

# PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Culture & Sport Committee Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 8 March 2023, commencing at 9.00am

- Members Present:** Councillors Rachel Bowen (in the Chair), Billy Meehan, Mark Arnott, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Debi Marshall-Lobb, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.
- Non Members:** Councillors Brent Barrett, Lorna Johnson and Orphée Mickalad.
- Apologies:** The Mayor (Grant Smith) (absent on Council business).

Councillor Lew Findlay left the meeting at 10.08am during consideration of clause 5. He was present when the meeting resumed at 11.01am. He was not present for clauses 5 and 6.

### **Karakia Timatanga**

Councillor Rachel Bowen opened the meeting with karakia.

### **1-23 Apologies**

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 1-23 above was carried.

### **2-23 Petition: Alteration to Palmerston North Coat of Arms**

Presentation of petition by Virginia and Warren Warbrick on behalf of THEN - Histories of Pāmutana.

Virginia and Warren Warbrick presented their petition requesting the reinstatement of the shoe worn by the European woman on the Palmerston North coat of arms. The PowerPoint presentation is available in Minutes Attachments on the PN City Council website.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Culture & Sport Committee receive the petition 'Alteration

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to Palmerston North Coat of Arms' for information.

Clause 2-23 above was carried.

### **3-23 Public Comment**

Jeremy Hapeta made public comment in relation to Item 2, suggesting that Councillors should consider the coat of arms holistically. He questioned whether the symbolism, including the red lion, the castle and the dragon, was appropriate, and noted it was not reflective of biculturalism.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the public comment be received for information.

Moved Roly Fitzgerald, seconded Lorna Johnson.

2. That the Chief Executive investigate options to change the City's coat of arms to better reflect its bicultural heritage, and report back to this Committee.

Clause 3-23 above was carried.

## **REPORTS**

### **4-23 Sport Manawatū - Six-month progress report to Palmerston North City Council July to December 2022**

Memorandum, presented by Ann-Marie Mori, Policy Analyst, Kelly Shanks, Chief Executive, Sport Manawatū and Brad Cassidy, General Manager Partnerships, Sport Manawatū.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the report titled 'Sport Manawatū – Six-month progress report to Palmerston North City Council July to December 2022' presented to the Culture & Sport Committee on 8 March 2023.

Clause 4-23 above was carried.

### **5-23 Annual Sector Lead Report: Community Arts Palmerston North Incorporated (Square Edge Community Arts)**

Memorandum, presented by Stephanie Velvin, Community Development Manager and Karen Seccombe, Artistic Director, Square Edge Community Arts.

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Councillor Lew Findlay left the meeting at 10.08am.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

### The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Annual Sector Lead Report: Community Arts Palmerston North Incorporated (Square Edge Community Arts)' presented to the Culture & Sport Committee on 8 March 2023.

Clause 5-23 above was carried.

### **6-23 Victoria Esplanade User Group - Amendments to Terms of Reference** Memorandum, presented by Aaron Phillips, Activities Manager - Parks.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Patrick Handcock.

### The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That Council approve amendments to the 2018 Victoria Esplanade User Group Terms of Reference, as detailed in Attachment 1 of this report.

Clause 6-23 above was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10.27am.

The meeting resumed at 11.01am.

Councillor Lew Findlay was present when the meeting resumed.

### **7-23 Annual Sector Lead Report: Creative Sounds Society Incorporated (The Stomach)**

Memorandum, presented by Stephanie Velvin, Community Development Manager and Harry Lilley, Manager, Creative Sounds Society Incorporated (The Stomach).

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

### The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Annual Sector Lead Report: Creative Sounds Society Incorporated (The Stomach)' presented to the Culture & Sport Committee on 8 March 2023.

Clause 7-23 above was carried.

### **8-23 Artificial Football Turf Feasibility Study (Long Term Plan Programme 1906)** Report, presented by Ann-Marie Mori, Policy Analyst.

Moved Billy Meehan, seconded Orphée Mickalad.

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### The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That Council note the feasibility study report found that an artificial football turf is feasible at Massey University, in partnership with Central Football and Massey University, as part of a 'Home for Football' in the Manawatū.

Clause 8-23 above was carried 12 votes to 2, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

Councillors Rachel Bowen, Billy Meehan, Mark Arnott, Vaughan Dennison, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Debi Marshall-Lobb, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin, Brent Barrett, Lorna Johnson and Orphée Mickalad.

#### **Against:**

Councillors Lew Findlay and Leonie Hapeta.

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded William Wood.

2. That the Chief Executive consider an artificial turf on Council land and report back to this Committee.

*Amended by Council on 15 March 2023*  
*Clause 38-23*

Clause 8-23 above was carried 11 votes to 2, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

Councillors Rachel Bowen, Mark Arnott, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta, Debi Marshall-Lobb, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin, Brent Barrett and Lorna Johnson.

#### **Against:**

Councillors Billy Meehan and Orphée Mickalad.

#### **Abstained:**

Councillor Patrick Handcock.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Brent Barrett.

#### **Note:**

On a procedural motion: 'That the Committee lie the report on the table until the Chief Executive can provide further advice', the motion was tied. The chairperson declared the motion lost.

Moved Billy Meehan, seconded Orphée Mickalad.

#### **Note:**

On the motions:

- "2. That the Chief Executive begin discussions with Massey University and Central Football with a view to form a partnership and further discuss governance, management, level of funding commitment, and ongoing

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operational considerations.

3. That the Chief Executive report back to the Culture & Sport Committee with the outcome of negotiations and, if appropriate, proposed terms for a formal partnership agreement",

the motions were lost 5 votes to 9, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

Councillors Billy Meehan, Mark Arnott, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock and Orphée Mickalad.

**Against:**

Councillors Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Leonie Hapeta, Debi Marshall-Lobb, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin, Brent Barrett and Lorna Johnson.

**9-23**

### **Manawatū Community Athletics Track - Annual Report for 2022**

Memorandum, presented by Aaron Phillips, Activities Manager - Parks and Kathy Dever-Tod, Group Manager - Parks and Logistics.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the Manawatū Community Athletics Track Annual Report for 2022, presented to the Culture & Sport Committee on 8 March 2023.

Clause 9-23 above was carried.

**10-23**

### **Committee Work Schedule**

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Culture & Sport Committee receive its Work Schedule dated March 2023.

Clause 10-23 above was carried.

### **Karakia Whakamutunga**

Councillor Rachel Bowen closed the meeting with karakia.

The meeting finished at 1.03pm.

Confirmed 19 April 2023

**Chair**