

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 18 May 2022, commencing at 9.03am

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

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

Apologies: Councillors Leonie Hapeta (late arrival) and Susan Baty (early departure)

Councillor Leonie Hapeta entered the meeting at 10.02am during consideration of clause 10-22. She left the meeting at 2.32pm during clause 14.22. She was not present for clauses 8-22 and 9-22, 14-22, to 16-22 inclusive.

Councillor Karen Naylor was not present when the meeting resumed at 10.26am, she returned to the meeting at 10.35am. She was present for all clauses.

Councillor Susan Baty left the meeting at 11.00am during consideration of clause 11-22. She was not present for clauses 11-22 to 16-22.

Councillor Rachel Bowen left the meeting at 11.00am during consideration of clause 11-22. She returned at 11.34am during consideration of clause 13-22. She was not present for clauses 11-22 and 12-22.

Councillor Orphée Mickalad left the meeting at 11.00am during consideration of clause 11-22. He returned at 11.32am during consideration of clause 13-22. He was not present for clauses 11-22 and 12-22.

8-22 Apologies

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Zulfiqar Butt.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 8-22 above was carried.

Councillor Alesha Rutherford entered the meeting at 9.10am

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9-22 Sustainability Review 2022

Memorandum, presented by Olivia Wix, Communications Manager. and Adam Jarvis, Senior Climate Change Advisor.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. To receive the Sustainability Review 2022.

Clause 9-22 above was carried.

10-22 Presentation - Future Post

Dave Elder from Future Post made a presentation to the committee on the company's business model and their planned expansion into the Manawatū in 2023.

Future Post makes fence posts out of recycled plastic products. They currently take all plastics (numbers 2,4,5,6 and 7) apart from PVCs and PVTs.

Based in Waiuku, South Auckland, Future Post currently supplies mostly to the South Island. The business is growing so they are building a distribution centre in the Manawatu region in 2023 to service the Central North Island.

Mr Elder spoke on the following:

- Creating a circular economy, all Future Post's products are collected and recycled back into new posts
- Focus on continuous improvement through R&D,
- Guaranteeing that all recycled material collected are used and
- Providing a minimum commodity price for suppliers (councils) for the whole term of a contract.

Councillor Leonie Hapeta entered the meeting at 10:02am

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

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

Clause 10-22 above was carried.

Abstained:

Councillor Leonie Hapeta.

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The meeting adjourned at 10.07am
The meeting resumed at 10.26am
Councillor Karen Naylor was not present when the meeting resumed.

11-22 **Presentation - Environment Network Manawatū**

Dave Mollard and Madz BatachEl from Environment Network Manawatū made a presentation to the Committee advocating for a Council Kai Resilience Strategy for the city.

Dave Mollard said that food insecurity affects around 10,000 people on a regular basis in Palmerston North.

He outlined why Council should take the lead on developing a strategy which could list providers in the community and identify council resources for local food production. He highlight how a Kai Resilience Strategy could meet the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the city.

Councillor Karen Naylor returned to the meeting at 10.35am.

Councillors Rachel Bowen, Orphée Mickalad and Susan Baty left the meeting at 11.00am.

The Committee agreed with the presenters and moved a motion for further advice on the process and resourcing required to establish a Food Resilience Policy for Council.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Brent Barrett.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Environmental Sustainability Committee receive the presentation for information.
2. That the Chief Executive provides a short report to Environmental Sustainability Committee advising a suitable process and resourcing required to establish a Food Resilience Policy for Council.

Clause 11-22 above was carried.

12-22 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Zulfiqar Butt.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Committee

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meeting of 30 March 2022 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 12-22 above was carried.

13-22 Investigation into Options for Eco-Burial

Report, presented by Kathy Dever-Tod, Group Manager - Parks and Logistics.

The Committee moved the following changes to the officers recommendations:

- Resolution 1 was changed to require a progress report back to Council in 2023, to enable elected members to stay informed of the project.
- Resolution 2 was altered to include 'and natural burials' for clarity.

Councillor Orophée Mickalad returned to the meeting at 11:32am

Councillor Rachel Bowen returned to the meeting at 11:34am.

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Patrick Handcock ONZM.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That the Council adopt Option 2, continue to work with Manawatū District Council on the opportunity to establish a natural burial cemetery in the Manawatū and direct the Chief Executive to provide a progress report to Council in 2023.

THE COMMITTEE RESOLVED:

2. That the Committee note the findings of the investigation into options for eco-burial and natural burial in Palmerston North.
3. That the Committee note Manawatū District Council are currently investigating the establishment of a natural burial cemetery.

Clause 13-22 above was carried.

14-22 Citywide Emissions Inventory 2021

Memorandum, presented by Adam Jarvis, Senior Climate Change Advisor.

The meeting adjourned at 12.06pm

The meeting resumed at 2.30pm

Councillor Leonie Hapeta left the meeting at 2:32pm.

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Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. To receive the memorandum titled 'Citywide Emissions Inventory 2021' for information.

Clause 14-22 above was carried.

15-22 Update on Turitea Translocations

Memorandum, presented by Adam Jarvis, Senior Climate Change Advisor.

Moved Aleisha Rutherford, seconded Peter Te Rangi.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. To receive the memorandum titled 'Update on Turitea Translocations' for information.

Clause 15-22 above was carried.

16-22 Committee Work Schedule - May 2022

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. To receive its Work Schedule dated May 2022.

The meeting finished at 3.02pm

Confirmed 21 September 2022

Chairperson