

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 18 March 2026, commencing at 9.02am

Members Present:	Councillor Rachel Bowen (in the Chair), The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Kaydee Zabelin, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Bonnie Kuru and Debi Marshall-Lobb.
Non Members:	Councillor Billy Meehan,
Apologies:	The Mayor (early departure, on Council Business).

Karakia Timatanga

Councillor Kaydee Zabelin opened the meeting with karakia.

1-26

Apologies

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Kaydee Zabelin.

The COMMITTEE RESOLVED

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 1-26 above was carried 11 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Rachel Bowen, Kaydee Zabelin, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Bonnie Kuru, Debi Marshall-Lobb and Billy Meehan.

2-26

Presentation - Untold Stories Project

Presentation, by Tania Kopytko, Untold Stories Team Leader.

Tania updated the Committee regarding the upcoming 'Celebrating our Stories' event in October regarding displaced persons who settled in New Zealand after World War II, as appended to these Minutes.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Kaydee Zabelin.

The COMMITTEE RESOLVED

1. That the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee receive the presentation for information.

Clause 2-26 above was carried 11 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

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For:

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3-26

The Regent Theatre Trust: Draft Statement of Intent 2026-29

Presented by David Walsh, General Manager, Regent on Broadway and Neil Ulrich, Deputy Chair, Regent Theatre Trust Board.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Kaydee Zabelin.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee agree the Statement of Intent 2026-29 (Attachment 1) submitted by the Regent Theatre Trust.

Clause 3-26 above was carried 11 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Rachel Bowen, Kaydee Zabelin, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Bonnie Kuru, Debi Marshall-Lobb and Billy Meehan.

The Mayor (Grant Smith) left the meeting at 9.46am.

4-26

The Globe Theatre Trust: Draft Statement of Intent 2026-29

Presented by John Adams, Chair, Globe Theatre Trust Board.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Kaydee Zabelin.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the draft Statement of Intent 2026-29 (Attachment 1) submitted by the Globe Theatre Trust.
2. That the Committee agree that the recommended comments on the draft Statement of Intent 2026-29 outlined in Table 1 be advised to the Globe Theatre Trust Board.

Clause 4-26 above was carried 10 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Rachel Bowen, Kaydee Zabelin, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Bonnie Kuru, Debi Marshall-Lobb and Billy Meehan.

5-26

Te Manawa Museums Trust: Six-Month Report 1 July - 31 December 2025 and Draft Statement of Intent 2026-29

Presented by Susanna Shadbolt, Chief Executive, Te Manawa, Geoffrey Jameson, Chair, Te Manawa Museums Trust Board and Sara Allen, Assets & Finance Partner, Te Manawa.

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Te Manawa staff noted the following corrections to the report:

4.1 should read ... 'have been successful in **two** grant applications for the Science Centre redevelopment totalling \$1.25M in pledges', noting the appointment of a dedicated staff member to assist with funding applications is a recent one.

The second sentence of 5.2 should read 'The Science Centre is contingent upon receiving funding through grants and sponsorship'.

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Kaydee Zabelin.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That Council receive the Six-Month Performance Report 1 July - 31 December 2025 (Attachment 1) submitted by Te Manawa Museums Trust.
2. That Council receive the draft Statement of Intent 2026-29 (Attachment 2) submitted by Te Manawa Museums Trust.
3. That Council agree that the recommended comments on the draft Statement of Intent 2026-29 outlined in Table 4 be advised to Te Manawa Museums Trust.

Clause 5-26 above was carried 10 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Rachel Bowen, Kaydee Zabelin, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Bonnie Kuru, Debi Marshall-Lobb and Billy Meehan.

Councillor Billy Meehan left the meeting at 10.41am.

6-26

Committee Work Schedule

Moved Rachel Bowen, seconded Kaydee Zabelin.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee receive its Work Schedule dated 18 March 2026.

Clause 6-26 above was carried 9 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Rachel Bowen, Kaydee Zabelin, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Bonnie Kuru and Debi Marshall-Lobb.

Karakia Whakamutunga

Councillor Kaydee Zabelin closed the meeting with karakia.

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The meeting finished at 10.43am.

Confirmed 15 April 2026

Chairperson

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