

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 08 November 2023, commencing at 9.03am

Members Present: Councillor Rachel Bowen (in the Chair), The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Billy Meehan, Mark Arnott, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Debi Marshall-Lobb, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

Non Members: Councillors Brent Barrett, Orophée Mickalad and Karen Naylor.

Apologies: Councillors Vaughan Dennison and Leonie Hapeta.

Councillor Roly Fitzgerald left the meeting at 12.40pm during consideration of clause 49. He was not present for clauses 49 to 51 inclusive.

Karakia Timatanga

Councillor Roly Fitzgerald opened the meeting with karakia.

40-23 Apologies

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

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

For:

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

Declarations of Interest

Deputy Mayor Debi Marshall-Lobb declared an interest in item 10 (clause 46): The Globe Theatre Trust – Annual Report 2022-23, but stated she would consider the matter with an open mind.

The Mayor (Grant Smith) declared an interest in item 7 (clause 43): Presentation – Palmerston North Performing Arts Trust, but stated he

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would consider the matter with an open mind.

Councillor Kaydee Zabelin declared an interest in Item 9 (clause 45): The Regent Theatre Trust – Annual Report 2022-23, but stated she would consider the matter with an open mind.

41-23 Public Comment

Nick Jessen made public comment in relation to Item 13: Response to the 'Aquatic Facilities and Water-based Recreation Needs Assessment' (refer presentation attached to Minutes). He made the following comments:

- Urged Council not to let other community facility investment decisions as part of Long-Term Plan completely overshadow the pressing need to explore some of the high investment opportunities in Option 3 of the report, as neglecting this will lead to irreparable consequences for two or three generations of aquatic users, including for local competitive swimming and fitness swimmers.
- The proposal of a temporary canopy cover for the outdoor 50m pool at the Lido may be a quick fix, and a relatively cheaper option, but could ultimately undermine the community's long term needs. Short term fixes can have lasting detrimental effects (as per photo of older pool at Kiwa Pools in Gisborne that was covered with a canopy 20 years ago and has now been decommissioned).
- Noted Needs Assessment did not comment on the new 50m covered pool at Kiwa Pools in Gisborne as a relevant case study for comparison.
- Would like to see Option 2 amended such that feasibility studies can be properly undertaken over the next three years in respect of a covered 50m pool option.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Culture & Sport Committee receive the public comment for information.

Clause 41-23 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

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42-23 **Presentation - Manawatū GymSports**

Presentation by Kylan Taylor, Head of Men's Artistic Gymnastics and Alanah McLeod, Lead Activate Coach, Manawatū GymSports.

Kylan and Alanah provided an update on Manawatū GymSport's Youth Leadership Programme and their Activate Programme for inclusion of all children, as attached to these minutes.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Culture & Sport Committee receive the presentation for information.

Clause 42-23 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

43-23 **Presentation - Palmerston North Performing Arts Trust**

Presentation by Margaret May and Sheridan Hickey, Trustees, Palmerston North Performing Arts Trust.

Margaret and Sheridan presented a history of the Trust and previous grant recipients, as attached to these minutes. In addition, they made the following comments:

- Acknowledged the contribution made to the Trust by the Mayor and administrative support generously provided by Council.
- Noted previous grant recipients are still based in Palmerston North and continue to generously give back to the city and inspire others.
- Margaret advised Sheridan is standing down as Chair this year and acknowledged her huge contribution to the Trust and the wider community over many years.
- Two new Advisory Trustees have been appointed: Eli Hancock and Lottie Perry.
- Holding a small ceremony to celebrate this year's scholarship recipients on 28 November.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Culture & Sport Committee receive the presentation for information.

Clause 43-23 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Rachel Bowen, Billy Meehan, Mark

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Arnott, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Debi Marshall-Lobb, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin, Brent Barrett, Orphée Mickalad and Karen Naylor.

Note:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) declared an interest in this item but stated he would consider the matter with an open mind.

44-23 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Culture & Sport Committee meeting of 13 September 2023 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 44-23 above was carried 12 votes to 0, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Abstained:

Councillor Karen Naylor.

45-23 The Regent Theatre Trust - Annual Report 2022-23

Memorandum, presented by David Lea, Chair, Regent Theatre Trust Board.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the Regent Theatre Trust Board's Annual Report 2022-23 (Attachment 2).

Clause 45-23 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Note:

Councillor Kaydee Zabelin declared an interest in this item but stated she would consider the matter with an open mind.

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46-23 The Globe Theatre Trust - Annual Report 2022-23

Memorandum, presented by Gerry Keating, Manager, Globe Theatre.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the Globe Theatre Trust Board's draft Annual Report 2022/23 (Attachment 2).

Clause 46-23 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Note:

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb declared an interest in this item but stated she would consider the matter with an open mind.

The meeting adjourned at 10.33am.

The meeting resumed at 10.54am.

47-23 Sport Manawatū - Annual Report 2022-23

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

It was noted that Sport Manawatū has partnership arrangements with Horowhenua, Tararua and Manawatū territorial authorities, as well as with Palmerston North City Council (this was omitted in the report).

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive Sport Manawatū's 2022-23 Annual Report (Attachment 1) presented on 8 November 2023.

Clause 47-23 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

48-23 Central Energy Trust Arena Masterplan 2023

Memorandum, presented by Dave Charnley, Senior Urban Designer; Ann-Marie Mori, Policy Analyst and John Lynch, Venues Manager.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

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The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That Council adopt the Central Energy Trust Arena Masterplan 2023 to inform future decision making, including the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan process.
2. That Council receive the Central Energy Trust Arena Masterplan 2023: Delivery Scenarios (Attachment 2) to inform prioritisation of the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan.

Clause 48-23 above was carried 12 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Against:

Councillor Karen Naylor.

49-23

Response to the 'Aquatic Facilities and Water-based Recreation Needs Assessment'

Report, presented by Ann-Marie Mori, Policy Analyst and Kathy Dever-Tod, Group Manager - Parks and Logistics.

Councillor Roly Fitzgerald left the meeting at 12.40pm.

Elected Members requested that a programme to look at investment opportunities, such as partnering with the existing pool network in the city, be considered as part of the 2024-2034 Long-Term Plan, and that consideration of a feasibility study for a new 50m pool be included in Long-Term Plan discussions, to enable Council to be investment-ready.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded William Wood.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Culture & Sport Committee receive the 'Aquatic Facilities and Water-based Recreation Needs Assessment' (the Needs Assessment) prepared by RSL Consultants and smartz (Attachment 1).

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

2. That Council endorse Option 2 in the report titled 'Response to the 'Aquatic Facilities and Water-based Recreation Needs Assessment''.

Clauses **49-23** and 49.2-23 above were carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

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Moved Grant Smith, seconded Lew Findlay.

3. That Council note the outcomes of the investigation into the low investment opportunities described in this report will be reported back to Council in time to consider investment in the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan.

Clause 49-23 above was carried 10 votes to 2, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Billy Meehan, Mark Arnott, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Debi Marshall-Lobb, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin, Brent Barrett and Orphée Mickalad.

Against:

Councillors Rachel Bowen and Karen Naylor.

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

4. That a feasibility study for a 50 metre pool be referred to the Long-Term Plan 2024-34 process.

Clause 49-23 above was carried 11 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Rachel Bowen, Billy Meehan, Mark Arnott, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Debi Marshall-Lobb, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin, Brent Barrett and Orphée Mickalad.

Against:

Councillor Karen Naylor.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded William Wood.

Note:

On a motion: 'That Council note the outcomes of the investigation into the low investment opportunities described in this report will be reported back to Council in time to consider assessment and investment in the 2027-37 Long-Term Plan', the motion was tied 6 votes to 6. The Chairperson declared the motion lost, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Rachel Bowen, Mark Arnott, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin, Brent Barrett and Karen Naylor.

Against:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Billy Meehan, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Debi Marshall-Lobb and Orphée Mickalad.

50-23

Reserve Management and Development Planning Update

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

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

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The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee note the progress on reserve management and reserve development planning.
2. That the Committee publicly notifies its intention to review the Ashhurst Domain Development and Management Plan under the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977.

Clause 50-23 above was carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

51-23

Committee Work Schedule

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

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

Clause 51-23 above was carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Karakia Whakamutunga

Councillor Rachel Bowen closed the meeting with karakia.

The meeting finished at 1.18pm.

Confirmed 7 February 2024

Chair