
Community Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Community Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Wednesday 24 June 2020 at 10.01am.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr M Bunting
Deputy Chairperson	Cr K Naidoo-Rauf
Members	Mayor P Southgate
	Deputy Mayor G Taylor
	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 O Te Ua

In Attendance:	Richard Briggs - Chief Executive
	Lance Vervoort – General Manager Community
	Sean Hickey – General Manager Strategy and Communications
	Sean Murray – General Manager Venues, Tourism and Major Events
	Louise Lukin – Director of the Chief Executive’s Office
	Kelvin Powell – City Safe Unit Manager
	Rebecca Whitehead – Business and Planning Manager
	Maria Barrie – Parks and Recreations Manager
	Karen Kwok - Recreation & Community Facilities Senior Advisor
	Lee-Ann Jordan – Visitor Destination Manager
	Andy Mannering – Manager Social Development
	Amanda Banks – Policy and Strategy Advisor
	Lauradanna Radesic – Team Leader Great River City Communications
	Tracey Lowndes – Communications and Engagement Advisor
	Helen Paki – Community Services Manager
	Nick Chester – Social Development Advisor
	James Clarke – Director of the Mayor’s Office
	Shane Drury - Programme Manager

Governance Staff:	Becca Brooke – Governance Manager
	Amy Viggers – Governance Team Leader
	Carmen Fortin and Rebecca Watson – Governance Advisors

Cr Thomson took part in the meeting and voted remotely via Audio Visual Link.

1. Apologies

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/Cr Wilson)

That the apologies for absence from Cr Forsyth and Maangai Thompson-Evans, for partial attendance from Mayor Southgate, Cr Thomson, Cr van Oosten, and Maangai Te Ua are accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/Cr Gallagher)

That the agenda is confirmed noting the following:

- a) Item 7 (Hamilton Age Friendly Plan Annual Update) will be taken after Item 4 (Public Forum) to accommodate external presenters;
- b) Item 16 (Chair's Report) will be taken after Item 5 (Confirmation of the Community Committee Minutes – 19 May 2020);
- c) Item 10 (Municipal Pool Demolition) and Item 15 (Captain Hamilton Statue) will be taken after lunch which is to be 1.00pm to 1:45pm; and
- d) that the agenda order will be flexible to accommodate availability.

3. Declarations of Interest

Cr Gallagher noted that he had an interest in item 15 (Captain Hamilton) and that he was not conflicted. He would take part in the discussion and vote on the item.

4. Public Forum

Katherine Luketina (representing Sink or Swim) spoke to item 10 (Municipal Pool Demolition) against the demolition of the municipal pools. She noted that many Hamilton residents are not able to access facilities within 20 minutes in order to comply with the 20 minute city initiative.

Isabella and Christina Campbell spoke to item 10 (Municipal Pool Demolition) in support of retaining the land and rebuilding a new outdoor facility in that space. They highlighted the health and wellbeing implications of not opening up another facility in the area.

Alex Wilkison and Yasmin Davis (representing Waikato Society of Potters) spoke to item 6 (Community Occupancy Applications) in support of the community occupancy application for the Waikato Society of Potters. They outlined the number of users of the site, and the benefits of working with clay.

Robin Hood spoke to item 10 (Municipal Pool Demolition). He spoke in support of retaining the municipal pool location and stabilizing the current pool. He highlighted the aquatic history and feats of Hamilton residents that used the municipal pool in the past.

David Platts and Charlie Cooper (representing Hamilton Astronomical Society) spoke in support of item 6 (Community Occupancy Applications). They highlighted how the changes to the current occupancy application will benefit both them and the other residents of Hamilton.

Judy Patterson spoke to item 10 (Municipal Pool Demolition) in support of additional aquatic facilities. She promoted the idea of the 20 minute city and the prospect of a water quarter.

Gail Jonson spoke to item 10 (Municipal Pool Demolition) in support of additional aquatic facilities. She spoke to the lack of available facilities, the lack of outdoor swimming pools, and the waitlists at the various pools in Hamilton.

Mayor Southgate left the meeting (10.33am) during the discussion of the above item.

Item 7 (Hamilton Age Friendly Plan Annual Update) was taken after Item 4 (Public Forum) to accommodate external presenters.

7. Hamilton Age Friendly Plan Annual Update

The Social Development Advisor introduced Dame Peggy Kooperman-Boyden who spoke to the report. They responded to questions from Members concerning how the community was effected by Covid-19 lockdown, how the Age Friendly Plan could be further promoted, and accessibility needs of the older person and disability community.

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/Cr Naidoo-Rauf)

That the Community Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) requests staff reports back to the Community Committee by the end of 2020 on options for reviewing the Age Friendly Plan.

5. Confirmation of the Open Community Committee Minutes - 19 May 2020

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/Cr Naidoo-Rauf)

That the Committee confirm the open Minutes of the Community Committee meeting held on 19 May 2020 as a true and correct record.

16. Community Committee Chairs Report - 24 June 2020

The Chair took the report as read.

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/Cr Naidoo-Rauf)

That the Community Committee receives the report.

The meeting was adjourned 11.14am to 11.32am.

6. Community Occupancy Applications

The Recreation & Community Facilities Senior Advisor introduced the report and responded to question from Members concerning the lease agreement details and clauses, and the Community Occupancy Policy. Staff noted that the clauses within the Waikato Society of Potters Incorporated agreement was a clause noting the Hamilton Westtown Belt Masterplan indicative project and giving Council ability to terminate the lease without liability. Members asked questions in regard to the lease length and notice should we need to provide it.

Resolved: (Cr Wilson/Cr Bunting)

That the Community Committee:

- a) approves a new *community group lease*, under s54(1)(b) of the Reserves Act 1977, to **Claudelands Rovers Sports Club Incorporated** for land area of 473m² (clubhouse footprint) at Galloway Park, being Part Allot 412 Town of Hamilton East, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - i. Term – fifteen years;
 - ii. Rent - \$352.47 plus GST per annum, in accordance with the Community Occupancy

Policy;

- iii. The lease includes approval to operate a commercial activity (bar); and
 - iv. All other terms and conditions in accordance with the Community Occupancy Policy and Community Occupancy Guidelines.
- b) approves a new *community group lease* to **Hamilton Astronomical Society Incorporated** for land area of 822m² (building plus immediate surrounds) at Hamilton Zoo, being Lot 1 DP 429730, subject to the following terms and conditions:
- i. Term – ten years;
 - ii. Rent - \$553.00 plus GST per annum, in accordance with the Community Occupancy Policy; and
 - iii. All other terms and conditions in accordance with the Community Occupancy Policy and Community Occupancy Guidelines.
- c) approves a new *community group lease*, under section 601 of the Local Government Act 1974, to **The Waikato Society of Potters Incorporated** for part building area (category 3) of 310m² in Ward Arts Centre at Norris-Ward Park, being Pt Allot 11 Hamilton West Town Belt and Lot 3 DPS 61909, subject to the following terms and conditions:
- i. Term – ten years;
 - ii. Rent - \$2,131.25 plus GST per annum, in accordance with the Community Occupancy Policy; and
 - iii. All other terms and conditions in accordance with the Community Occupancy Policy and Community Occupancy Guidelines.

Cr Thomson left the meeting (11.42am) during the discussion of the above item. She re-joined the meeting (11.52am) at the conclusion of the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.

7. Quarterly Civil Defence Update

The City Safe Unit Manager provided a verbal report to the Committee noting the support cost in relation to Covid-19 was \$1.6million excluding staff salaries. He outlined the various successes achieved by Civil Defence Team, organisations involved and the community during Covid-19 emergency response event. Staff respond to questions from Members concerning the cost of the event, the recovery of the 1.6 million spent, long term sustainability if it was needed, and learnings from the emergency response.

Staff Action: *Staff undertook to provide an update to Members via the Finance Committee concerning the spend and then reimbursement of the \$1.6m spent during Covid-19 civil emergency.*

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/Deputy Mayor Taylor)

That the Community Committee receives the verbal report.

8. Community and Social Development Outcomes

The Community Services Manager outline the report and responded to questions from Members concerning the alignment of the group with regional initiatives, the makeup of the Community and Social Development Team, Community surveys and how the framework will be reported in the future.

Motion: (Cr Bunting/Cr Naidoo-Rauf)

That the Community Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) approves the reporting and monitoring framework outlined in sections 39 to 42 of the staff report.

Amendment: (Cr Hamilton/Maangai Te Ua)

That the Community Committee receives the report.

The Amendment was put.

Those for the Amendment: Councillors Gallagher, Macpherson, O'Leary, Pascoe, Taylor, Hamilton, Wilson and Maangai Te Ua.

Those against the Amendment: Cr Bunting, Councillors Southgate, Naidoo-Rauf and Thomson.

The Amendment was declared CARRIED.

The Amendment as the Substantive Motion was then put and declared CARRIED unanimously.

Resolved: (Cr Hamilton/Maangai Te Ua)

That the Community Committee receives the report.

Cr van Oosten left the meeting (12.35pm) during the discussion of the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.

Mayor Southgate re-joined the meeting (12.38pm) during the discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

Item 11 (Te Inuwai Park Naming) was taken following item 9 (Community and Social Development Outcomes) to accommodate availability.

9. Te Inuwai Park Naming (*Recommendation to the Council*)

The report was taken as read.

Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Cr Bunting)

That the Community Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) recommends that the Council approves Te Inuwai Park as the name for the neighbourhood park located on Lot 400 DP 527758 and Lot 211 DP 527758.

The meeting is adjourned 12.53pm to 1.47pm.

Cr Thomson and Maangai Te Ua left the meeting during the above adjournment.

10. Municipal Pool Demolition

The Community Services Manager introduced the report and noted that the municipal pool funding had been deferred to the 2021-31 Long Term Plan, and that the funding did not include any development of the area post-demolition. Staff responded to questions concerning the project timeline, site restoration and Interpretation Plan, costs, implication of rebuilding and costs of

reusing aspects, the Commissioner decision, strategy for swimming facilities in CBD, staff process, impacts of delays, community consultation, existing facilities available, safety and stability risk of the current buildings, resource consent process, and safety considerations prior to demolition.

Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Cr Wilson)

That the Community Committee:

- a) notes that the development of the Municipal Pool site along with the future aquatic provision will be considered as part of the 2021-31 Long Term Plan;
- b) following a) above, approves the development of a Site Restoration and Interpretation Plan and detailed design for the demolition of the current Municipal Pool in 2021/22; and
- c) notes that the future of the Municipal Pool site also be referred to the Central City and River Plan Advisory Group for input.

Cr van Oosten re-joined the meeting (1.50pm) during the discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

Maangai Te Ua joined the meeting (2.43pm) at the conclusion of the above item. He was not present when the matter was voted on.

Item 15 (Captain Hamilton Statue) was taken following item 10 (Municipal Pool Demolition) to accommodate availability.

11. Captain Hamilton Statue

The Chief Executive spoke to the report noting that the decision to remove the statue was an interim decision and the final decision on the matter would be made by the Council in the coming months. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning the decision making process followed prior to the temporary removal of the statue, threats to public safety, communication with Elected Members in regard to the decision to remove the statue, the inclusion of the Public Arts Panel and Na Mana Toopu o Kirikiriroa in the decision to install the statue originally, process of researching cultural implications, and the proposed work programme

Members requested further information be provided by staff at an upcoming Briefing concerning previous consultation with Tainui and local iwi advisors concerning the Captain Hamilton Statue, previous reports on the matter and the history of the site.

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/Cr Pascoe)

That the Community Committee:

- a) receive the report; and
- b) requests the Chief Executive report to the Community Committee on 13 August 2020 with a work programme relating to matters that will inform a future decision on the Captain Hamilton statue.

Cr Thomson re-joined the meeting (2.46pm) during the discussion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

Cr van Oosten retired from the meeting (3.19pm) during the discussion of the above item. She was not present when the matter was voted on.

The meeting was adjourned 3.55 to 4.03pm

Item 13 (Covid-19 Community Response Fund - Revised Criteria and Guidelines) was taken following the above adjournment to accommodate availability.

12. Covid-19 Community Response Fund - Revised Criteria and Guidelines

General Manager Community introduced the report. Staff responded to questions from Elected members concerning the criteria of applications, transparency of allocations, ability of organisations to request assistance from other funds, and intended community benefits of the funding recipients.

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/Cr Wilson)

That the Community Committee:

- a) approves the broadened criteria and application process for the Covid 19 Community response fund as outlined in attachment 2 of the staff report with the following additions in section 5 – What are the requirements that must be met:
 - i. Applicants must provide financial accounts for the 2 year period prior to 1 March 2020 and be available to answer questions about the financial effects Covid 19 has caused from 1 March 2020 onwards;
 - ii. Applicants need to provide in their application information outlining whether they have received the government wage subsidy and/or other government Covid 19 relief funding; and
- b) requests weekly reports be provided to Elected Members and Maangai Maaori concerning funding allocations.

13. Fenced Dog Exercise Area

The Parks and Receptions Manager introduced the report, noting the scope of a wider engagement process. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning the suitability of the proposed areas, cost due to defer, and the engagement process.

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/Cr Wilson)

That the Community Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) approves a wider engagement process be carried out to determine the community’s views on a preferred option for a fenced dog exercise area via public consultation; and
- c) notes that the feedback from the community will be brought back to the Community Committee for consideration and decision.

Mayor Southgate retired from the meeting (4.42pm) at the conclusion of the above item. She was present when the matter was voted on.

14. General Managers Report

The General Manager Community introduced the report and outlined the purpose of members working with the Rototuna Village Programme Project team. Staff responded to questions from Members concerning the amount of funding received by Creative Waikato Trust, oversight of the amendment by the Trust to the trust deed, Council’s involvement with the Trust, and opportunity for Members to provide input to the trustee appointment panel.

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/Cr Wilson)

That the Community Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) approves Cr Mark Bunting, Cr Kesh Naidoo-Rauf, Cr Rob Pascoe, and Cr Dave Macpherson to work alongside the Rototuna Village Programme project team on the Rototuna Village Programme.

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/Maangai Te Ua)

That the Community Committee notes the change to the Creative Waikato Trust Deed that the HCC Chief Executive, in consultation with Community Committee, will appoint an appropriate person to the Creative Waikato Trustees Appointment Panel to represent Hamilton City Council.

The meeting was declared closed at 4.56pm.