

# PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 02 December 2020, commencing at 9.03am

**Members Present:** Councillor Vaughan Dennison (in the Chair), The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Lew Findlay QSM, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas.

**Non Members:** Councillors Renee Dingwall, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta and Lorna Johnson.

**Apologies:** Councillor Aleisha Rutherford.

The Mayor (Grant Smith) left the meeting at 11.20am during consideration of clause 50. He entered the meeting again at 11.22am during consideration of clause 51. He was not present for clause 50. He left the meeting again at 11.49am during consideration of clause 53 and re-entered the meeting at 11.51am at the conclusion of clause 53. He was not present for clause 53.

Councillor Aleisha Rutherford entered the meeting at 11.28am at the conclusion of clause 51. She was not present for clauses 45 to 51 inclusive.

### 45-20 Apologies

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

#### The COMMITTEE RESOLVED

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

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

**For:**

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

### 46-20 Public Comment

The following people appeared before the Committee and made public comment:

1. Mrs Maxine Johnson and Mr Vince Lockwood made public comment about the Summerhill Drive Cycleway project, considered in clause 49 below. Mr Lockwood expressed the view that a more conducive solution for cyclists would be to have a separate cycleway, which could be easily achieved by utilising current footpath and grass berm in the

area. The barriered cycleways will create difficulties for turning traffic.

Ms Johanna Aitchison, Mr Jim Jefferies, Rev John Hornblow, Dr Heather Knox, Mr Bob Seldon, and Dr Selwyn York (Manawatū River Source to Sea - Environment Network Manawatū) made public comment on Options to Complete - Manawatū River Pathway - Ashhurst to Palmerston North, considered in clause 48; supporting option 3 of the Officer's Report as follows:

2. Ms Johanna Aitchison, as initiator of the petition on the completion of the riverside pathway from Ashhurst to Palmerston North, acknowledged the Elected Members and Officers for their work, and the community response to the petition, which had 2,175 signatories.

Ms Aitchison stated that option 3 represented the desires of the petitioners: safest possible cycling lane; opportunity for recreation on foot; social connectivity; enjoyment of the natural environment; and contact with the rich local heritage (including the significance of the Manawatū river for Rangitāne).

Ms Aitchison pointed out the concept of public good, and that facilitating access to the river was crucial for Council priorities and community needs. The benefits of the shared pathway would continue in the future.

3. Rev John Hornblow advised that option 3 contributed to the city's strategic goal 'connected and safe community', and enhanced Council's plans around tourism. The investment will benefit the community for the long term. Mr Hornblow encouraged Elected Members to vote for progress and safety and to proceed with only option 3.
4. Mr Jim Jefferies explained the disadvantages of options 1 and 2 presented in the report, and stated that option 3 was the one that offered a journey along the riverside. This initiative has been strongly supported by the community.
5. Dr Heather Knox stated that the riverside pathway would increase the relationship between the community and the river, and consequently the community's awareness and care of the area. The pathway builds connection and community and makes people proud of where they live. Dr Knox acknowledged the positive transformation of the river area during the last 14 years that she has lived in Palmerston North.
6. Mr Bob Seldon highlighted issues mentioned by previous speakers. He added that people are custodians of the land and invited Elected Members to think about the legacy they wanted to leave to the community.

7. Dr Selwyn York made public comment on behalf of Manawatū River Source to Sea (part of Environment Network Manawatū). Dr York mentioned that the current pathways allowed the public to enjoy the environment, and community activities developed in the area were improving the environment. The same should be done on the western side of the river.

Dr Selwyn stated that the pathway would support the mauri of the river, bring pleasure to many more members of the community, promote local tourism and businesses in Ashhurst, as well as allow Manawatū River Source to Sea and other community groups to enhance the riverbank. It will give people a great opportunity to visit and experience the river.

8. Mr Chris Teo-Sherrell made public comment about clauses 48 and 49. Regarding the Manawatū River Pathway, Mr Teo-Sherrell supported option 3 of the Officer's Report and requested that the section from Te Matai Road to Raukawa Road be prioritised. He also suggested that Te Matai Road (in the section closer to the river) be a safe speed zone for cyclists and/or the path alongside Te Matai Road should be improved for the safety of both riders and walkers.

In relation to Summerhill Cycleway, Mr Teo-Sherrell considered that the bus bays were unnecessary since the time the buses stop alongside the road is miniscule. Requiring traffic to stop and give way to buses would be a good way to get traffic travelling at safe speeds. The flush median proposed in option A of the Officer's Report was also unnecessary because it tends to increase traffic speed.

Mr Teo-Sherrell stated that cycle lines should be not less than 1.5m wide plus the buffer, and that road marking indicating the cycle lane is essential.

Regarding the consultation process, Mr Teo-Sherrell urged the Council to also use onsite signs in future consultations to inform users of the specific area.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

That the public comment from Mrs Maxine Johnson and Mr Vince Lockwood; and Ms Johanna Aitchison, Mr Jim Jefferies, Rev John Hornblow, Dr Heather Knox, Mr Bob Seldon, Dr Selwyn York (Environment Network Manawatu), and Mr Chris Teo-Sherrell, be received for information.

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

**For:**

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

**47-20 Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved Karen Naylor, seconded Susan Baty.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Infrastructure Committee meeting of 4 November 2020 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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

**For:**

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

**48-20 Options to Complete - Manawatu River Pathway - Ashhurst to Palmerston North**

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

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Brent Barrett.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That the Council approves the Chief Executive progressing with a more detailed consideration of legal avenues to secure the preferred Manawatū River Pathway alignment as set out in Option 3 of the report titled 'Options to Complete - Manawatū River Pathway – Ashhurst to Palmerston North', presented to the Infrastructure Committee on 2 December 2020.

Clause 48-20 above was carried 12 votes to 2, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

**Against:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillor Leonie Hapeta.

**49-20 Outcome of Consultation on Summerhill Cycleway Upgrade Options for Segment 5**

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

The meeting adjourned at 10.46am.

The meeting resumed at 11.01am.

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That the Council approves the implementation of Modified Option A of the report titled 'Outcome of Consultation on Summerhill Cycleway Upgrade Options for Segment 5' presented to the Infrastructure Committee on 2 December 2020, comprising of 540m of buffered cycle lanes with indented parking and bus bays.
2. That the Council approves an unbudgeted Capital New Programme entitled "Summerhill Drive - On-Street Parking Infrastructure" with a budget of \$234k to fund the parking mitigation works required to implement the Summerhill Drive Pedestrian and Cycle Improvements Project.

Clause 49-20 above was carried 12 votes to 2, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

**Against:**

Councillors Billy Meehan and Karen Naylor.

**Note:**

Moved Susan Baty, seconded Karen Naylor.

On a motion that the words 'indented parking and' be deleted from, and the words 'Indented parking to be reassessed following project implementation' be added to clause 49.1; the motion was lost 3 votes to 11, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

Councillors Susan Baty, Karen Naylor and Bruno Petrenas.

**Against:**

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

**50-20**

**Papaioea Place Redevelopment 6-Monthly Update**

Memorandum, presented by Bryce Hosking, Manager - Property.

The Mayor (Grant Smith) left the meeting at 11.20am.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Lorna Johnson.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the memorandum titled 'Papaioea Place Redevelopment 6-Monthly Update' presented to the Infrastructure Committee on 2 December 2020 be received for information.

Clause 50-20 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

**51-20**

**Tamakuku Terrace Residential Subdivision 6-Monthly Update**

Memorandum, presented by Bryce Hosking, Manager - Property.

The Mayor (Grant Smith) entered the meeting again at 11.22am.

Moved Renee Dingwall, seconded Susan Baty.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the memorandum titled 'Tamakuku Terrace Residential Subdivision 6-Monthly Update' presented to the Infrastructure Committee on 2 December 2020, be received for information.

Clause 51-20 above was carried 13 votes to 0, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

**Abstained:**

Councillor Brent Barrett.

Councillor Aleisha Rutherford entered the meeting at 11.28am.

**52-20**

**Arena Redevelopment Quarterly Update**

Memorandum, presented by Bryce Hosking, Manager - Property.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the memorandum titled 'Arena Redevelopment Quarterly Update' presented to the Infrastructure Committee on 2 December 2020 be received for information.

Clause 52-20 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

**53-20**

**Streets for People - Square East Stage 2 Final Report**

Memorandum, presented by Geoffrey Snedden, Manager - Project Management Office.

The Mayor (Grant Smith) left the meeting at 11.49am.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Rachel Bowen.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the report titled 'Streets for People - Square East Stage 2 Finish & Review' presented to the Infrastructure Committee on 2 December 2020 be received for information.

Clause 53-20 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

The Mayor (Grant Smith) entered the meeting again at 11.51am.

**54-20 Committee Work Schedule**

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Infrastructure Committee receive its Work Schedule dated December 2020.

Clause 54-20 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

**EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

**55-20 Recommendation to Exclude Public**

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

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.	Negotiations - Manawatu River Pathway	Negotiations	s7(2)(i)

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.

Clause 55-20 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

**Note:**

Councillor Susan Baty was present but her vote was not recorded.

The public part of the meeting finished at 11.51am

Confirmed 24 March 2021

**Chairperson**