

# PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Community Committee Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 20 March 2024, commencing at 9.02am

**Members Present:** Councillors Lorna Johnson (in the Chair), and Councillors Patrick Handcock, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Lew Findlay, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

**Non Members:** Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Roly Fitzgerald and Leonie Hapeta.

**Apologies:** The Mayor (Grant Smith) (on Council business), Councillors Rachel Bowen and Patrick Handcock (early departure on Council business).

Councillor Vaughan Dennison left the meeting at 9.05am during consideration of clause 1. He entered the meeting again at 10.17am when it resumed. He was not present when the meeting resumed at 1.00pm. He entered the meeting again at 2.07pm during consideration of clause 12. He was not present for clauses 2, 3, 9, 10 and 11.

Councillors Rachel Bowen, Patrick Handcock and Roly Fitzgerald left the meeting at 10.53am during consideration of clause 5. They were not present for clauses 5 to 12 inclusive.

Councillor Leonie Hapeta left the meeting at 11.33am during consideration of clause 7. She was not present for clauses 7 to 12 inclusive.

### **Karakia Timatanga**

Councillor Lorna Johnson opened the meeting with karakia.

### **1-24 Apologies**

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Karen Naylor.

### **The COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 1-24 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

### **For:**

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

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Councillor Vaughan Dennison left the meeting at 9.05am.

### **2-24 Presentation: Youthline**

Shane Casey, CEO Youthline Central North Island Inc. spoke about the organisation and operational coverage including funding opportunities, major challenges and impacts they are making with youth. He tabled further information that was presented to Elected Members (PowerPoint), as appended to these Minutes, and made the following additional comments:

- To seek further corporate sponsorship they are required to gain permission from their principle sponsor first.
- The issues the youth are dealing with can be traumatic hence they need to deal with these sensitively when communicating the work they do with stakeholders and the public.
- Currently working with outside education providers in order to get placement for students in the Manawatū.
- There are no resources to spare for them to strategize across the sector and work on how to overcome their challenges.
- Encourages the work around Youth Development Strategy from other stakeholders to keep moving.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Brent Barrett.

### The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Community Committee receive the presentation for information.

Clause 2-24 above was carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

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

### **3-24 Presentation: Launch Youth Nu'u**

Davis Sione, Vision Holder for Launch Youth Nu'u spoke about the story behind the initiative, its operational model, challenges and outcomes. He tabled further information that was presented to Elected Members (PowerPoint), as appended to these Minutes, and made the following additional comments:

- They are partnering with City Mission and utilising them as a mentor.
- They have been successful in supporting young people in getting qualifications or working towards a trade.
- They would like to further establish a partnership with Council.

Officers note they have supported and will continue to support this initiative with information and advice.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded William Wood.

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### The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Community Committee receive the presentation for information.

Clause 3-24 above was carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 10.00am.  
The meeting resumed at 10.17am.

Councillor Vaughan Dennison was present when the meeting resumed.

### **4-24 Annual Sector Lead Report: Housing Advice Centre**

Memorandum, presented by Ahmed Obaid, Community Development Advisor and Housing Advice Centres' Peter Grey, Committee Chair, Lynne Clough, Service Coordinator and Susan Baty, Committee Member. They tabled further information that was presented to Elected Members (PowerPoint and updated statistical information), as appended to these Minutes.

Elected Members sought an additional recommendation to refer the request for increased funding to the Long-Term Plan deliberations and effectively treat this as a submission. It was also noted the amount suggested is not fixed.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Brent Barrett.

### The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the Annual Sector Lead Report 2023 (Attachments 1-3) submitted by Housing Advice Centre.

### The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

2. That Council refer the increase Housing Advice Centre's Sector Lead grant funding by \$21,131 to the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 deliberations for the 2024/25 financial year, and adjusted for inflation in future years.

Clause 4-24 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

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

### **5-24 Annual Sector Lead Report: Te Pū Harakeke - Community Collective Manawatū**

Memorandum, presented by Ahmed Obaid, Community Development

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Advisor and Te Pū Harakekes' Tim Kendrew, Manager and Kim Penny, Chair.

Councillor Leonie Hapeta requested Council provide to the tenants of Handcock House an annual report on the property's maintenance programme. Officers have agreed to include this in their process moving forward.

Councillors Pat Handcock, Roly Fitzgerald and Rachel Bowen left the meeting at 10.53am.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Kaydee Zabelin.

### The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the Annual Sector Lead Report 2023 (Attachment 1 - 3) submitted by Te Pū Harakeke – Community Collective Manawatū.

Clause 5-24 above was carried 10 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

Councillors Lorna Johnson, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin, Vaughan Dennison and Leonie Hapeta.

## **6-24**

### **Annual Sector Lead Report: Manawatū Multicultural Council**

Memorandum, presented by Ahmed Obaid, Community Development Advisor and The Manawatū Multicultural Councils' Kanchana Seneviratne, Service Manager, and Yuanindya Inggita, Events & Programme Coordinator.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Brent Barrett.

### The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the Annual Sector Lead Report 2023 (attachments 1-3) submitted by the Manawatū Multicultural Council.

Clause 6-24 above was carried 10 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

Councillors Lorna Johnson, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin, Vaughan Dennison and Leonie Hapeta.

## **7-24**

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

Memorandum, presented by Amy Viles, Community Development Advisor and Te Tihi o Ruahine Whānau Ora Alliances' Materoa Mar, Upoko Whakarae, (Chief Executive), Pikihuia Hillman, Pou Herenga (Project Development), and Mahalia Polson, Kaiwhakamarohi, (Project Support). They tabled further information that was presented to Elected Members (PowerPoint), as appended to these Minutes.

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Councillor Leonie Hapeta left the meeting at 11.33am.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

### The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the Annual Sector Lead Report 2023 (Attachments 1-3) submitted by Te Tihi o Ruahine Whānau Ora Alliance.

Clause 7-24 above was carried 9 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

Councillors Lorna Johnson, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin and Vaughan Dennison.

## **8-24**

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Karen Naylor.

### The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Community Committee meeting of 22 November 2023 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 8-24 above was carried 9 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

Councillors Lorna Johnson, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin and Vaughan Dennison.

The meeting adjourned at 11.52am.

The meeting resumed at 1.00pm.

Councillor Vaughan Dennison was not present when the meeting resumed.

## **9-24**

### **Welcoming Communities Annual Update**

Memorandum, presented by Somayyeh Ghaffari, Community Development Advisor and Amy Viles, Acting Community Development Manager.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Brent Barrett.

### The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Welcoming Communities Annual Update' presented to the Community Committee on 20 March 2024.

Clause 9-24 above was carried 8 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

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**For:**

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

### 10-24 **Community Housing Partnership Fund Update**

Memorandum, presented by Julie Macdonald, Strategy and Policy Manager.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Community Housing Partnership Fund Update' presented to the Community Committee on 20 March 2024.

Clause 10-24 above was carried 8 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

### 11-24 **Accessibility Review - Council-owned Buildings**

Memorandum, presented by Bryce Hosking, Group Manager - Property and Resource Recovery.

Officers noted this review is part of a wider piece of work. The broader infrastructure work will commence 2025 and officers confirmed they will engage with the Disability Reference Group on this, in line with the recommendation from 2022.

Elected Members made an additional resolution to monitor progress on the implementation of the entire piece of work.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Accessibility Review – Council-owned Buildings' presented to the Community Committee on 20 March 2024.

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Karen Naylor.

2. That the Committee receive an annual update report on the accessibility programme implementation.

Clause 11-24 above was carried 8 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

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**12-24 Committee Work Schedule - March 2024**

Councillor Vaughan Dennison entered the meeting again at 2.07pm.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Kaydee Zabelin.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Community Committee receive its Work Schedule dated March 2024.

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

**For:**

Councillors Lorna Johnson, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin and Vaughan Dennison.

**Karakia Whakamutunga**

Councillor Lorna Johnson closed the meeting with karakia.

The meeting finished at 2.09pm

Confirmed 12 June 2024

**Chair**