

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

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

Members Present: Councillor Brent Barrett (in the Chair), The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, Aleisha Rutherford and Peter Te Rangi.

Non Members: Councillors Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta and Bruno Petrenas.

Apologies: Councillors Billy Meehan (early departure) and Orphee Mickalad.

Councillor Billy Meehan left the meeting at 10.38am during consideration of clause 41. He was not present for clauses 41 and 42.

36-21 Apologies

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Zulfiqar Butt.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 36-21 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

37-21 Presentation - Waka Kotahi

Mr Peter McGlashan, Lead Advisor, Urban Mobility made a presentation to the Committee regarding micro-mobility (e-bikes, and e-scooter) services.

Urban Mobility is about how we move around the city. Mr McGlashan spoke about how safe, environmentally friendly and affordably micro-mobility it can be.

Based on research conducted by Waka Kotahi and the Ministry of Transport, for a city the size of Palmerston North, e-scooters could provide up to a 3.4% share of transport trips by 2030 and e-bikes up to 8.1%.

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Injuries do happen but according to ACC, 74% of the e-scooter claims are for minor injuries. Several safety improvements have also happened since e-scooters were initially introduced into New Zealand with helmets being available, speed limiting in town centres and curfews which reduces alcohol risks. Palmerston North is well placed to learn from other cities.

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Zulfiqar Butt.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Environmental Sustainability Committee receive the presentation for information.

Clause 37-21 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

38-21

Presentation - Manawatū River Source to Sea

Mr Tom Shannon and Mr Selwyn Yorke, Co-Chairs of Manawatū River Source to Sea, made a presentation to the Committee. They gave an update on the kiwi habitat restoration programmes in the Ruahine and Tararua ranges.

Manawatu River Source to Sea is a collective that works across the whole Manawatu catchment. They provide a support network for all of the environmental groups, which they meet with once a month. They have a collective vision across the catchment and when resources are available or opportunities arise they work together on projects.

The latest initiative involves re-introducing Kiwi into the Ruahines. For this to succeed, effective predator-free areas need to be established and maintained. Work will begin in the Upper Pohangina where predator control work has started to protect the Whio (Blue duck).

Manawatu River Source to Sea have a contract to provide 1,200 stoat traps and monitor these over the next three years. This will provide protection for about 13,000 hectares adjoining the Whio, Blue duck habitat of about 9,000 hectares. They hope in three years' time, Kiwi will be able to be introduced into this area. Source to Sea have got behind it because of the potential to bring the programme right through the Ruahine Ranges.

They thanked the Palmerston North City Council as without Council funding they would not have been able to start this project.

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Lorna Johnson.

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The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Environmental Sustainability Committee receive the presentation for information.
2. That the Chief Executive report to the Environmental Sustainability Committee on opportunities for native species re-introductions in the Turitea Reserve area.

Clause 38-21 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

39-21

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Zulfiqar Butt.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting of 15 September 2021 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 39-21 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

40-21

Waste Minimisation - Proposal for a Campaign to Reduce Non-Recyclable Plastic Waste to Landfill

Memorandum, presented by Mike Monaghan, Water and Waste Operations Manager, Natasha Hickmott, Rubbish & Recycling Engineer and Olivia Wix, Communications Advisor.

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Zulfiqar Butt.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the report titled 'Waste Minimisation – Information on a Campaign to Reduce Non-Recyclable Plastic Waste to Landfill' be received for information.

Clause 40-21 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

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Naylor, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Peter Te Rangi.

41-21 Update on the Eco Design Advisor Service

Memorandum, presented by Nelson Lebo, Eco Design Advisor.

Councillor Billy Meehan left the meeting at 10.38am.

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Zulfiqar Butt.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the memorandum titled 'Update on the Eco Design Advisor Service' be received for information.

Clause 41-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

42-21 Committee Work Schedule - November 2021

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Zulfiqar Butt.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Environmental Sustainability Committee receive its Work Schedule dated November 2021.

Clause 42-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

The meeting finished at 11.03am

Confirmed 30 March 2022

Chairperson