

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 02 April 2025, commencing at 9.06am.

Members Present: Grant Smith (The Mayor) (in the Chair) and Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

Members Present Online: Councillors Leonie Hapeta, and Karen Naylor.

Apologies:

Councillor Rachel Bowen (late arrival) and Leonie Hapeta (early departure).

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb left the meeting at 10.08am during consideration of clause 52-25, returning to the meeting at 10.10am after consideration of 52-25. She left the meeting at 10.52am during consideration of clause 54-25 and returned at 10.56am after consideration of clause 54-25. She was not present for clauses 52.25 and 54-25.

Councillor Leonie Hapeta left the meeting at 10.10am after consideration of clause 52-25. She was not present for clauses 53-25 to 55-25.

Karakia Timatanga

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb opened the meeting with karakia.

44-25 Apologies

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

1. That Council receive the apologies.

Clause 44-25 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

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45-25 Presentation - Massey University Foundation

Presentation, by Mitch Murdoch, Director of the Massey University Foundation.

Mitch presented the Foundation's vision to regenerate the riparian corridor along the Massey University side of the Manawatū river. She sought financial support from Council of \$1M (over three years).

Presentation appended separately to the minutes.

The Mayor moved an additional motion to refer the presentation to the Annual Plan process, so it can be considered alongside other proposed community and Council projects.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

1. That the Council receive the presentation for information.

Clause 45-25 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

RESOLVED

2. That Council refer Massey University Foundation's presentation to the Annual Plan process.

Clause 45-25 above was carried 9 votes to 6, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Vaughan Dennison, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Orphée Mickalad

Against:

Councillors Lew Findlay, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

46-25 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

1. That the minutes of the ordinary Council meeting of 5 March 2025 Part I Public and Part II Confidential be confirmed as a true and

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correct record.

Clause 46-25 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

REPORTS

47-25 The Globe Theatre Trust: Six-Month Report 1 July - 31 December 2024 and Draft Statement of Intent 2024-27

Presented by Gerry Keating, Manager and John Adams, Chair of the Globe Theatre Trust and Sarah Claridge, Governance Advisor.

The Governance Advisor corrected a figure in clause 4.9 of the report: Operations over this reporting period has created a cash deficit of \$27k not \$43k as stated.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

1. That Council receive the Six-Month Performance Report 1 July - 31 December 2024 (Attachment 1) submitted by the Globe Theatre Trust.
2. That Council receive the draft Statement of Intent 2025-28 (Attachment 3) submitted by the Globe Theatre Trust.
3. That Council agree that the recommended comments on the draft Statement of Intent 2025–28 outlined in Table 3 be advised to the Globe Theatre Trust Board.

Clause 47-25 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

48-25 Transport Emergency Works

Report, presented by Glen O'Connor, Manager Transport.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

1. That Council approve an increase in the budget for programme 2380 Citywide – Transport – Emergency Reinstatements by \$451k to

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be funded by

- a. an increase in capital revenue of \$111k from New Zealand Transport Authority – Waka Kotahi
- b. and a budget decrease of \$340k from programme 1054 Ashhurst – Water Quality Improvements

Clause 48-25 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

49-25

Roxburgh Crescent Land Classification

Report, presented by Aaron Phillips - Activities Manager Parks.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

1. That Council declare approximately 400 m² of the access leg portion of Pt Lot 2 DP 60866 contained in certificate of title WN31C/75 to be road reserve.
2. That Council declare approximately 5,084 m² of Pt Lot 2 DP 60866 contained in certificate of title WN31C/75 on and over the stop bank of the Manawatū River Park to be recreation reserve under the Reserves Act 1977.
3. That Council make the reserve declaration and classifications in resolution 1 and 2 subject to:
 - a. The Plan Change E: Roxburgh Residential Area becoming operative, and
 - b. Subdivision of the surrounding land that ensures that the road reserve portion of this reserve declaration is contiguous with a vested road reserve at the time of subdivision.
4. That Council note that:
 - a. the precise partition of area between the road and recreation reserves portions will be determined at the time of the subdivision of the surrounding land in order to align with the road reserves created during that residential subdivision.
 - b. The portion to be declared road reserve will require subdivision from the portion that will be recreation reserve. This will be carried out at the time of subdivision of the surrounding land and associated roads.

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Clause 49-25 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

50-25 Elected Members' Meeting Attendance Statistics - 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024

Memorandum, presented by Hannah White - Manager Governance.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

1. That Council receive the memorandum titled 'Elected Members' Meeting Attendance Statistics - 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024' dated 2 April 2025 for information.

Clause 50-25 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

51-25 Council Work Schedule

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

RESOLVED

1. That Council receive its Work Schedule dated 2 April 2025.

Clause 51-25 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

52-25 Risk & Assurance Committee Part I Public - 12 March 2025

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb left the meeting at 10.08am

Councillor Dennison presented the recommendation below:

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded William Wood.

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RESOLVED

1. That Council adopt the recommendation from the Risk & Assurance Committee of 12 March 2025:

Setting Council's Risk Management Appetite and Tolerance Levels (clause 9-25)

Memorandum, presented by Stephen Minton, Risk Management Advisor.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That Council reconfirm the risk appetite and risk tolerance levels as noted in section 3.1 and 3.2 of the memorandum titled 'Setting Council's Risk Management Appetite and Tolerance levels', presented to the Risk and Assurance Committee on 12 March 2025.

Clause 52-25 above was carried 12 votes to 2, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Mark Arnott, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

Against:

Councillors Brent Barrett and Lorna Johnson.

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb returned to the meeting at 10:10am
Councillor Leonie Hapeta left the meeting at 10.10am.

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

53-25 Recommendation to Exclude Public

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Patrick Handcock.

RESOLVED

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting listed in the table below.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered		Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing this resolution
19	Te Āpiti Ashhurst (3 bridges) Loop - Land Purchase and	NEGOTIATIONS: This information needs to be kept confidential to	s7(2)(i)

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	Progress	ensure that Council can negotiate effectively, especially in business dealings	
20.	Nature Calls - Lead Technical Consultant contract extension	<p>THIRD PARTY COMMERCIAL: Disclosing the information could harm a company's commercial position</p> <p>and NEGOTIATIONS: This information needs to be kept confidential to ensure that Council can negotiate effectively, especially in business dealings</p>	s7(2)(b)(ii) and s7(2)(i)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as stated in the above table.

Clause 53-25 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

The public part of the meeting finished at 10.12am

The meeting adjourned for 27 minutes

Confirmed 7 May 2025

Mayor