

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community Committee Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 15 March 2023, commencing at 1:00pm.

Members Present: Councillor Lorna Johnson (in the Chair), The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Patrick Handcock, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Lew Findlay, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

Non Members: Councillors Mark Arnott, Vaughan Dennison, Roly Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta and Debi Marshall-Lobb.

Apologies: The Mayor (Grant Smith) (early departure on Council business).

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb left the meeting at 1.52pm at the conclusion of clause 2. She was not present for clauses 2 to 11 inclusive.

The Mayor was not present when the meeting resumed at 3.09pm. He was not present for clauses 5 to 11 inclusive.

Councillor Billy Meehan left the meeting at 3.44pm at the conclusion of clause 6. He was not present for clauses 7 to 11 inclusive.

Councillor Leonie Hapeta left the meeting at 4.14pm at the conclusion of clause 8. She was not present for clauses 9 to 11 inclusive.

Councillor Mark Arnott left the meeting at 4.31pm at the conclusion of clause 9. He was not present for clauses 10 and 11.

Councillor Lew Findlay left the meeting at 4.45pm during consideration of clause 10. He was not present during clause 11.

Karakia Timatanga

Councillor Lorna Johnson opened the meeting with karakia.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Vaughan Dennison declared an interest in Item 11: Annual Sector Lead Report: Housing Advice Centre (clause 8-23) but said he would consider the Item with an open mind.

Councillor Roly Fitzgerald declared an interest in Item 13: Annual Sector Lead Report: Te Tihi o Ruahine Whānau Ora Alliance (clause 7-23) but said he would consider the Item with an open mind.

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1-23 **Apologies**

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 1-23 above was carried.

2-23 **Pasifika Reference Group - Annual Presentation**

Presentation, by Andrew Jamieson and Courtney Manu Co-Chairs of the Pasifika Reference Group.

The Reference Group is working on establishing a voice in the community and their overall aim includes promoting Pasifika to look after Pasifika.

He noted a lack of Pasifika representation in Te Marae o Hine and around the city and suggested that this inhibits Pasifika people to having a better connection with the city.

The Pasifika Reference Group plans to promote the language and culture; develop a visual representation in the city; investigate the development of a community hub including a Fale Fono; investigate more housing opportunities for Pasifika, especially housing opportunities outside of the 4412 post code; and aims to have a Pasifika youth representation.

Courtney Manu stated that she would like to see more housing opportunities outside of the 4412 for Pasifika people.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the presentation for information.

Clause 2-23 above was carried.

Councillor Debbie Marshall-Lobb left the meeting at 1.52pm.

3-23 **The Little Stars Programme: Support for Children with Disabilities.**

Presentation, by Jane Carrigan, Independent Disability Advocate and Pip Cook, co-founder of The Planet Ryan Family Foundation.

Jane Carrigan outlined the funding model provided by the Mana Whaikaha (disability support) programme which has attracted over 1000 people to Palmerston North. She said that while it is an excellent funding model, it does not provide sufficient accessible services. This is

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why Pip Cook established the Little Stars Centre, to provide a programme that provides a more comprehensive service.

Jane introduced Julia and Ryan who were in attendance at the meeting - both have disabilities and have received the benefits from the programme which has made a tangible difference in their lives.

They are looking for support in partnering with Council to achieve more awareness and support for the disability community.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the presentation for information.

Clause 3-23 above was carried.

4-23

Seniors Reference Group - Annual Presentation

Presentation, by Jim Jefferies, Chair of the Seniors Reference Group.

Jim Jefferies spoke on the significance of the over 60s in Palmerston North who represent around 20% of the population. He highlighted five areas that the Senior Reference Group is interested in: housing, health, employment, financial, and social impacts.

The Reference Group would like Palmerston North to become an Age Friendly city and obtain official status as such. An additional motion was passed requesting the Chief Executive investigate what is required to apply for the status and funding to be an accredited Age Friendly city.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Lew Findlay.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

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

2. That the Chief Executive investigate what is required to apply for 'Age Friendly' status and funding, and report back to the committee.

Clause 4-23 above was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2.37pm.

The meeting resumed at 3.09pm.

The Mayor (Grant Smith) was not present when the meeting resumed at 3.09pm.

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REPORTS

- 5-23 Annual Sector Lead Report: Manawatū Multicultural Council**
Memorandum, presented by Stephanie Velvin, Community Development Manager and Nina Kirschbaum, President of Manawatū Multicultural Council.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Annual Sector Lead Report: Manawatū Multicultural Council' presented to the Community Committee on 15 March 2023.

Clause 5-23 above was carried.

- 6-23 Annual Sector Lead Report: Te Pū Harakeke - Community Collective Manawatū**
Memorandum, presented by Stephanie Velvin, Community Development Manager, and Tim Kendrew, Manager of Te Pū Harakeke - Community Collective Manawatū.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Annual Sector Lead Report: Te Pū Harakeke – Community Collective' presented to the Community Committee on 15 March 2023.

Clause 6-23 above was carried.

Councillor Billy Meehan left the meeting at 3.44pm.

- 7-23 Annual Sector Lead Report: Te Tihi o Ruahine Whānau Ora Alliance**
Memorandum, presented by Stephanie Velvin, Community Development Manager, Materoa Mar, Chief Executive and Stacey Seravatu Project Manager from Te Tihi o Ruahine Whānau Ora Alliance.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Annual Sector Lead Report: Te Tihi o Ruahine Whānau Ora Alliance' presented to the Community Committee on 15 March 2023.

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Clause 7-23 above was carried.

8-23 Annual Sector Lead Report: Housing Advice Centre

Memorandum, presented by Stephanie Velvin, Community Development Manager and Peter Grey, Committee Chair of Housing Advice Centre.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Annual Sector Lead Report: Housing Advice Centre' presented to the Community Committee on 15 March 2023.

Clause 8-23 above was carried.

Councillor Leonie Hapeta left at 4.14pm.

9-23 Welcoming Communities Annual Update

Memorandum, presented by Stephanie Velvin, Community Development Manager and Somayyeh Ghaffari, Community Development Advisor.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Welcoming Communities Annual Update' presented to the Community Committee on 15 March 2023.

Clause 9-23 above was carried.

Councillor Mark Arnott left at 4.31pm.

10-23 Update on Response to Homelessness

Memorandum, presented by Stephanie Velvin, Community Development Manager

Councillor Lew Findlay left at 4.45pm.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Update on Response to Homelessness' presented to the Community Committee on 15 March 2023.

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Clause 10-23 above was carried with 1 abstention.

11-23 Committee Work Schedule

An additional motion was passed requesting the Chief Executive report back on progress made on the social housing budget in November 2023.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Community Committee receive their work schedule for March 2023.
2. That the Chief Executive report back on progress made on the social housing budget in November 2023.

Clause 11-23 above was carried.

Karakia Whakamutunga

Councillor Lorna Johnson closed the meeting with karakia.

The meeting finished at 4.56pm.

Confirmed 24 May 2023

Chair