
Community Committee

Komiti Hapori

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Community Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton and via Audio Visual Link on Tuesday 29 September 2020 at 9.34am.

PRESENT

Chair	Cr M Bunting
<i>Heamana</i>	
Deputy Chair	Cr K Naidoo-Rauf (via audio visual link)
<i>Heamana Tuarua</i>	
Members	Mayor P Southgate Deputy Mayor G Taylor Cr M Forsyth (via audio visual link) Cr M Gallagher Cr R Hamilton Cr D Macpherson Cr A O'Leary Cr R Pascoe Cr S Thomson Cr M van Oosten Cr E Wilson Maangai T P Thompson-Evans Maangai O Te Ua

In Attendance:	Lance Vervoort – General Manager Community Helen Paki – Community Services Manager Rebecca whitehead - Business and Planning Manager Maria Barrie – Parks and Recreation Manager Nick Chester – Social Development Advisor Andy Mannering – Manager Social Development Sandra Murray – Policy Consultant
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Governance Staff:	Becca Brooke – Governance Manager Carmen Fortin and Tyler Gaukrodger – Governance Advisors
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1. Apologies – *Tono aroha*

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/Cr Gallagher)
That the apologies for partial attendance from Mayor Southgate (Council Business), Crs Gallagher (Council Business), Thomson (Council Business), Hamilton and Forsyth are accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take*

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/Cr Wilson)

The agenda is confirmed noting the following :

- a) Item 7 (Smokefree Outdoor Areas Policy Review) is to be taken after item 5 (Confirmation of the Community Committee Minutes – 13 August 2020);
- b) Item 12 (Hamilton Gardens Project Governance Group Advice on 2021-2031 Long Term Plan) to be taken after item 7; and
- c) Item 9 (Deliberations report – Safety in Public Places Bylaw 2020) to be taken after item 6 (Chair's Report).

3. Declarations of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipanga*

Maangai Thompson-Evans declared an interest in Item 7 (Smokefree Outdoor Areas Policy Review) due to her involvement with the District Health Board. She noted she was not conflicted and would take part in the discussion and vote on the matter.

4. Public Forum – *Aatea koorero*

Jeremy Myall (Creative Waikato) spoke to Item 13 (Community Assistance Policy Review 2020) in support of the Community Grants Policy and asked that this be activity continue. He noted the impact that the arts community has on the wellbeing of the community, and the positive impact of the Creative Partnership Fund on the arts culture. Members asked questions about arts funding of Creative Funding post-Covid, the impact a separate creative partnership fund may have, and ability to apply for general community assistance multi-grants.

Kelly Pike spoke to Item 10 (Beale Cottage) in support of continued public access to Beale Cottage and requests that the Beale Cottage Management Plan be continued with the possibility of utilising the property as a museum. She advocated on the importance of retaining the historical buildings and the opportunities to tell the precious untold stories and use the building in a way which would tell the history. Members asked questions in regards to what was meant by keeping the property as a museum.

5. Confirmation of the Open Community Committee Minutes - 13 August 2020

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/ Cr Wilson)

That the Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 13 August 2020 as a true and correct record.

6. Smokefree Outdoor Areas Policy Review *(Recommendation to Council)*

The Social Development Advisor introduced the report, along with Charlie Poihipi from the Cancer Society and Dr Nina Scott from the Waikato District Health Board. They responded to questions from Members concerning other smoking/smokefree policies, Ministry of Health's recommendations, number of smokers, potential additional areas to implement the prohibition of smoking, smoking cessation work being done outside DHB building, risks, inclusion of cannabis as prohibited activity should the referendum be approved, impact of vaping, advertisement of vaping products, and difference between bylaw and policy.

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/ Cr Hamilton)

That the Community Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) recommends that the Council approves to include vaping alongside smoking as a prohibited activity in smokefree areas in reference to the Smokefree Outdoor Areas Policy; and
- c) notes that before any proposal to create a smokefree area outside DHB premises is considered by Council, Waikato DHB be requested to actively consider the recommendation by Coroner Bain from December 2018 for "provision being made for at risk patients to smoke in a safe environment"

The meeting was adjourned 9.57am to 10.05am during the discussion of the above item.

The meeting was adjourned from 11.17am to 11.35am.

7. Hamilton Gardens Project Governance Group Advice on 2021-2031 Long Term Plan

The General Manager Community provided background to the report and introduced Jerry Rickman from the Project Governance Group. Mr Rickman spoke to the letter from the Project Governance Group noting that they recommended option 3. They responded to questions from Members concerning the purpose of the letter, scope of works to include the jetty, proposed cycleway bridge, possibility of NZTA funding for cycleway bridge, the Long Term Plan, funding and options for staging, buddling gardens and additional experiences.

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/ Cr Naidoo-Rauf)

That the Community Committee:

- a) receives the report and correspondence from the Hamilton Gardens Project Governance Group concerning the Hamilton Gardens Development Programme; and
- b) notes that the advice from the Hamilton Gardens Project Governance Group concerning the Hamilton Gardens Development Programme will be considered as part of 2021-31 Long Term Plan process.

Cr Hamilton left the meeting (11.57am) during the above item. He was not present when the item was voted on.

8. Chair's Report

The Chair took the report as read and responded to questions from Members concerning consultation on the Hamilton Garden Plan.

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/Maangai Thompson-Evans)

That the Community Committee receives the report.

9. Deliberations Report - Safety in Public Places Bylaw 2020 (*Recommendation to the Council*)

The Policy Consultant took the report as read. She responded to questions from Members concerning the use of signage, safeguarding for possible cannabis referendum, duplication of prohibited activities in both the law and the bylaw, limitations of the bylaw including seizure of property, the use of stakeholder relationship to prevent offences and the creation of a safer environment.

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/ Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Community Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) recommends that the Council adopts the revised Safety in Public Places Bylaw 2020; and
- c) noting the inclusion of the following:

ACTIVITIES THAT MAY CAUSE A NUISANCE AFFECT ON PUBLIC HEALTH OR SAFETY
IN A PUBLIC PLACE

- 1.1 *Any person intending to undertake any activity or event may apply to the General Manager requesting council impose conditions to protect the public's health and safety. This may extend to a temporary prohibition for cyclists, skateboarders, e-scooter, or other wheeled transportation devices from entering an area.*
- 1.2 *The General Manager will not unreasonably place such conditions.*

The meeting was adjourned from 12.49pm to 1.38pm.

Mayor Southgate joined the meeting during the above adjournment.

Cr Macpherson and Cr Hamilton retired from the meeting during the above adjournment.

10. Fenced Dog Exercise Area Location

The Parks and Recreation Manager introduced the report, noting the staff recommendation was for the installation of a Fenced Dog Exercise area at Minogue Park. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning if there was opposition to the recommended location, fencing within the park, use of park at different times of year, risk of bogginess, pathway accessibility, accommodation of both dog owners and other users, adequate and accessible parking options, impact on cycle events, and dog waste bags/ containers and potential sponsorship of them.

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Maangai Te Ua)

That the Community Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) approves the installation of a Fenced Dog Exercise Area at Minogue Park (**Option B** of the staff report).

11. Request for Expressions of Interest- Beale Cottage

The Social Development Advisor and Business and Planning Manager introduced the report. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning the ability to install modern equipment within Beale cottage, monitoring of alarm system, preference of tenant, allocation of funds, and funding of private heritage homes.

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/ Cr Thomson)

That the Community Committee

- a) receives the report;
- b) notes that the Expressions of Interest process to use Beale Cottage as a commercial tenancy is to be put on hold;
- c) requests staff contact Waikato University and Wintec to discuss the opportunity for temporary use as an arts space; and
- d) requested staff work with Members and report back to the Community Committee in February 2021 on the future use of Beale Cottage to ensure there is alignment with the review of the 2016 Hamilton Heritage Plan.

Mayor Southgate and Cr Gallagher left the meeting (2.20pm) during the discussion of the above item. They were not present when the item was voted on.

Cr Forsyth left the meeting (2.25pm) during the discussion of the above item. She was not present when the item was voted on.

12. General Managers Report (Recommendation to Council)

The General Manager Community took the report as read.

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/Cr Naidoo-Rauf)

That the Community Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the Age Friendly plan be referred to a future briefing for input from Members;
- c) approves the Hamilton Gardens Management Plan Deliberations Report be deferred to the November 2020 Community Committee Meeting; and
- d) recommends that the Council approves the Chief Executive’s recommendation that Cr Bunting is appointed to the Creative Waikato Trustees Appointment Panel and noting that Creative Waikato will be informed of the appointment.

13. Community Assistance Policy Review 2020 (Recommendation to the Council)

The Manager Social Development introduced the report, noting that all grants allocated are supported by Council. Elected Members asked questions in regard to match funding, funding determined through LTP, ability to change funding within the LTP, fund allocation timeline, impact of the LTP on this policy, amendments of community event funding caps and allocations, funding of community groups which have developed strong political objectives and requirements within policy, major event funding review, removal of allocation cap and eligibility of groups to apply for multiple grants, and benchmarking of our Council against other Councils in terms of funding in the Community Development area.

Staff Action: *Staff undertook to report back to the Committee in regards to the amounts spent on community assistance, and on the four areas of funding allocated within the Community Assistance Policy.*

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/Cr Naidoo-Rauf)

That the Community Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) recommends that the Council approves the revised Community Assistance Policy (attachment 1 of the staff report).

The meeting was adjourned from 2.52pm to 3.03pm.

Mayor Southgate and Cr Gallagher re-joined to the meeting during above adjournment.

14. Open Information only reports

Cr O'Leary spoke to the Hamilton Central City Safety Strategy and meetings which are planned with the various stakeholders, including Hamilton Police. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning the difference of male and female feelings of safety in the city and addressing the feelings of safety.

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/Maangai Te Ua)

That the Community Committee receives the following information only reports:

- a) Hamilton Central City Safety Strategy – 2020 Update;
- b) Social Housing Including Accessible Properties Update; and
- c) Consultation Plan or Matters of Cultural Significance Work Programme.

15. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/Maangai Thompson-Evans)

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

The following motion is submitted for consideration:

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely consideration of the public excluded agenda.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of

the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution follows.

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
C1. Community Group Legal Matter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">) Good reason to withhold) information exists under) Section 7 Local Government) Official Information and) Meetings Act 1987 	Section 48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public, as follows:

Item C1.	to maintain legal professional privilege	Section 7 (2) (g)
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The meeting went into the Public Excluded session at 3.13pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 4.03pm.