

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 10 April 2024, commencing at 9.00am

Members Present: Councillors Vaughan Dennison (in the Chair), Karen Naylor, Mark Arnott, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Orphée Mickalad, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

Non Members: Councillors Roly Fitzgerald and Billy Meehan.

Apologies: The Mayor (Grant Smith) (late arrival, on Council business), Councillor Brent Barrett.

Councillor Billy Meehan left the meeting at 10.17am during consideration of clause 18. He was not present for clauses 18 and 19.

Councillor Orphée Mickalad left the meeting at 10.20am during consideration of clause 18. He was not present for clauses 18 and 19.

Karakia Timatanga

Councillor Roly Fitzgerald opened the meeting with karakia.

10-24 Apologies

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

The COMMITTEE RESOLVED

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 10-24 above was carried 12 votes to 0, 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, Roly Fitzgerald and Billy Meehan.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Roly Fitzgerald declared a conflict of interest in item 9 (clause 14): Hearing of Submissions: Proposal to grant a lease to Te Kōhanga Reo O Ngāti Hineaute Ki Rangitaane O Manawatū Trust - Opie Reserve and item 10 (clause 15): Proposal to grant lease to Te Kōhanga Reo O Ngāti Hineaute Ki Rangitaane O Manawatū Trust – Summary of

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Submissions.

11-24 **Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Strategy & Finance Committee meeting of 21 February 2024 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 11-24 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 Roly Fitzgerald.

Abstained:

Councillor Billy Meehan.

12-24 **Hearing of Submissions: Proposal to grant a licence of Council-owned land to Papaioea Pasifika Community Trust - 21 Havelock Avenue (part of Bill Brown Park)**

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 12-24 above was carried 12 votes to 0, 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, Roly Fitzgerald and Billy Meehan.

The Committee considered submissions on the Proposal to grant a licence of Council-owned land to Papaioea Pasifika Community Trust - 21 Havelock Avenue (part of Bill Brown Park) 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.

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Environment Network Manawatū (Helen King) (40)

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

- Please fast track this process considering how important food security is.

Te Whatu Ora, National Public Health Service - MidCentral (Sally Darragh & Gillian Anderson) (20)

Sally and Gillian spoke to their submission and made the following additional comments:

- Garden helps make the healthy choice, the easy choice, from a health point of view. Community garden can improve health in three ways:
 - Mauri ora (which is healthy individuals) through access to good kai, connection to community, as gardening and social connection is good for our wairua and good for our mental wellbeing
 - Whānau ora (healthy families) - it's the same as mauri ora but including connections to our community
 - Wai ora (healthy environments) planting food and giving it back to the community is a big part of health
- As per the Pasifika community, growing food in Palmerston North is very different from doing so in the Islands; both the types of foods and how to grow them can differ greatly.
- This garden is a great opportunity to offer a teaching garden, where the community can learn about new vegetables and share growing tips, and also figure out ways to grow the vegetables, fruits, etc. that they want to grow from the islands. Also an opportunity to learn about sustainable practices for the soil here, which we know is different.
- From a whole world point of view gardening and connection with the environment are good for our wairua.

Niue PN Community (Sunlou Liuvaie) (23)

Sunlou spoke to their submission, made a presentation, and made the following additional comments:

- Instead of families continually relying on external organizations, it is empowering for them to be able to make changes.
- Because the community operates on Council land, it has been an extremely long and frustrating process to be able to move forward on projects to make community gardens. He recommended Council make the process easier, so more

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community gardens can be made, and communities can learn and improve their skills to grow crops.

- They work with groups of young and old people, which he considers is the best marriage between the high levels of enthusiasm and energy that young people can provide and the wisdom and experience that old people can provide.

Ruth Jackson (19)

Ruth spoke to her submission and made no additional comments.

13-24 Proposal to grant a licence of Council-owned land to Papaioea Pasifika Community Trust - Summary of Submissions

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

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Proposal to grant a licence of Council-owned land to Papaioea Pasifika Community Trust – Summary of Submissions' presented to the Strategy & Finance Committee on 10 April 2024.

Clause 13-24 above was carried 12 votes to 0, 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, Roly Fitzgerald and Billy Meehan.

14-24 Hearing of Submissions: Proposal to grant a lease to Te Kōhanga Reo O Ngāti Hineaute Ki Rangitaane O Manawatū Trust - Opie Reserve

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 14-24 above was carried 11 votes to 0, 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 Billy Meehan.

Note:

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

The Committee considered submissions on the Proposal to grant a lease to Te Kōhanga Reo O Ngāti Hineaute Ki Rangitaane O Manawatū Trust - Opie Reserve 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.

Ruth Jackson (78)

Ruth spoke to her submission and made no additional comments.

Highbury Whānau Centre (Peter Butler) (7)

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

- No reason why Council should oppose this, as the zone that is looking to be redeveloped has been a wasteland for many years. After the club closed that zone was left behind and has been vandalised since then. He considers there are huge cultural, educational and spiritual benefits to a Kōhanga Reo being built there.
- Young people who come through this system are usually not getting involved in conflicts or being called to court because they have a strong cultural identity, they are connected to culture, people and place, and they respect the place where they came from.

15-24

Proposal to grant lease to Te Kōhanga Reo O Ngāti Hineaute Ki Rangitaane O Manawatū Trust – Summary of Submissions

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

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Proposal to grant lease to Te Kōhanga Reo O Ngāti Hineaute Ki Rangitaane O Manawatū Trust – Summary of Submissions' presented to the Strategy & Finance Committee on 10 April 2024.

Clause 15-24 above was carried 11 votes to 0, 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,

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Kaydee Zabelin and Billy Meehan.

Note:

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

16-24 **Hearing of Submissions:**

Draft Palmerston North Animals and Bees Bylaw 2024 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 16-24 above was carried 12 votes to 0, 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, Roly Fitzgerald and Billy Meehan.

Draft Palmerston North Animals and Bees Bylaw 2024

The Committee considered submissions on the Draft Palmerston North Animals and Bees Bylaw 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.

Llyvonne Barber (31)

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

- Council and people in general can set cat traps, then ask the Council to pick them up and contact the owner. Council can do the same as they do with dogs – the first time a roaming cat is caught there will be no charge; from the second time onwards will incur a fine to the owner.

Royal NZ SPCA (Dr Christine Sumner) (32)

Christine spoke to their submission, made a presentation, and made the

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following additional comments:

- The bylaws can set the tone, but we need people in the community to provide support and information, to educate people as to why de-sexing and microchipping cats is important and not just something that a bylaw requests they do.

Draft Palmerston North Dog Control Policy 2024

The Committee considered a submission on the Draft Palmerston North Animals and Bees Bylaw 2024 with supporting oral statements including additional tabled material.

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

Royal NZ SPCA (Dr Alison Vaughan) (78)

Christine spoke to their submission, made a presentation, and made the following additional comments:

- Dogs needs at least 60 minutes exercise per day. Off-leash exercise areas benefit owners' and dogs' physical and mental health as well as increasing community connectiveness.
- Dogs walk faster than people, so they should have an off-leash area to help them with that excess energy. Considering the increasing numbers of registered dogs, Council should create more off-leash areas for dogs and owners.
- Once a dog receives a menacing classification it will carry it for the rest of its life which will have negative impacts on the dog's wellbeing; some of these include:
 - Dog forced to be on leash on public
 - People not allowed to rent a place with a menacing dog

Other councils, on the advice of SPCA, provide options to change or review this classification. These options include evidence of training courses or behaviour assessments completed at the owner's expense. This is not only for the dogs; the owners should not have any infringement for at least 12 months and be part of a preferred owners scheme. This was applied by Auckland City Council and Officers said it was a helpful tool.

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17-24 Ongley Park, Park Road - Proposal to continue supporting Manawatu Cricket Incorporated by notifying the intention to grant occupancy via a lease of Council land and building

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

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee continue to support Manawatū Cricket Incorporated by notifying the public of its intention to grant occupancy of Council land and building at Ongley Park, Park Road, Palmerston North in accordance with the Support and Funding Policy 2022, and Section 54 of the Reserves Act 1977.
2. That the Committee note that the land affected by the occupancy of Manawatū Cricket Incorporated is described as Lot 2 DP 77988.

Clause 17-24 above was carried 12 votes to 0, 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, Roly Fitzgerald and Billy Meehan.

18-24 154 Centennial Drive (The Chalet) - Proposal to grant a lease for part of Council building and land to Palmerston North Canoe Club Incorporated

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

Councillor Billy Meehan left the meeting at 10.17am.

Councillor Orphée Mickalad left the meeting at 10.20am.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Strategy and Finance Committee grant a lease for the land and building at 154 Centennial Drive (The Chalet), Palmerston North described as Part Lot 3 DP 1332 to Palmerston North Canoe Club Incorporated, in accordance with Section 54 of the Reserves Act 1977.

Clause 18-24 above was carried 10 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Karen Naylor, Mark Arnott, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin and Roly Fitzgerald.

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19-24 Committee Work Schedule

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

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

Clause 19-24 above was carried 10 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Karen Naylor, Mark Arnott, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin and Roly Fitzgerald.

Karakia Whakamutunga

Councillor Roly Fitzgerald closed the meeting with karakia.

The meeting finished at 10.24am.

Confirmed 8 May 2024

Chair