

# PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Play, Recreation & Sport Committee Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 14 April 2021, commencing at 9.00am

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

**Non Members:** Councillors Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Renee Dingwall, Lorna Johnson, Orphée Mickalad and Aleisha Rutherford.

**Apologies:** The Mayor (Grant Smith).

Councillor Vaughan Dennison left the meeting at 9.31am during consideration of clause 10. He entered the meeting again at 9.38am during consideration of clause 12. He was not present for clauses 10 and 11 inclusive.

### 9-21 Apologies

Moved Billy Meehan, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

#### The COMMITTEE RESOLVED

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 9-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

#### For:

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

### 10-21 Presentation - Manawatu GymSports Incorporated

Mrs Kim Fenn, Club Manager, made a presentation about Manawatu GymSports Incorporated, its history until establishing the gym at 93 Malden Street in February 2018, how the facilities were upgraded, the services currently provided and its achievements and challenges.

GymSports offers 75 recreational classes per week. The club also offers competitive gymnastics for boys and girls, running 44 sessions per week.

Mrs Fenn expressed that the club focused on allowing everybody to take part and worked hard to keep fees low and engage with the community. The club has achieved substantial growth during the last years, from 292 gymnasts in 2015 to 890 in 2021. It is now the fourth largest club in New Zealand.

Mrs Fenn pointed out that GymSports was facing constraints in relation to

occupancy and its carpark. Having a bigger building of 2,000m<sup>2</sup> with additional carparks, as suggested by Gymnastics New Zealand, will allow the club to further improve its services and cater for the increasing demand. GymSports is seeking help from the Council with land in order to be able to move forward with developing a building project.

In discussion, Elected Members requested that the Chief Executive engage with Manawatu GymSports and report back to this Committee.

Councillor Vaughan Dennison left the meeting at 9.31am.

Moved Billy Meehan, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

#### The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Play, Recreation & Sport Committee receive the presentation for information.

Clause 10-21 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

2. That the Chief Executive engage with Manawatu GymSports to discuss their future needs and report back to the Play, Recreation & Sport Committee.

Clause 10-21 above was carried 12 votes to 2, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

**Against:**

Councillors Leonie Hapeta and Susan Baty.

## **11-21**

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved Billy Meehan, seconded Karen Naylor.

#### The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Play, Recreation & Sport Committee meeting of 24 February 2021 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 11-21 above was carried 13 votes to 0, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

**Abstained:**

Councillor Susan Baty.

**12-21 Draft Play Policy 2021 (Rēhia Papaioea! Play Palmy, Play!) - deliberations and adoption**

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

Councillor Vaughan Dennison entered the meeting again at 9.38am.

In discussion, Elected Members requested a report on recent shade audit information and findings, as well as that the Play Policy annual implementation monitoring report includes specific information on amenity in play spaces, both with particular attention to distribution across neighbourhoods.

Moved Billy Meehan, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That Council adopts the Play Policy 2021 (Rēhia Papaioea! Play Palmy, Play!), included as attachment 1 to the memorandum titled 'Draft Play Policy 2021 (Rēhia Papaioea! Play Palmy, Play!) – deliberations and adoption' presented to the Play, Recreation & Sport Committee on 14 April 2021.

Clause 12-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Patrick Handcock ONZM.

2. That with reference to the Sun Protection Policy 2010, the Chief Executive report to the Play, Recreation & Sport Committee on recent shade audit information and findings, with particular attention to neighbourhood-level availability of shade in public places.
3. That the Play Policy annual implementation monitoring report includes specific information on amenity in play spaces, with particular emphasis on equitable distribution among neighbourhoods.

Clauses 12-21 and 12.2-21 above were carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

**13-21 Committee Work Schedule - April 2021**

Moved Aleisha Rutherford, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Play, Recreation & Sport Committee receive its Work Schedule dated April 2021.

Clause 13-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

The meeting finished at 10.02am

Confirmed 20 October 2021

**Chairperson**