

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 27 March 2024, commencing at 9.00am

- 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, Orphée Mickalad and Karen Naylor.
- Apologies:** Councillors Vaughan Dennison and Leonie Hapeta (late arrival); Councillors Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald and Debi Marshall-Lobb (early departure).

Councillor Brent Barrett left the meeting at 9.49am during consideration of clause 9. He entered the meeting again at 10.22am during consideration of clause 10. He was not present for clause 9.

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb left the meeting at 10.01am during consideration of clause 9. She entered the meeting again at 11.25am during consideration of clause 13. She was not present for clauses 9 to 12 inclusive.

Councillor Vaughan Dennison entered the meeting at 10.16am during consideration of clause 10. He was not present for clauses 6 to 9 inclusive.

Councillor Leonie Hapeta entered the meeting at 11.18am during consideration of clause 12. She was not present for clauses 6 to 11 inclusive.

Councillor Roly Fitzgerald left the meeting at 11.39am during consideration of clause 13. He was not present for clauses 13 to 18 inclusive.

Councillor Lew Findlay left the meeting at 11.57am during consideration of clause 14. He was not present for clauses 14 to 18 inclusive.

Karakia Timatanga

Councillor Rachel Bowen opened the meeting with karakia.

6-24 Apologies

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

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1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 6-24 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.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb declared an interest in item 11 (clause 12): The Globe Theatre Trust: Six-Month Report 1 July – 31 December 2023 and Draft Statement of Intent 2024-27.

Councillor Kaydee Zabelin declared a conflict of interest in item 9 (clause 10): Annual Sector Lead Report: Community Arts Palmerston North Incorporated (Square Edge Community Arts), and an interest in item 10 (clause 11): The Regent Theatre Trust: Six-Month Report 1 July – 31 December 2023 and Draft Statement of Intent 2024-27.

7-24

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Culture & Sport Committee meeting of 7 February 2024 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 7-24 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.

8-24

Presentation - Manawatū Summer Shakespeare

Presentation by Rachel Lenart, Creative Producer and Rhian Firmin, Director.

Rachel and Rhian presented a summation of the Council supported 2024 production of Much Ado About Nothing, including comments on audience and participant feedback, successes and challenges of the season and considerations of the future of the initiative, including funding, as appended to these Minutes.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

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The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

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

Clause 8-24 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.

9-24

Annual Sector Lead Report: Creative Sounds Society Incorporated (The Stomach)

Memorandum, presented by Abi Symes, Manager and Harry Fraser, Convenor, Creative Sounds Society Incorporated (The Stomach).

Abi and Harry presented Creative Sounds Society Incorporated's annual report, together with a PowerPoint presentation which is appended to these Minutes.

2023 was a period of growth and celebration for The Stomach. Notable achievements included:

- 36% growth in attendance
- Rehearsal room usage increased
- Studio is always booked at least 4-6 weeks in advance
- Taken portable recording setup into schools to ensure their projects are completed in a timely manner
- Annual all local music festival 'SwampFest' a huge success, celebrating 35 years of The Stomach
- Increased social media presence
- Support of a young person in Oranga Tamariki care
- Working with NZ Department of Corrections

These outcomes were assisted by having a full time Community Outreach Coordinator, made possible by a three year funding agreement with the Ministry of Culture & Heritage. The challenge will be to secure ongoing funding to maintain this position and the projects that have come with it, in a highly competitive funding environment. The Stomach will not have the capacity to continue the work done in the past two and a half years without this position continued, so hope that Council will consider supporting their funding increase request.

Councillor Brent Barrett left the meeting at 9.49am.

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb left the meeting at 10.01am.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

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1. That Council refer the increase to Creative Sounds Sector Lead Grant (of an additional \$68,000 for 2024/5, and inflation adjusted for future years) to the Long-Term Plan 2024-34 deliberations.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

2. That the Committee receive the Annual Sector Lead Report: Creative Sounds Society Incorporated (The Stomach) (January-December 2023) (Attachments 1, 2 and 5).

Clause 9-24 above was carried 11 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, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin, Orphée Mickalad and Karen Naylor.

10-24

Annual Sector Lead Report: Community Arts Palmerston North Incorporated (Square Edge Community Arts)

Memorandum, presented by Erana Kaa, Artistic Director, Community Arts Palmerston North Incorporated.

Erana presented Community Arts Palmerston North Incorporated's annual report, together with a PowerPoint presentation which is appended to these Minutes.

Square Edge Community Arts is an inclusive, complex community, continually seeking to broaden its range and improve its services. It serves the community by offering gallery spaces, venue hire and tenancies, all of which are available below market rate in the city centre, catering to an enormous range of different individuals and groups in the community. Square Edge provides support for all users, encouraging prosperity in the creative community.

Examples of current focus include:

- Building relationships with young creatives and their whanau by offering subsidised exhibition space to primary and secondary school students, subsidised school workshops and space for different youth group services and classes
- Catering to older groups who use Square Edge to connect spiritually, socially, for exercise, for creativity which adds to their health and wellbeing
- Supporting regional community art groups through Art Trail Manawatū
- Developing online learning platform
- Organising, attending and supporting bimonthly regional community art group meetings
- Increasing visibility of indigenous art with a long term goal of having more toi Māori, toi Rangitāne in all initiatives and spaces

Their biggest challenge is sourcing additional funding, in addition to current workload, which at times makes it difficult to maintain a high

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standard of service.

Councillor Vaughan Dennison entered the meeting at 10.16am.

Councillor Brent Barrett entered the meeting again at 10.22am.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the Annual Sector Lead Report: Community Arts Palmerston North Incorporated (Square Edge Community Arts) (January-December 2023) (Attachments 1-5).

Clause 10-24 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, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, William Wood, Brent Barrett, Orphée Mickalad and Karen Naylor.

Note:

Councillor Kaydee Zabelin declared a conflict of interest, withdrew from the discussion and sat in the gallery.

11-24

The Regent Theatre Trust: Six-Month Report 1 July - 31 December 2023 and Draft Statement of Intent 2024-27

Memorandum, presented by David Walsh, General Manager, Regent on Broadway and David Lea, Chair, Regent Theatre Trust Board.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the Six-Month Performance Report 1 July - 31 December 2023 (Attachment 1) submitted by the Regent Theatre Trust.
2. That the Committee receive the draft Statement of Intent 2024-27 (Attachment 3) submitted by the Regent Theatre Trust.
3. That the Committee agree that the recommended comments on the draft Statement of Intent 2024-27 outlined in Table 3 be advised to the Regent Theatre Trust Board.

Clause 11-24 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, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin, Brent Barrett, Orphée Mickalad and Karen Naylor.

Note:

Councillor Kaydee Zabelin declared an interest but stated she would consider the matter with an open mind, and participated in the vote.

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The meeting adjourned at 10.43am.

The meeting resumed at 11.02am.

12-24 The Globe Theatre Trust: Six-Month Report 1 July - 31 December 2023 and Draft Statement of Intent 2024-27

Memorandum, presented by Gerry Keating, Manager, Globe Theatre and John Adams, Chair, Globe Theatre Trust Board.

Councillor Leonie Hapeta entered the meeting at 11.18am.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the Six-Month Performance Report 1 July - 31 December 2023 (Attachment 1) submitted by the Globe Theatre Trust.
2. That the Committee receive the draft Statement of Intent 2024-27 (Attachment 3) submitted by the Globe Theatre Trust.
3. That the Committee agree that the recommended comments on the draft Statement of Intent 2024-27 outlined in Table 3 be advised to the Globe Theatre Trust Board.

Clause 12-24 above was carried 13 votes to 0, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Abstained:

Councillor Leonie Hapeta.

13-24 Te Manawa Museums Trust: Six-Month Report 1 July - 31 December 2023

Memorandum, presented by Susana Shadbolt, Chief Executive, Te Manawa and Adrian van Dyk, Chair, Te Manawa Museums Trust Board.

Susana and Adrian presented Te Manawa's six-month report, together with a PowerPoint presentation which is appended to these Minutes.

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb entered the meeting again at 11.25am.

Councillor Roly Fitzgerald left the meeting at 11.39am.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the Six-Month Performance Report 1 July - 31 December 2023 (Attachment 1) submitted by Te Manawa Museums Trust.

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Clause 13-24 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

14-24 Sport Manawatū Charitable Trust - Six-Month Progress Report to Palmerston North City Council for July to December 2023

Memorandum, presented by Ann-Marie Mori, Policy Analyst, Kylie Turuwhenua-Tapsell, General Manager Partnerships – Active Communities, Sport Manawatū and Rachel O'Connor, Head of Communications & Impact, Sport Manawatū.

Kylie and Rachel presented Sport Manawatū's highlights from the last six month period, together with a PowerPoint presentation which is appended to these Minutes.

Councillor Lew Findlay left the meeting at 11.57am.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the Sport Manawatū Charitable Trust - Six-Month Progress Report to Palmerston North City Council for July to December 2023 (Attachment 1), presented to the Culture & Sport Committee on 27 March 2024.

Clause 14-24 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, Vaughan Dennison, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Debi Marshall-Lobb, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin, Brent Barrett, Orphée Mickalad and Karen Naylor.

15-24 Covered Bowling Green Progress

Memorandum, presented by Aaron Phillips, Activities Manager - Parks.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Covered Bowling Green Progress' and the Palmerston North Indoor Bowling Arena Business Case (Attachment 1), presented to the Culture & Sport Committee on 27 March 2024.

Clause 15-24 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, Vaughan Dennison, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Debi Marshall-Lobb, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin, Brent Barrett, Orphée Mickalad and Karen Naylor.

16-24 Manawatū Community Athletics Track 2023 Annual Report

Memorandum, presented by Aaron Phillips, Activities Manager - Parks.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the Manawatū Community Athletics Track 2023 Annual Report (Attachment 1), presented to the Culture & Sport Committee on 27 March 2024.

Clause 16-24 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, Vaughan Dennison, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Debi Marshall-Lobb, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin, Brent Barrett, Orphée Mickalad and Karen Naylor.

17-24 Manawatū Arts Festival Feasibility Study

Memorandum, presented by Luke McIndoe, Head of Events.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee note the findings of the Manawatū Festival - Arts Festival Research and Feasibility Study (Attachment 1), presented to the Culture & Sport Committee on 27 March 2024.

Clause 17-24 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, Vaughan Dennison, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Debi Marshall-Lobb, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin, Brent Barrett, Orphée Mickalad and Karen Naylor.

18-24 Committee Work Schedule

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Culture & Sport Committee receive its Work Schedule dated March 2024.

Clause 18-24 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Rachel Bowen, Billy Meehan, Mark Arnott, Vaughan Dennison, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, 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 12.55pm.

Confirmed 26 June 2024

Chair

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