

# PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Finance, Performance & Audit Committee Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 03 June 2026, commencing at 9.02am

<b>Members Present:</b>	Councillors Vaughan Dennison (in the Chair), Karen Naylor, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Hayden Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta, Lorna Johnson, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.
<b>Members Present online:</b>	Councillor Bonnie Kuru.
<b>Non Members:</b>	Councillor Rachel Bowen.
<b>Apologies:</b>	The Mayor (Grant Smith) (late arrival, on Council business), Councillors Mark Arnott (late arrival), Lorna Johnson (early departure, on Council business) and Kaydee Zabelin (early departure, on Council business).

### **Karakia Timatanga**

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb opened the meeting with karakia.

### **34-26 Apologies**

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

#### **The COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 34-26 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

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

Councillor Mark Arnott entered the meeting at 9:05am.

The meeting adjourned at 9.05am.

The meeting resumed at 11.09am.

The Mayor (Grant Smith) was present when the meeting resumed.

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**35-26 Confirmation of Minutes**

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Finance, Performance & Audit Committee meeting of 13 May 2026 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record, as amended.

Clause 35-26 above was carried 15 votes to 0, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

**Abstained:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith).

**36-26 Central Economic Development Agency (CEDA) Final Statement of Intent 2026/27**

Memorandum, presented by Jerry Shearman, Chief Executive, CEDA and Bobbie O'Fee, Chairperson, CEDA.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee agree the final Statement of Intent 2026/27 (Attachment 1) submitted by the Central Economic Development Agency.

Clause 36-26 above was carried 16 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

**37-26 Adoption of Elected and Appointed Members Expenses and Allowances Policy 2026**

Memorandum, presented by Sarah Claridge, Governance Advisor and Hannah White, Governance Manager.

Parking Exemption Card section in Policy to be amended to note the use of digital number plate readers rather than a physical exemption card.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

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1. That Council approve the Elected and Appointed Members Expenses and Allowances Policy 2026 (Attachment 1), as amended, to replace the Elected and Appointed Members Expenses and Allowances Policy 2022, effective 1 July 2026.

Clause 37-26 above was carried 15 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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

**Against:**

Councillor Mark Arnott.

Moved Hayden Fitzgerald, seconded Karen Naylor.

**Note:**

On an amendment: 'That the Elected and Appointed Members Expenses and Allowances Policy 2026 be amended to not cover any travel/conference expenses for the Mayor's partner', the motion was lost 4 votes to 11, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

Councillors Karen Naylor, Hayden Fitzgerald, William Wood and Kaydee Zabelin.

**Against:**

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

**Abstained:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith).

Councillors Rachel Bowen, Lorna Johnson and Kaydee Zabelin left the meeting at 12:06pm.

**38-26**

### **Draft Naming and Naming Rights Policies - Approval for consultation**

Report, presented by Susana Figlioli, Policy Analyst and Peter Ridge, Manager Strategy and Policy.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Debi Marshall-Lobb.

**Note:**

On a motion:

'That the Committee approve the following draft policies for public consultation:

- draft Naming Policy: Roads, Open Spaces, Council-owned Facilities, and Suburbs (Attachment 1), and
- draft Naming Rights Policy: Council-owned Recreational, Cultural, and Venues and Destination Facilities (Attachment 2).'

the motion was lost 6 votes to 7, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Karen Naylor, Brent Barrett, Bonnie Kuru, Debi Marshall-Lobb and Billy Meehan.

**Against:**

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The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Mark Arnott, Lew Findlay, Hayden Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta, Orphée Mickalad and William Wood.

The meeting adjourned at 1.00pm.  
The meeting resumed at 2.06pm.

When the meeting resumed Councillor Lew Findlay was online, and the Mayor (Grant Smith) was not present.

### **39-26 Strategic Risk Management Reporting January to March 2026 (Quarter 3)** Memorandum, presented by Stephen Minton, Risk Management Advisor.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

#### The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the following strategic risk assessments:
  - Strategic Risk 2: Failure to deliver on key projects and programmes.

Clause 39-26 above was carried 12 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

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

The Mayor (Grant Smith) entered the meeting at 2.10pm.

### **40-26 Featherston Street - Options Assessment for Bus and Vehicle Pick-up adjacent to Palmerston North Boys High School** Report, presented by Tyler da Silva, Acting Transport and Development Manager.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

#### The **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS**

1. That Council approve Option 4 – Optimisation of bus and car parking on North Street, being the partial re-marking of North Street to convert under-utilised bus parks to car parks, while maintaining adequate provision for bus parking, completed within the existing 26/27 operational budgets.

Clause 40-26 above was carried 12 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

#### **For:**

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

#### **Against:**

Councillor Leonie Hapeta.

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**41-26 Road Maintenance Contract (six-monthly report on work programme and performance)**

Memorandum, presented by Tyler da Silva, Acting Transport and Development Manager and Glen O'Connor, Acting General Manager Infrastructure.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Road Maintenance Contract (six-monthly report on work programme and performance)' presented to the Finance, Performance & Audit Committee on 3 June 2026.

Clause 41-26 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Karen Naylor, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Hayden Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta, Bonnie Kuru, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad and William Wood.

**42-26 Committee Work Schedule**

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Finance, Performance & Audit Committee receive its Work Schedule dated June 2026.

Clause 42-26 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Karen Naylor, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Hayden Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta, Bonnie Kuru, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad and William Wood.

**43-26 Wellbeing Report, 1 January to 31 March (Quarter 3)**

Memorandum, presented by Connie Roos, Manager Employee Experience and Wayne Wilson, Manager People Operations.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Wellbeing Report, 1 January to 31 March (Quarter 3)' presented to the Finance, Performance & Audit Committee on 3 June 2026.

Clause 43-26 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

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**44-26 Health and Safety Report, 1 January to 31 March 2026 (Quarter 3)**  
Memorandum, presented by Selwyn Ponga-Davis, Health and Safety Manager.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Karen Naylor.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Health and Safety Report, 1 January to 31 March 2026 (Quarter 3)' presented to the Finance, Performance & Audit Committee on 3 June 2026.

Clause 44-26 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

**For:**

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Vaughan Dennison, Karen Naylor, Mark Arnott, Brent Barrett, Lew Findlay, Hayden Fitzgerald, Leonie Hapeta, Bonnie Kuru, Debi Marshall-Lobb, Billy Meehan, Orphée Mickalad and William Wood.

**Karakia Whakamutunga**

Councillor Debi Marshall-Lobb closed the meeting with karakia.

The meeting finished at 3.07pm.

Confirmed 5 August 2026

**Chair**