

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 26 March 2025, commencing at 9.01am.

Members Present: Councillor Rachel Bowen (in the Chair), The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Billy Meehan, Mark Arnott, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Debi Marshall-Lobb, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

Non Members: Councillors Brent Barrett and Orphée Mickalad.

Apologies: The Mayor (Grant Smith) (early departure, on Council business), Councillors Lew Findlay and William Wood (early departure).

The Mayor (Grant Smith) left the meeting at 11.41am during consideration of clause 6. He re-entered the meeting again at 12.05pm during consideration of clause 7. He was not present for clause 6.

Councillor Lew Findlay left the meeting at 11.52am after consideration of clause 6. He was not present for clauses 7 to 10 inclusive.

Councillor William Wood left the meeting at 11.52am after consideration of clause 6. He was not present for clauses 7 to 10 inclusive.

Karakia Timatanga

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb opened the meeting with karakia.

1-25 Apologies

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The COMMITTEE RESOLVED

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 1-25 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, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Debi Marshall-Lobb, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin, Brent Barrett and Orphée Mickalad.

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Declaration of Interest

Councillor Kaydee Zabelin declared a conflict of interest in Item 12 Annual Sector Lead Report: Community Arts Palmerston North Incorporated (Square Edge Community Arts) (clause 8-25) and took no further part in discussion or debate.

2-25 Presentation - Basketball New Zealand/Basketball Manawatū

Dave Everitt, General Manager Commercial, Basketball NZ, and Mike Ryan, General Manager, Basketball Manawatū made a presentation about Basketball Manawatū's work, its impact in the region, and financial challenges they are facing.

They requested financial support from the Council, proposing a partnership approach, to help them overcome the current financial difficulties while aiming for developing a sustainable basketball system in the region.

Elected Members requested further due diligence on Basketball Manawatū's situation with support from Sport Manawatū and referred their request for funding to the Annual Budget deliberations.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

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

Clause 2-25 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, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Debi Marshall-Lobb, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin, Brent Barrett and Orphée Mickalad.

Moved Grant Smith, seconded Brent Barrett.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

2. That the Chief Executive work with Sport Manawatū, Basketball New Zealand and Basketball Manawatū to understand the association's ongoing sustainability and a plan going forward.

Clause 2-25 above was carried 14 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, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Debi Marshall-Lobb, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin, Brent Barrett and Orphée Mickalad.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

3. That Basketball New Zealand and Basketball Manawatū's request for funding be referred to the Annual Budget deliberations.

Clause 2-25 above was carried 10 votes to 4, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Rachel Bowen, Billy Meehan, Mark Arnott, Vaughan Dennison, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Brent Barrett and Orphée Mickalad.

Against:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Lew Findlay, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

3-25

Ashhurst Domain Reserve Management Plan Review - Hearing of Submissions and Summary of Submissions

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the summary titled 'Ashhurst Domain Reserve Management Plan Review - Summary of Submissions', presented to the Culture & Sport Committee on 26 March 2025.
2. That the Committee receive the submissions and hear submissions from presenters who indicated their wish to be heard in support of their submission.
3. That the Committee note the Procedure for Hearing of Submissions, as described in the procedure sheet.

Clause 3-25 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, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Debi Marshall-Lobb, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin, Brent Barrett and Orphée Mickalad.

The Committee considered submissions on the Ashhurst Domain Reserve Management Plan Review together with supporting oral statements including additional tabled material.

The following persons appeared before the Committee and made oral

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statements in support of their submissions and replied to questions from Elected Members, the additional points being:

Natural Burial Manawatū (Jean Hera, Angie Crabtree and Jennie Gleeson) (65)

Jean Hera and Jennie Gleeson spoke to Natural Burial Manawatū's submission and made no additional comments. Angie Crabtree, from her personal perspective stated that her family was looking forward to seeing natural burial options available soon.

Beauchamp Funeral Home (Anthony Beauchamp) (84)

Anthony Beauchamp spoke to the Beauchamp Funeral Home's submission and made no additional comments.

Manawatū Estuary Management Team (Kathryn Lane) (75)

Kathryn Lane spoke to the Manawatū Estuary Management Team's submission and made the following additional comments:

- Particular support to policy 3, especially policies 3.4 and 3.5.

Daniel Sproull (66)

Daniel Sproull spoke to his submission and made the following additional comments:

- There used to be a water spring at the proposed natural burial site which fed the wetland. The area is not ideal for that purpose.

4-25

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Culture & Sport Committee meeting of 27 November 2024 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 4-25 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, Leonie Hapeta, Debi Marshall-Lobb, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin and Brent Barrett.

Abstained:

Councillor Ophée Mickalad.

The meeting adjourned at 10.40am.

The meeting resumed at 10.58am.

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5-25 The Regent Theatre Trust: Six-Month Report 1 July - 31 December 2024 and Draft Statement of Intent 2024-27

Memorandum, presented by Sarah Claridge, Governance Advisor, and David Walsh, Manager, Regent Theatre, 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 2024 (Attachment 1) submitted by the Regent Theatre Trust.
2. That the Committee receive the draft Statement of Intent 2025-28 (Attachment 3) submitted by the Regent Theatre Trust.
3. That the Committee agree that the recommended comment on the draft Statement of Intent 2025–28 outlined in Table 3 be advised to the Regent Theatre Trust Board.

Clause 5-25 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, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Debi Marshall-Lobb, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin, Brent Barrett and Orphée Mickalad.

6-25 He rā ki tua Horizons Region Spaces and Places Plan for Sport and Recreation - implementation and facility planning update

Memorandum, presented by Ann-Marie Mori, Policy Analyst, and Carl Johnstone, General Manager Partnerships - Environment, Sport Manawatū.

The Mayor (Grant Smith) left the meeting at 11.41am.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'He rā ki tua Horizons Region Spaces and Places Plan for Sport and Recreation - implementation and facility planning update' presented to the Culture & Sport Committee on 26 March 2025.

Clause 6-25 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Rachel Bowen, Billy Meehan, Mark Arnott, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Debi Marshall-Lobb, William Wood, Kaydee Zabelin, Brent Barrett and Orphée Mickalad.

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Councillors Lew Findlay and William Wood left the meeting at 11.52am.

7-25 Sport Manawatū Charitable Trust: Six-Month Progress Update 1 July to 31 December 2024

Memorandum, presented by Ann-Marie Mori, Policy Analyst, and from Sport Manawatū: Carl Johnstone, General Manager Partnerships – Environments, Kelly Shanks, Chief Executive Officer, and Kylie Turuwhenua-Tapsell, General Manager Partnerships – Active Communities.

The Mayor (Grant Smith) entered the meeting at 12.05pm.

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 2024 (Attachment 1), presented to the Culture & Sport Committee on 26 March 2025.

Clause 7-25 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, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Kaydee Zabelin, Brent Barrett and Orphée Mickalad.

8-25 Annual Sector Lead Report: Community Arts Palmerston North Incorporated (Square Edge Community Arts)

Memorandum, presented by Gillian Tasker, Community Development Advisor, and Rose Evans, Artistic Director, Square Edge Community Arts.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Annual Sector Lead Report: Community Arts Palmerston North Incorporated (Square Edge Community Arts)' presented to the Culture & Sport Committee on 26 March 2025.

Clause 8-25 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, Vaughan Dennison, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Brent Barrett and Orphée Mickalad.

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

9-25 **Annual Sector Lead Report: Creative Sounds Society Incorporated (The Stomach)**

Memorandum, presented by Gillian Tasker, Community Development Advisor, and from The Stomach: Abi Symes, Manager, and Jordan Kupe, Convenor, Management Committee.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Annual Sector Lead Report: Creative Sounds Society Incorporated (The Stomach)' presented to the Culture & Sport Committee on 26 March 2025.

Clause 9-25 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, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Kaydee Zabelin, Brent Barrett and Orphée Mickalad.

10-25 **Committee Work Schedule**

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Culture & Sport Committee receive its Work Schedule dated March 2025.

Clause 10-25 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, Roly Fitzgerald, Patrick Handcock, Leonie Hapeta, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Kaydee Zabelin, Brent Barrett and Orphée Mickalad.

Karakia Whakamutunga

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb closed the meeting with karakia.

The meeting finished at 12.40pm.

Confirmed 25 June 2025.

Chair