

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community Resilience & Sustainability Committee Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 29 April 2026, commencing at 9.00am.

Members Present: Lorna Johnson (in the Chair), The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Mark Arnott, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Hayden Fitzgerald, Bonnie Kuru, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor and Kaydee Zabelin.

Members Present online: Councillor Leonie Hapeta.

Apologies: Councillor William Wood and Orophée Mickalad for late arrival.

Karakia Timatanga

Councillor Lorna Johnson opened the meeting with karakia.

15-26 Apologies

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Brent Barrett.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 15-26 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Lorna Johnson, Brent Barrett, Mark Arnott, Rachel Bowen, Lew Findlay, Hayden Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta, Bonnie Kuru, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor and Kaydee Zabelin.

Councillor Vaughan Dennison joined the meeting at 9.03am after consideration of clause 15-26. He was not present for clause 15-26.

16-26 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Brent Barrett.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

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1. That the minutes of the Community Resilience & Sustainability Committee meeting of 11 March 2026 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 16-26 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

17-26

Annual Sector Lead Report: MASH Trust

John Fowke, Chairperson, and Danu Sefton, Service Manager, Mental Health and AOD presented the work of MASH Trust.

Councillor William Wood entered the meeting at 9.25am during consideration of clause 17. He was not present for clauses 15 and 16.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Rachel Bowen.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Annual Sector Lead Report: MASH Trust' presented to the Community Resilience & Sustainability Committee on 29 April 2026.

Clause 17-26 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Lorna Johnson, Brent Barrett, Mark Arnott, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Hayden Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta, Bonnie Kuru, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

18-26

Annual Sector Lead Report: Niuvaka Trust

Dana Kunaiti, General Manager, and Aaron Freeman, Pasifika Sustainability Lead, presented the work of Niuvaka Trust (presentation appended to the minutes).

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Brent Barrett.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Annual Sector Lead Report: Niuvaka Trust presented to the Community Resilience & Sustainability Committee on 29 April 2026.

Clause 18-26 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Lorna Johnson, Brent Barrett, Mark Arnott, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Hayden Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta, Bonnie Kuru, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

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19-26

Annual Sector Lead Report: Te Tihi o Ruahine Whānau Ora Alliance

Pauline Hiroti, Te Tihi Kaimahi/Project Coordinator Ora Konnect and, Pikihuia Hillman, Pou Herenga/Project Development presented the work of Te Tihi o Ruahine Whānau Ora Alliance (presentation appended to the minutes).

Councillor Orphée Mickalad entered the meeting at 10.25am during consideration of clause 19. He was not present for clauses 15 to 18.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Brent Barrett.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Annual Sector Lead Report: Te Tihi Ruahine o Whānau Ora Alliance' presented to the Community Resilience & Sustainability Committee on 29 April 2026.

Clause 19-26 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

The meeting adjourned at 10.39am.

The meeting resumed at 11.03am.

20-26

Bill Brown Park - Proposal to Grant an Easement on Reserve Land to Powerco Report, presented by Perene Green, Property Officer.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee approve public notification of its intention to grant an easement at Bill Brown Park, Havelock Avenue, Palmerston North to Powerco to convey electricity, in accordance with Section 48 of the Reserves Act 1977.
2. That the Committee note that the land area affected by the easement for Powerco is described as Lot 1 DP 40097.

Clause 20-26 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

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21-26 Draft Stormwater Strategy

Memorandum, presented by Hilary Webb, Planner City Planning & Jono Ferguson-Pye, Manager City Planning. They made a presentation (appended to the minutes).

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Brent Barrett.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee approve the draft Stormwater Strategy (Attachment 1) for public consultation.

Clause 21-26 above was carried 12 votes to 3, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Lorna Johnson, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Bonnie Kuru, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Kaydee Zabelin.

Against:

Councillors Mark Arnott, Hayden Fitzgerald and William Wood.

Abstained:

Councillor Leonie Hapeta.

22-26 Committee Work Schedule - April 2026

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Brent Barrett.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Community Resilience & Sustainability Committee receive its Work Schedule dated April 2026.

Clause 22-26 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Karakia Whakamutunga

Councillor Lorna Johnson closed the meeting with karakia.

The public part of the meeting finished at 12.33pm.

Confirmed 20 May 2026.

Chair