
Community Forum Subcommittee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Community Forum Subcommittee held in the Trust Waikato Room, Brian Perry House, Avalon Campus, WINTEC, Hamilton on Wednesday 18 February 2015 at 09.30am.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr M Gallagher
Deputy Chair	Cr P Yeung
Members	Cr K Green
	Cr D Macpherson
	Cr L Tooman

In Attendance: Her Worship the Mayor J Hardaker, Cr G Chesterman

Also In Attendance: General Manager Community, Community Development & Leisure Manager, Manager Swimming and Recreation, Social Development Policy Advisor, Senior Communications Advisor, Committee Advisor x 2

Matthew Cooper - Sports Waikato CEO
Mike Maguire - Sports Waikato Community Sport Manager
Michelle Hollands - Sports Waikato Regional Facility Advisor
Roseanne Murray - Sports Waikato General Manager
Jennifer Palmer - General Manager Te Awa Trust

Committee Advisor: Democracy Team Leader

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

There were no leaves of absence.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Resolved: (Crs Gallagher/Yeung)

That the Agenda be confirmed, noting Item 9 (Living Streets Report) would be presented to the

Subcommittee at a later meeting.

3. Declarations of Interest

No members of the Committee declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Community Forum Subcommittee Chairperson's Report

Chairperson's Report

The Chair:

- a. Noted that he would be presenting his six-monthly report to the Strategy and Policy Committee Meeting on 24 February 2015. The report was in a standard written template, and the Chairperson might elaborate on this report at the Strategy and Policy Committee Meeting.
- b. Requested that as many Elected Members as possible attend the next Subcommittee Meeting at the District Health Board (DHB) in April, noting that Cr O'Leary had passed on her apologies already. The focus of the April Meeting would be on the DHB delivery of Health Services, including a tour of new infrastructure. The Chair requested an early indication of attendance.

Resolved: (Crs Gallagher/Yeung)

That the Report be received.

5. Community Forum Subcommittee Open Minutes 3 December 2014

Resolved: (Crs Yeung/Tooman)

That the Subcommittee confirm and adopt as a true and correct record the Open Minutes of the Community Forum Subcommittee Meeting held on 3 December 2014.

6. Community Forum Subcommittee Action List

The Community Development and Leisure Manager spoke to the Action List in respect of:

a. **Ongoing work with Te Runanga O Kirikiriroa**

Discussions are ongoing given recent changes at the Enderley Community Centre. A further update will be provided to the Subcommittee at its next meeting. A discussion with Elected Members was expected to take place at the Council Briefing in March. There had been regular consultation with the community in relation to proposed plans for the Centre. Assurance had been provided to the Council that the Centre would retain wider community access, notwithstanding any changes to the Centre's management.

Separate discussions have been held in relation to a social housing project in this neighbourhood. Staff were actively engaging the community, with this issue to be discussed at an Enderley community meeting on 19 February 2015. It was requested that the Community Development and Leisure Manager liaise with Elected Members to arrange for at least one Elected Member to be present at this meeting and keep Her Worship the Mayor Hardaker informed.

b. **Community Occupancy Policy**

A report would be presented to the Finance Committee on 19th February 2015 by the General Manager Community. An update would be provided to this Subcommittee at its next meeting.

The Chair noted that as the focus of the next Subcommittee meeting would be health, the Chair and Deputy Chair would discuss the possibility of holding a brief meeting immediately before the next Subcommittee to consider any urgent items that needed attention.

c. **DHB related matters**

An update would be provided at the next Subcommittee meeting, given the focus of that meeting.

d. **Interpretative Services (page 17 of the Agenda)**

The Chair and Deputy Chair would work with the Community Development and Leisure Manager to facilitate a presentation by DHB staff on this matter at the next Subcommittee meeting.

e. **Western Community Centre**

Remained a work-in-progress

f. **Social Statistics**

The Deprivation Index Map was sent to the Chair as previously requested.

Meeting Note: After the Meeting, the Chair asked that the Deprivation Index Map be made available to other Elected Members on request.

g. **Te Kohao Health's Enderley Community Early Childhood Centre**

The new centre opened on 31 January 2015. The Deputy Mayor was present at the opening.

h. Feasibility study of Fairfield Hall

The study has been completed. Staff were progressing this, including public consultation. An update report would be circulated to Elected Members.

Resolved: (Crs Yeung/Green)

That the Report be received.

7. Sport Waikato

Matthew Cooper, Sports Waikato CEO and Michelle Hollands, Sports Waikato Regional Facility Advisor presented the Report.

A PowerPoint presentation - 'Building a Liveable City' – was shown at the Meeting. The following points were highlighted:

- a. Sports Waikato appreciated Council's acknowledgement of the impact of community sport.
- b. There were benefits to the wider community in working with, and building, high performance sport facilities, such as the Velodrome.
- c. The nature of community sport was changing, with the example provided of the number of children biking to school falling to 1 in 100 in 2014 from 1 in 3 in the late 1970s.
- d. The importance of having a well-informed participant focussed system, requiring an innovative, smarter approach to community sport.
- e. The importance of learning from the experiences of other cities and working with strategic partners 'cross-border' to develop a portfolio of top class multi-functional facilities.
- f. The approval of the Regional Facility Plan by the Waikato Mayoral Forum envisaged the development of two indoor court facilities and an aquatic centre in the next ten years.

The Sports Waikato representatives responded to questions regarding:

a. Discussions between territorial authorities and strategic partners

Sports Waikato representatives noted the importance of such discussions in order to assess the wider community benefit of developing sport facilities that may be situated within the boundaries of a single authority. It was suggested that a strategic partner or territorial authority needed to take the lead on such matters, pointing to examples where pan-authority developments have been successful. Alternative funding options were also discussed.

b. Community engagement with high-performance sport

It was noted that Waikato was one of the top high-performance sport regions in the country, providing role models for children and the community.

c. The contribution of the 'sports brand' to the wider Hamilton/Waikato brand.

d. Avantidrome cycling event

A world-class cycling event was proposed to be held at the Avantidrome in December 2015, for which funding had been sought from several territorial authorities including Hamilton City Council. Economic benefits of holding this event was discussed. It was suggested there would be a return on investment to a territorial authority supporting this event, as well as being seen as a partner of an aspirational event.

e. Green Prescriptions

There was an increased awareness of and growing demand for utilising Green Prescriptions.

f. Children's engagement with sport

Changing the mindset of parents and children to better engage with outdoor and sporting activities. Sports Waikato was working closely with schools in this regard; instilling confidence, providing safe infrastructure and supervision were also factors to consider.

The Chair expressed the Subcommittee's appreciation to Sports Waikato for their presentation and providing the facilities for the Meeting.

Resolved: (Crs Macpherson/Green)

That the Report be received.

8. Living Streets Report

The above item was postponed until a subsequent Subcommittee meeting given the presenter was unavailable.

The Meeting adjourned from 10:40am to 10:55am.

9. Te Awa Cycleway

The General Manager of Te Awa Trust presented the Report.

A Power Point presentation - Celebrating the Waikato River by linking community, culture and ecology through active experiences – was shown at the Meeting.

The following points were highlighted:

- a. The Te Awa trail embraced environmental, social and community factors, in addition to being a cycle path.
- b. A significant number of people used the trail, making it one of the most popular in the country.
- c. There was engagement with local schools, iwi and strategic partners as an environmental project.
- d. Cycleways generated economic development through employment, tourism and creating opportunities for commercial ventures. The Hauraki Rail Trail was illustrated as a success story, creating at least \$1.8million per month for the trail's local economies.
- e. The next stage of development between Ngaruwahia and Horotiu should be completed by mid-2016. Discussions were underway in relation to the Hamilton-Cambridge path, with work on the wider Hauraki area yet to commence.

The General Manager of Te Awa Trust responded to questions regarding:

- a. **Engagement with the Regional Tourism Organisation**
Discussions were at an early stage.
- b. **Development of the Trail**
The costs of developing the Ngaruwahia to Horotiu trail, in light of the position taken by Affco, was discussed. It was noted that there were other issues and costs to take account of, regardless of Affco's position. The proposed suspension bridge to be built on the Ngaruwahia to Horotiu trail was also discussed.
- c. **Hillcrest-AvantiDrome section**
Some Elected Members queried the challenges with the Hillcrest-AvantiDrome part of the trail. The importance of bringing all interested parties to a meeting to progress the various issues was noted.
- d. **Community Engagement**
Increasing awareness of, and engagement with, the community was discussed.
- e. **Te Awa Trust's message to Council**
The importance of working together and seeing Te Awa Trail as the sum of its parts was noted.

The General Manager Community noted that the Te Awa Trail would be raised at the Finance Committee in the near future, and staff will be working with the General Manager of Te Awa Trust in this regard.

Resolved: (Crs Yeung/Green)

That the Report be received and the General Manager of Te Awa Trust be thanked for her presentation.

10. Community Activity Report

The Community Development and Leisure Manager spoke to the Action List. The following points were highlighted:

- a. There was ongoing positive feedback on the upgrade to the Hamilton Lake playground.
- b. The Draft Community Profiles document was expected to be completed by end of March 2015. The Chair requested that an updated report be presented by staff to Elected Members.

Resolved: (Crs Gallagher/Yeung)

That:

- a) the Report be received;
- b) Waikato District Council be advised that Councillor Gallagher is Hamilton City Council's elected representative on the Rotokauri Lake Management Committee; and
- c) the Subcommittee notes that the Draft Community Profiles are currently under development and that they be presented to the Subcommittee at a suitable time.

11. Summary Discussion

It was noted that staff would continue to work with Sports Waikato in relation to the various challenges that were discussed at the Meeting.

Resolved: (Crs Gallagher/Yeung)

That the Report be received.

12. Resolution to Exclude the Public

It was agreed that it was no longer necessary to exclude the public from the final item.

13. Bader Street Report

The Community Development and Leisure Manager spoke to this Report, noting the following:

- a. Richmond Park School closed in 2004 and was managed by the Ministry of Education (MoE).
- b. Two kohanga reos operated on the grounds, with the MoE proposing to move these to another part of the grounds and subdivide the remainder of the land.
- c. There were ongoing discussions regarding moving the community hall situated on the grounds to Melville High School. There was some discussion by Elected Members as to the previous financial investment in the hall. The MoE had provided assurances that the community would continue to have access should the hall be moved.
- d. Discussions with Tainui would take place once MoE make a decision regarding the status and future of the site.
- e. The MoE's proposed timeframe to complete the above matters was 6-10 months.

The Subcommittee discussed:

- a. The importance of having Council involved in any discussions and decisions in relation to the facilities and land, to ensure the best outcome for the local community; and
- b. The adverse impact to the local community if the community hall was moved.

The Chair noted that:

- a. He would raise this issue in his update to the Strategy & Policy Committee on 24 February 2015;
- b. Staff should notify the Subcommittee if matters in relation to this Item progress faster than expected; and
- c. Council should be regarded as a key stakeholder and be consulted as the Richmond Park School site was further developed.

Resolved: (Crs Gallagher/Macpherson)

That:

- a. The Report be received; and
- b. Staff prepare a report for Elected Members on the future of the Richmond Park School land and facilities, taking into account the current and future context of the local area.

The Meeting was declared closed at 11:45am