

# 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 19 May 2021, commencing at 9.00am.**

**Members Present:** Councillors Brent Barrett (in the Chair), Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Aleisha Rutherford.

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

**Apologies:** The Mayor (Grant Smith) (absent on Council business) and Councillor Vaughan Dennison (early departure).

Councillor Vaughan Dennison left the meeting at 10.09am during consideration of clause 27. He entered the meeting again at 11.05am after consideration of clause 28. He was not present for clauses 27 and 28 inclusive.

### **24-21 Apologies**

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Zulfiqar Butt.

#### **The COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 24-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

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, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

### **25-21 Public Comment**

Ms Beth Tolley and Mr Philip McConkey made public comment regarding the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and treat climate change as a real and urgent issue. They complimented Council on the changes they had already made but encouraged Council to take some bold and innovative steps to progress climate change projects. They urged Councillors to start thinking of Palmerston North as more of a cycling and pedestrian city with more frequent and accessible public transport.

The major concern shared by the presenters was the amount of time it is taking Council to initiate and progress climate change ideas and projects and the reasons behind the delays.

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Zulfiqar Butt.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the public comment from Beth Tolley and Philip McConkey be received for information.

Clause 25-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

**26-21**

**Presentation - Enviroschools Programme**

Ms Sarah Williams, Environmental Educator for Horizons Regional Council and Ms Niki Burtenshaw, Teacher Aide for Monrad Intermediate School made a presentation regarding the Enviroschools programme being promoted and introduced to kindergartens and schools throughout the city.

Enviroschools is a project where children and young people plan, design and implement their own sustainability projects as part of a long-term 'action-learning process' – the children become ambassadors for change, in both their families and their community. Each school has its own facilitator and tailor the programme for their own individual needs and circumstances.

Hundreds of environmental projects have been completed and progressed throughout Palmerston North and the Manawatu.

Niki Burtenshaw outlined the Enviroschools journey being undertaken at Monrad Intermediate as follows:

- Programme has had a huge impact on students, staff and community and the project aligns with and reinforces their existing school values.
- Resource availability that is incorporated throughout the project is of an extremely high standard. National handbook distributed contains inspirational stories and innovative project ideas.
- Educational benefits include knowledge, practical skills and creative innovation.

Moved Aleisha Rutherford, seconded Renee Dingwall.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Environmental Sustainability Committee receive the presentation from Sarah Williams, Environmental Educator, Horizons and Niki Burtenshaw from Monrad Intermediate School on the Enviroschools Programme.

Clause 26-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

**27-21 Presentation - AlSCO New Zealand**

Mr Steve Barden, Group General Manager, AlSCO New Zealand made a presentation regarding the sustainability programme being undertaken throughout their company in New Zealand to become a better corporate citizen.

AlSCO aims to be innovators and promoters of low carbon service and products, enabling and supporting a shift to a net zero carbon economy. To achieve this they have adopted the following approach:

- Carbon emissions reduction – 2014 InStep engaged to measure Co2e and report 2020 in-house
- EECA Energy Graduate Programme
- Coal conversion – eliminate coal use by 2030
- Water reduction – reduce water use by a third by 2030
- Waste reduction initiatives
- Electric vehicles – to convert a third to electric vehicles by 2030

Progressive and innovative ideas and projects are being considered to reuse, recycle and repurpose textiles that have reached the end of their commercial life, eg. old overalls being used in roading project trials.

Councillor Vaughan Dennison left the meeting at 10.09am.

Moved Aleisha Rutherford, seconded Renee Dingwall.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Environmental Sustainability Committee receive the presentation from Steve Barden from AlSCO Palmerston North.

Clause 27-21 above was carried 13 votes to 0, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

**Abstained:**

Councillor Leonie Hapeta.

## **28-21 Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Patrick Handcock ONZM.

### **The COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting of 9 December 2020 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 28-21 above was carried 13 votes to 0, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

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

#### **Abstained:**

Councillor Orphée Mickalad.

The meeting adjourned at 10.33am.

The meeting resumed at 10.50 am.

Councillor Vaughan Dennison entered the meeting again at 11.05am.

## **29-21 2020 Citywide Emissions Inventory**

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

In discussion, Elected Members requested that the Chief Executive refer a programme to the 2021-31 Long Term Plan deliberation process to enable significant progress in Council's response to climate change issues.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Lorna Johnson.

### **The COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Environmental Sustainability Committee receive the memorandum titled '2020 Citywide Emissions Inventory'.

Clause 29-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

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, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Zulfiqar Butt.

2. That the Chief Executive develop and refer a programme to the 2021-31 Long Term Plan (LTP) deliberation process that would enable a stronger climate change response, including annual tracking and

reporting of city-wide greenhouse gas emissions.

Clause 29-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

### **30-21 Committee Work Schedule**

In discussion, Elected Members requested that Item 1 be reinstated on the Work Schedule to ensure Councillors are kept informed on this issue.

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Zulfiqar Butt.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That Item 1 – Report on Options to reduce non-recyclable plastic waste to landfill be reinstated and the work schedule be agreed.

Clause 30-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

The meeting finished at 11.45am

Confirmed 15 September 2021

**Chairperson**