

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Strategy & Finance Committee Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 10 May 2023, commencing at 9.02am

Members Present: Councillor Vaughan Dennison (in the Chair), The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Karen Naylor, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta and Lorna Johnson.

Non Members: Councillors Rachel Bowen, Debi Marshall-Lobb and Billy Meehan.

Apologies: Councillors Orphée Mickalad and William Wood (absent on Council business), Kaydee Zabelin, The Mayor (early departure, on Council business).

Councillor Mark Arnott left the meeting at 12.10pm during consideration of clause 30. He entered the meeting again at 12.12pm after the consideration of clause 30. He was not present for clause 30.

Councillor Lorna Johnson left the meeting at 12.11pm during consideration of clause 30. She entered the meeting again at 12.13pm after the consideration of clause 30. She was not present for clause 30.

Karakia Timatanga

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb opened the meeting with karakia.

20-23 Apologies

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 20-23 above was carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Karen Naylor, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Rachel Bowen and Billy Meehan.

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21-23 Late Item / Notification of Additional Item

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the late item for the following reasons:

Remit to Local Government New Zealand 2023 Annual General Meeting

Reason for lateness:

The remit was received after the Agenda was published.

Reason for urgency:

New Plymouth District Council have requested a response by Friday 12 May 2023.

Clause 21-23 above was carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Karen Naylor, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Rachel Bowen and Billy Meehan.

22-23 Hearing of Submissions: Proposal to reclassify Opie Reserve from a Recreation Reserve to a Local Purpose - Community Reserve

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Lorna Johnson.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Strategy & Finance Committee hear submissions from presenters who indicated their wish to be heard in support of their submission.
2. That the Committee note the Procedure for Hearing of Submissions, as described in the procedure sheet.

Clause 22-23 above was carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Karen Naylor, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Rachel Bowen and Billy Meehan.

The Committee considered submissions on the Proposal to reclassify Opie Reserve from a Recreation Reserve to a Local Purpose - Community Reserve with supporting oral statements including additional tabled material.

The following person appeared before the Committee and made oral statements in support of her submission and replied to questions from Elected Members.

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Liza Whaiapu (103)

Liza Whaiapu spoke to her submission and made the following additional comments:

- Has worked within the Māori education sector in Palmerston North for 22 years, and knows that transformation through education is key to reaching the goals and aspirations of our tupuna and our people.
- Passionate about assisting in the movement of revitalisation efforts.
- Māori identify themselves by the relationships our tupuna formed with our land. These relationships shape us and connect us to place and time. Man and people come and go but the land is constant; it will always remain. While we are the people of this land, we are merely stewards (or kaitiaki) of the land and we have a duty to serve and protect it.
- Important to get land classifications right, so that we protect land with conservation and cultural value, and unlock land with neither, making it available for other purposes.
- A win-win for all as the Kōhanga Reo and marae will not only serve the Iwi and Hapū, but also the wider community.
- If the reserve is reclassified, it would become a new community asset supporting children's learning and wellbeing for whānau, Hapū and Iwi. Access would be from a newly formed entrance off Wilson Crescent; people would still be able to move through the space as the existing footpath would remain along with a track along the top of the stop-bank that everyone uses. The landscape would be an integrated design to allow for community interaction, and would enhance and uplift what is currently an eyesore.
- Would expediate Kainga Ora housing improvement programme.
- St Michaels marae is a church before it is a marae. Vision is a gathering place for all.
- The current location is in the hub of Highbury - a colourful area which has safety concerns.
- The Kōhanga Reo has an open door policy; everyone is welcome.

23-23

Opie Reserve Reclassification: Summary of Submissions

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

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the summary of submissions on "Opie Reserve – proposal to reclassify Opie Reserve from 'Recreation' to 'Local Purpose: Community'", presented to the Strategy & Finance Committee on 10 May 2023.

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Clause 23-23 above was carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Karen Naylor, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Rachel Bowen and Billy Meehan.

24-23 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Strategy & Finance Committee meeting of 22 March 2023 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 24-23 above was carried 11 votes to 0, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Karen Naylor, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Rachel Bowen and Billy Meehan.

Abstained:

The Mayor (Grant Smith).

The meeting adjourned at 9.33am.

The meeting resumed at 9.40am.

25-23 Quarterly Performance and Financial Report - Period Ending 31 March 2023

Memorandum, presented by Scott Mancer, Finance Manager, Sue Kelly, Manager - Project Management Office and Andrew Boyle, Head of Community Planning.

Elected Members requested a report to provide understanding of the magnitude of the water supply compliance costs and how it will be managed going forward.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Quarterly Performance and Financial Report – Period Ending 31 March 2023', and related attachments, presented to the Strategy & Finance Committee on 10 May 2023.

Moved Patrick Handcock, seconded Brent Barrett

2. That the Chief Executive provide a report on bacteria compliance of the city's bore supplies including detail of how compliance is going

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to be remedied.

Clauses 25-23 and 25.2-23 above were carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Karen Naylor, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Rachel Bowen and Billy Meehan.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

3. That Council approve an overspend in the following operating activity budgets:
 - a. Manawatū River- of \$135,000, and
 - b. Active & Public Transport- of \$480,000.
4. That Council note that the increases in a) and b) are expected to be offset from savings in Council's other activities, with this to be reported back in the 4th quarter report.
5. That Council approve a Capital Renewal budget transfer between activities of \$50,000, reducing 1051-CET Arena - Arena Renewals by \$50,000 and increasing 1825-City Reserves - Manawatū River Park – Renewals by \$50,000.

Clauses 25-23 to 25.5-23 above were carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Karen Naylor, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Rachel Bowen and Billy Meehan.

26-23

Treasury Report - 9 months ending 31 March 2023

Memorandum, presented by Steve Paterson, Strategy Manager - Finance.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee note the performance of Council's treasury activity for the 9 months ending 31 March 2023.

Clause 26-23 above was carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Karen Naylor, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Rachel Bowen and Billy Meehan.

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The meeting adjourned at 10.50am.

The meeting resumed at 11.12am.

27-23 Railway Land Reserve: Proposal to grant a licence to Tekton Limited - Deliberations Report

Memorandum, presented by Bill Carswell, Activities Manager – Property Services and Kathy Dever-Tod, Acting Chief Infrastructure Officer.

Elected Members requested Officers to include reporting requirements relating to community good outcomes in the negotiations with the licensee.

Moved Karen Naylor, seconded Rachel Bowen.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee grant a licence for part of the land at Railway Land Reserve, Palmerston North to Tekton Limited in accordance with Section 54 of the Reserves Act 1997.
2. That the Committee note that the area affected by the licence to Tekton Limited is described as part of Lot DP 78518.

Clause 27-23 above was carried 9 votes to 2, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Karen Naylor, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb and Rachel Bowen.

Against:

Councillors Vaughan Dennison and Billy Meehan.

Abstained:

Councillor Lew Findlay.

28-23 Amendment to the Palmerston North Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2018 (Light Motor Vehicle Prohibitions) - Deliberations Report

Memorandum, presented by Stacey Solomon, Policy Analyst.

Officers noted an error on page 10 of Attachment 3 (page 192 of the Agenda); the text should read as follows:

'Subject to the provisions of clause 10 of the Bylaw, the following roads are prohibited to vehicles having a gross mass ~~less than~~ **not exceeding** 3,500kg.'

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee confirm:
 - a. the amendment to the Bylaw is the most appropriate means of addressing the perceived problem; and

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- b. the form of the Bylaw is the most appropriate form of bylaw; and
- c. the Bylaw does not give rise to any implications under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

2. That Council adopt the proposed amendment for Light Motor Vehicle Prohibitions to the Palmerston North Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2018 and Palmerston North Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2018 Administration Manual, (Attachments 2 and 3 of the memorandum).

Clause 28-23 above was carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Karen Naylor, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Rachel Bowen and Billy Meehan.

29-23

Review of the Palmerston North Dog Control Policy 2018 and the Palmerston North Dog Control Bylaw 2018

Memorandum, presented by Stacey Solomon, Policy Analyst.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Review of the Palmerston North Dog Control Policy 2018 and the Palmerston North Dog Control Bylaw 2018' presented to the Strategy & Finance Committee on 10 May 2023.

Clause 29-23 above was carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Karen Naylor, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Rachel Bowen and Billy Meehan.

30-23

117 Vogel Street - Proposal to continue supporting Te Kōhanga Reo National Trust Board (Te Āwhina Kōhanga Reo) by notifying the intention to grant community occupancy via a lease of Council land

Report, presented by Bryce Hosking, Acting Chief Infrastructure Officer.

Councillor Mark Arnott left the meeting at 12.10pm.

Councillor Lorna Johnson left the meeting at 12.11pm.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee continue to support Te Kōhanga Reo National Trust Board, by notifying the public of its intention to grant

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community occupancy of Council land, via a lease at 117 Vogel Street, Palmerston North, in accordance with the Support and Funding Policy 2022 (Option 1).

2. That the Committee note the land affected by the community occupancy lease to Te Kōhanga Reo National Trust Board is described as Lot 1 DP 78520.

Clause 30-23 above was carried 10 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Karen Naylor, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Rachel Bowen and Billy Meehan.

Councillor Mark Arnott entered the meeting again at 12.12pm.

Councillor Lorna Johnson entered the meeting again at 12.13pm.

- 31-23 Remit to Local Government New Zealand 2023 Annual General Meeting**
Memorandum, presented by Hannah White, Democracy & Governance Manager.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That Council endorse the 2023 remit proposal from New Plymouth District Council (Attachment 1).

Clause 31-23 above was carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Karen Naylor, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Rachel Bowen and Billy Meehan.

- 32-23 Committee Work Schedule**

Moved Karen Naylor, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Strategy & Finance Committee receive its Work Schedule dated May 2023.

Clause 32-23 above was carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Karen Naylor, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Rachel Bowen and Billy Meehan.

Karakia Whakamutunga

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Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb closed the meeting with karakia.

The meeting finished at 12.19pm.

Confirmed 20 September 2023

Chair