

# 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 12 May 2021, commencing at 1.02pm

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

Ms Danielle Harris declared an interest in item 13-21.

### 11-21 Apologies

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Rachel Bowen.

#### The COMMITTEE RESOLVED

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 11-21 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, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Danielle Harris.

### 12-21 Public Comment

Ms Kerry Hocquard, Community Health Advocate, Cancer Society of New Zealand Central Districts, requested that Council make a submission on the Smokefree Aotearoa 2025 Action Plan consultation, which closes on 31 May 2021.

In discussion it was resolved that the public comment be referred to the Chief Executive.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Rachel Bowen.

#### The COMMITTEE RESOLVED

1. That the public comment be received for information and referred to the

Chief Executive.

Clause 12-21 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, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Danielle Harris.

**13-21 Presentation - Ora Kconnect**

Ms Stacey Seruvatu, Project Manager, Ora Kconnect, Te Tihi o Ruahine, and Ms Materoa Mar, Upoko Whakarae – Chief Executive, Te Tihi o Ruahine Whanau Ora Alliance, explained that Ora Kconnect was an Alliance made up of Tangata Whenua Rangitaane o Manawatū, non-profit organisations, Government and Maori organisations to create opportunities that improve whanau and community well-being within the 4412 community (south western suburbs of Palmerston North).

Ora Kconnect is guided by the principles and outcomes of Whanau Ora, a holistic approach to wellbeing, and the Collective Impact Conditions.

The Council is an alliance partner, and is involved in almost all the activities currently delivered by Ora Kconnect, such as Pharmacy Project, Mana Taiohi, Kai Sustainability, RIMA wellbeing, Ko tou manawa ko tou manawa, Covid-19 vaccination, Microgiving, Housing, and Wahanu Led. Ms Seruvatu highlighted the correlation between the project and the Council's Connected & Safe Community Strategy - He hapori tūhonohono, he hapori haumarū.

Finally, Ms Seruvatu pointed out a financial challenge that Ora Kconnect was facing since the operating budget is lower than the estimated expenditure.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Rachel Bowen.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Community Development Committee receive the presentation from Ora Kconnect for information.

Clause 13-21 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, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Danielle Harris.

**Note:**

Ms Danielle Harris declared an interest.

**14-21 Presentation - Te Roopu Oranga O Highbury Trust**

Mrs Corrinne Tripp, Secretary, Ms Chrissy Paul, Treasurer, Te Roopu Oranga O Highbury Trust, and Dr Naveen Dissanayake made a presentation about Te Whare Koha Highbury.

Ms Paul advised that the group had been working for more than ten years to create and support initiatives for the wellbeing of primarily the Highbury community, with a focus on empowering the community.

Mrs Tripp explained that Te Whare Koha Highbury was a community hub shaped by the community in direct response to the community's needs and requests. Its kaupapa is 'a place for the people by the people, building our ability to find our own solutions'. Current services, which have grown, include a free shop, distribution of free food collected from Just Zilch and transportation.

Mrs Tripp asked for support from the Council in relation to the following:

- New venue accessible to the community
- Upgrade of transport services
- Expansion of the workforce.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Rachel Bowen.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Community Development Committee receive the presentation from Te Roopu Oranga O Highbury Trust for information.

Clause 14-21 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, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Danielle Harris.

**15-21 Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Rachel Bowen.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting of 17 March 2021 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 15-21 above was carried 13 votes to 0, with 2 abstentions, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Lorna Johnson, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen

Naylor, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Danielle Harris.

**Abstained:**

Councillors Brent Barrett and Patrick Handcock ONZM.

**16-21**

**Progress update - Community Funding Policy**

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

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Rachel Bowen.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That the memorandum titled 'Progress update – Community Funding Policy' presented to the Community Development Committee on 12 May 2021 be received for information.
2. That the 10-year plan decisions relating to the relevant funding 'envelopes' and strategic direction inform administration of relevant funds until the adoption of an updated policy.

Clause 16-21 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, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Danielle Harris.

**17-21**

**Committee Work Schedule**

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Rachel Bowen.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Community Development Committee receive its Work Schedule dated May 2021.

Clause 17-21 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, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Danielle Harris.

The meeting finished at 2.26pm

Confirmed 22 September 2021

**Chairperson**