

# **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 05 March 2018, commencing at 9.02am**

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

Councillor Rachel Bowen was not present when the meeting resumed at 11.47am. She was present for clause 1.

Councillor Aleisha Rutherford was not present when the meeting resumed at 11.47am. She entered the meeting again at 11.50am during consideration of clause 3. She was not present for clause 2.

### **1-18 Apologies**

Moved Aleisha Rutherford, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

The meeting adjourned at 9.03am

The meeting resumed at 11.47am

When the meeting resumed Councillors Rachel Bowen and Aleisha Rutherford were not present.

### **2-18 Election of Chairperson**

Moved Leonie Hapeta, Vaughan Dennison.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Deputy Mayor (Tangi Utikere) Chair the Community Development meeting until Councillor Rutherford returns to the meeting.

### **3-18 Presentation - Welcoming Communities**

Stephanie Velvin, Welcoming Communities Co-ordinator and Peter Grey, Community Liaison Team Leader gave a presentation regarding the Welcoming Communities programme.

Welcoming Communities is a pilot programme partnering with Immigration New Zealand and other participating Councils that “puts out the welcome mat” to newcomers, noting that communities are healthier, happier and more productive when newcomers are welcomed by the existing community.

The Welcoming Communities Standard for New Zealand was established with eight elements developed that the programme would be shaped around. In November 2017 the Local Advisory Group was set up and this group will have members added to it if and when required.

Over December and January a stocktake was taken and once the draft Welcoming Plan is drafted consultation will take place. Immigration New Zealand’s deadline for Plan completion is end of April which then leads to national evaluation.

Council’s role is to promote the Welcoming Plan consultation, be a champion by informing others about the key messages and initiatives and apply the welcoming principles of the programmes during community engagements.

Moved Aleisha Rutherford, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Community Development Committee receive the presentation for information.

**4-18 Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved Duncan McCann, seconded Gabrielle Bundy-Cooke.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting of 11 December 2017 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**NOTE:**

Councillors Vaughan Dennison and Leonie Hapeta abstained from voting on clause 4-18.

**5-18 Community Development Work Schedule: Item 1 Social Housing – Mixed model, initial scoping exercise**

Memorandum, dated 12 February 2018 from the General Manager - Libraries and Community Services, Debbie Duncan.

Moved Aleisha Rutherford, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee remove Item 1 Social Housing – Mixed model, initial scoping exercise from the Community Development Work Schedule.

**6-18**

**Review options for the administration of Hancock Community House**

Memorandum, dated 14 February 2018 from the Community Liaison Team Leader, Peter Grey.

Moved Aleisha Rutherford, seconded Lorna Johnson.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That Council rescind the its resolution dated 17 September 2014:
  - *That Council approves the management of Hancock Community House to be contracted to an independent community based trust.*
  - *That Council officers undertake negotiations with Hancock Community House Trust to establish a Memorandum of Understanding on the management of Hancock Community House.*
  - *That Council officers report back to Council the outcome of these negotiations.*
2. That Council Officers undertake wider investigation of all options for the ongoing administration of the Hancock Community House and a recommendation is reported back to Council.

**NOTE:**

Councillor Leonie Hapeta abstained from voting on clause 6-18

**7-18**

**Committee Work Schedule**

Moved Aleisha Rutherford, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Community Development Committee receive its Work Schedule dated March 2018.

**NOTE:**

Councillor Karen Naylor requested her dissent to clause 7-18 above be recorded.

The meeting finished at 12.56pm

Confirmed 7 May 2018

**Chairperson**