

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 08 June 2022, commencing at 1.02 pm.

Members Present: Councillors Lorna Johnson (in the Chair), Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Zulfiqar Butt, Renee Dingwall, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas, and Ms Danielle Harris.

Non Members: Councillors Vaughan Dennison and Orphée Mickalad.

Apologies: The Mayor (Grant Smith) (absent on Council business), Councillors Aleisha Rutherford (late arrival), Rachel Bowen, and Lew Findlay QSM.

Councillor Aleisha Rutherford entered the meeting at 1.30 pm during consideration of clause 9. She was not present for clause 8.

Councillor Lew Findlay QSM entered the meeting at 3.00 pm during consideration of clause 10. He was not present for clauses 8 to 14 inclusive. He did not vote for clauses 15 to 17 inclusive due to technical issues.

Ms Danielle Harris left the meeting at 2.45 pm at the conclusion of clause 14. She was not present for clauses 15 to 20 inclusive.

1-22 Apologies

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock ONZM.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 1-22 above was carried.

Declaration of Interest

Councillors Aleisha Rutherford and Susan Baty declared a conflict of interest in Item 6 - Summary of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Harm Minimisation) Amendment Bill (clause 11) and item 7 - Presentation Health Coalition Aotearoa (clause 12) and took no part in discussion or debate.

Ms Danielle Harris declared a conflict of interest in Item 9 - Recommendation to engage Sector Lead organisations (clause 14) and took no part in discussion or debate.

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2-22 Public Comment

Councillor Aleisha Rutherford entered the meeting at 1.30 pm.

Kerry Hocquard from the Cancer Society made public comment on three legislation reforms: the Smokefree 2025 Action Plan, the Vaping Remit proposed by Kaipara District Council for LGNZ/AGM, and Dr Nicki Jackson's advocacy to reduce alcohol-related harm.

She spoke on the Smokefree 2025 Action Plan launched last year – already endorsed by PNCC – and its importance to address tobacco-related harm and create Smokefree environments. She also pledged to the Councillors to write a submission on Smokefree Environment/ Regulated Products Bill when the submissions will be called for at the end of July.

Regarding the vaping products, Kerry Hocquard asked for the Councillors' support for the Kaipara District Council Remit proposed for this year's Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting addressing the growing number of retailers selling vaping products. The Remit requests the Government to restrict the sale of vaping products to R18 specialist vape stores and to develop proximity limits to prevent the clustering of vaping product retailers.

Lastly, Kerry Hocquard, on behalf of the Cancer Society, declared their support for Dr Nicki Jackson's request that the Councillors publicly endorse Chlöe Swarbrick's Bill addressing alcohol-related harm.

According to her, alcohol is readily available, affordable, and widely promoted in the media; it's in our neighbourhoods, particularly in the low-income areas, yet it is a class1 carcinogen and a known cause of cancer. The Bill addresses alcohol availability, affordability and marketing by promoting ways to reduce consumption and alcohol-related harm equitably.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Renee Dingwall.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the public comment be received for information.

Clause 2-22 above was carried.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Renee Dingwall.

2. That the Committee direct the Chief Executive to provide either a letter of support or a submission to the Smokefree Environment and Regulated Products (Smoked Tobacco) Amendment Bill.

Clause 2-22 above was carried.

Against:

Councillor Leonie Hapeta.

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3-22 **Presentation - Manawatū Multicultural Council**

Nina Kirschbaum, President of the Manawatū Multicultural Council, and Febry Suharto, Committee member, spoke on the Manawatū Multicultural Council's activities for the last 2 years which included:

- a Community Connection Project to provide connections and direct support to access information and services in the community.
- a Navigation Project to support ethnic communities to understand and respond to Covid-19 effects.
- a Welcoming School Project to help students, parents and schools in Palmerston North to create culturally inclusive and welcoming schools.

Nina Kirschbaum also presented the Manawatū Multicultural Council's plans for a Multicultural Community Hub with a community hall and kitchen, classrooms, cultural areas, multicultural play area, etc. to accommodate multiple activities and services the Manawatū Multicultural Council offers.

Febry Suharto presented an analysis to support the activities of the Manawatū Multicultural Council mentioning its:

- strengths include 58 diverse ethnic groups as members and a strong partnership with the PNCC and other government agencies.
- opportunities such as the Hub which would address the needs of a diverse ethnic community, branding and positioning Palmy as a welcoming city, attracting talent and economic development, etc.
- weaknesses such as limited funding and inclusive spaces;
- threats such as the increased expectations from the ethnic groups and the lack of sustainable funding.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Zulfiqar Butt.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the presentation for information.

Clause 3-22 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Lorna Johnson, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Ms Danielle Harris.

4-22 **Summary of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Harm Minimisation) Amendment Bill**

Memorandum presented by Peter Ridge, Senior Policy Analyst.

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Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock ONZM.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled "Summary of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Harm Minimisation) Amendment Bill."

Clause 4-22 above was carried 12 votes to 0, with 2 abstentions, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Lorna Johnson, Brent Barrett, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Ms Danielle Harris.

Abstained:

Councillors Susan Baty and Aleisha Rutherford.

Note:

Councillor Susan Baty and Councillor Aleisha Rutherford declared a conflict of interest and withdrew from the discussion.

5-22

Presentation - Health Coalition Aotearoa

Dr Nicki Jackson, Executive Director of Alcohol Healthwatch, spoke regarding the importance of the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Harm Minimisation) Amendment Bill for New Zealanders.

She presented 2017-2020 statistics from the MidCentral District Health Board on alcohol use to illustrate the hazardous use of alcohol in our region, similar to the national numbers, especially among the people in the most deprived populations. The harm to the drinkers and others listed by Dr Jackson included violence and crime, road deaths and other injuries, family harm, poor mental health issues, cancer, heart disease, strokes, and Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).

According to her, the biggest drivers of alcohol use and harm in New Zealand nowadays are increased affordability, ubiquitous and uniquely targeted advertising, and high availability.

Dr Jackson explained the key points of the Private Member's Bill she is seeking support for, including being in pursuit of positively and permanently changing our drinking environment; restricting the availability of alcohol by removing appeals from the District Licensing Committee's decisions and strengthening criteria for licence applications; also ending alcohol sponsorship at broadcast sport.

Regarding the Local Alcohol Policy (LAP), she vowed to go back to what was promised to the community in 2012, to improve community input into local alcohol licensing decisions. At the moment, LAP's in Aotearoa only affect 34% of the population, with city councils such as Wellington City Council, Auckland City Council and others giving up after long Court battles and other issues that prevented the adoption of their LAP's. Nevertheless, she noted the overwhelming support for

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change from the community, e.g. the 95% support for the Local Government NZ Remit 2018.

Regarding alcohol sports sponsorship, Dr Jackson presented data to support the need for change just like what was done for tobacco sponsorship in 1995, because to normalise and glorify alcohol use isn't just about brand awareness or switching; it impacts overall attitudes toward alcohol.

Finally, Dr Jackson recommended the PN City Council follow other Local Government Units and MPs by supporting the Private Member's Bill and calling for a review of the national liquor laws, demanding a broad review that addresses price, availability and marketing of alcohol.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock ONZM.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That Palmerston North City Council :

- a) Supports the proposed private members' bill: Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Harm Minimisation) Amendment Bill, which aims to:
 - i. Remove the special appeal process through Local Alcohol Policies
 - ii. Wind down alcohol advertising and sponsorship of sports
- b) Requests the proposed private members' bill: Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Harm Minimisation) Amendment Bill, is supported by the Government and/or non-Executive MPs.
- c) Requests the New Zealand Government review the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

Clause 5-22 above was carried 11 votes to 1, with 2 abstentions, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Lorna Johnson, Brent Barrett, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Ms Danielle Harris.

Against:

Councillor Leonie Hapeta.

Abstained:

Councillors Susan Baty and Aleisha Rutherford.

Note:

Councillor Susan Baty and Councillor Aleisha Rutherford declared a conflict of interest and withdrew from the discussion.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock ONZM.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

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1. That the Committee receive the presentation for information.

Clause 5-22 above was carried 12 votes to 0, with 2 abstentions, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Lorna Johnson, Brent Barrett, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Ms Danielle Harris.

Abstained:

Councillors Susan Baty and Aleisha Rutherford.

Note:

Councillor Susan Baty and Councillor Aleisha Rutherford declared a conflict of interest and withdrew from the discussion.

6-22

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock ONZM.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting of 9 March 2022 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 6-22 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Lorna Johnson, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Leonie Hapeta, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas, Aleisha Rutherford and Ms Danielle Harris.

7-22

Recommendation to engage Sector Lead organisations

Memorandum presented by Anton Carter, Community Development Group Manager.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Brent Barrett.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That Council engages the following Sector Lead organisations through Partnership Agreements for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2025:
 - a. Creative Sounds Society Inc.
 - b. Environment Network Manawatū
 - c. Housing Advice Centre
 - d. Palmerston North Community Services Council
 - e. Manawatū Multicultural Council
 - f. Square Edge Community Arts

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g. Te Tihi o Ruahine Whānau Ora Alliance (on behalf of Ora Kōnnect)

Clause 7-22 above was carried 13 votes to 0, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Abstained:

Ms Danielle Harris.

Note:

Ms Danielle Harris declared a conflict of interest and withdrew from the discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 2.45 pm.

The meeting resumed at 3.00 pm.

When the meeting resumed Ms Danielle Harris was not present.

Councillor Lew Findlay QSM entered the meeting at 3.00 pm.

8-22

Residents' Card

Report presented by Donna Baker, Head of Marketing and Communications.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That Council not pursue a Residents' Card at this time.

Clause 8-22 above was carried 12 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Against:

Councillor Leonie Hapeta.

Note:

Councillor Lew Findlay QSM did not vote due to technical issues.

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Bruno Petrenas

On a motion "That the Chief Executive undertake a survey with residents on their preference for a Residents Card and to report results back to the Community Development Committee" the motion was lost 4 votes to 9, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Brent Barrett, Leonie Hapeta, Billy Meehan and Bruno Petrenas.

Against:

Councillors Lorna Johnson, Susan Baty, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee

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Dingwall, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Aleisha Rutherford.

Note:

Councillor Lew Findlay QSM did not vote due to technical issues.

9-22

Portfolio Update: Safe City

Memorandum, presented by Councillor Patrick Handcock, Lead Member of Safe City Portfolio.

Moved Patrick Handcock ONZM, seconded Lorna Johnson.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the Safe City Portfolio update.

Clause 9-22 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Note:

Councillor Lew Findlay QSM did not vote due to technical issues.

10-22

Portfolio Update: Neighbourhoods, Villages & Rural

Memorandum, presented by Councillor Bruno Petrenas, Lead Member of Neighbourhoods, Villages & Rural Portfolio.

Moved Bruno Petrenas, seconded Lorna Johnson.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the Neighbourhoods, Villages & Rural Portfolio update.

Clause 10-22 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Note:

Councillor Lew Findlay QSM did not vote due to technical issues.

11-22

Portfolio Update: People and Community

Memorandum presented by Councillor Lorna Johnson, Lead Member of People and Community Portfolio.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock ONZM.

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The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the People and Community Portfolio update.

Clause 11-22 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

12-22

Portfolio Update: Whānau Ora Health and Wellbeing

Memorandum presented by Councillor Billy Meehan, Lead Member of Whānau Ora Health and Wellbeing Portfolio.

Moved Billy Meehan, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the Whānau Ora Health and Wellbeing Portfolio update.

Clause 12-22 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

13-22

Committee Work Schedule - June 2022

After discussion, an additional motion was passed requesting that the Chief Executive report back to the Community Development Committee on the progress and outcomes of the Programme 2041 – Accessibility Assessment.

Moved Karen Naylor, seconded Brent Barrett.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the Work Schedule for June 2022.
2. That the Chief Executive report to the Community Development Committee on the progress and outcomes of the Programme 2041 – Accessibility Assessment.

Clause 13-22 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

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Aleisha Rutherford.

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

Recommendation to Exclude Public

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

“That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting listed in the table below.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing this resolution

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as stated in the above table.

Also that the persons listed below be permitted to remain after the public has been excluded for the reasons stated.

[Add Third Parties], because of their knowledge and ability to assist the meeting in speaking to their report/s [or other matters as specified] and answering questions, noting that such person/s will be present at the meeting only for the items that relate to their respective report/s [or matters as specified].

The meeting finished at 3.44 pm.

Confirmed on 14 September 2022.

Chairperson