

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Strategy & Finance Committee Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 21 February 2024, commencing at 9.01am

Members Present: Councillor Vaughan Dennison (in the Chair), The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Karen Naylor, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Orphée Mickalad, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

Apologies: Councillor Lorna Johnson (late arrival).

Councillor Lorna Johnson entered the meeting at 9.18am during consideration of clause 2. She was not present for clauses 1 and 2.

Councillor Brent Barrett was not present when the meeting resumed at 10.47am. He was not present for clauses 5 to 9 inclusive.

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb entered the meeting at 11.41am during consideration of clause 6. She was not present for clauses 1 to 5 inclusive.

Karakia Timatanga

Councillor Kaydee Zabelin opened the meeting with karakia.

1-24 Apologies

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the apologies .

Clause 1-24 above was carried 11 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

2-24 Hearing of Submissions: Draft Palmerston North Animals and Bees Bylaw 2024

Councillor Lorna Johnson entered the meeting at 9.18am.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

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The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Strategy & Finance 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 2-24 above was carried 11 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Karen Naylor, Mark Arnett, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Orphée Mickalad, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

The Committee considered submissions on the Draft Palmerston North Animals and Bees Bylaw 2024 with supporting oral statements.

The following persons appeared before the Committee and made oral statements in support of their submission and replied to questions from Elected Members.

Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated (Amelia Geary) (23)

Amelia spoke to their submission and made the following additional comment:

- It would be helpful to hold hearings after submitters receive an Officer report so they can understand what they will be deliberating on, and add notes or comments.

Palmerston North Youth Council (Tyler and Isaac) (24)

Tyler and Isaac spoke to their submission and made the following additional comments:

- The wellbeing of cats is related to the wellbeing of their owners. There needs to be an incentive to de-sex their cats. Sometimes owners do not have the funds to de-sex them.

Environment Network Manawatū (Helen King) (29)

Helen spoke to their submission and made the following additional comments:

- Making these bylaws is good, but thought must be given to how bylaws are resourced and what is done about them.
- She suspects that the bylaw probably will change some people's behaviours, but a better approach would be to make people aware of the resources they have and to do that, publicity and

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education is required.

Jenny Doyle (21)

Jenny spoke to her submission and made the following additional comments:

- The premature removal of a kitten's reproductive organs by early de-sexing means loss of essential growth hormones that support the development of healthy musculoskeletal growth, strength and collagen, nerves, immunity, and has a role in thyroid function and brain development.
- The solution is education and supporting SPCA by providing funding to target irresponsible owners who do not have the means, the brains or the money to look after their cats properly.

3-24 Hearing of Submissions: Draft Palmerston North Dog Control Policy 2024

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Strategy & Finance 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 3-24 above was carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

The Committee considered submissions on the Draft Palmerston North Dog Control Policy 2024 with supporting oral statements including additional tabled material.

The following persons appeared before the Committee and made oral statements in support of their submission and replied to questions from Elected Members.

Jason Dorne (43)

Jason spoke to his submission and made no additional comments.

Paul Godbaz (58)

Paul spoke to his submission and made no additional comments.

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Maurice Job (62)

Maurice spoke to his submission and made no additional comments.

Kelvin Grove Community Association (John Charlton, Ross Linklater and Val Burr (69)

John, Ross and Val spoke to their submission and made a PowerPoint presentation, which is appended to these Minutes.

4-24 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Strategy & Finance Committee meeting of 15 November 2023 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 4-24 above was carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

The meeting adjourned at 10.27am.

The meeting resumed at 10.47am.

Councillor Brent Barrett was not present when the meeting resumed.

5-24 Quarterly Performance and Financial Report - period ending 31 December 2023

Memorandum, presented by Scott Mancer, Finance Manager, John Aitken, Manager - Project Management Office and Andrew Boyle, Head of Community Planning.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Quarterly Performance and Financial Report – period ending 31 December 2023', and related attachments, presented on 21 February 2024.

Clause 5-24 above was carried 11 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

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6-24 Treasury Report - quarter ending 31 December 2023

Memorandum, presented by Steve Paterson, Strategy Manager - Finance.

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb entered the meeting at 11.41am.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee note the performance of Council's treasury activity for the quarter ending 31 December 2023.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

2. That Council note that at its meeting on 14 June 2023 it authorised the Chief Executive to borrow up to \$37 million of additional term debt to fund the approved 2023/24 annual budget.

Clauses 6-24.1 and 6-24.2 above were carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

3. That to reflect the subsequent resolutions approving additional expenditure Council increase the authorisation to the Chief Executive to borrow, in accordance with delegated authority, up to \$47 million ("the Borrowing") of additional term debt by way of bank loan or loans or credit facilities or other facilities or the issue of stock for the Borrowing secured by the Debenture Trust Deed.

Clause 6-24.3 above was carried 11 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Against:

Councillor Karen Naylor.

7-24 Elected Member Expenditure 2022/23

Memorandum, presented by Scott Mancer, Finance Manager.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

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1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Elected Member Expenditure 2022/2023', presented to the Strategy & Finance Committee on 21 February 2024.

Clause 7-24 above was carried 11 votes to 0, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Karen Naylor, Mark Arnott, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Orphée Mickalad, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin and Debi Marshall-Lobb.

Abstained:

The Mayor (Grant Smith).

8-24

Speed Management Plan - process update

Memorandum, presented by Peter Ridge, Senior Policy Analyst and Stuart Cartwright, Chief Engineer.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

Interim Speed Management Plan (school speed limits)

1. That the Committee request the Chief Executive provide a report outlining the options for using the \$833K budget originally provided for implementing the interim Speed Management Plan (school speed limits).

Full Speed Management Plan

2. That the Committee determine that work on the draft full Speed Management Plan remains on hold, pending a staff report to the Committee on the details of changes to the Setting of Speed Limits Rule (Option 2).

Clause 8-24 above was carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

9-24

Committee Work Schedule

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Strategy & Finance Committee receive its Work Schedule dated February 2024.

Clause 9-24 above was carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Karen Naylor, Mark Arnott, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson,

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Orphée Mickalad, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin and Debi Marshall-Lobb.

Karakia Whakamutunga

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb closed the meeting with karakia.

The meeting finished at 12.38pm

Confirmed 10 April 2024

Chair