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## Community Committee

### OPEN MINUTES

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Minutes of a meeting of the Community Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton and via Audio Visual Link on Thursday 13 August 2020 at 9.32am.

#### PRESENT

<b>Chairperson</b>	Cr M Bunting
<b><i>Heamana</i></b>	
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Cr K Naidoo-Rauf (Audio Visual Link)
<b><i>Heamana Tuarua</i></b>	
<b>Members</b>	Mayor P Southgate Deputy Mayor G Taylor Cr M Forsyth (Audio Visual Link) Cr M Gallagher (Audio Visual Link) Cr R Hamilton Cr D Macpherson Cr A O'Leary (Audio Visual Link) Cr R Pascoe Cr S Thomson (Audio Visual Link) Cr E Wilson (Audio Visual Link) Maangai T Thompson-Evans Maangai O Te Ua (Audio Visual Link)

**In Attendance:** Lance Vervoort - General Manager Community  
Maria Barrie – Parks and Recreation Manager  
Judy Small – Disability Advisor  
Andy Mannering – Manager Social Development  
Rebecca Whitehead – Business and Planning Manager  
James Clarke – Director Mayor's Office

**Governance Staff:** Becca Brooke – Governance Manager  
Amy Viggers – Governance Team Leader  
Carmen Fortin, Narelle Waite, and Tyler Gaukrodger - Governance Advisors

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**1. Apologies – *Tono aroha***

**Resolved:** (Cr Bunting/Mayor Southgate)  
That the apologies for absence from Cr van Oosten, for partial attendance from Maangai Thompson-Evans and Crs Forsyth are accepted.

**2. Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take***

**Resolved:** (Cr Bunting/Cr Hamilton)  
That the agenda is confirmed noting the following:

- a) Item 10 (Smokefree Outdoor Areas Policy Review) be deferred to the next meeting of the

Community Committee due to the availability of presenters;

- b) Item 15 (Matters of Cultural Significance Work Programme) is to be taken after item 4 to accommodate availability;

**3. Declarations of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipaaanga***

During the meeting Maangai Thompson-Evans declared an interest in item 14 (Civil Defence Emergency Management Quarterly Update and that she was not conflicted. She would take part in discussion and vote on the matter using her discretion.

**4. Public Forum – *Aatea korero***

**Ellie Wilkinson** (HMS Trust) spoke in support of item 8 (Community Occupancy Application - Hamilton Multicultural Services Trust (Waikato Settlement Centre). She provided background of the work Hamilton Multicultural Services Trust provides. She responded to questions from members in relation to the timeline for the community centre build.

**Gerri Pomeroy, Timothy Young, and Joy Ho** (Disabled Person's Assembly Waikato Kaititui) spoke in support of item 13 (Disability Action Plan 2020/21). They spoke of the potential benefits of implementing the staff recommendation, and increasing accessibility of public spaces for the community.

**Niall Tierney (Burger Bros)** spoke in opposition of item 11 (Trading in) Public Places Policy Review). He spoke of the overheads that regular businesses must pay compared to food trucks. He responded to questions from members in relation to overheads of regular businesses .

**Peter McLean** spoke in support of item 13 (Disability Action Plan 2020/21).

**Roger Stratford** made a written submission to item 9 (Korikori Park Easement – WEL Networks Ltd) which is attached to the minutes as **Appendix 1**.

**15. Matters of Cultural Significance Work Programme (*Recommendation to Council*)**

The General Manager Community introduced the report and took the report as read, noting that the Dame Hilda Ross statue was currently being reviewed by the arts panel. Staff responded to questions from members regarding the commitments and discussions around the Hilda Ross Statue and the Captain Hamilton statue, circulation of the report, opportunities for other stakeholders and community to submit their views, opportunities for community engagement, street naming policy and proposed changes to this policy, planned engagement and involvement of Waikato-Tainui, implications of delaying statue decisions, timeframe of work programme and risks of proceeding with statue decisions.

**Motion:** (Cr Bunting/Cr Naidoo-Rauf)

That the Community Committee:

- a) receives the report, inclusive of the attached *Historical Report on Hamilton Street and City Names* by Dr Vincent O'Malley;
- b) recommends the Council approve the proposed work programme;
- c) notes that the Strategy He Pou Manawa Ora (*Pillars for Good Things*) will be developed through the Community Committee; and
- d) notes that other items included in the work programme will be reported on through the appropriate committee.

**Amendment:** (Cr Pascoe/Cr Forsyth)

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**Foreshadowed Amendment:** (Cr Wilson/ Cr O'Leary)

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- d) notes that other items included in the work programme will be reported on through the appropriate committee;
- e) notes that staff will provide an outline of the public consultation process to the next Community Committee meeting, 29 September 2020; and
- f) approves that the Dame Hilda Ross project proceeds under the current public arts policy

**The Amendment was put.**

**Those for the Amendment:** Maangai Thompson-Evans.

**Those against the Amendment:** Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor Taylor, Councillors Bunting, Gallagher, Macpherson, O'Leary, Hamilton, Forsyth, Naidoo-Rauf, Thomson, Wilson, and Maangai Te Ua.

**The Amendment was declared LOST.**

**The Foreshadowed Amendment was put.**

**Those for the Foreshadowed Amendment:** Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor Taylor, Councillors Gallagher, O'Leary, Forsyth, Wilson and Maangai Te Ua.

**Those against the foreshadowed Amendment:** Councillors Bunting, Macpherson, Hamilton, Naidoo-Rauf, Thomson and Maangai Thompson-Evans.

**The Foreshadowed Amendment was declared CARRIED.**

**The foreshadowed amendment as the Substantive Motion was then put and declared CARRIED.**

**Resolved:** (Cr Wilson/Cr O'Leary)

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- e) notes that staff will provide an outline of the public consultation process to the next Community Committee meeting, 29 September 2020; and
- f) approves that the Dame Hilda Ross project proceeds under the current public arts policy.

**Those for the Substantive Motion:** Mayor Southgate, Deputy Mayor Taylor, Councillors Gallagher, O'Leary, Forsyth, Wilson and Maangai Te Ua.

**Those against the Substantive Motion:** Councillors Bunting, Macpherson, Hamilton, Naidoo-Rauf, Thomson and Maangai Thompson-Evans.

*Cr Forsyth joined the meeting (10.09am) during the discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.*

*Maangai Thompson-Evans joined the meeting (11.03) during the discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.*

**The meeting was adjourned 11:05am to 11:20am after the questioning of the above item.**

*Cr Pascoe left the meeting (11.40) during the discussion of the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.*

**The meeting was adjourned 12.37pm to 1.30pm.**

*Cr Pascoe re-joined the meeting during the above adjournment.*

*Mayor Southgate left the meeting during the above adjournment.*

## **5. Confirmation of the Open Community Committee Minutes - 24 June 2020**

**Resolved:** (Cr Bunting/ Cr Pascoe)

That the Committee confirm the open Minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on 24 June 2020 as a true and correct record.

## **12. Hamilton City Council / Sport Waikato Partnership Proposal**

The General Manager Community introduced the item, and introduced Matthew Cooper and Amy Marfell from Sport Waikato. Matthew Cooper and Amy Marfell spoke to the partnership proposal, indicated the ways in which the partnership could further the funding of sport, and noted that recommendation c indicated a \$5,000 cost to Council. They responded to questions from members

concerning detail of the partnership proposal.

**Resolved:** (Cr Bunting/Cr Naidoo-Rauf)

That the Community Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves Council entering into a partnership agreement with Sport Waikato that provides dedicated resource for delivering enhanced outcomes for active recreation, play and sport in Hamilton, as outlined in the report.
- c) notes that the first year of the Partnership Agreement will see Sport Waikato providing \$85,000 to fund a resource to implement the Hamilton City Council Play Strategy; and
- d) notes that the \$50,000 per annum funding for the partnership agreement will be provided from current Parks and Recreation Unit budgets.

*Mayor Southgate rejoined the meeting (1.42pm) during the discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.*

## 6. Chair's Report

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved:** (Cr Bunting/ Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Community Committee receives the report.

## 11. (Trading in) Public Places Policy Review

The City Safe Unit Manager took the report as read, and responded to questions from members in concerning the scope of the review, zoning food truck locations, food standards regulations and events only zoning.

**Staff Action:** *Staff undertook to include Waikato Food Inc as a key stakeholder within the consultation process.*

**Resolved:** (Cr Bunting/ Maangai Thompson-Evans)

That the Community Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves consultation occur for one month, from 1 to 30 Oct 2020, on the proposed *Trading in Public Places Policy* (Attachment 1 – tracked changes; Attachment 2 – clean) and Statement of Proposal (Attachment 3); and
- c) requests the public submission be heard by the Hearings and Engagement Committee prior to being referred back to the Community Committee for deliberations.

*Cr Forsyth retired from the meeting (2.30pm) during the discussion of the above item. She was not present when the item was voted on.*

Maangai Thompson-Evans declared an interest in item 14 (Civil Defence Emergency Management Quarterly Update and that she was not conflicted. She would take part in discussion and vote on the matter using her discretion.

**14. Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Quarterly Update**

The City Safe Unit Manager took the report as read.

**Resolved:** (Cr Wilson/Mayor Southgate)

That the Community Committee receives the report.

**7. Korikori Park Easement - WEL Networks Ltd**

The Senior Parks Planner took the report as read.

**Resolved:** (Maangai Thompson-Evans/ Mayor Southgate)

That the Community Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves an easement to WEL Networks Ltd over the area indicated on Attachment 1 of this report, for electricity and telecommunications purposes in, through and below the easement area subject to:
  - i. Hamilton City Council being responsible for paying all costs associated with the easement; and
- c) delegates authority to the Chief Executive to sign all documentation relating to the easement.

**8. Community Occupancy Application - Hamilton Multicultural Services Trust (Waikato Settlement Centre)**

The Parks and Recreation Manager took the report as read and responded to questions from members concerning the staff recommendations.

**Resolved:** (Mayor Southgate/ Maangai Thompson-Evans)

That the Community Committee:

- a) approves a new *community group lease*, under section 61(2A)(a) of the Reserves Act 1977, to **Hamilton Multicultural Services Trust** for building (category 1) of 574m<sup>2</sup> at Claudelands Park, on Lot 1 DP 386843, and as shown in Attachment 3, subject to the following terms and conditions:
  - i. Term – ten years;
  - ii. Rent - \$8,610.00 plus GST per annum, in accordance with the Community Occupancy Policy;
  - iii. All other terms and conditions in accordance with the Community Occupancy Policy and Community Occupancy Guidelines, including existing rental arrangements under the policy.
- b) approves the continuation of the current *sub-leases (by way of rental agreements)* to English Language Partners Waikato Incorporated, Migrant Youth and Training Services Limited and Waikato Refugee Forum Incorporated for office space.
- c) notes that the **Hamilton Multicultural Services Trust** plans to extend the building and leased area to support their expanding services.
  - i. Hamilton Multicultural Services Trust are to undertake fundraising for the facility development extension;

- ii. Hamilton Multicultural Services Trust are to provide a detailed facility development proposal, which is satisfactory to staff;
- iii. Open Spaces and Facilities staff be included in the design of the facility development;
- iv. Hamilton Multicultural Services Trust are considering a request to transfer ownership of the building from the Council to the Trust;
- v. a facility development proposal to extend the existing building and hence the leased area and lease term, will be reported back to the Community Committee for approval within the next 24 months.

**13. Disability Action Plan 2020/21 (Recommendation to Council)**

The Manager Social Development introduced the report and outlined how accessibility services could be included in the Long Term Plan. Staff responded to questions from members concerning current services, future public transport accessibility, capturing accessibility objectives within the long term plan, community representation, external stakeholder engagement, additional accessibility equipment demand, setting standard practice goals and using maaori strategies within the action plan.

**Resolved :** (Cr Bunting/ Cr Gallagher)

That the Community Committee receives the report.

That the Community Committee recommends that the Council removes the fees and charges related to prams, wheelchairs and mobility scooters at Council facilities.

*Deputy Mayor Taylor retired from the meeting (3.27pm) during the discussion of the above item. He was not present when the item was voted on.*

*Cr Forsyth re-joined to the meeting (3.38pm) during the discussion of the above item. She took part in the vote.*

**9. General Managers Report**

The General Manager Community spoke to the report and noted potential improvements to long term Museum exhibits. Staff responded to questions from members concerning external application funding policy changes, maintaining continual relationships with stakeholders and analysing past successes and failures.

The General Manager Parks and Recreation spoke of potential for accessible playground sites. Staff responded to questions from members concerning park upgrade timelines, running assets to failure, universal design principles and timelines of current work.

The General Manager Community spoke of Ministry of Education plans regarding Peacocke development. Staff responded to questions from members concerning member representation in education input.

**Resolved:** (Cr Bunting/ Mayor Southgate)

That the Community Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the application for funding to Creative Waikato;
- c) approves the change to the playground programme to deliver the renewal of Tauhara Park

playground in 2020/21;

- d) approves the deferral of the Kaute Pasifika Agreement to Lease report to the 17 September Council meeting, or to a sooner extraordinary meeting of the Community Committee or Council at the discretion of the Mayor or Chair;
- e) approves Crs Bunting and Thomson or Macpherson, and Maangai Te Ua to work alongside the Ministry of Education consultation team for South West Hamilton Schools; and
- f) notes the review of the External Funding Applications Policy is underway.

- 10. Smokefree Outdoor Areas Policy Review** – *this item was deferred to the next meeting of the Community Committee during the confirmation of the agenda due to the availability of presenters.*

**The meeting was declared closed at 4.29pm.**



**Appendix 1 – Written submission by Roger Stratford**

Councillors,

I recommend provisional council approval of the easement to the WEL Networks area in Attachment #1 map at Korikori Park and that the city council should pay all costs for this. However, I would advocate council staff be directed to itemise the \$10,000 estimate and seek to reduce this to between \$6000 and \$8000. We are now living in the era of CoVid-19 so need to streamline legal and financial processes to fit. My primary concern is easing the financial burden on ratepayers.

This should not mean cutting corners or neglect. The evidence from the Beirut fertiliser plant explosion a week ago indicates the adverse result of long term neglect of vital infrastructure, catastrophic in that instance.

Finally, I would request Chairperson Cr. Mark Bunting consider vacating the Chair for Agenda Item #9 to allow Deputy Chair Cr. Kesh to take his place. Cr. Mark is a former elected Trustee of WEL Energy Trust which manages WEL Networks Ltd.. There is therefore a risk of a conflict of interest here, or a public perception of one, as it involves the spending of public money.

Roger Stratford