

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Sustainability Committee Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 16 August 2023, commencing at 9.00am

Members Present: Councillor Brent Barrett (in the Chair), The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Kaydee Zabelin, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb and Karen Naylor.

Non-Members: Councillors Rachel Bowen, Lew Findlay, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad and William Wood.

Karakia Timatanga

Councillor Roly Fitzgerald opened the meeting with karakia.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Kaydee Zabelin declared an interest in item 6: Palmy Climate Conversations presentation (clause 19-23).

18-23 Public Comment

Dr Alan and Julie Palmer, both retired Massey University Lecturers, spoke on the proposal of putting solar farms at Massey University and provided additional information on Item 9: Update on the Manawatū-Whanganui Climate Action Joint Committee:

- They are supportive of solar energy but do not support the proposed site near the Orchard Road carpark.
- The proposed site is prone to flooding, is class one soil and is in a deep valley where shading and pollen from trees can adversely affect the use of any solar panels placed there.
- There is a very large carpark close by that would be a better option for a solar farm.
- They would like to see the proposal be publicly notified at least.

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Kaydee Zabelin.

The COMMITTEE RESOLVED

1. That the Committee receive the public comment for information.

Clause 18-23 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

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For:

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

19-23 **Presentation - Palmy Climate Conversations**

Presentation, by Robert Gibb, Palmy Climate Conversation Host, and Helen King, Environmental Network Manawatū.

Robert Gibb and Helen King spoke on the outcome of four climate conversation events that were held in Palmerston North during June and July 2023. These events were based on relevant webinars that were designed to generate ideas for local actions/initiatives.

They provided an overview of how the events were undertaken and a significant list of proposed ideas they would like to action with support from the Palmerston North City Council.

Elected Members agreed it was appropriate for the proposed ideas and actions from the presentation to be referred to the Long Term Plan process for consideration.

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Kaydee Zabelin.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the presentation and refer the content and requests to the Long Term Plan 2024-34 process.

Clause 19-23 above was carried 10 votes to 4, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Against:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Lew Findlay and William Wood.

Note:

Councillor Kaydee Zabelin declared an interest, participated in the discussion and voted.

20-23 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Kaydee Zabelin.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Sustainability Committee meeting of 7 June 2023 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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Clause 20-23 above was carried 12 votes to 0, with 2 abstentions, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Abstained:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillor William Wood.

REPORTS

21-23

Options to incentivise green buildings in the city

Report, presented by David Watson, Climate Change Analyst and Adam Jarvis, Acting City Planner.

Moved Kaydee Zabelin, seconded William Wood.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee agree to the following options to incentivise green buildings in the city, to be referred to the Long Term Plan 2024-34 process for consideration:
 - A. Provide information / training on green development benefits.
 - B. Provide grants for completing third party certification.
 - C. Provide grants for reaching internally defined standards, including stormwater.

Clause 21-23 above was carried 10 votes to 4, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Brent Barrett, Kaydee Zabelin, Roly Fitzgerald, Lorna Johnson, Karen Naylor, Rachel Bowen, Lew Findlay, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad and William Wood.

Against:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta and Debi Marshall-Lobb.

The meeting adjourned at 10.45am.

The meeting resumed at 11.03am.

22-23

Update on the Manawatū-Whanganui Climate Joint Action Committee

Memorandum, presented by David Watson, Climate Change Analyst and Adam Jarvis, Acting City Planner.

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Kaydee Zabelin.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Update on the

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Manawatū-Whanganui Climate Joint Action Committee' presented to the Sustainability Committee on 16 August 2023.

Clause 22-23 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

23-23

Update on the Low Carbon Fund 2022/23

Memorandum, presented by Adam Jarvis, Acting City Planning Manager and David Watson, Climate Change Analyst.

Officers noted two errors in the report on page 73 and 74 of the agenda, section 3 of the report. 1) The heading should read 2022/23. 2) Paragraph 3.1 note under Table 1 should read 2022/23.

The additional recommendation was sort to enable Elected Members an opportunity to mitigate any lost opportunities before the end of the Financial Year 2023/24.

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Kaydee Zabelin.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Update on the Low Carbon Fund 2022/23' presented to the Sustainability Committee on 16 August 2023.
2. That the Chief Executive report progress on Financial Year 2023/24 Low Carbon Fund utilisation to the Sustainability Committee in Quarter 3 of Financial Year 2023/24.

Clause 23-23 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

24-23

Update on the Climate Change Response Work Programme

Memorandum, presented by Adam Jarvis, Acting City Planning Manager and David Watson, Climate Change Analyst.

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Kaydee Zabelin.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Update on the Climate Change Response Work Programme' presented to the

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Sustainability Committee on 16 August 2023.

Clause 24-23 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

25-23 Committee Work Schedule

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Kaydee Zabelin.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

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

Clause 25-23 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Karakia Whakamutunga

Councillor Roly Fitzgerald closed the meeting with karakia.

The meeting finished at 12.10pm

Confirmed 11 October 2023

Chair