
Community, Services and Environment Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Community, Services and Environment Committee held in Council Chamber, Municipal Building, Garden Place, Hamilton on Tuesday 2 April 2019 at 9.32am.

PRESENT

Chairperson	Cr P Southgate
Deputy Chairperson	Cr R Hamilton
Members	Mayor A King
	Deputy Mayor M Gallagher
	Cr M Bunting
	Cr J R Casson
	Cr S Henry
	Cr D Macpherson
	Cr G Mallett
	Cr A O'Leary
	Cr R Pascoe
	Cr G Taylor
	Cr L Tooman
	Maangai Te Pora Thompson-Evans
	Maangai Olly Te Ua

In Attendance	Lance Vervoort – General Manager Community
	Sean Murray – General Manager Tourism, Venues and Major Events
	Sean Hickey – General Manager Strategy and Communications
	Debbie Lascelles – Community Services Manager
	Andy Mannering – Manager Social Development
	Natalie Palmer – Unit Manager Communications and Marketing
	Lauradanna Radesic – Team Leader Communications
	Amanda Banks – Policy and Strategy Advisor
	Jeff Neems – Communications Advisor
	Joanna van Walraven – Policy and Strategy Advisor
	Julie Clausen - Programme Manager - Strategy, Strategy & Communications
	Karen Kwok - Recreation & Community Facilities Senior Advisor
	Nick Chester - Social Development Advisor
	Jennifer Parlane – Parks Planner
	Natasha Ryan - Key Projects Programme Manager
	Paula Rolfe - Team Leader Implementation & Monitoring

Governance Staff Lee-Ann Jordan – Governance Manager
Becca Brooke – Governance Team Leader
Rebecca Watson and Amy Viggers – Committee Advisors

1. Apologies

Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Mayor King)
That the apologies for lateness from Cr O’Leary and Maangai Te Ua are accepted.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Resolved: (Cr Taylor/Cr Henry)
That the agenda is confirmed noting that Item 11 (*Hamilton City Council Draft Play Strategy*) will be taken after Item 7 (*Creative Waikato – State of the Arts Report – March 2019*) to allow for external presenter availability.

3. Declarations of Interest

No members of the Committee declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. Public Forum

Katherine Luketina from Sink or Swim spoke to the Chair’s Report, highlighting concerns regarding the demolition of the Municipal Pools.

Staff action: *Staff undertook to inform Elected Members via an executive update regarding the process and timeframes to complete the resource consent process for the Municipal Pools.*

Cr O’Leary joined the meeting (9.39am) during the above item.

5. Confirmation of Community, Services and Environment Committee Meeting - Open - 19 February 2019

Resolved: (Cr Southgate/Maangai Thompson-Evans)
That the Committee confirm the Open Minutes of the Community, Services and Environment Committee Meeting held on 19 February 2019 as a true and correct record.

6. Chair's Report

The Chair took the report as read.

Resolved: (Cr Southgate/Cr Taylor)
That the Community, Services and Environment Committee receives the report.

7. Creative Waikato - State of the Arts Report - March 2019

Sarah Nathan, the Chief Executive of Creative Waikato spoke to the report. She highlighted the relationship between Creative Waikato and Creative New Zealand, and also noted some of the initiatives currently underway.

Committee Members asked questions concerning:

- Founders Theatre operating strategy,
- partnerships with Iwi, Te Waka, and Waikato Tourism,
- inclusion of results in the Annual Report,
- current and future planned initiatives,
- Central Government Funding,
- staff responsibility to drive results,
- use of caravan as a space and a PR tool, and
- numbers of people attending workshops.

Resolved: (Cr O’Leary/ Cr Southgate)

That the Community, Services and Environment Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) requests staff report to the 14 May 2019 Community Services and Environment meeting with a report on the Annual Scorecard on the achievement from the Arts Agenda.

8. Hamilton City Council Draft Play Strategy (Recommendation to Council)

The Policy and Strategy Advisor, and Social Development Advisor took the report as read, and gave an overview of the definition of ‘play’.

Committee Members asked questions concerning:

- spontaneous play opportunities,
- the diversity of feedback that has been received to date,
- the role of the Council to enable play in the community,
- alignment of strategy with other policies and council outcomes such as transport,
- economic aspects of the strategy,
- link to the Long Term Plan, and
- mechanisms to benchmark success of the strategy, and reporting of KPIs.

Resolved: (Cr Bunting/Cr Southgate)

That the Community, Services and Environment Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) recommends that the Council approve the Draft Hamilton City Council Play Strategy.

Cr Mallett dissenting.

Maangai Te Ua joined the meeting (11.07am) during the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

The meeting adjourned from 11.25am to 11.49am.

9. Community and Social Development Team - Ethnic Development Outcomes 2019 Update

The Manager Social Development and the Ethnic Development Advisor took the report as read.

Committee Members asked questions concerning the advantages and opportunities of joining the Welcoming Communities pilot programme.

Staff action: *staff undertook to include the outcomes and goals from the Community Development Strategy in future hard copies of the CSE agenda.*

Staff action: *Staff undertook to review and align statistics and categories across Council and bring these back for review to a future Elected Member Briefing.*

Resolved: (Cr Southgate/Cr Casson)

That the Community, Services and Environment Committee receives the report.

10. River Plan Task Force Update (Recommendation to Council)

The Key Projects Programme Manager spoke to the report, noting that the staff recommendation regarding the Grantham Street boat ramp can be removed as the work had been completed.

Committee Members asked questions concerning availability of funding, heritage plans, and other projects in the area.

Resolved: (Cr Taylor/Cr O'Leary)

That the Community, Services and Environment Committee:

- a) receives the report;
- b) recommends to the Council, for the purposes of preparing the draft 2019/20 Annual Plan budget, the inclusion of \$200,000 of operating funding to develop an updated 20 Year Vision for the central city (as outlined in Attachment 2) and sufficient detail on public projects to inform the 2021-31 10 Year Plan deliberations; and
- c) that a Terms of Reference for the 20 Year Vision for the Central City study be developed by the River Plan Task Force and brought back to the Community, Services and Environment Committee for approval, subject to Annual Plan approval.

Crs Casson, Pascoe and Mallett dissenting.

The meeting adjourned from 1.25pm to 2.05pm.

Mayor King left the meeting during the above adjournment.

11. Approval of Consultation Documentation for the Hamilton Gardens Management Plan Review

The Hamilton Gardens Manager, and the Policy and Strategy Advisor spoke to the report, highlighting the process undertaken concerning the Hamilton Gardens Management Plan to date.

Committee Members asked questions concerning:

- layout and design of the consultation documentation,
- cumulative operating budget,
- connectivity of the gardens to the adjoining neighbourhood,
- parking provision, and
- use of open questions in the consultation document.

Motion: (Cr O’Leary/Cr Southgate)

That the Community, Services and Environment Committee approves the suite of consultation material for public engagement on the Hamilton Gardens Management Plan 2019.

Cr Mallett dissenting.

Mayor King re-joined the meeting (2.41pm) during the above item. He was present when the matter was voted on.

12. Event Sponsorship Policy Review (Recommendation to Council)

The General Manager Venues, Tourism and Major Events spoke to the report and highlighted the background to the changes made to the policy.

Committee Members asked questions concerning funding amounts, and cultural considerations in relation to the policy.

Staff action: *staff undertook to bring further information on the topic to an Elected Member Briefing.*

Resolved: (Cr Southgate/Maangai Te Ua)

That the Community, Services and Environment Committee:

- a) receives the report; and
- b) recommends that the Council approve the reviewed Event Sponsorship Policy (as set out in attachment 1 of this report).

13. General Managers Report

The General Manager spoke to the report, advising that a verbal update on the Hillcrest bike park was unable to be given at this stage, and gave an update concerning the Provincial Growth Fund application process undertaken to date.

Committee Members asked questions concerning:

- pressures on funding sources,
- library funding,
- biodiversity strategy timeframes,
- GIS mapping of plantings, in particular regarding gully areas and private sections, and
- the structure and development of the Trust referred to in the Biodiversity Strategy update.

Staff action: *staff undertook to circulate information from the community workshop held on 12 April 2019.*

Resolved: (Cr Southgate/Maangai Thompson-Evans)

That the Community, Services and Environment Committee receives the report.

14. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Resolved: (Cr Macpherson/Cr Casson)

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 Community, Services and Environment Committee Meeting - Public Excluded - 19 February 2019) 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 prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage Section 7 (2) (j)

The meeting moved into a Public Excluded Session at 3.19pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 3.19pm.