
Community Committee

Komiti Hapori

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Community Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton and audio visual link on Tuesday 17 November 2020 at 9.30am.

PRESENT

Chair Cr M Bunting
Heamana

Deputy Chair Cr K Naidoo-Rauf
Heamana Tuarua

Members Mayor P Southgate
Deputy Mayor G Taylor
Cr M Forsyth (via audio-visual)
Cr M Gallagher
Cr D Macpherson
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
Sean Hickey – General Manager Strategy and Communication
Lee-Ann Jordan – Unit Director Visitor Destinations
Andy Mannering – Manager Social Development
Rebecca Whitehead – Business and Planning Manager
Kelvin Powell – City Safe Manager
Helen Paki – Community Services Manager
Maria Barrie – Parks and Recreation Manager
Muna Wharawhara – Amorangi Maaori
Nick Chester – Social Development Advisor
Jovi Abellanosa – Ethnic Development Advisor
Tracey Lowndes – Communications and Engagement Advisor
Jennifer Parlane – Parks Planner

Governance Staff: Becca Brooke – Governance Manager
Carmen Fortin and Narelle Waite – Governance Advisors

1. Apologies – *Tono aroha*

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/ Cr Wilson)

That the apologies for absence from Cr O’Leary (Council Business) and Cr Hamilton, and for partial attendance from Cr Pascoe, Cr Wilson, Maangai Thompson-Evans and Te Ua are accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda – *Whakatau raarangi take*

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/ Cr Thomson)

That the agenda is confirmed.

3. Declarations of Interest – *Tauaakii whaipaaanga*

Maangai Te Ua declared an interest in Item 10 (Zoo Waiwhakareke Shared Entry Precinct Update). He noted that he was not conflicted and would take part in the discussion and vote on the matter.

4. Public Forum – *Aatea koorero*

Jennie Nand spoke to item 9 (welcoming Communities) in support of the programme and the positive impact that this will have on the settlement of the community. She noted that the programme could be tailored as a Hamilton response to settling within the area.

Ellie Wilkinson (Waikato Settlement Centre) spoke to item 9 (Welcoming Communities) in support of the programme and the positive impact that this will have on the community. She responded to questions from Members concerning potential involvement of the Waikato Settlement Centre in the programme.

Jawaid Pardehi (Red Cross) spoke to item 9 (Welcoming Communities) in support of the programme and the impact of settling refugees.

Jeremy Mayall (Creative Waikato) spoke to item 6 (Chair’s Report) in support of the funding of arts and noted the effect of the arts could enable the community and wellbeing, as well as be a driver of economic development in the Waikato. He responded to questions from Members concerning how Waikato fares in comparison to other regions, Creative Waikato funding of community arts sector, artists in the environment, how identity of different ethnicities were considered.

Item 9 (Welcoming Communities) was taken after item 4 (Public Forum) to accommodate members of the public in attendance.

5. Welcoming Communities – Te Waharoa ki ngaa Hapori Accreditation Programme Expression of Interest 2020

The Deputy Chair introduced the report, noting that should the application be accepted, the Ethnic Development Advisor would put together a steering group for the Welcoming Communities Plan. The Manager Social Development noted the need of leaders to work in partnership in order to welcome those who settle within the area, as well as the interest of the Te Ngaawhaa Whakatupu Ake.

They responded to questions from Members concerning opportunities for feedback on the submission of interest, funding aimed at Council, inclusion of schools within the programme and multiculturalism in our schools, HCC submission to pilot programme in 2016, integration of funding into the current programme, other funding opportunities annual cost for HCC consideration of further programme development at neighbourhood level, , and inclusion of Waikato-Tainui in the Mana Whenua engagement.

Resolved: (Cr Naidoo-Rauf / Cr Bunting)

That the Community Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) approves the submission of an Expression of Interest to join the Immigration NZ led Welcoming Communities - Te Waharoa ki ngaa Hapori Accreditation Programme.

6. Community Waikato - Verbal Update

The CEO Community Waikato took the report as read. She responded to questions from Members concerning:

- lobbying central government for funding and assistance,
- mobilising volunteers from other sectors ,
- community gardens and education,
- funding for maintenance and upkeep of existing facilities
- a community group hub space,
- impact of overwhelmed staffing
- leverage of networks,
- psychosocial support,
- feedback given in regard to streamlining of information
- growing difficulties in finding housing and temporary accommodation.

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/ Cr Wilson)

That the Committee receives the report.

The meeting was adjourned from 11:25am to 11:44am.

7. Confirmation of the Open Community Committee Minutes - 29 September 2020

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/ Cr Naidoo-Rauf)

That the Community Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Community Committee Meeting held on 29 September 2020 as a true and correct record.

8. Chair's Report

The Chair spoke to the report, noting that the Community Committee would be requesting via a recommendation from the Economic Development Committee to the Council that the Domain Endowment Fund Policy would shift to be under the delegation of the Community Committee.

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/ Cr Wilson)

That the Community Committee receives the report.

Item 13 (He Pou Manawa Ora) was taken after Item 6 (Chair's Report) to accommodate availability.

9. He Pou Manawa Ora - Pillars of Wellbeing Community Engagement Plan

The General Manager Strategy and Communication spoke to the report, noting that the purpose of the report was to approve community engagement to take place after the Christmas break. He responded to questions from Members concerning the proposed engagement process, reason for change of timing, budget allocations for next 10 years, measurement of outcomes, engagement plan, and utilisation of existing survey data through other agencies.

Resolved: (Cr Bunting / CR Naidoo-Rauf)

That the Community Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the engagement of He Pou Manawa Ora - Pillars of Wellbeing;
- c) notes that He Pou Manawa Ora - Pillars of Wellbeing is being developed through the Community Committee;
- d) notes items included in the Cultural Significance Programme of Work will be consulted and reported on separately;
- e) delegates the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chair of the Community Committee, Chair of Hearings and Engagement Committee, Maangai Te Ua, Maangai Evans-Thompson to work with the General Manager Strategy and Communication and the Communication and Engagement staff to finalise the timing, content and means of community engagement; and
- f) Notes that subject to approval and sign-off by He Pou Manawa Ora working group public consultation of He Pou Manawa Ora will commence early 2021.

10. Community and Social Development Plan Update

The Manager Social Development and Community Services Manager provided background to the report, noting that the work involved within the development plan. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning criteria of home ownership in deprived neighbourhoods, utilisation of existing resources such as parks, Richmond park disposal, the Community Facilities Strategy, facilitation of a youth plan, data availability and consumption rates, Community Development Advisors roles, Community Facilities renewals and maintenance, engagement and data gathering.

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/ Cr Wilson)

That the Community Committee receives the report.

The meeting was adjourned from 1:40pm – 2:16pm.

Cr Forsyth left the meeting during the above adjournment.

11. Zoo Waiwhakareke Shared Entry Precinct Update

The Visitor Destinations Director introduced the report, noting that the proposal would be coming back to the Long-Term Plan Council meeting. She responded to questions from Members concerning the proposal for a café to be leased out to and external operator, options for use of the Domain Endowment Fund, development and timing alignment of Brymer and Baverstock roads, incentivising alternative transport, and bus terminal space.

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/ Cr Thomson)

That the Community Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) delegates authority to the Chief Executive to award the contract for the construction of the Zoo Waiwhakareke Shared Entry Precinct, subject to the Approved Contract Sum not exceeding \$5,925,000;
- c) delegates the General Manager Community to approve progress payments for the Construction Contract up to the Approved Contract Sum; and
- d) requests staff work on options to better align the Brymer Road Urban Upgrade project and stage 1 and 2 of the Zoo/Waiwhakareke Shared Entry Precinct Programme and to bring updates back to a future Community Committee meeting.

Cr Forsyth re-joined the meeting (2.37pm) during the discussion of the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.

Cr Wilson retired from the meeting at (2.40) at the conclusion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

12. Deliberations Report- Hamilton Gardens Management Plan

The General Manager Community introduced the report, noting the change to the staff recommendation (for clarity) and that final approval for the management plan would be sought at the 8 December 2020 Council meeting. He responded to questions from Members concerning the public engagement process and the process for funding projects within the upcoming LTP.

Resolved: (Cr Gallagher /Cr Bunting)

That the Community Committee:

- a) Has deliberated on feedback received through the public consultation processes;
- b) Requests staff make changes to the draft Hamilton Gardens Management Plan as follows:
 - i. The rhododendron lawn is kept and carparking is located as outlined on the amended spatial layout concept plan in **attachment 5**
 - ii. Protection and ownership of Maatauranga Maaori will be clarified and acknowledged
 - iii. Recognition is given to sites of significance to Maaori within the Hamilton Gardens and there is an iwi/hapu engagement panel that considers projects
 - iv. Recognition is given to other historical sites within the Hamilton Gardens
 - v. Include wording to ensure that appropriate levels of lighting, security cameras and other CEPTED strategies will be integrated into designs
 - vi. Include wording to recognise the requirement to consider accessibility for people with disabilities
 - vii. The plan accommodates all modes of transport and actively promotes multi-modal options
 - viii. The plan provides for an aerial tree-top walkway from the upper carpark areas to the lower gardens precinct which complies with universal access principles
 - ix. Accessibility parking is provided at the lower car park
 - x. Wording is included relating to the establishment of a tree plan
 - xi. The plan specifies principles of universal access for all design work which will include best practice methods for prioritising the safety of all users
 - xii. Wording included that alludes to new technology being used wherever possible to improve the visitor experience and to improve navigation through the gardens
 - xiii. Changes to reflect an undertaking to increase native vegetation on the gardens site
 - xiv. Public access to the river near the current jetty is preserved
 - xv. Provision for the installation of pedestrian bridge across the Waikato River to the south-western bank and reserve land below the Glenview Club
 - xvi. the amended spatial layout concept plan in attachment 5 be included in the final Management Plan
- c) Notes the Final Management Plan will be reported for consideration and approval at the Council meeting on 8 December 2020.

Cr Pascoe Dissenting.

13. Parks Classification and Naming Report

The Parks Planner introduced the report noting 3 new reserves were receiving new names, and the additional land names, 5 local purpose esplanades which do not require naming. She responded to questions from Members concerning the classification of local purpose esplanade reserves and spaces, naming of areas which are already part of a larger area, and amalgamation of land.

Procedural Motion

Resolved: (Cr Bunting / Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Community Committee defers the item of business to a future meeting of the Committee.

Mayor Southgate re-joined the meeting (2:45pm) during the discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

12. Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Quarterly Update

The City Safe Manager took the report as read.

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/ Maangai Te Ua)

That the Community Committee receives the report.

Cr Pascoe retired from the meeting (3:38pm) at the conclusion of the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

During the above item, Cr Macpherson declared an interest in the Te Rapa Sportsdrome. He advised he was not conflicted so would take part in the discussion and vote on the matter.

13. Community Facilities Strategy

The Social Development Advisor provided background to the report, noting that one of the charts was missing some information and that an updated chart would be circulated to members and attached as an appendix to these minutes (appendix 1).

He responded to questions from Members concerning the inclusion of the strategy in the upcoming LTP discussions, consideration of Fairfield Hall, ongoing conversations with users of the facilities concerning maintenance and renewals strategy to ensure the community groups are paired with the most appropriate facility, favourable extension of leases for those who utilise their own funding in order to maintain the facilities, and identification of any urgent needs in this space.

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/ Cr Naidoo-Rauf)

That the Community Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves the Hamilton City Council Community Facilities Strategy; and
- c) notes that the Strategy will help guide funding proposals for community facilities as part of the 2021-31 Long Term Plan.

14. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/ Maangai Te Ua)

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. Confirmation of the Public Excluded Community Committee Minutes - 29 September 2020) 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)
	to enable Council to carry out negotiations	Section 7 (2) (i)

The meeting went into the Public Excluded session at 3:58pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 4:00pm.

Appendix 1

1c. CONDITION ASSESSMENT

Council-owned Community Facilities are also routinely assessed by the Hamilton City Council Facilities team. A rating of 1- 5 is given on each building (1 being 'low concern', and 5 being 'high concern') to provide an overall picture of each asset. Results for Community Facilities are shown in *Figure 1a* below. Although facilities are fulfilling the basic role expected of each of them, many are in need of further work to ensure this continues to be the case. Several assets are reaching the expected end of their useful lives.

Figure 1a: Condition assessment of current Hamilton Community Facilities as at November 2020

