

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community Development Committee Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 04 November 2020, commencing at 9.02am.

Members Present: Councillors Lorna Johnson (in the Chair), Rachel Bowen, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Zulfiqar Butt, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor and Aleisha Rutherford.

Non Members: Councillor Vaughan Dennison.

Apologies: The Mayor (Grant Smith) (late arrival and early departure on Council Business), Councillor Bruno Petrenas (late arrival) and Ms Danielle Harris.

The Mayor (Grant Smith) entered the meeting at 9.07am during consideration of clause 39. He was not present for clause 38. He was not present when the meeting resumed at 12.18pm. He was not present for clauses 43 to 48 inclusive.

Councillor Bruno Petrenas entered the meeting at 10.06am during consideration of clause 41. He was not present for clauses 38 to 40 inclusive.

Councillor Renee Dingwall declared an interest in clause 43.

Councillors Vaughan Dennison and Lew Findlay QSM declared an interest in clause 40.

38-20 Apologies

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

The COMMITTEE RESOLVED

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 38-20 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

39-20 Public Comment

Mr Fernandez Mackey and Mr Matthew Mataki made public comment on situations affecting the Highbury neighbourhood, relating to clause 45-20 below. Mr Mackey advised about gatherings and alcohol consumption occurring outside the shopping centre in a public area where school children passed through. Mr Mackey also expressed concerns about traffic issues in Highbury Avenue and the surrounding area, particularly speeding, and some

intersections that they considered were not sufficiently signposted and safe enough for children and other pedestrians.

The Mayor (Grant Smith) entered the meeting at 9.07am.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the public comment be received for information.

Clause 39-20 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

40-20

Presentation - MidCentral District Health Board

Dr Syed Zaman, Clinical Executive Te Uru Whakamaura - Healthy Ageing & Rehabilitation at MidCentral District Health Board, made a presentation regarding the importance of social connectedness in an ageing society, pointing out the risks associated with loneliness and suggesting tips to build connectedness in the community to increase wellbeing of the elderly.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock ONZM.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Community Development Committee receive the presentation for information.

Clause 40-20 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Note:

Councillors Vaughan Dennison and Lew Findlay QSM declared an interest in this clause.

41-20

Presentation - Disability Reference Group

Ms Rose Boddy, Chairperson of the Disability Reference Group, made a presentation summarising the work done throughout the year, noting good outcomes despite the impact of Covid-19. Ms Boddy thanked the Council Welfare Support Team for the services provided to the disability community during lockdown.

Ms Boddy expressed that the mobility parking scheme with mobility parks available 24/7 had been a big achievement, however the rate of compliance by other drivers was still low. Another achievement was the provision of sign language interpreters at major events and Council meetings when requested. She advocated for volunteering and work opportunities for people with

disabilities.

Ms Boddy encouraged the Council to consider the Enabling Good Lives approach, which is an approach around rethinking communities and civil participation for disabled people and their families, moving away from the medical model to a citizenship model of disability.

During discussion, an additional motion regarding Enabling Good Lives principles was proposed. It was also agreed to refer a proposed assessment of Council facilities from an accessibility perspective to the Long Term Plan.

Moved Aleisha Rutherford, seconded Lorna Johnson.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That the Community Development Committee receive the presentation for information.

Clause 41.1 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Councillor Bruno Petrenas entered the meeting at 10.06am.

Moved Karen Naylor, seconded Lorna Johnson.

2. That Council acknowledges the Enabling Good Lives principles and seeks to integrate them into the way Council goes about its work.
3. That the following recommendation be referred to the LTP: That the Chief Executive undertakes an assessment of Council facilities and infrastructure to determine whether the needs of people with disability are appropriately addressed, and to identify any gaps.

Clauses 41.2 and 41.3 above were carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Note:

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

On a motion to amend the original motion that said 'that the Chief Executive undertakes an assessment of Council facilities and infrastructure to determine whether the needs of people with disability are appropriately addressed, and to identify any gaps', to include the words 'that the following recommendation be referred to the LTP', the motion was carried 12 votes to 3, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Lorna Johnson, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Zulfiqar Butt, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Billy Meehan, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

Against:

Councillors Rachel Bowen, Karen Naylor and Vaughan Dennison.

42-20 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Rachel Bowen.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting of 5 August 2020 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 42-20 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

43-20 Welcoming Communities - Annual Report

Memorandum, presented by Joann Ransom, Community Development Manager and Stephanie Velvin, Welcoming Communities Coordinator.

The meeting adjourned at 10.46am.

The meeting resumed at 12.18pm.

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

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Rachel Bowen.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the report entitled 'Welcoming Communities - Annual Report' presented to the Community Development Committee on 4 November 2020, be received for information.

Clause 43-20 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Note:

Councillor Renee Dingwall declared an interest in this clause.

44-20 The future of library services in Highbury

Report, presented by Linda Moore, Libraries Manager and Julie Macdonald, Strategy and Policy Manager.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. To receive the report titled 'The future of library services in Highbury' presented to the Community Development Committee on 4 November 2020.
2. To endorse 'Option 1 Te Pātikitiki status quo - delay further action pending citywide review' for the future of library services in Highbury.

Clause 44-20 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

45-20

Whānau Ora Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Update (October)

Memorandum, presented by Councillor Billy Meehan.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Whānau Ora Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Update Report for October 2020 presented to the Community Development Committee Meeting on 4 November 2020, be received for information.

Clause 45-20 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

46-20

People and Community Portfolio Update (June-October)

Memorandum, presented by Councillor Lorna Johnson.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Rachel Bowen.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the People and Community Portfolio Update Report for June - October 2020 presented to the Community Development Committee Meeting on 4 November 2020, be received for information.

Clause 46-20 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

47-20 Safe City Portfolio Update (October)

Memorandum, presented by Councillor Patrick Handcock ONZM.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock ONZM.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Safe City Portfolio Update Report for October 2020 presented to the Community Development Committee Meeting on 4 November 2020, be received for information.

Clause 47-20 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

48-20 Committee Work Schedule - November 2020

In discussion it was agreed to remove the report regarding mobility parking from the Committee Work Schedule since the Council had already implemented additional services to monitor compliance of this scheme.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Rachel Bowen.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That the Community Development Committee receive its Work Schedule dated November 2020.

Clause 48.1 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Moved Karen Naylor, seconded Lorna Johnson. 2. That the Report outlining the cost of achieving mobility parking compliance be removed from the Community Development Committee Work Schedule.

Clause 48.2 above was carried 11 votes to 3, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Lorna Johnson, Rachel Bowen, Susan Baty, Zulfiqar Butt, Lew Findlay QSM, Leonie Hapeta, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Vaughan Dennison.

Against:

Councillors Brent Barrett, Renee Dingwall and Patrick Handcock ONZM.

The meeting finished at 12.57pm

Confirmed 10 December 2020

Chairperson