

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Sport & Recreation Committee Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 25 February 2026, commencing at 2.00pm

Members Present:	Councillors William Wood (in the Chair), Leonie Hapeta, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Vaughan Dennison, Hayden Fitzgerald, Bonnie Kuru, Debi Marshall-Lobb and Billy Meehan.
Non Member Present online:	Councillors Rachel Bowen and Lew Findlay.
Non Members:	Councillor Karen Naylor.
Apologies:	The Mayor (Grant Smith) (absent on Council business).

Karakia Timatanga

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb opened the meeting with karakia.

1-26

Apologies

Moved William Wood, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 1-26 above was carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors William Wood, Leonie Hapeta, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Hayden Fitzgerald, Bonnie Kuru, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Billy Meehan, Rachel Bowen and Karen Naylor.

Councillor Orphée Mickalad entered the meeting at 2.04pm.

2-26

Public Comment

The Chair increased the Public Comment speaking time to five (5) minutes.

James Veitch, Badminton New Zealand updated the Committee on upcoming events in Palmerston North, noting the organisation is looking forward to CET Arena expansion. James thanked Council for its continued support of Badminton New Zealand events.

Jenine Scoon, Chair Manawatū Softball updated the Committee on recent initiatives and activities aimed at increasing participation in the community,

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along with upcoming tournaments and funding. Jenine spoke about the initiative promoting better sideline behaviour to create a supportive and positive environment for all involved (refer flyer appended to these Minutes).

Moved William Wood, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the public comments.

Clause 2-26 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors William Wood, Leonie Hapeta, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Hayden Fitzgerald, Bonnie Kuru, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Rachel Bowen and Karen Naylor.

3-26

Sport Manawatū Charitable Trust - Six-month report for July to December 2025

Memorandum, presented by Ann-Marie Mori, Policy Analyst, Kelly Shanks, CEO, Sport Manawatū, Carl Johnson, General Manager Partnerships – Environments, Sport Manawatū and David King, Community Partnership Advisor, Sport Manawatū.

Moved William Wood, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the Sport Manawatū Charitable Trust: Six-Month Report to Palmerston North City Council for July to December 2025 (Attachment 1).

Clause 3-26 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors William Wood, Leonie Hapeta, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Hayden Fitzgerald, Bonnie Kuru, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Rachel Bowen and Karen Naylor.

4-26

Marriner Reserve - Proposal to Grant an Easement on Reserve Land to Powerco

Report, presented by Perene Green, Property Officer.

Councillor Lew Findlay left the meeting at 3.02pm.

Moved William Wood, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee approve notifying the public of the proposal to grant an easement at Marriner Reserve, to convey electricity, in accordance with Section 48 of the Reserves Act 1977.

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2. That the Committee note that the land area affected by the easement for Powerco is described as Lot 3 DP 29419.

Clause 4-26 above was carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors William Wood, Leonie Hapeta, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Vaughan Dennison, Hayden Fitzgerald, Bonnie Kuru, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Rachel Bowen and Karen Naylor.

5-26

Committee Work Schedule - February 2026

Moved William Wood, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive its Work Schedule dated February 2026.

Clause 5-26 above was carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors William Wood, Leonie Hapeta, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Vaughan Dennison, Hayden Fitzgerald, Bonnie Kuru, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, Rachel Bowen and Karen Naylor.

Karakia Whakamutunga

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb closed the meeting with karakia.

The meeting finished at 3.08pm.

Confirmed 15 April 2026

Chairperson