

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 05 December 2024, commencing at 9.00am.

Members Present: Grant Smith (The Mayor) (in the Chair) and Councillors Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

Apologies: Councillors Debi Marshall-Lobb (on Council business), Orphée Mickalad (lateness)

Karakia Timatanga

Councillor Roly Fitzgerald opened the meeting with karakia.

203-24 Apologies

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Patrick Handcock.

RESOLVED

1. That Council receive the apologies.

Clause 203-24 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Tributes to Lorna Black and Sir Robert Gillies

Mayor Grant Smith gave a tribute to Lorna Black, wife of former Mayor Desmond Black, and Sir Robert Gillies, former member of the 28th Māori Battalion.

204-24 Standing Orders - Option C

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Patrick Handcock.

RESOLVED

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That Council adopt Option C (SO 2.12.3) for Item 7 Local Water Done Well - Assessment of Options and Consultation Process for this meeting.

Clause 204-24 above was carried 12 votes to 2, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Mark Amott, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

Against:

Councillors Lew Findlay and Lorna Johnson.

205-24

Local Water Done Well - Assessment of Options and Consultation Process

Report, presented by Mike Monaghan Manager 3 Waters, Julie Keane, Transition Manager and Cameron McKay, Chief Financial Officer.

An additional motion was agreed that Council indicate to the public its preferred option in the Local Water Done Well consultation material.

The meeting adjourned at 11.11am

The meeting resumed at 11.31am

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Patrick Handcock.

RESOLVED

1. That Council note the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024 requires councils to produce a Water Services Delivery Plan and accompanying implementation plan by 3 September 2025.
2. That Council note it is required by the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024 to consider and consult with the community on at least two options for the future delivery model for water services, being the Internal business unit – Modified Status Quo, and a Water Services Council-Controlled Organisation or joint services arrangement.
3. That Council consult on:
 - a) Option 1 – Internal Business Unit – Modified Status Quo, as required by legislation

AND

- c) Option 3 - a Multi-Council-owned Water Organisation – sub-regional that includes Palmerston North City Council, Manawatū District Council, Horowhenua District Council and Kāpiti Coast District Council.

AND

- d) Option 4 - a Multi-Council-owned Water Organisation of the

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Manawatū-Whanganui region or any other combination of councils.

4. That Council instruct the Chief Executive to include the options agreed above in a draft Statement of Proposal and consultation document to be brought back to Council on 5 February 2025.
5. That Council note the Chief Executive will prepare a submission to the Local Government Water Services Bill to be submitted under the Mayor's delegation and brought back to Council for information in the new year.

Clause 205-24 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Moved William Wood, seconded Lorna Johnson.

RESOLVED

6. That Council agree the option: a Multi-Council-owned Water Organisation – sub-regional that includes Palmerston North City Council, Manawatū District Council, Horowhenua District Council and Kāpiti Coast District Council as the preferred option for consultation.

Clause 205-24 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

Note:

Moved Brent Barrett, seconded William Wood.

On an amendment that: Option 2 - a Single Council-owned Water Organisation – PNCC be included in the consultation options, the amendment was lost 6 votes to 8, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Roly Fitzgerald, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor and William Wood.

Against:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson and Kaydee Zabelin.

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206-24 Rangitāne o Manawatū Committee Part I Public - 30 October 2024

Councillor Naylor presented the recommendations below:

Moved Karen Naylor, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

RESOLVED

1. That Council adopt the recommendations from the Rangitāne o Manawatū Committee of 30 October 2024:

Te Motu o Poutoa Development Programme – Update (clause 18-24)

Memorandum, presented by Kathy Dever-Tod, Manager Parks and Reserves.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That Council agree the terms of reference of the Te Motu o Poutoa Steering Group (Attachment 1).
2. That Council investigate the use of a council-controlled organisation (CCO) or other subsidiary entity model as the start-up structure for the Te Motu o Poutoa Marae and Cultural Centre.
3. That Council endorse the Te Motu o Poutoa Programme Steering Group position that they do not wish to seek funding from Gaming Trusts for this project.

Clause 206-24 above was carried 11 votes to 0, with 3 abstentions, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor and Kaydee Zabelin.

Abstained:

Councillors Mark Arnott, Leonie Hapeta and William Wood.

Karakia Whakamutunga

Councillor Roly Fitzgerald closed the meeting with karakia.

The meeting finished at 11.43am

Confirmed 5 February 2025

Mayor