

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Sustainability Committee Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 22 May 2024, commencing at 9.02am

Members Present: Councillors Brent Barrett (in the Chair), Kaydee Zabelin, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb and Karen Naylor.

Non Members: Councillors Lew Findlay and Orphée Mickalad.

Apologies: The Mayor (Grant Smith) (on Council business) and Councillor Lew Findlay (early departure).

Councillor Lew Findlay left the meeting at 11.51am during consideration of clause 17. He was not present for clauses 17 and 18.

Karakia Timatanga

Councillor Karen Naylor opened the meeting with karakia.

9-24 Apologies

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Kaydee Zabelin.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 9-24 above was carried 10 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Brent Barrett, Kaydee Zabelin, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Karen Naylor, Lew Findlay and Orphée Mickalad.

10-24 Public Comment

Rachel Blacher made public comment regarding Agenda Item 8 – Draft Food Security and Resilience Policy and resourcing considerations, as follows:

- Rachel endorsed recommended policy option 1.
- As a public health professional and food security advocate she is deeply saddened at the extent to which food insecurity and low access to healthy food choices is prevalent in Palmerston North and across New Zealand.

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- The policy is a critical step for Council to take an active role in strengthening Palmerston North's food resiliency and supporting ongoing efforts to establish an equitable food system.
- She recommends the inclusion in the policy of strong monitoring and evaluation language including measurable KPIs.
- The policy could facilitate dialogue and opportunities in engaging the Agri industry, serving as a lever to start conversations with leaders from these entities about our food systems that could lead to innovative, local approaches to solving our food challenges.

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Kaydee Zabelin.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Sustainability Committee receive the public comment for information.

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

For:

Councillors Brent Barrett, Kaydee Zabelin, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Karen Naylor, Lew Findlay and Orphée Mickalad.

11-24 **Presentation - Ruahine Kiwi Project**

Presentation, by Stewart Harrex, Source to Sea Management Committee and Helen King, Communications & Events Lead, Environment Network Manawatū.

Stewart and Helen presented an update on the Ruahine Kiwi Project via a PowerPoint presentation and the tabled 'Ruahine Kiwi Strategic Framework 2024', as appended to these Minutes. The following additional comments were made:

- The project was made possible by funding from Jobs for Nature programme, which runs out in June of this year.
- Trying to engender support for the project so it can continue to move forward, including speaking with all Councils that the project influences.
- This is a lifetime project.

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Kaydee Zabelin.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

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

Clause 11-24 above was carried 10 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Brent Barrett, Kaydee Zabelin, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock,

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Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Karen Naylor, Lew Findlay and Orphée Mickalad.

12-24 Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Kaydee Zabelin.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Sustainability Committee meeting of 13 March 2024 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 12-24 above was carried 8 votes to 0, with 2 abstentions, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Brent Barrett, Kaydee Zabelin, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Karen Naylor and Lew Findlay.

Abstained:

Councillors Leonie Hapeta and Orphée Mickalad.

13-24 Draft Food Security and Resilience Policy and resourcing considerations Memorandum, presented by Kate Harridge, Policy Analyst and Peter Ridge, Senior Policy Analyst.

Elected Members requested Officers draft a Food Security and Resilience policy; focusing on building food resilience and food security in the community.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the allocation of dedicated resources for the delivery of the draft Food Security and Resilience Policy be referred to the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan deliberations process.

Clause 13-24 above was carried 7 votes to 2, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Brent Barrett, Kaydee Zabelin, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb and Lew Findlay.

Against:

Councillors Karen Naylor and Orphée Mickalad.

Abstained:

Councillor Leonie Hapeta.

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Kaydee Zabelin.

2. That the Committee instruct that a draft policy for consultation be

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reported to the Sustainability Committee with a particular focus on the achievement of objectives 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Clause 13-24 above was carried 10 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Brent Barrett, Kaydee Zabelin, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Karen Naylor, Lew Findlay and Orphée Mickalad.

14-24 Update on opportunities for native species re-introductions in the Turitea Reserve

Memorandum, presented by Adam Jarvis, Principal Climate Change Advisor and Sabrina Hinchey, Climate Change Advisor.

Elected Members directed Officers to investigate the feasibility of re-introducing different species of native birds into the Turitea Reserve.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Update on opportunities for native species re-introductions in the Turitea Reserve' presented to the Sustainability Committee on 22 May 2024.

Clause 14-24 above was carried 10 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Brent Barrett, Kaydee Zabelin, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Karen Naylor, Lew Findlay and Orphée Mickalad.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

2. That Council endorses the investigations into the feasibility of future translocations.

Clause 14-24 above was carried 7 votes to 3, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Brent Barrett, Kaydee Zabelin, Patrick Handcock, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Lew Findlay and Orphée Mickalad.

Against:

Councillors Roly Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta and Karen Naylor.

The meeting adjourned at 11.00am.
The meeting resumed at 11.16am.

15-24 Sustainability Review 2024

Memorandum, presented by Olivia Wix, Communications Manager.

Elected Members requested the 2026 edition of the Sustainability

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Review include information on performance for a set of indicators in each of the domains, eg. Transport, Biodiversity, Energy, etc, that are relevant to Sustainability. They requested the Chief Executive to provide options on what those indicators might be in each domain, and information about whether there are data already available to work with, or whether data would be needed.

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Kaydee Zabelin.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the Sustainability Review 2024, presented to the Sustainability Committee on 22 May 2024.
2. That the Chief Executive provide the Sustainability Committee with options to enable inclusion of organisational and community-wide sustainability indicators in the 2026 Sustainability Review.

Clause 15-24 above was carried 10 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Brent Barrett, Kaydee Zabelin, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Karen Naylor, Lew Findlay and Orphée Mickalad.

16-24

Wastewater Treatment Plant - Nature Calls: Quarterly Update

Memorandum, presented by Mike Monaghan, Group Manager - Three Waters and Anna Lewis, Project Manager – Wastewater Discharge Consent Programme.

Officers advised budget update at end April 2024 is \$1.49 million spent.

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Kaydee Zabelin.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the report titled 'Wastewater Treatment Plant – Nature Calls: Quarterly Update' presented to the Sustainability Committee on 22 May 2024.

Clause 16-24 above was carried 10 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Brent Barrett, Kaydee Zabelin, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Karen Naylor, Lew Findlay and Orphée Mickalad.

17-24

Palmerston North to Feilding Shared Pathway Project

Memorandum, presented by Glen O'Connor, Group Manager - Transport and Development and Michael Bridge, Service Manager - Active Transport.

Elected Members requested an update report on the Palmerston North

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to Ashhurst shared path, with a focus on the progress with landowners.

Councillor Lew Findlay left the meeting at 11.51am.

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Kaydee Zabelin.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the report titled 'Palmerston North to Feilding Shared Pathway Project' presented to the Sustainability Committee on 22 May 2024.
2. That the Chief Executive report to Sustainability Committee regarding progress on establishing the riverside shared path from Palmerston North to Ashhurst.

Clause 17-24 above was carried 9 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Brent Barrett, Kaydee Zabelin, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Karen Naylor and Orphée Mickalad.

18-24

Committee Work Schedule

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded Kaydee Zabelin.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Sustainability Committee receive its Work Schedule dated May 2024.

Clause 18-24 above was carried 9 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Brent Barrett, Kaydee Zabelin, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Karen Naylor and Orphée Mickalad.

Karakia Whakamutunga

Councillor Karen Naylor closed the meeting with karakia.

The meeting finished at 12.03pm.

Confirmed 21 August 2024

Chair