

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 23 October 2024, commencing at 9.00am.

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

Non Members: Councillor Vaughan Dennison.

Apologies: The Mayor (Grant Smith), Councillor Rachel Bowen (on Council business), Councillor Orphée Mickalad (on Council business), Councillor Lew Findlay (early departure),

Councillor Lew Findlay was not present when the meeting resumed at 2.59pm. He was not present for clauses 30 – 33 inclusive.

Karakia Timatanga

Councillor Lorna Johnson opened the meeting with karakia.

22-24 Apologies

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 23-24 above was carried 9 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

23-24 Public Comment

Kerry Hocquard, on behalf of the Palmerston North Age Friendly Community Group, made public comment on Item 11: Palmerston North Age Friendly Action Plan.

She spoke in support of Item 11 and indicated the group will present a submission for further funding to the Annual Budget.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

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The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

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

Clause 23-24 above was carried 9 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

24-24

Presentation: Disability Reference Group - Annual Report

Hugh O'Connell, Chair, Lisa McElvoy and Denise Bethell, members of the Disability Reference Group presented to the Committee.

Hugh O'Connell and Lisa McElvoy spoke on the negative impacts that the changes to the disability support services have had on users and their families. The Reference Group requested Council write to the Hon Louise Upston (Minister for Disability Issues) asking her to reverse the changes.

An additional motion was moved recommending that Council write a letter to the Minister to highlight the issues being raised by the Disability Reference Group.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

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

Moved Karen Naylor, seconded Lorna Johnson.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That Council acknowledge the impact of recent changes to disability support services, and that the Mayor, on behalf of the Council, write to Hon Louise Upston asking her to amend the Purchasing Rules to restore flexible funding to the pre-18 March 2024 Levels.

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

For:

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

25-24

Presentation: MASH Trust

Karleen Edwards, Chief Executive and John Fowke, Chair of MASH Trust presented to the Committee.

Karleen Edwards did a brief summary of the MASH Trust and the work it does in the community. Karleen and John presented Te Whare Oranga, a proposal for an integrated, holistic wrap-around service to support the

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community, with the aim to encourage providers to share resources and reduce costs.

Elected Members moved an additional motion to support the proposed concept of Te Whare Oranga outlined by MASH Trust.

Council officers to meet with the MASH Trust to investigate how Council can support this proposal.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

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

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

2. That Council support the proposed concept of Te Whare Oranga outlined by MASH Trust.

Clause 25-24 above was carried 9 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

26-24

Presentation: Manawatū Tenants Union

Cameron Jenkins, Co-ordinator of Manawatū Tenants Union presented to the Committee.

The presentation focused on the Healthy Homes Standards and how many rental properties are not yet meeting them. Landlords have until June 2025 before the healthy homes standards becomes law.

The Tenants Union would like to see landlords meet their legal obligations before the law takes effect, as in the interim tenants are living in unhealthy homes.

Cameron highlighted that all of Council's social housing stock complied with the Healthy Homes Standards.

Manawatū Tenants Union requested Council's endorsement of the Healthy Homes Commitment – to encourage landlords to meet the healthy home standards earlier than legally required.

Elected Members moved an additional motion to endorse the Healthy Homes Commitment to support Manawatū Tenants Union.

Moved Kaydee Zabelin, seconded Brent Barrett.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

3. That the Community Committee receive the presentation for

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information.

Moved Kaydee Zabelin, seconded Brent Barrett.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

4. That Council endorse the Healthy Homes Commitment in their role as landlord and housing provider, as presented by Manawatū Tenants Union.

Clause 26-24 above was carried 9 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

The meeting adjourned at 10.35am.

The meeting resumed at 10.50am.

27-24

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the Community Committee meeting of 28 August 2024 Part I Public (as amended) be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 27-24 above was carried 9 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

28-24

City Library Annual Report 2023-2024

Memorandum, presented by Linda Moore, Manager, City Library and Shannon Simpson, Team Leader Business and Technical Support, City Library.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the report titled 'City Library Annual Report 2023-2024' (Attachment 1) presented to the Community Committee on 23 October 2024.

Clause 28-24 above was carried 9 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

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29-24

Palmerston North Age Friendly Action Plan

Report, presented by Amy Viles, Acting Manager Community Development.

To ensure the work continued at a reasonable pace, Elected Members moved a motion seeking additional budget to implement the Palmerston North Age Friendly Action Plan. Resourcing to be considered during the drafting of the Annual Budget 2025-26.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded William Wood.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That Council endorse the Palmerston North Age Friendly Action Plan and accept the Options Report; and
2. That Council approve the reallocation of the existing \$30K of implementation budget towards .3 FTE, for a Community Development Advisor – Age Friendly to: guide the Council's commitment to be an Age Friendly City, develop a Palmerston North Age Friendly Implementation Plan and to coordinate the internal and external implementation of actions from that plan (Option 2).

Clause 29-24 above was carried 9 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded William Wood.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That Council approve Option 1 and refer an additional budget of \$50K for the development and implementation of the Palmerston North Age Friendly Implementation Plan to the draft Annual Budget .

Clause 29-24 above was carried 8 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Lorna Johnson, Patrick Handcock, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Billy Meehan, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin and Vaughan Dennison.

Against:

Councillor Karen Naylor.

The meeting adjourned at 12.01pm.

The meeting resumed at 2.59pm.

30-24

Summary of Community Funding Allocations 01/07/2023 - 30/06/2024

Memorandum, presented by Cindy Nguyen, Community Development Advisor, and Amy Viles, Manager Community Development.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

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1. That the Committee receive the report titled 'Summary of Community Funding Allocations from 01/07/2023 - 30/06/2024' dated 23 October 2024.

Clause 30-24 above was carried 8 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Lorna Johnson, Patrick Handcock, Brent Barrett, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin and Vaughan Dennison.

31-24 Annual Section 10A Dog Control Report 2023/2024

Memorandum, presented by Ross McDermott, Team Leader Animal Management & Education and Angela Lumby, Manager Environmental Protection.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Community Committee receive the report titled 'Annual Section 10A Dog Control Report 2023/2024' presented on 28 August 2024.

Clause 31-24 above was carried 8 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Lorna Johnson, Patrick Handcock, Brent Barrett, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin and Vaughan Dennison.

32-24 Committee Work Schedule - October 2024

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

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

Clause 32-24 above was carried 8 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Lorna Johnson, Patrick Handcock, Brent Barrett, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin and Vaughan Dennison.

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

33-24 Recommendation to Exclude Public

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Patrick Handcock.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting listed in the table below.

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The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered		Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing this resolution
17.	Provisional Local Alcohol Policy - progress update	<p>PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC: - Releasing this information might harm the health and safety of the public,</p> <p>MAINTAIN LEGAL PRIVILEGE: - This information is covered by legal privilege because it contains legal advice or could become a matter before the courts</p> <p>NEGOTIATIONS: - This information needs to be kept confidential to ensure that Council can negotiate effectively, especially in business dealings</p>	s7(2)(d), s7(2)(g) and s7(2)(i)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as stated in the above table.

Clause 33-24 above was carried 7 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Lorna Johnson, Patrick Handcock, Brent Barrett, Billy Meehan, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin and Vaughan Dennison.

Against:

Councillor Karen Naylor.

The public part of the meeting finished at 3.40pm

Confirmed 4 December 2024.

Chair