

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Community Resilience & Sustainability Committee Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 11 March 2026, commencing at 9.01am.

- Members Present:** Lorna Johnson (in the Chair), The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Mark Arnott, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Hayden Fitzgerald, Bonnie Kuru, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.
- Apologies:** Councillors Billy Meehan and Leonie Hapeta

Karakia Timatanga

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb opened the meeting with karakia.

Councillor Orphée Mickalad left the meeting at 9.03am

5-26

Apologies

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Brent Barrett.

The COMMITTEE RESOLVED

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 5-26 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Lorna Johnson, Brent Barrett, Mark Arnott, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Hayden Fitzgerald, Bonnie Kuru, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

6-26

Confirmation of Minutes

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb asked for her apologies (for late arrival) to be recorded as apologies (on Council business) for clause 1-26.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Brent Barrett.

The COMMITTEE RESOLVED

1. That the minutes of the Community Resilience & Sustainability Committee meeting (as amended) of 18 February 2026 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

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Clause 6-26 above was carried 12 votes to 0, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Lorna Johnson, Brent Barrett, Mark Arnott, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Hayden Fitzgerald, Bonnie Kuru, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

Abstained:

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb.

Councillor Orphée Mickalad entered the meeting at 9.11am.

7-26

Annual Sector Lead Report: Environment Network Manawatū

Madz BatachEl, Chair, presented the work of Environment Network Manawatū (presentation appended to the minutes).

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Brent Barrett.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Annual Sector Lead Report: Environment Network Manawatū' presented to the Community Resilience & Sustainability Committee on 11 March 2026.

Clause 7-26 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Lorna Johnson, Brent Barrett, Mark Arnott, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Hayden Fitzgerald, Bonnie Kuru, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

8-26

Annual Sector Lead Report: Te Pū Harakeke - Community Collective Manawatū

Kat Nguyen, Manager, Kim Penny, Chairperson, and Justin Ngai, Programme Coordinator, presented the work of the Te Pū Harakeke – Community Collective Manawatū.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Kaydee Zabelin.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Annual Sector Lead Report: Te Pū Harakeke – Community Collective Manawatū' presented to the Community Resilience & Sustainability Committee on 11 March 2026.

Clause 8-26 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Lorna Johnson, Brent Barrett, Mark Arnott, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Hayden Fitzgerald, Bonnie Kuru, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

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9-26

Annual Sector Lead Report: Manawatū Multicultural Council

Kanchana Seneviratne, Service Manager, Yuanindya Inggita, Events & Programme Coordinator, and Asmat, Community Connector, presented the work of Manawatū Multicultural Council.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Brent Barrett.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Annual Sector Lead Report: Manawatu Multicultural Council' presented to the Community Resilience & Sustainability Committee on 11 March 2026.

Clause 9-26 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Lorna Johnson, Brent Barrett, Mark Arnott, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Hayden Fitzgerald, Bonnie Kuru, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

The meeting adjourned at 10.35am.

The meeting resumed at 10.55am.

10-26

Welcoming Communities Annual Report

Memorandum, presented by Amy Viles, Acting Manager Community Development. She made a presentation (appended to the minutes).

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Brent Barrett.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Welcoming Communities Annual Update' presented to the Community Resilience & Sustainability Committee on 11 March 2026.

Clause 10-26 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Lorna Johnson, Brent Barrett, Mark Arnott, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Hayden Fitzgerald, Bonnie Kuru, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

11-26

Resource Recovery Section 17A Review

Memorandum, presented by Natasha Hickmott, Acting Manager Resource Recovery.

Councillor Barrett moved an additional motion which listed additional services for officers to investigate and report back on.

Councillor Mark Arnott left the meeting at 11.44pm.

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Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Brent Barrett.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That Council note a Section 17A review has determined that the current model of in-house service delivery for the Resource Recovery Activity is cost effective and agree responsibility for governance, funding and delivery continue to be exercised by Council.

[Moved Brent Barrett, seconded William Wood]

2. That the Chief Executive progress costings and impact assessments to enable community consultation on specific resource options in the next Long Term Plan; including but not limited to organics and green waste collection, single-provider kerbside rubbish collection, and a regional resource recovery facility

Clause 11-26 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Lorna Johnson, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Hayden Fitzgerald, Bonnie Kuru, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

12-26

Climate Action Plan Engagement Analysis

Memorandum, presented by Adam Jarvis, Manager Climate Change and Sustainability.

Councillor Mark Arnott entered the meeting at 12.05pm.

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb left the meeting at 12.42pm. She was not present for the lost recommendation. She entered the meeting again at 12.50pm during consideration of clause 12-26.

Councillor Zabelin moved a motion to ensure the work to develop a community focused city wide climate action plan continues.

Moved Kaydee Zabelin, seconded Grant Smith.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Chief Executive continue to develop a community-focused city-wide climate action plan, including the articulation of local co-benefits and the identification of projects that may attract co-funding, to inform the Long Term Plan process.

Clause 12-26 above was carried 12 votes to 2, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Mark Arnott, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Bonnie Kuru, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

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Against:

Councillors Lorna Johnson and Hayden Fitzgerald.

[Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Rachel Bowen]

Note:

On the recommendation:

“1. That the Committee refer the Climate Action Plan Engagement Analysis to the 2027-37 Long Term Plan development process, specifically the review of the Climate Change and Sustainability Plan, and continue development of the draft Climate Action Plan, including community-led initiatives.”

The recommendation was lost 7 votes to 6.

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Bonnie Kuru, Lew Findlay, Lorna Johnson and Rachel Bowen.

Against:

Councillors Hayden Fitzgerald, Karen Naylor, Kaydee Zabelin, Mark Arnott, Orphée Mickalad, Vaughan Dennison and William Wood

13-26

Palmerston North Alcohol Control Bylaw 2015 - Section 155 Determination Report

Report, presented by Stacey Solomon, Policy Analyst.

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Brent Barrett.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee make the determinations required under s.155 of the Local Government Act 2002, that:
 - a. a bylaw is the most appropriate way to address the perceived problem relating to the possession and consumption of alcohol in public places, and the bringing of alcohol into public places, in Palmerston North
 - b. a standalone bylaw is the most appropriate form of bylaw
 - c. a bylaw will not give rise to implications under the NZBORA
2. That the Committee determine it is satisfied, as required under s. 147A of the Local Government Act 2002, that:
 - a. the bylaw can be justified as a reasonable limitation on people's rights and freedoms; and
 - b. there is evidence that the area to which the bylaw is intended to apply has experienced a high level of crime or disorder that can be shown to have been caused or made worse by alcohol consumption in the area; and
 - c. the bylaw is appropriate and proportionate in the light of that crime or disorder.

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3. That the Chief Executive prepare a revised Alcohol Control Bylaw for further consideration by the Committee.

Clause 13-26 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

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14-26 Committee Work Schedule - March 2026

Moved Lorna Johnson, seconded Kaydee Zabelin.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Community Resilience & Sustainability Committee receive its Work Schedule dated March 2026.

Clause 14-26 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Lorna Johnson, Brent Barrett, Mark Arnott, Rachel Bowen, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay, Hayden Fitzgerald, Bonnie Kuru, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

Karakia Whakamutunga

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb closed the meeting with karakia.

The meeting finished at 1.01pm.

Confirmed 29 April 2026.

Chair