

# **PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Extraordinary Sport and Recreation Committee Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 13 November 2017, commencing at 2.00pm**

**Members Present:** Councillor Leonie Hapeta (in the Chair), The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Adrian Broad, Gabrielle Bundy-Cooke, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay QSM, Jim Jefferies, Lorna Johnson, Duncan McCann, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Tangi Utikere.

**Apologies:** Councillor Aleisha Rutherford.

### **32-17 Apologies**

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Tangi Utikere.

#### **The COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 32-17 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, Adrian Broad, Gabrielle Bundy-Cooke, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay QSM, Leonie Hapeta, Jim Jefferies, Lorna Johnson, Duncan McCann, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Tangi Utikere.

### **33-17 Draft Memorial Park Development Plan – Hearing of Submissions**

The following people appeared before the Committee and made oral statements in support of their submissions and replied to questions from elected members.

#### **Jill Spicer (47)**

Mrs Jill Spicer spoke to her submission and made the following additional comment:

- Exercise equipment across the city was needed and Memorial Park was an ideal place to start as it was a family park with people spending a lot of time there.

#### **Kevin Judd (81)**

Mr Kevin Judd spoke to his submission and made the following additional comments:

- Previous football games at the park would host up to 3,000 spectators and the venue coped with this, therefore did believe that the venue needed to

change.

- However with skating events there is a lack of Officials accommodation and if the changing rooms were to be upgraded with a flat roof this could include a viewing platform.
- Parking was difficult and at times dangerous with young children running around. There needed to be better connectivity between the park and car parking.

#### **PNDHAG and PNRSA (93)**

Representing PNDHAG and PNRSA, Mr Joe Hollander spoke to the submission and made the following additional comments:

- General comments from members of the groups was that there could be a memorial for all those that have served, not just those in World War II.
- Needed to provide an educational aspect to the park so that people could learn who about those who had served.

#### **Emma Callesen (104)**

Ms Emma Callesen spoke to her submission and made the following additional comments:

- An outdoor sensory garden would be enjoyed as there were currently no sensory gardens in the City and Memorial Park would be an ideal location. The garden would need to be big enough to enable wheelchair access.
- Additional items in the garden, such as mirrors, would also add to the experience.

#### **Jenny Olsson (117)**

Mrs Jenny Olsson spoke to her submission and made the following additional comments:

- Had been frustrated at consultation events being cancelled with no prior notice and not being able to get satisfactory answers regarding fencing of the pool.
- Was disappointed that more of the duck pond was being filled in and was still unsure where the Memorial wall was to be situated.
- It was noted that there was designated parking for parents but asked Council to remember that those that have wheelchairs access permits would also be using the park. Also consider not taking out all the steps as

some people struggle with ramps.

**Sandy Nimmo (140)**

Mrs Sandy Nimmo spoke to her submission and made the following additional comments:

- Parking was horrendous, especially in summer and asked Council to look at a better way to access the park from the street.
- Suggested that Elected Members walk around the park and see where there is blocked access for wheelchairs and how they could be improved.
- Would like to see a kiosk that would be made available to the community groups to use as for fundraising opportunities. Also a music platform close to the rink would be a good addition as long as it was not positioned between the pool and the rink.
- The Memorial Park Sports Trust were holding an open day on 26 November 2017.

**John Shennan (142)**

Mr John Shennan spoke to his submission and made the following additional comments:

- Believed that there could be a balance of focus on leisure, sport and family activities as well as the park being a war memorial. It was about integrating the present with the past.
- The military focus would be more than just soldiers as for example, believed there would be a high profile on women's efforts during the war. Suggested as another way to give alternative views of the war, would be to add information about Mark Briggs who was a conscientious objector in World War I and was extremely well known in Palmerston North.
- The Workers Memorial should be given a greater profile. On April 28<sup>th</sup> of each year a gathering takes place to remember those killed, injured or made ill at work and each year the gathering increases in number. It was noted that in the last year 22 people were killed in industrial accidents in the Manawatu-Whanganui region.

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Karen Naylor.

**The COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the oral and written submissions on the Draft Memorial Park Development Plan be received.

2. That the Committee note the Procedure for Hearing of Submissions, as described in the procedure sheet.

Clause 33-17 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, Adrian Broad, Gabrielle Bundy-Cooke, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay QSM, Leonie Hapeta, Jim Jefferies, Lorna Johnson, Duncan McCann, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Tangi Utikere.

The public part of the meeting finished at 3.06pm

Confirmed 4 December 2017

**Chairperson**