

# PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Economic Development Committee Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 17 March 2021, commencing at 9.00am

- Members Present:** Leonie Hapeta (in the Chair), The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Mr Ruma Karaitiana.
- Non Members:** Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad and Karen Naylor.
- Apologies:** Brent Barrett (council business) and the Mayor, Councillors Johnson, Findlay and Mickalad (early departure).

Councillor Karen Naylor left the meeting at 9.27am during consideration of clause 2 and entered the meeting again at 9.30am after the consideration of clause 2. She left the meeting at 10.26am during consideration of clause 7 and entered the meeting again at 10.43am after the consideration of clause 7. She was not present for clauses 2 and 7.

Councillor Lew Findlay left the meeting at 9.54am during consideration of clause 6 and entered the meeting again at 10.08am after the consideration of clause 6. He left the meeting at 10.25am during consideration of clause 7 for the duration of the meeting. He was not present for clauses 6 to 11 inclusive.

### 1-21 Apologies

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

#### The COMMITTEE RESOLVED

1. To receive apologies.

Clause 1-21 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

### 2-21 Presentation - Andrew Stewart Real Estate Institute of New Zealand (REINZ)

Presentation, by Andrew Stewart. Ambassador and spokesperson for the REINZ.

Mr Stewart presented on the housing situation in Palmerston North and the

rise of house prices.

Demand was being created by:

- A strong local economy attracting workers to the region.
- Low interest rates making property investment more attractive than leaving money in the bank.
- Borrowing rates are the lowest in 60 years.

Mr Stewart said that there was an extreme shortage of sections available and the process of identifying and designating sections in Palmerston North was too slow. Infill sub-division are being consented at a reasonable speed, but green field sites are too slow to materialise. Council's tools in the consenting space needed to be reviewed to speed up the release of land to the market.

Developers are reluctant to price sections until they are guaranteed a title because the price is going up monthly.

There is demand for all sorts of housing - including apartments in the City.

Councillor Karen Naylor left the meeting at 9.27am

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

#### The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

That the Economic Development Committee receive the presentation from Mr Andrew Stewart for information.

Clause 2-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

Councillor Karen Naylor returned to the meeting at 9.30am

### **3-21 Presentation - Manawatu-Wanganui Interim Regional Skills Leadership Group**

Presentation, by Mr Ruma Karaitiana, Chair of the Manawatu-Wanganui Interim Regional Skills Leadership Group.

Mr Karaitiana spoke on the role and purpose of the Manawatu-Wanganui Interim Regional Skills Leadership Group, set up by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. The group was set up to match future skills and workforce needs in the region with demand by gathering information and building regional links.

The Group represent a large geographical area from Ruapehu to Horowhenua

with a diverse population, including 16 iwi/hapu.

Set up in July 2020, the initial focus was responding to the effects of the Covid-19 lockdown and assisting with the challenges it created.

The longer term focus is to develop annual workforce plans to identify the challenges and opportunities for the regional labour market. The group produces Local Insight reports which outline what the current state is of the region's workforce and the future skills needs are. These will be shared with Government ministers and agencies to influence policy development.

The group will be formally re-established in July 2021, the structure is being reviewed to allow for co-chairs.

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

#### The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

That the Economic Development Committee receive the presentation from Mr Ruma Karaitiana for information.

Clause 3-21 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

#### **4-21**

#### **Presentation - Central Economic Development Agency**

Presentation, by Hayden Pōtaka and Ms Nina Mercer CEDA

Mr Hayden Pōtaka and Ms Nina Mercer spoke on the work being done to create a Rangitāne o Manawatū Tourism Strategy which is a component of the Manawatu Destination Management Plan.

A pillar of the Manawatū Destination Management Plan is to engage with tangata whenua to enable meaningful partnerships and collaboration and to ensure Māori values are upheld.

CEDA is facilitating and supporting the Rangitāne o Manawatū Tourism Working Group to develop a three year tourism strategy that identifies the tourism aspirations of iwi, and an action plan to achieve them.

The future focus of the group is to be an advocate for Maori business owners, tourism venture owners and hapu/iwi in the area.

The working group will communicate the development of their strategy and align it with Council strategies through the MOU between Rangitāne o Manawatū and Palmerston North City Council and through the Working

Group's terms of reference.

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

That the Economic Development Committee receive the presentation from Hayden Pōtaka and Ms Nina Mercer for information.

Clause 4-21 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

**5-21 Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Patrick Handcock ONZM.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting of 2 December 2020 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 5-21 above was carried 13 votes to 0, with 3 abstentions, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Vaughan Dennison, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Mr Ruma Karaitiana.

**Abstained:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Lorna Johnson and Aleisha Rutherford.

Councillor Lew Findlay QSM left the meeting at 9.54am

**6-21 International Relations 6-monthly update**

Memorandum, presented by Toni Grace, International Relations Manager.

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Lorna Johnson.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

To note the progress of International Relations activity over the past six months, contributing to the International Relations Plan and Economic Development Strategy.

Clause 6-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

**7-21 Summary report on the December 2020 Palmerston North Quarterly Economic Monitor**

Memorandum, presented by Peter Crawford, Economic Policy Advisor.

Councillor Lew Findlay QSM returned to the meeting at 10:08am

Councillor Lew Findlay QSM left the meeting at 10:25am

Councillor Karen Naylor left the meeting at 10:26am

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Bruno Petrenas.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

That the memorandum titled 'Summary report on the December 2020 Palmerston North Quarterly Economic Monitor, presented to the Economic Development Committee on 17 March 2021, be received for information.

Clause 7-21 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Vaughan Dennison, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Renee Dingwall, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Mr Ruma Karaitiana.

The meeting adjourned at 10.28am

The meeting resumed at 10.45am

Councillor Karen Naylor returned to the meeting at 10:45am

**8-21 Defence Sector Profile - March 2021**

Memorandum, presented by Julie Macdonald, Strategy and Policy Manager and Peter Crawford, Economic Policy Advisor.

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

That the memorandum titled 'Defence Sector Profile – March 2021' and attachments presented to the 17 March 2021 Economic Development Committee, be received for information.

Clause 8-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

**9-21 Defence Portfolio Update (March 2021)**

Memorandum, presented by Councillor Rachel Bowen, Portfolio Member for Defence.

Councillor Bowen put the recommendation below, in place of recommendation 2 of the report, to establish a Heritage Advisory Committee to sit within Council's structure. Portfolio Members felt the new recommendation better reflected the intentions outlined in the report.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Patrick Handcock ONZM.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That the Annual Progress Report on the development of a Military Heritage Theme across Council Programmes to Arts Culture and Heritage in August 2021 includes detail of the implementation of that theme within the Cuba Street Redevelopment Project.

Clause 9.1 above was carried 14 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Vaughan Dennison, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Mr Ruma Karaitiana.

**Against:**

Councillor Renee Dingwall.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Patrick Handcock ONZM.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

2. That the Chief Executive report to Arts Culture and Heritage on the feasibility and process for establishing a Heritage Advisory Panel in order to strengthen our approach to heritage management and promote a shared understanding of how our shared Rangitāne and European heritage should be identified, managed, protected, conserved, appreciated and celebrated.

Clause 9.2 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

**10-21 Housing Portfolio Update (March 2021)**

Memorandum, presented by Councillor Susan Baty, Lead Portfolio Holder for Housing.

Moved Susan Baty, seconded Lorna Johnson.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

That the Housing Portfolio update report for March 2021 be received for information.

Clause 10-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

**11-21 Committee Work Schedule**

Moved Patrick Handcock ONZM, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

That the Economic Development Committee receive its Work Schedule dated March 2021.

Clause 11-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

The public part of the meeting finished at 11.15am

Confirmed 16 June 2021

**Chairperson**