

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 09 August 2023, commencing at 9.00am.

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

Non Members: Councillors Roly Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta and Debi Marshall-Lobb.

Apologies: The Mayor (Grant Smith), Councillor Rachel Bowen (early departure on Council business)

Councillor Rachel Bowen was not present when the meeting resumed at 12.59pm. She was not present for clauses 29 to 31 inclusive.

Councillor Roly Fitzgerald was not present when the meeting resumed at 12.59pm. He entered the meeting at 1.10pm during consideration of clause 29.

Karakia Timatanga

Councillor Lorna Johnson opened the meeting with karakia.

23-23 Apologies

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 23-23 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Lorna Johnson, Patrick Handcock, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Lew Findlay, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Roly Fitzgerald and Leonie Hapeta.

Declarations of Interest

Councillors Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, William Wood and Billy Meehan declared an interest only (no conflict or pecuniary interest) in item 7 and 8.

Councillor Lew Findlay declared an interest only (no conflict or

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pecuniary) in item 7, 8 and 9.

24-23 Public Comment

Mr Hugh O'Connell and Ms Natalie McLean both co-chairs of the Disability Reference Group made public comment regarding Item 9, Impact of changes to SuperGold Card and Community Services Card free parking rules (clause 28-23). They made the following comments:

- Supported Grey Powers request to extend free parking and would like this request to also include those who have mobility parking permits in Palmerston North.
- Stated around 80% mobility parking permit holders are over 60 years, leaving 20% or around 472 people under 60 years; this is likely to be a small impact on the parking revenue stream.
- Would like Council to see this as an investment, bringing more quality of life and access to the community for those with disabilities.
- Would like mobility parking permit holders to be included in the Parking Framework discussions on this matter.
- The cost of living impact will be particularly pertinent to those in their group under 60 years, as they are likely to be beneficiaries.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the public comment.

Clause 24-23 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Lorna Johnson, Patrick Handcock, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Lew Findlay, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Roly Fitzgerald and Leonie Hapeta.

25-23 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Community Committee meeting of 24 May 2023 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 25-23 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Lorna Johnson, Patrick Handcock, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Lew Findlay, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Roly Fitzgerald and Leonie Hapeta.

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26-23 Hearing of Submissions: Draft Gambling Venue Policies 2023

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the 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 26-23 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Lorna Johnson, Patrick Handcock, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Lew Findlay, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Roly Fitzgerald and Leonie Hapeta.

The Committee considered submissions on the Draft Gambling Venue Policies 2023 together with supporting oral statements including additional tabled material.

The following people appeared before the Committee and made oral statements in support of their submissions and replied to questions from Elected Members, the additional points being:

Don Martin, NZ Community Trust (40)

Don Martin spoke to the submission but made no additional comments.

Further information (presentation) was tabled at the meeting for circulation to Elected Members.

Samantha Alexander, The Lion Foundation (44)

Samantha Alexander spoke to the submission but made no additional comments.

Further information (presentation) was tabled at the meeting for circulation to Elected Members.

Jarrold True, Gaming Machine Association of NZ (8)

Jarrold True spoke to the submission but made no additional comments.

Further information (presentation) was tabled at the meeting for circulation to Elected Members.

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Colleen Maxwell, Masonic Hotel (39)

Colleen Maxwell spoke to her submission and made the following additional comments:

- The patrons that enter her business are of legal age and able to make their own decisions. Her business is there to support them.
- The staff are well trained to deal and identify signs of problem gamblers and they have very little issues with patrons on this.
- The business also sponsors the Amputee Society of Manawatū & Districts Inc.
- The current settings in the business are working well and the business is already operating under its own sinking lid model.
- Paragraph 4.3 of the consultation document needs rewording as it was ambiguous, and she requests clarification.

Further information (Document from the Amputee Society of Manawatū & Districts Inc.) was tabled at the meeting for circulation to Elected Members.

Kirsty Kang and Bonnie Lovich-Howitt, Problem Gambling Foundation Group (45)

Bonnie Lovich-Howitt spoke to the submission but made no additional comments.

Further information (presentation) was tabled at the meeting for circulation to Elected Members.

Dr Janine Stevens and Gillian Anderson, Te Whatu Ora (36)

Dr Janine Stevens and Gillian Anderson spoke to their submission but made no additional comments.

Further information (presentation) was tabled at the meeting for circulation to Elected Members.

Adam Parker, Hospitality NZ (52)

Adam Parker sent his apologies during the meeting and did not speak to his submission.

Lukas Dreyer, ExMed for Cancer Charity (53)

Lukas Dreyer spoke to the submission and made the following additional comments:

- There is a large amount of funding from the gambling machines that goes to charities. The charities that receive these funds make a long term difference in our society.
- It does not make sense to take the machines away unless

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there is an alternative of replacing the funding that would effectively be lost.

Martin Cheer, Pub Charity Ltd (51)

Martin Cheer spoke to the submission but made no additional comments.

27-23

Draft Gambling Venue Policies - Summary of Submissions

Memorandum, presented by Stacey Solomon, Policy Analyst.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled "Draft Gambling Venues Policies – Summary of Submissions".

Clause 27-23 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Lorna Johnson, Patrick Handcock, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Lew Findlay, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Roly Fitzgerald and Leonie Hapeta.

The meeting adjourned at 10.49am.

The meeting resumed again at 11.08am.

28-23

Impact of changes to SuperGold Card and Community Services Card free parking rules

Memorandum, presented by Hamish Featonby Group Manager-Transport and Development, and James Miguel Senior Transport Planner.

Officers noted an error in the report in paragraph 2.25. The reference to 2.18 should read 2.21 instead.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee refer the matter of extending free parking provisions for SuperGold Card holders to be included in the development of the Parking Framework.

Clause 28-23 above was carried 7 votes to 6, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Lorna Johnson, Patrick Handcock, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Debi Marshall-Lobb.

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Against:

Councillors Lew Findlay, Billy Meehan, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin, Roly Fitzgerald and Leonie Hapeta.

The meeting adjourned at 11.55am.

The meeting resumed again at 12.59pm.

Councillors Rachel Bowen and Roly Fitzgerald were not present when the meeting resumed.

29-23

Review of Companion Card Scheme Trial

Report, presented by Ahmed Obaid, Community Development Advisor and Stephanie Velvin, Community Development Manager.

Councillor Roly Fitzgerald entered the meeting again at 1.10pm.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That Council agree to support the Companion Card scheme for the remainder of 2023/24 financial year, and plan to hand over delivery from 2024/25 onwards to an appropriate arts or social sector organisation (Option 1).

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

For:

Councillors Lorna Johnson, Patrick Handcock, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Roly Fitzgerald and Leonie Hapeta.

30-23

Papaioea Place Redevelopment Six-Monthly Update

Memorandum, presented by Bryce Hosking, Group Manager - Property and Resource Recovery.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Papaioea Place Redevelopment Six-Monthly Update', presented on 9 August 2023.

Clause 30-23 above was carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Lorna Johnson, Patrick Handcock, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Roly Fitzgerald and Leonie Hapeta.

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31-23 Committee Work Schedule - August 2023

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive its Work Schedule dated August 2023.

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

For:

Councillors Lorna Johnson, Patrick Handcock, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Roly Fitzgerald and Leonie Hapeta.

Karakia Whakamutunga

Councillor Lorna Johnson closed the meeting with karakia.

The meeting finished at 1.15pm

Confirmed 27 September 2023

Chair