitu Lagoon Water Quality - Investigation and Monitoring Progress Report - October 2020**

Memorandum, presented by Robert van Bentum, Manager - Transport and Infrastructure.

The Mayor (Grant Smith) left the meeting at 4.16PM

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Patrick Handcock ONZM.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. To receive the report titled "Hokowhitu Lagoon Water Quality – Investigation and Monitoring Progress Report – October 2020", noting the progress made and the further work scheduled to be undertaken in the 2020-21 Financial Year.

Clause 27-20 above was carried 11 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

**28-20**

**Committee Work Schedule**

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. To receive its Work Schedule for October 2020.

Clause 28-20 above was carried 11 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

## **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

### **29-20 Recommendation to Exclude Public**

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

#### **The COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

“That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting listed in the table below.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered		Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing this resolution
14.	Proposal from Sport Manawatū to repurpose carried-forward 2019/20 Sports Event Partnership Funds for its bid to host a national tournament	Third Party Commercial	s7(2)(b)(ii)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as stated in the above table.

Also that the persons listed below be permitted to remain after the public has been excluded for the reasons stated.

Mr Trevor Shailer and Mr Brad Cassady, (Sport Manawatū), because of their knowledge and ability to assist the meeting in speaking to their report and answering questions, noting that such person/s will be present at the meeting only for the items that relate to their respective report.

Clause 29-20 above was carried 11 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

The public part of the meeting finished at 4.24PM

Confirmed 16 December 2020

**Chairperson**

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